The Upper Allen Township 2015 Budget was approved by the Board of Commissioners with a General Fund Real Estate Tax millage rate of 1.5 mills and a Fire Operating Tax increase from 0.2 to 0.3 mills. For the 2015 Budget, the Commissioners have created a Permanent Improvement Real Estate Tax at a rate of 0.4 mills. Funds collected from this revenue source will be dedicated to the maintenance and replacement of the Township’s roadways in accordance with the adopted Roadway Management Plan. The overall 2015 millage increase of 0.4 mills is equal to an additional 40 cents per $1,000 of assessed property value or $40.00 per year for every $100,000 of assessed value.

General Fund revenue is budgeted at $7,600,758, which represents a decrease of $410,858 when compared to the projected 2014 revenues. General Fund spending totals $7,535,674, which is an increase of $524,218 when compared to 2014 projected expenditures. A majority of the increase in expenditures is due to debt service and personnel costs. General Fund expenditures include $3,798,267 for police protection, $857,000 for public works, $747,037 for administration, and $504,636 for community development. Additionally, transfers in the amount of $508,500 are expected from the General Fund to other funds in 2015.

The 2015 Capital Reserve Fund expenditures include funding for two police cars, a replacement front end loader, a dump truck with plow assembly, a multipurpose utility vehicle, refurbishing Township playground equipment and an engineering study for the construction of an equipment storage building. The vehicle purchases are consistent with the Township’s vehicle replacement plan. Most of the equipment being purchased is replacing vehicles that have reached the end of their useful operational lives making it no longer fiscally prudent to continue to operate them. Funding is also included for an update to the Township’s 2002 Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Plan, which when completed will provide a map for future development of municipal owned parks.
The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund also provides funding for road improvements and maintenance. Liquid Fuels funding comes from state aid and is based on miles of roads and population. The Township’s 2015 state allocation is expected to be approximately $405,000. State funding has increased over the past few years as additional revenue is added to the fund. Routine road maintenance expenditures account for $86,750, which includes line painting, traffic signal maintenance, tar and chip projects, crack sealing and guide rail repairs. The Liquid Fuels Fund also supports the snow removal operations of the Township with $80,000 being budgeted for the purchase of salt and cinders for Township roads. Savings over the past few years will allow the Township to spend an additional $300,000 on road resurfacing projects next year. Between the Liquid Fuels Fund and Permanent Improvement Fund a total of $1,025,000 will be spent on road improvements in 2015.

A total of $300,000 has been budgeted for professional services, repairs and equipment related to the Township’s infiltration & inflow (I&I) program. The I&I program includes investigation and rehabilitation of the Township’s sewer lines. I&I investments result in significant cost savings for the Township as there is less wastewater requiring treatment. This decrease is due to less groundwater and surface water entering the Township’s sanitary sewer collection system.

The Sewer Operating Fund, budgeted at $4,208,186 for 2015, supports the daily operation and maintenance of the Township’s sewer conveyance and treatment systems. The budgeted amount includes $1,680,500 in debt service payments for bonds issued for sewer system improvements and an $825,000 payment to the Lower Allen Township Authority for the rental costs associated with conveyance and treatment of Township waste at the Lower Allen Township Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A Permanent Improvement Fund will have dedicated funding in 2015 with expected total real estate tax revenues of $728,826. This fund includes expenditures of $725,000 for road improvements throughout the Township to support the ten year Roadway Management Plan that was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2014.
Upper Allen Woman's Club News

Upper Allen Woman's Club GFWC fashion show, “A Fashion Affair” will be held on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the West Shore Country Club, 100 Brentwater Road, Camp Hill. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. where guests will enjoy a social hour and silent auction. Lunch will be served at 1:15 p.m. Chico’s and Black Market White House will provide the fashions. Tickets are $35.00 per person. Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit the community. To order tickets contact klcochran1@verizon.net.

Friends and family will want to save this date! Sunday, June 14, 2015, Upper Allen Woman’s Club Foundation will sponsor a pig roast at Friendship Park. The roast will be held from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Proceeds from the roast will go to purchase 3 large digital display screens for the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library. More information will appear in the Spring Newsletter.

GRANTHAM WOMEN’S CLUB

The Grantham Women’s Club invites ladies from the area to attend a presentation by Maureen Ross and Leslie Collins about “Operation Wildcat” on Monday, January 12, 2015. Come and invite friends to learn more about this organization that helps families of at-risk students in the Mechanicsburg Area School District.

“Upper Allen Township Update” will be presented by Lou Fazekas, Township Manager of Upper Allen Township, on Monday, February 9, 2015. Husbands and guests are also welcome to attend.

Michael Gallagher, a local financial advisor, will give advice on “How to Avoid Identity Theft on Monday, March 9, 2015.

Kim McKendrick, Care Manager for Messiah Lifeways At Home, will give a presentation on “Messiah Lifeways Community Services” on Monday, April 13, 2015.

A musical program will be given by the recorder Consort group with Professor Ron Miller from Messiah College, on Monday, May 11, 2015.

These events will be held at the Grantham Brethren in Christ Church, 421 Grantham Road, Mechanicsburg (near the entrance to Messiah College), beginning at 7:00 p.m.

REAL ESTATE

CATEGORIES OF CONTRIBUTION THAT SHOW AN OVERALL TOTAL

Upper Allen Township Real Estate Tax Distribution
(Based on an Assessed Value of $100,000)

- County & Library - 2.338 Mills (13.7%), $233.80
- Mechanicsburg School District - 12.535 Mills (73.4%), $1,253.50
- Upper Allen Township-1.9 Mills (11.1%), $190.00
- UAT Fire Department - .3 Mills (1.8%), $30.00

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TOWNSHIP ADOPTS ROADWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN

In early 2014, the Board of Commissioners engaged the Township’s consulting engineer, C. S. Davidson, to evaluate the overall condition of approximately 70 miles of Township-owned roads. Davidson worked with Township staff for several months to collect roadway data to develop a 10-Year Roadway Management Plan for Upper Allen Township. The draft plan was presented to the Board of Commissioners in September.

Davidson developed the plan by taking into consideration factors such as: pavement age, general conditions, drainage, route location, maintenance priority rating, and estimated traffic volume. The level of maintenance suggested varies depending on the overall assessment of the roadway. Some roads will require 1-1/2 inch overlay paving, while others may require more extensive work, such as base repair or cold-in-place recycling. While some roads may appear to be in good condition, maintenance now will reduce our costs in the future. Once the suggested maintenance is completed, a road is expected to last approximately 20 years with minimal attention.

Based on current conditions, Davidson estimates the total cost to upgrade all Township-owned roads at $12 million. The plan contemplates upgrading all the roads over the next 10 years. The plan will be updated annually with input from Public Works staff. A key component of the plan was developing a cost estimate for each road based on recommended treatment and overall surface area.

The Township’s historic source of funding for road maintenance and repairs is from PennDOT in the form of Liquid Fuels funding. These funds are allocated based on population, number of roadway miles and state taxes collected. In addition to road repairs, these funds are also used for routine maintenance like sign replacement, guiderail repairs, line painting, and crack sealing. These funds also pay for road salt used during the winter months. In 2014 the Township spent over $90,000 on road salt alone. The Township is projected to receive approximately $470,000 in Liquid Fuels funding in 2015, with approximately half committed to snow removal and routine maintenance.

Several years ago, the Board of Commissioners realized that Liquid Fuels was not going to be sufficient to keep up with much-needed road repairs. Starting with the 2013 budget, the Board earmarked .1 mill in real estate tax from the General Fund to go towards road improvements. That was followed up with an additional .1 mill in 2014. Approximately $370,000 in additional revenue for road repairs is generated by .2 mills. In 2014, the .2 mills from the General Fund combined with Liquid Fuels funds generated approximately $630,000 for road repairs. This level of funding is not sufficient to meet road repairs outlined in the plan. The Roadway Management Plan recommends spending $925,000 in 2015, $1.2 million in 2016 and $1.4 million from 2017 to 2024 to stay on track with the 10-year schedule. The 2015 budget includes the creation of a new Permanent Improvement Fund dedicated to road repairs. The Permanent Improvement Fund receives real estate taxes that can only be used for road-related repairs. The 2015 budget transferred the .2 mills from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Fund. The 2015 budget also added .2 mills of new real estate tax to the Permanent Improvement Fund bringing the total to .4 mills. The Permanent Improvement Fund will now receive approximately $720,000 annually for road improvements. This funding, combined with approximately $270,000 from the Liquid Fuels Fund, will provide approximately $1 million for road improvements in 2015.

The Board of Commissioners is considering accelerating some road improvements in 2015 and 2016 due to the significant drop in oil prices. Should the Board decide to move forward with an accelerated paving schedule in 2015, an update will be provided in the April newsletter. Updates will also be placed on the Township website.
On October 14, 2014, the Board of Commissioners approved a new contract with Republic Services that increased rates from $39.03 per quarter to $45.45 a quarter. That equates to $25.68 more a year. The contract runs through December 31, 2017. In comparison, the following municipalities pay the following rates per quarter: East Pennsboro Township - $46.50; Hampden Township - $46.50; Lower Allen Township - $59.07; Mechanicsburg Borough - $41.00; and Silver Spring Township - $38.20.

Three other trash haulers also bid on the trash contract. The second low bid received was from Advanced Disposal Services at $17.94 per month, or $53.82 per quarter. The bid price from Penn Waste was $21 per month, or $63 per quarter, and Waste Management at $22.72 per month, or $68.16 per quarter.

Included with the new trash contract that began on January 1, 2015, Republic Services will distribute 64-gallon wheeled carts for recycling to every household in the Township. These recycling carts are exactly like the green wheeled trash carts already being used in many households, except the lid will be green and the bottom will be blue to make it easy to identify the two different carts. The recycling cart is not mandatory, so if residents do not want to keep it they must contact Republic Services for pickup by following the instructions on the post card that Republic Services will be sending out in the mail in advance of the mass distribution of the recycling carts. Under the new contract, residents will continue to have a six-bag limit per week.

### RECYCLING

Residents must call Republic Services to schedule pickup of bulk items at 1-800-210-9675. In addition, residents and businesses are responsible for recycling items for weekly collection:

**Acceptable Items:**

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
- Glass, food, and beverage containers - brown, clear, or green
- Bi-metal, steel and aerosol cans
- PET plastic containers with the symbol #1 - narrow neck containers only
- HDPE plastic containers with the symbol #2 - narrow neck containers such as milk and water bottles, detergent, shampoo, bleach bottles, etc. (without caps)
- Plastic with symbols #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 - narrow and screw top containers
- Newsprint
- Cardboard - flattened 2' x 2' bundles (may be placed in recycling bin along with other recycling)
- Residential mixed paper (junk mail, magazines, glasses, telephone books, printer/copier paper)
- Cereal Boxes

**Non-Acceptable Items:**

- Window or auto glass, drinking glasses, mirrors, light bulbs, ceramic porcelain, microwave trays, glass cookware/bake ware
- Unnumbered plastic items
- Plastic Bags
- Salad/deli containers, plastic food tubs
- Household items such as cooking pots, toasters, etc.
- Batteries
- Cardboard/paper with wax coating or liners
- Scrap metal, siding

Please visit [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com) to learn more about recycling.

For information about how to dispose of an old television, please call Cumberland County Recycling at 717-240-6489.
Overview and Definition of an MS4
Clean water is important to us because it provides us with drinking water, a place for recreation, and supports habitat for wildlife. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, polluted storm water runoff is a leading cause of impairment to the nearly 40 percent of U.S. water bodies which do not meet water quality standards.

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. Storm water travels over land. Sometimes the ground absorbs storm water, and it never reaches streams, rivers, and lakes; whereas, other times, storm water traveling over land eventually drains into a system of conveyances. This system is referred to as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). By definition, an MS4 is a system of conveyances that include catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, pipes, tunnels, or storm drains that discharges into waters of the United States. An MS4 moves water away from an area to a local water body. The EPA is now requiring certain urbanized municipalities to address storm water quality. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has outlined a program for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4’s). In Pennsylvania, Phase I of the program focused on large and medium sized cities above 100,000 population. Upper Allen Township is in Phase II of the program. We are required to educate the public as part of a 5 year permit program.

Storm Water Runoff
When it rains, the draining water is called storm water runoff. Storm water can be a problem when there is a decrease in quality and an increase in quantity. Development can alter the natural pathway that storm water takes to travel over land, and increases the rate at which it travels over the land by changing porous surfaces (soil) to non-porous or impervious surfaces (pavement). Natural surfaces, such as soil, act as a filter for storm water and clean it as it infiltrates into the ground.

When a pervious surface is converted into an impervious surface, pollutants on the surface are collected by the storm water as it travels over the land and deposits them into water when it discharges from the MS4. As a result of developed and disturbed land, storm water becomes a problem because the quality of the storm water runoff decreases as it accumulates pollutants that collect on the ground. Pollutants concentrated in storm water runoff eventually decrease the overall water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams that receive storm water discharges. The quantity and speed of storm water runoff moving over the land increases. This means that a greater volume of polluted runoff is reaching our lakes, rivers, and streams at a faster pace. This can result in flooding, as well as more polluted waters. As the amount of impervious surfaces in our community increases by creating more roads, rooftops, and parking lots, the quantity of storm water increases. If the storm water system cannot drain the runoff from impervious surfaces quickly enough, flooding can result.

Storm water runoff picks up litter from streets and carries it to storm drains. Sometimes litter will clog an inlet and make it difficult for storm water to drain properly. This could lead to flooding if the drain is clogged enough. Storm water runoff can also contribute to erosion from areas that do not have vegetative cover, such as construction sites. We can see pollutants such as sediment, but pollutants that we can’t see, such as bacteria and toxic chemicals, could result in illness. Thermal impacts from storm water runoff heating up as it travels over hot pavement can harm aquatic life that need cool water to survive. Illicit discharges, such as dumping antifreeze down a storm drain, are an example of how a contaminant can enter the storm sewer system and contribute to storm water contamination. It is important to understand that wastewater from the sanitary sewer system gets treated. Storm water traveling through a separated storm sewer system never gets to a treatment plant; it discharges directly to our water, along with everything it picks up on its journey over the land. Storm water, which does not get treated, becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows eventually reaching a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water.
“Snowbound Christmas Express” Exhibit – opened November 15, 2014, closes January 17, 2015. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Special Holiday Freight Station hours are Wednesday through Friday 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. This exhibit features many themed Christmas trees, an old fashioned Christmas scene, lots of yesteryear toys and a snowman display. There is something for all ages. So jump on your sled and head for the Snowbound Express! The Freight Station is located at 3 W. Allen Street in Mechanicsburg.

“Traveling Trunk of Treasures – A Look at the 19th Century Through Artifacts” – Lifetime Enrichment program presented by Ann Hull, Franklin County Historical Society, on February 11, 2015, at 12:00 noon, at the Museum Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free; $4 for non-members.

“School Day Memories” Exhibit – opens February 21, 2015 and closes May 16, 2015. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Freight Station hours are Wednesday through Saturday 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. This exhibit celebrates 50 years of excellence. The Freight Station is located at 3 W. Allen Street in Mechanicsburg.

“The Naval Support Activity - Mechanicsburg” – Lifetime Enrichment program presented by Chris Cleaver, Public Affairs Offices, on February 25, 2015 at 12:00 noon at the Museum Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free; $4 for non-members.

“Historical Archaeology in York and Cumberland County” – Lifetime Enrichment program presented by David Pettigrew, Assoc. Professor at Messiah College, and Ken Mark, Director of the Oakes Museum, on March 11, 2015, at 12:00 noon at the Museum Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free; $4 for non-members.

“The Second Invasion of Gettysburg – the 1913 Anniversary” – Lifetime Enrichment program presented by James Rada, author, on March 15, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., at the Museum Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free; $4 for non-members.
UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kenneth M. Martin, President (seated - right)
Paul M. Rigney, Vice President (seated – left)
Richard A. Castranio, Jr. (standing – left)
Virginia M. Anderson (standing – middle)
James G. Cochran (standing – right)

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS
THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

New Year’s Day - January 1
February 16 - Presidents’ Day

UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January
7 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
   (if needed)
8 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
8 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
13 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
20 HAR - 7:00 p.m.
21 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
22 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
26 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
28 Parks & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.

February
4 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
   (if needed)
9 Pension Board - 7:30 a.m.
10 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
12 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
12 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
17 HAR - 7:00 p.m.
18 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
23 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
25 Parks & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
26 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.

March
4 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
   (if needed)
10 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
12 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
12 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
17 HAR - 7:00 p.m.
18 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
25 Parks & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
26 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.

Ski Tickets

Bear Creek Big Boulder Blue Mountain
Camelback Elk Mountain Greek Peak
Roundtop/Liberty/Whitetail Seven Springs Sno Mountain

Visit website for additional information. Not available to purchase online; you must stop by the Recreation Office to acquire the tickets.

55+ Bus Trips

April 22 - Funny Girl
   Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre
   Cost: $93/pp
May 5 - Branson Fever
   Penn’s Peak Theatre
   Cost: $118/pp
May 27 - Two Castles & a Cathedral
   Cost: $97/pp

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2015 SKI TRIP
KILLINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 12-15, 2015
DEPARTURE THURSDAY MARCH 12 @ 3:30 PM
INCLUDES: TRANSPORTATION, 3 NIGHTS LODGING,
2 BUFFET BREAKFASTS, 2-DAY LIFT TICKET, SKI SHUTTLE, LUGGAGE TAGS, AND TAXES
Operation Wildcat  
Meeting the needs of All Students in our District

Operation Wildcat (OW) continues to work to pool the Mechanicsburg Area School District community resources to help local families in need on an on-going basis. Thank you to all who donated food for Project Thanksgiving and gifts for Project Gift Box. Special thanks to the Upper Allen Fire Department for their support of Project Thanksgiving as well as donation of trees for Project Tannenbaum.

**Project Clothes:** We have ongoing needs for these items: plastic tube hangers, new underwear, new socks, boys clothes size 6-7 winter, especially pants; boys 8-10 pants and tops; girls size 5-6 pants, winter boots for both boys and girls. Donations may be left in any of the OW bins in the district buildings. Please label all bags of donations. If you have a large donation, please contact Melissa Herbein, mshoffman29@gmail.com. In the spring, we will be “Springing for Socks” (and underwear).

**Project Furniture:** We are in need of beds (especially twins), tall dressers, dressers, living room furniture, nightstands, TWIN bedding/comforters, mattresses, towels, basic household items, microwaves, vacuum cleaners. If you have any of the above items to donate, please contact: Toni Fitzgerald 717-421-0531, iprat-t2152@verizon.net or Maureen Ross 717-773-1988, mmross4@comcast.net.

**Project Yard Sales and More:** With the success of our Fall Yard Sale, we are in need of donations for our next yard sales to be held April 24-25, 2015 at Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church. We will take your books, knick knacks, home décor, toys, games, jewelry, pictures, seasonal items – you name it, we will sell it!! Tax receipts are available for all donations. Further questions or to make arrangements to donate items – call Maureen Ross at 773-1988 (email: mmross4@comcast.net) or Pat Clawges at 512-4164 (email: pclawges@gmail.com). **NOTE:** WE DO NOT accept computers, printers, televisions or stereo equipment. Computer equipment can be dropped off at Mission Central/Computer Ministries.

**Laptops Needed:** Replacing your current laptop? Don’t junk it; donate it to Computer Ministry. They will also take your old desktop, monitors, printers, peripherals, and other office equipment. They are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and are located in Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg.

**General Information:** For up to information on all our projects, please visit our website, [http://www.mbgbsd.org/pages/Mechanicsburg_ASD/Community_Alumni/Operation_Wildcat](http://www.mbgbsd.org/pages/Mechanicsburg_ASD/Community_Alumni/Operation_Wildcat). For assistance from Operation Wildcat, please contact your child’s school counselor.