Upper Allen Township has been recognized as a Gold certified municipality through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. The Certification program is intended to bring recognition to municipalities that are applying the policy and practice of sustainability as their way of operating in order to advance community prosperity. It also serves as a mechanism for sharing best practices for creating a more sustainable Pennsylvania. In earning the Gold certification, the Township met the program’s rigorous performance criteria which tracks 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community. The certification acknowledges our progress in addressing such areas as community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, mitigating blight, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations. Additional details regarding how the Township is addressing these areas can be found on the certification program’s website: www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org.

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification, administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal League in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh, is designed for municipalities that are working to save money, conserve resources, and serve vibrant communities. Originally deployed in Southwestern Pennsylvania by Sustainable Pittsburgh, the certification has gone state-wide recognizing small, medium, and large municipalities across the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Municipal League and Sustainable Pittsburgh applaud municipalities for their demonstrated commitment and sustainability performance.

"We are delighted to see Upper Allen Township distinguished among local governments that are leading the way in applying sustainability to both their operations and management as well as within the community," said Gail Markovitz, Director of Training, Pennsylvania Municipal League.

"Municipalities that earn the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification are standouts in demonstrating adherence to best practices that elevate them as communities of choice to live, work, and play. Commitment to continuous improvement is at the heart of sustainability and the certification program is a means to accelerate municipal performance," said Court Gould, Executive Director, Sustainable Pittsburgh.

The Township is proud to be recognized as a Gold Certified Community through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. The Township has a long history of commitment to saving taxpayer dollars, using resources efficiently, and applying best practices in municipal government and community development. We are pleased to be recognized and be part of the regional community of good government.
Leaf pick-up in Upper Allen Township will begin on October 17 and continue thru December 2. During weeks when the leaves fall heavily and our crews cannot maintain the schedule below, we will post a new schedule on our website. If leaves are not picked up on your posted day, then our crews will be back the next day to finish the posted area before they move on with the schedule. If you see a crew in your area before your posted day, then it means they are ahead of schedule; however, they will return on your designated day.

**MONDAY**
Flintlock Ridge, Holiday Crest, Park Hills, Winding Hills Development, Winding Hill Heights, Winding Hill Road, Gettysburg Pike (Cumberland Parkway to Route 114), Sunnyland, Webercroft, Georgetown, South Market Street (Gettysburg Pike to Mechanicsburg line), Lindenwood.

**TUESDAY**
Rosegarden, Ashcombe Farms, Mallard Way, Center Square, Country Square, Canterbury, Stumpstown Road, Creekstone, Gettysburg Pike (Rider Lane to Township line), Spacious Acres.

**WEDNESDAY**
The entire Mt. Allen area, Witney Ridge, Bowman’s Hill, Kimberly Meadows, Allenview, Spring Run, Reservoir.

**THURSDAY**
Millers Acres, Diehl Road, Old Grove Road, Sinclair Road, Hamilton, Peachtree, Trindle Station, Country Estates, Fisher Road, Williams Grove Road, Shepherdstown, Gettysburg Pike (Route 114 to Rider Lane), Meadowview, Arborfield.

**FRIDAY**
Grantham Road, Mill Road, Lisburn Road, Bowmansdale, Route 114 (Market Street), Arcona Road, Ford Farm, Allen Glen, McCormick Road, Lisburn Road (Mt. Allen to Township line), Fair Oaks, Allendale and Wilson area.
**SNOW REMOVAL POLICIES**

During a snowfall, it is important for residents and property owners to remember that the 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. These policies will be enforced any time snow covers the ground in any amount.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW DURING SNOWFALLS**

**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.

**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. You can also find other important information regarding all of the above if you search for "snow removal" on our website.

**SHOVELING DRIVEWAYS**

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 to our drivers and to you. Residents may want to wait to clear their driveways until after crews have finished plowing the roads.

The Public Works Department does not plow curb to curb. Once all development roads are open and snow has stopped falling, plows may return to widen the road, if possible.
MAIL BOX DAMAGE FROM A SNOW PLOW

The Township does not fix damaged mailboxes or posts. 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 $52.00. 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 and a picture of the damaged mailbox within 2 weeks from the time the mailbox was damaged.

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.

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).

CONSIDER ADOPTING A FIRE HYDRANT

Do you have a neighbor that may be unable to clear snow from a fire hydrant on their property? If you do, please consider shoveling the fire hydrant out for them. The Fire Department could possibly need water from your neighbor’s hydrant to put out a fire.

Remember to be a good neighbor. The life you save just might be your own!
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Stormwater Pollution: Stormwater carries pollutants directly into our water resources through the storm drainage system. Unlike household wastewater, stormwater does not go through a treatment plant first; it flows directly into lakes, creeks, rivers and wetlands.

Common pollutants that can wash off our yards and streets include:

Phosphorus: From tree leaves, grass clippings, soil erosion, fertilizer, pet and wildlife waste.

Eroding soil: From exposed soil on construction sites, sparse lawns, and unprotected garden beds set close to hard surfaces like streets, sidewalks and driveways.

Bacteria: From pet and wildlife waste, failing septic systems.

Toxins: Oil, paint, cleaners, etc. spilled on streets, sidewalks, and driveways or dumped down storm drains.

Fall Tips for Protecting Our Waterways
Have a storm drain near your home? Act as its caretaker and do your part to keep it free of litter and leaves by removing leaves from your gutters, ditches and driveways, sidewalks and streets. When blowing or raking leaves, avoid blowing them into storm drains and stormwater facilities.

Sweep up grass clippings and fertilizer from driveways, sidewalks and streets, and rake, mulch or compost yard waste. Don’t forget to sweep along the curb.

Resist the urge to let Fido fend for himself when the weather turns colder, and keep on scooping waste. Pet waste contains phosphorus, nitrogen and harmful bacteria!

During routine fall tune-ups, check your car and lawn equipment for leaks. A good rainstorm can send gasoline and oil drips from automobiles, lawnmowers and power equipment into waterways.

A little extra caution while you keep up with your fall to-do list can make a big difference for the health of our watershed, and we thank you for cooperating with this effort!

Become a Volunteer!
We are looking for local residents, students, and community groups to help mark storm drains. The Township provides all the necessary tools and materials to anyone who would like to participate in this important public education program.

Help get the word out about storm drains and pollution by marking the storm drains in your neighborhood!

For more information or to schedule your storm drain marking project, contact our MS4 Planner, Megan McNamee, at 717-766-0756 or mmcnamee@uatwp.org.
Upper Allen Township Fire Department needs your help. We are 100% Volunteer! If you have the commitment and motivation to make your community a better place, consider volunteering with Upper Allen Fire Department.

We encourage applications from all interested citizens to assist the Fire Department with firefighting or administration. Overall, we have not recruited volunteers rapidly enough to keep pace with attrition. You can get an application online at upperallenfire.com or by stopping at the fire station to pick one up.

It is important to note that the public relies on the volunteer emergency services to be their first line of defense in these emergencies. Volunteers spend an enormous amount of time training to prepare for these emergencies.

Volunteering in the fire and EMS service is one of the most demanding volunteer activities today. Time commitments include operational responses (often at a moment’s notice), training, fundraising, vehicle and station maintenance, and various administrative duties.

- The U.S. has one of the higher fire death rates in the industrialized world, with 12.4 deaths per million population in 2015.
- Every 24 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the nation.
- 85 percent of all civilian fire deaths occurred in residences.
- There were 17,720 civilian fire injuries reported.
- There were an estimated 1.33 million fires.
- Direct property loss due to fires was estimated at $11.59 billion.
October

3  Budget Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
5  Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
10 Budget Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
11 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
12 Budget Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
13 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
13 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
18 HAR - 7:00 p.m.
19 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
20 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
24 Budget Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
26 Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
31 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

November

2  Budget Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
2  Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
7  Pension Board Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
7  Administration - 8:00 a.m.
10 Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
10 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
15 HAR - 7:00 p.m.
16 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
17 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
22 Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
28 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

December

7  Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
8  Public Improvements - 7:30 a.m.
8  Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
13 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
14 Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
14 Public Safety - 7:30 p.m.
19 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
20 HAR - 7:00 p.m.
21 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
22 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.

Our offices will be closed on the following dates:
November 11 (Veteran’s Day)  November 24 (Thanksgiving)  December 26 (Christmas Holiday)
UPPER ALLEN WOMAN’S CLUB

The Upper Allen Woman’s Club GFWC will sponsor the 25th Annual Arts and Craft Show on Saturday, October 29, 2016, at the Mechanicsburg Area High School. More than 80 vendors will be selling unique items including jewelry, stained glass, candles, pottery, note cards, and homemade soaps. Handmade scarves and sweaters will also be available for sale. Baked goods and snacks can be purchased for those who get hungry while shopping. The craft show hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. For more information about the Arts and Craft Show, contact Karen Cochran at 717-697-8305 or email uawccraftshow@gmail.com. All proceeds from this event benefit the community.

“Cookies with Mrs. Claus” will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at the Upper Allen Township Building from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Morning activities will include crafts, games, and face painting. Children will be able to write their Christmas letters to Santa. Cameras are welcomed. There will be opportunities to take your child’s picture with Mrs. Claus. An adult must accompany all children who attend this event. Tickets are $5.00 per child for children up to 12 years old and $2.00 per adult. The proceeds will go to The Rhona Ellis Memorial Scholarship. For more information contact kicochran1@verizon.net.

The Upper Allen Woman’s Club Foundation continues to sell bricks for the Friendship Castle Walkway at Friendship Park. 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 697-8185 or email psbedorf@gmail.com - Subject: bricks.

GRANTHAM WOMEN’S CLUB

The Grantham Women’s Club invites ladies from the area to these presentations at Grantham Brethren in Christ Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

October 10, 2016 - "Women of Harrisburg" by Sheldon Munn.

November 14, 2016 - "Reflections from the Second Generation" by Lillian Rappaport (Holocaust survivor's daughter.)

December 12, 2016 - "Let's Go Caroling" by John Maietta.
MECHANICSBURG MUSEUM

Researching Pennsylvania’s Civil War Conscientious Objectors. Lifetime Enrichment Program presented by Jonathan R. Stayer, Supervisor, References Services, Pennsylvania State Archives, held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, beginning at noon at the Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free. $4 for non-members.

Lecture By Dr. Allen C. Guelzo, Director Civil War Era Studies Program, Gettysburg College. Sunday, November 20, 2016, at 2:00 pm. at the Passenger Station. Museum members and children under 13 are free. $4 for non-members.

Museum Christmas Exhibit – “The Winter Wonderland Express.” A snowy Exhibit including trains, toys, trees and featuring Wallace the Snowman. This is for ages one to one hundred. The exhibit runs from November 19 thru January 14, 2017. The exhibit will be open, and free to the public, Wednesdays thru Saturdays, from noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Freight Station, 3 West Allen Street, Mechanicsburg.

Candlelight Walking Tour. December 3, 2016. A tour of all Historic Museum buildings decorated for the Holiday Season. Food and Fair included. For tickets call the Museum. This is a 2 hour tour leaving the Passenger Station every half hour starting at 4:30 p.m.

Ginger Bread House Competition and Display. Entries will be taken on December 3rd at the Passenger Station from noon until 3:00 p.m. at 2 West Strawberry Alley. Gingerbread Houses will be on display until December 17th.

Holiday Bus Trip. Friday December 9, 2016. Start the holiday season with a trip to Historic Doylestown and Bernville. Enjoy Fonthill, Henry Mercer’s concrete Castle home decorated for Christmas, Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, Mercer Museum, including Christmas Exhibits, lunch, shops and Koziar’s Christmas Village. The cost is $110.00 per person. The bus leaves the museum at 7:00 a.m. and arrives back at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Mrs. Claus Visits. December 10, 2016. Mrs. Claus will be reading stories to the children in the Passenger Station and then tour the Freight Station Train Exhibit. The time of the event is noon until 3:00 p.m.

UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS

All Star team accomplishments from this summer:
11-year-olds were Ripken District 8 Champions!
10-year-olds were Ripken District 8 Champions!
10-year-olds were Upper Allen Tournament Champions!
10-year-olds were New Oxford Tournament Runner-up!
9-year-olds were Cedar Cliff Tournament Runner-up!
8-years-olds were PA Ripken State Runner-up!
8-year-olds were Ripken District 8 Champions!
8-year-olds were Upper Allen Tournament Champions!
7-year-olds were New Cumberland Tournament Champions!
7-year-olds were Red Land Tournament Runner-up!
7-year-olds were 3rd place in the East Penn Tournament!
The Wildcat Foundation, a service of the Mechanicsburg Area School District, will host their annual Community Day from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19. Community Day is held at the Mechanicsburg Middle School, 1750 South Market Street. This event is open to the public.

Community Day provides the opportunity for area businesses, clubs and school organizations to raise money and showcase the programs and services available for District students and their families.

This year, Community Day will partner with Please Live and TFEC/The Mechanicsburg Foundation to include a mental/behavioral health fair component. Please Live is a not-for-profit organization that provides education and awareness for youth mental health and suicide prevention. In addition to business and school groups represented at Community Day, The Wildcat Foundation anticipates ten additional health and human service organizations to be in attendance.

Prospective participating groups must pre-register for Community Day. Businesses and for-profit organizations are assessed a $25.00 participation fee. School groups and other not-for-profit organizations may participate at no charge. The Wildcat Foundation will provide each group with a table and two chairs.

To register as a participating group, and feature your business, organization or club, please contact Holly Laufer at The Wildcat Foundation: Email hlaufer@mbgsd.org or call 717-691-4505. Additional information is available on the Foundation’s Facebook page and at www.wildcatfoundation.org.

The Wildcat Foundation helps strengthen the cultural, wellness, and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District.
**OPERATION WILDCAT**

Operation Wildcat continues to work to pool the Mechanicsburg Area School District community resources to help district families in need on an on-going basis. The community’s support of all our projects has enabled us to assist our district students and families.

**OUR PROJECTS:**

Project Back to School, Project Bikes, Project Boo, Project Books, Project Cinderella, Project Clothes, Project Enrichment, Project Furniture, Project Gift Box, Project Legacy, Project Tannenbaum, Project Thanksgiving, and Project Yard Sales N More.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Project Cinderella’s Open House for Homecoming.**
Date: To be arranged.

**Project Boo’s Open House**
Date: To be arranged.

**Project Yard Sales**
BIG YARD SALE at MCBIC October 21 and 22.

**WANTED:**
Pickup trucks and labor to help with Furniture Pick-up/delivery.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**
Service Opportunities are available for students, student groups and community groups that are looking for service hours.

For more information about Operation Wildcat projects, or to get involved in Operation Wildcat, please go to our website on the school district website:

http://www.mbgsd.org/pages/Mechanicsburg_ASD/Community_Alumni/Operation_Wildcat to contact the project coordinators, or contact Leslie Collins at 795-7372. You can also email Operation Wildcat at operationwildcatmasd@gmail.com.

**Operation Wildcat**

**Project Tannenbaum**

The goal of this project is to collect artificial trees and holiday ornaments to be given out to families during the holiday season. In addition, Operation Wildcat will be seeking donations of live trees from local service organizations and businesses.

Tree lights are especially needed for distribution in December. They also accept tree toppers, tree skirts, Christmas stockings and wreaths.
Upper Allen Township is amending portions of its Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 245) and the Zoning Map. The proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance reflect the goals and objectives recently incorporated into the Township’s Comprehensive Plan. The amendments also allow for new uses and requirements to satisfy all types of development needs by the public and the environment. The proposed Zoning Map reflects consolidated zoning districts, as well as district updates to several properties based on current land uses and recommendations outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed amendments are available on the Township’s website for review and comments. To view these and other Township amendments, visit the Community Development webpage at [www.uatwp.org](http://www.uatwp.org) and select “Ordinance Amendments.”