The Upper Allen Township 2016 Budget was approved by the Board of Commissioners with a combined Real Estate Tax millage of 2.3 mills. The General Fund Real Estate Tax and Fire Operating Tax remained unchanged at 1.5 and 0.3 mills respectively. The 2016 Budget included an increase to the Permanent Improvement Real Estate Tax from 0.4 mills to 0.5 mills; funds collected from this tax are dedicated to the maintenance and replacement of the Township’s roadways in accordance with the adopted Road Improvement Plan. The 2016 millage increase is to an additional 10 cents for every $1,000 of assessed property value or $10.00 per year for every $100,000 of assessed value.

General Fund revenue is budgeted at $8,084,713, which represents a decrease of $644,511 when compared to the projected 2015 general fund revenues. The bulk of the expected decrease is related to one time building permit revenues that were received in fiscal year 2015, but are not expected to occur again in fiscal year 2016. General Fund spending budgeted in 2016 totals $7,814,697, which is an increase of $363,802 when compared to 2015 projected expenditures. A majority of the increase in expenditures is related to personnel costs and building maintenance expenses. General Fund expenditures include funding for two police cars, a small dump truck, refurbishing Township playground equipment, an engineering study for the construction of an equipment storage building, and miscellaneous storm water projects. 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.

The 2016 Capital Reserve Fund expenditures include funding for two police cars, a small dump truck, refurbishing Township playground equipment, an engineering study for the construction of an equipment storage building, and miscellaneous storm water projects. 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.

The Permanent Improvement Fund is dedicated to supporting the continuation of the Township’s ten year maintenance and replacement plan for Township Roadways. The Township has budgeted to expend $1,724,534 in fiscal year 2016 from the Permanent Improvement Fund to support road preservation and replacement projects related to the second year of the plan. “Continued on Page 2”
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 2016 state allocation is expected to be approximately $510,408. State funding has increased over the past few years as additional revenue is added to the fund. Routine road maintenance expenditures account for $90,900, 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 $95,000 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 expenditures in the Liquid Fuels Fund and Permanent Improvement Fund a total of $2,024,534 is budgeted to be directly expended on road improvements in fiscal year 2016.

The Sewer Operating Fund with expenditures budgeted at $4,174,234 for 2016, supports the daily operation and maintenance of the Township’s sewer conveyance and treatment systems. The budgeted amount includes $1,589,028 in debt service payments for bonds issued for sewer system improvements and an $814,000 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 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 Township is in the fourth year of a Fire Operating Fund, which will collect a 0.3 mill fire property tax. The fund is projected to generate revenue of $555,176 for general operational items for the volunteer fire company, such as fuel and insurance expenses as well as contributions to capital equipment expenses and savings accounts. Next year the Fire Operating Fund will transfer $300,000 to the Fire Escrow Fund. The Fire Escrow Fund, in turn, will expend $35,000 to replace the Deputy Chief’s vehicle. It is important to note that the fire tax does not entirely fund the Fire Department, requiring volunteer fire personnel to continue to fundraise and seek donations to continue normal operations.

If you would like to review the entire 2016 Upper Allen Township Budget, please visit the Township’s website at www.uatwp.org.
UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please take a few moments to share your thoughts with us on recreation in Upper Allen Township by taking our survey (see below). The results of this survey will be used to evaluate and assess community needs of recreation programs and facilities. It is a key part of the comprehensive recreation plan that is currently underway. The overall recreation plan will be used as a guide for future park and recreation facility improvements, decisions about expanding recreation opportunities and conservation in Upper Allen Township.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Please visit our website at www.uatwp.org (under the Parks Tab) or go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/UpperAllenTownshipSurvey to complete our survey.

You can always stop by the office in person to provide your comments at
100 Gettysburg Pike
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

BASEBALL REGISTRATION!

Registration for Upper Allen Baseball Association’s Spring 2016 season runs until February 7, 2016. All children ages 5-17 living or attending school in Mechanicsburg Area School District are eligible to play. Playing age is determined as of May 1, 2016, although children who turn 5 by June 30, 2016 will be accepted. Registration is an online process available at:
GEARING UP FOR WINTER WEATHER

Snow season is upon us! During this time of year, it is important for residents and property owners to remember that Upper Allen Township has regulations to keep sidewalks and driveways clear of snow and ice. The Township implements these snow removal policies to provide safe and accessible means of walking and driving throughout the Township, and they will be enforced any time snow covers the ground in any amount.

Property Owners’ Responsibilities for Clearing Sidewalks

- **When to clear sidewalks**: It is the responsibility of property owners to remove snow, slush, and ice along the full width of the sidewalks and across driveways within 24 hours after the snow or slush has ceased to fall. Please exercise caution and care when shoveling, especially during extreme cold!

- **What to clear**: Owners of any home and/or building abutting a public or private way are responsible for ensuring that any fire hydrants, sidewalk and accessible ramps in front of their property, and extending to the corner if on a corner lot, are clear of ice and snow, in accordance with Section 205-2 and 3 of the Township Code of Ordinances. Snow, slush and ice shall be removed with the following conditions:
  - Fire hydrants shall not be covered.
  - If the snow, slush or ice cannot be removed within 24 hours due to hardening, property owners must apply an abrasive (such as sand or salt) to allow for safe travel.
  - No snow, slush, ice, or a combination thereof, shall stem from a property or be deposited or pushed from a property onto a street or right-of-way at any location.
  - No person shall damage any Township property while removing snow, ice or slush.

Copies of this ordinance can be found on the Township’s website, [www.uatwp.org](http://www.uatwp.org) in the Township Code section.

A Friendly Request
We recognize the inconvenience; however, it is impossible for plowing crews to avoid plowing snow in front of driveways. Please DO NOT block the roadway or approach the truck to avoid snow being plowed into the driveway. These actions are dangerous and only prolong the road clearing process. Residents may want to wait to clear their driveways until after crews have finished plowing the roads. Upper Allen Township thanks you for your patience and understanding during the winter season!
MAILBOX DAMAGE FROM SNOW PLOWING

The Township will no longer fix a damaged mailbox or post. If a mailbox is damaged during snow plowing operations, the property owner will be reimbursed for the cost of a new cedar post and standard metal mailbox up to a maximum of $53.00 (including tax). The Township will not pay for labor to install the new post and/or mailbox. The Township will need a copy of the receipt before payment will be made.

If a mailbox is damaged, place a bucket or container out marked U.S. Mail in order to continue to receive mail.

SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES

Plowing will begin when the snow is three inches deep. Our top priorities are the main roads, including the Fire House parking lot, Police Station parking lot, Municipal Building parking lot, Gettysburg Pike to Route 114, West Winding Hill Road, East Winding Hill Road, Allendale Road, Wilson Lane, Grantham Road, Mt. Allen Drive, Kim Acres Drive, Bumble Bee Hollow Road, Mill Road, Hertzler Road, Fisher Road, Stumpstown Road, Arcona Road, McCormick Road, Sinclair Road and Geneva Drive.

After the main roads are clear and remain passable, road crews will attempt to open the principle access road to each development. However, if the main roads require additional attention, development plowing may be halted. After the snow has stopped falling, plows will return to the developments to make one pass in each direction. The Public Works Department will no longer be plowing curb to curb. Once all development roads are open and snow has stopped falling, plows may return to widen the road, if possible.

Residents can help by not travelling, unless necessary, during these times; and don’t shovel or blow snow onto plowed or treated streets (the Township has an ordinance that prohibits this, under penalty of law).
Upper Allen Township Police will be hosting their first Citizen Police Academy in 2016. Participants will meet Tuesday evenings for 11 consecutive weeks starting February 2, 2016. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of Upper Allen Township. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with our personnel, gain a better understanding of what a police officer does and why, along with an overview of the laws of this Commonwealth. Please see the Upper Allen Police website [www.upperallenpolice.com](http://www.upperallenpolice.com) or stop in the Police Department Office during normal business hours for more information.

**POLLUTION PREVENTION AND OUR MS4 PROGRAM**

**Winter Deicing Tips for Residents**

Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm our streams and impact drinking water supplies. *This winter, you can help by following these environmentally friendly snow removal practices:*

- Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt
- Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces, including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas, so as the snow melts, it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream

*If you must use deicing chemicals, follow these suggestions:*

- Control application of chemical deicers and avoid over application
- Limit chemical applications near environmentally-sensitive areas including springs, streams, ponds, wetlands, and water supply areas and sensitive landscape and vegetation
- Sand and sawdust can be used as an environmentally-friendly alternative to commonly used salt products
- After snowmelt, sweep up residue, including sand, to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams
## Meetings

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### Upcoming Holidays

- **New Year’s Day**
  - January 1
- **President’s Day**
  - February 15
- **Easter Holiday**
  - March 25

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**Upper Allen Township Board of Commissioners**

Ken Martin, President (seated right)  
Paul Rigney, Vice President (seated left)  
Rick Castranio (standing left)  
Ginnie Anderson (standing middle)  
Jim Cochran (standing right)
6th Annual Tri4Kids - July 23
Come “ride, glide, dip and dive” your way through this fun, exciting event to be held this summer! Our 6th Annual Tri4Kids is open to all students ages 5-12 who have an interest in competing in a triathlon (swim, bike, run)! Our event is a friendly competition and meant to introduce children to the sport by getting them physically active at an early age. Race distances will vary based on age. T-shirt not guaranteed if registered after June 24.

Location: Memorial Park
Date: July 23
Time: 8:00 a.m. Registration
Fee: $25, After June 3 - $35, Day of Event - $40

“A Night in the Spotlight” - Mar 19
Dance the night away at our new special event! Tickets for this annual event go on sale Monday, December 7. For more information visit our website at www.mbgsd.org.

Adult Co-ed Softball League
New league forming. For rules & roster information go to our website. There is limited space.

Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays - April 19 - July 28
Age: 18+
Location: Winding Hills Park East
Registration: $325 per team by January 15

Co-ed Dodgeball Tournament
Adult/Student teams of six or more playing a round robin tournament. Proceeds benefit the Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund.

Location: Senior High Gym
Registration: $120 per team - After March 18 $140 per team

Mechanicsburg Parks and Recreation App
It’s here! - Search for Mechanicsburg Parks and Recreation in google play or app store to download. Submit a Winter photo and receive a $5 credit to your Recreation Account for submitting a photo on our App.

Trips:

- King of Prussia Mall
  Date: February 6
  Cost: $35 per person

- Philadelphia Flower Show featuring George Weigel
  Date: March 8
  Cost: $85 per person

- Mohegan Sun Casino, Connecticut
  Date: March 15
  Cost: $35 per person

- Stowe & Sugarbush
  Ski Retreat - March 17 - March 20
  Cost: $660 per person Single, $499 per person Double, $460 per person Triple, $425 per person Quad

- Cherry Blossom Tour
  Date: April 11
  Cost: $78 per person

- Philly Pops
  Date: April 17
  Cost: $169 per person

- New York City On Your Own
  Date: April 30
  Cost: $65 per person

- Island Lore, Wild Horses & Wright Brothers, Outer Banks
  Date: May 9 - May 13
  Cost: $1,033 per person Single, $789 per person Double, $696 per person Triple, $649 per person Quad

- Mansions of Fairmont Park
  Date: May 18
  Cost: $145 per person

- Blue Angels Air Show in Annapolis
  Date: May 25
  Cost: $118 per person

- A Day Away in Cape May
  Date: June 16
  Cost: $70 per person
**MECHANICSBURG MUSEUM EVENTS**

**Museum Exhibit** – “Collections from A to Z” - Runs March 12 through May 14. Collection is being defined as “group of objects or work to be seen, studied, or kept together; an accumulation.” There will be at least one collection for each letter of the alphabet. For example, A could be represented by a collection of Angels, B could be a representation of Bells, etc. The exhibit will be open, free, to the public Wednesdays thru Saturdays noon - 3:00 at the Freight Station, 3 West Allen Street.

“The Military Heritage of South Central PA” – Lifetime Enrichment Program presented by Jeff Hawks, Education Director, Army Heritage Center Foundation. March 9, 2016 at Noon at the Passenger Station. Museum members & children under 13 are free. $4 for non-members.

“The Forgotten Cemetery” - Lifetime Enrichment Program presented by Beverly Bone, Mechanicsburg Museum Association. March 27, 2016, at 2:00 pm. at the Passenger Station. Museum members & children under 13 are free. $4 for non-members.

“Two Sweet Hearts: One Bullet” – Lifetime Enrichment Program presented by Joseph Davis Cress, Author, Editor, The Sentinel newspaper. April 10, 2016, at 2:00 pm at the Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free. $4 for non-members.


“The Tavern Keeper and the Preacher” - Lifetime Enrichment Program presented by Herbert Bomberger of the Northern York Historical Society. Learn about the historic role of the tavern in the community and the impact and significance of the prohibition era. May 1, 2016, at noon at the Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free. $4 for non-members.

**UPPER ALLEN WOMAN’S CLUB**

Upper Allen Woman’s Club GFWC fashion show “A Fashion Affair” will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at the West Shore Country Club, 100 Brentwater Road, Camp Hill, PA. White House/Black Market and Chico’s will provide fashions. For ticket information, contact bprigney2@gmail.com. Proceeds from this event benefit the community.

Upper Allen Woman’s Club Foundation will sponsor “Theater Night“ at Oyster Mill Playhouse, Camp Hill on Tuesday evening, April 26, 2016. The musical production “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change.” From dating to marriage to family to senior singlehood, this hilarious revue explores the life cycle of romance in a series of vignettes. Show time is 7:30 PM. For ticket information contact Sally Bingham at 601-8081 or Fran Hummer at 691-7077. Proceeds from the evening benefit the community.

The Upper Allen Woman’s Club Foundation continues to sell bricks for the Friendship Castle Walkway. Prices begin at $50.00 for a standard size paver. Each brick will be personalized for a special person or event. For additional sizes and prices please contact 697-9747 or email bprigney2@gmail.com, Subject: bricks.
Operation Wildcat (OW) continues to work to pool the Mechanicsburg Area School District community resources to help local families in need on an ongoing 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: new underwear, new socks, boys and girls jeans, sweatpants and athletic pants. 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 at mshoffman29@gmail.com.

**Project Furniture:** We are in need of twin beds, tall dressers, kitchen chairs, living room furniture, nightstands, TWIN bedding/comforters, mattresses, towels, basic household items, microwaves, and vacuum cleaners. If you have any of the above items to donate, please contact any of the following people:

- Toni Fitzgerald  Phone: (717) 421-0531  Email: jpratt2152@verizon.net.
- Dawn Austin  Phone: (717) 350-6637  Email: awnelayne567@gmail.com
- Maureen Ross  Phone: (717) 773-1988  Email: 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 sale to be held in the spring at Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church. We will take your books, knickknacks, 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, contact Maureen Ross 717- 773-1988, mmross4@comcast.net.

**NOTE:** WE DO NOT accept computers, printers, televisions or stereo equipment. Computer equipment can be dropped off at Mission Central/Computer Ministries. (See address below)

**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 a.m. – 3 p.m., and are located in Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg.

General Information: For up to date information on all our projects, please visit our website, [http://www.mbgasd.org/pages/Mechanicsburg_ASD/Community_Alumni/Operation_Wildcat](http://www.mbgasd.org/pages/Mechanicsburg_ASD/Community_Alumni/Operation_Wildcat).

For assistance from Operation Wildcat, please contact your child’s school counselor.

To contact Operation Wildcat, email operationwildcatmasd@gmail.com or call Leslie Collins, President, 795-7372.
WILDCAT FOUNDATION

Wildcat Foundation Monte Carlo Night will be held on Saturday, February 20 from 6-11 p.m. at the Park Inn. This annual event will be a night of fun, food and games. It will also be an opportunity for the Mechanicsburg community to come together.

Join us for a fun evening that includes a cocktail hour, dinner, silent auction, table games, raffle drawing & Monte Carlo prizes. For more information or to sign up, visit our website at www.wildcatfoundation.org. See you there!

FRIENDS OF THE JOSEPH T. SIMPSON LIBRARY

Book sale at Books by the Gross, 400 Cheryl Avenue
Saturday, February 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and Sunday, February 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. $10 per bag on Sunday. Bags provided and some restrictions apply.

GRANTHAM WOMEN’S CLUB

The Grantham Women’s Club invites ladies from the area to the following events. Unless otherwise indicated, these 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.

Michael Weaver will present "Civil War Tales" on Monday, January 11, 2016. Husbands and guests are also invited to attend.

John Maietta will present a program on "Diners & Drive-ins" on Monday, February 8, 2016.

A fashion show by Christopher & Banks will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2016. A donation of $5.00/person is requested.

The comedy thriller "Death Trap" will be presented at the Little Theater of Mechanicsburg at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. A donation of $15.00/person is requested.

Amanda and Seth Charles will share their experiences from "Pedaling South America" on Monday, May 9, 2016.

For additional information, call Romayne Reeser (766-7948) or Melvalene King (766-2734).
BRUSH PICK UP CHANGE

Brush pickup will only be conducted once starting in 2016. The same restrictions on height and length apply. Pickup is scheduled to start on April 11th and will continue through each zone over a six (6) week period. Several reasons for the cutback are the wear and tear on staff and the large volume of brush stockpiled in our storage facility and our inability to dispose of the material. Visit the Township website for more details at www.uatwp.org.

LEAF PICK UP UPDATE

Residents are reminded NOT to mix grass with leaves for pickup in the fall. Starting in 2016, leaves placed out along the curb mixed with grass clippings will not be picked up. The introduction of grass at the compost site prevents aeration and leads to the death of the microbes that make composting happen. Visit the Township website for more details at www.uatwp.org.