Over the past year, Upper Allen Township Board of Commissioners and staff have been studying a stormwater utility fee that is designed to be an equitable way to fund the mandated stormwater improvements. The focus is becoming more important as municipalities are required to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. The proposed stormwater utility fee is a balanced approach to help meet these financial requirements, and is modeled after similar programs in many other Pennsylvania communities. Stormwater runoff is the water that flows over the ground as the result of rain, snow melt, hail and sleet. Buildings, streets, driveways, parking lots, sidewalks and patios prevent the water from soaking into the ground. These structures are referred to as impervious surfaces. Runoff is collected by storm sewer infrastructure such as inlets and pipes, and ultimately transported to lakes, rivers, creeks, and streams. As water flows over the ground, it picks up everything in its path, such as sediment, oil, grease, litter and chemicals, taking it all to water bodies without treatment.

How much is the fee and what is it for? In addition to upkeep of aging infrastructure, the Township is mandated by the Federal Government and the State of Pennsylvania to reduce the amount of pollutants in our stormwater discharges as much as possible to protect the quality of the waters in the state. This is an unfunded mandate – meaning the Township does not receive any federal or state funds to pay to meet these regulations. The anticipated annual fee rate is $60 per every 3,800 square foot of impervious surface on a property (around $15 per quarter).

How is a stormwater utility fee different from a tax? A tax is a rate or duty, levied each year for the purposes of general revenue, regardless of the benefit accruing to the property or person taxed. A utility fee is a charge for a particular service and is a dedicated revenue source. In other words, the stormwater utility fee can only be used for stormwater management. The fee is also applied to tax-exempt entities such as hospitals, churches, schools, prisons and federally and state-owned properties.

My water stays on my property; it doesn’t flow to a storm drain. Am I exempt? No. Even if stormwater does not flow directly to the street or into a storm drain, all runoff accumulates pollutants as it travels across land. The storm drain system allows for the continuity of traffic, commerce and public safety in the event of a storm. Furthermore, the removal of pollutants from our waterways is necessary for the long term health and vitality of our community.

Everyone benefits from those conditions regardless of how runoff may be directed on their personal property. Although it may appear that your property does not generate stormwater runoff, development of any kind creates more runoff than if the property were vacant and undeveloped. If you are interested in learning more about Upper Allen Township’s proposed stormwater utility or have questions about it, please attend one of our upcoming public meetings. The meetings will be held at the Township Building on September 12th, 2018 and October 2nd, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.
Keystone FC Premier Teams Capture State Championships

The Keystone FC Premier 2003 and 2004 girls teams captured state championships. The 2004 team won the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA) Presidents Cup, which is the second highest level of competition in the state. The team advances to the Region I Presidents Cup tournament in West Virginia in mid-June. The 2003 team won the EPYSA National Championship Series, which is the highest level of competition available in the state. The team advances to the Region I NCS tournament in Virginia in late June. Congratulations to both teams on your accomplishments and good luck at your respective Region I tournaments.

DOES MY PROJECT REQUIRE A PERMIT?

If your project involves new construction, demolition, or alterations, then the answer is yes! Permits are required to ensure that your repairs, additions, and alterations are done according to State and Township Codes and Regulations. Here is a list of some common projects that occur and what permit is required. This list is not comprehensive; therefore, all projects that require permits are not included. Consult the Community Development Department before you begin a project to confirm whether you need a permit, or for any other information regarding the permit process.

BUILDING ADDITIONS - Requires Zoning and Building Permits.

BASEMENT ALTERATIONS - No permit is needed unless structural changes or a change in egress occurs, then a Building Permit is required.

DECKS - When constructing a deck that will be attached to the main structure or 10 feet away, then a Building and Zoning Permit are required. When replacing an existing deck that will remain the same size, then a Building Permit is required.

Note: When adding on to an existing deck, a Building and Zoning Permit are required.

DOORS

- No permit is needed when installing and/or replacing a door, garage door, or storm door in the same opening.
- If installing and/or replacing a door where the dimensions or framing will be altered, then a Building Permit is required.

DRIVEWAYS - For a new driveway or expansion of an existing driveway a Zoning Permit is required.

ELECTRICAL - Any electrical work, including upgrades, requires a Building Permit.

FENCES

- All fences require a Zoning Permit.
- For fences over 6 feet in height, both a Zoning and Building Permit are required.

HEATING/COOLING

- When switching from one utility to another (e.g., electric to gas), a Building Permit is required.
- When replacing an existing unit only, with a same sized/type of appliance, then no permit is needed.

PATIOS - A new impervious slab, patio, sidewalk, or expansion to existing requires a Zoning Permit.
DOES MY PROJECT REQUIRE A PERMIT?
(Continued)

ROOF
- All commercial roofs require a Building Permit.
- Replacing a residential roof does not require a permit.
- Any structural rehab of a compromised or damaged roof requires a Building Permit.

SWIMMING POOLS
- Installing an above-ground swimming pool requires a Zoning and Building Permit.
- Installing an in-ground swimming pool requires a Zoning and Building Permit.
- Prefabricated or inflatable pools that are capable of holding 24 inches or greater of water require a Zoning and Building Permit.

SHEDS
- The installation or construction of a shed less than 400 sq. ft. requires a Zoning Permit.
- The installation or construction of a shed greater than 400 sq. ft. requires a Zoning and Building Permit.

CHANGING PROPERTY USE - A Certificate of Zoning Use & Occupancy Permit is required when the use of a property changes (i.e., home occupation or change of existing business). If alterations will be made to the interior to exterior of the building, then a Building Permit is also required.

DOES MY PROJECT REQUIRE A STORMWATER PLAN?
Stormwater management review is required for all projects that create more than 1,000 square feet of new impervious surface. For projects that create between 1,001 sq. ft. and 5,000 sq. ft. of impervious surface, we’ve created a supplemental packet called the "Simplified Approach,” which affords residents an opportunity to come up with an acceptable level of stormwater management control without having to hire an engineer. The intent is that residents can work through a spreadsheet and design a stormwater management area on their property while saving time and money. The Stormwater Mapping Tool is provided on the Township website to assist applicants while filling out the Simplified Approach document. We recommend looking at the user manual prior to launching the mapping tool. The manual is easy to follow and will assist in creating a map that suits the individual purpose.

The Township would like to remind residents that burning of any type requires a permit, with the exception of residential recreational fire pits and fireplaces. The permit is valid for up to one full week. A Burn Permit application can be filled out at the Community Development office, and must include a list of materials to be burned, a plot plan showing the location of burning and the distance to all structures and property lines, and the method of extinguishing the fire.

The burning of the following items is prohibited regardless of the type of burning: animal or human waste, cardboard, magazines, slick paper, painted or stained siding, plastics, paints, varnishes or other petroleum based products, roof shingles, tires or any rubber product, hazardous chemicals or materials, wet or dry leaves, wet garbage or food waste, demolition waste, or any other material that may be collected under the Township’s waste recycling program or regular trash collection contract.

Burning is prohibited after dusk, on Sundays, and on all federal holidays. Open burning must comply with all Township regulations and burn bans. For more information about opening burning and burn permits, go online to “Community Development” then “Permits”, or contact the Community Development office.
Wildcat Foundation

SAVE THE DATE! The Wildcat Foundation will be returning to Range End Golf Club on August 17th for its 9th Annual Golf Outing. The Foundation provides many opportunities to participate as sponsors, golfers or donors.

VETERANS DAY - In recognition of Veterans Day, the Wildcat Foundation will again be selling 12" x 18" American flags (made in the U.S.A) for $20.00. Flags will be displayed during Community Day at Mechanicsburg Middle School held on November 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Donors may pick up their flags between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Flags not picked up by 3:00 p.m. should be picked up at the Foundation office November 5th thru the 9th during school hours.

Each flag will be personalized with a 6" x 8" placard to read:

“In Honor of
(or In Memory of)
Rank Name
Branch
Dates of Service
Thank you for your service!”

Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project
Due to sanitary sewer replacement work, traffic on Winding Hill Drive and East Winding Hill Road, between Gettysburg Pike and South Market Street, will be detoured from late July through mid to late August. Traffic will be limited to local access only.

October Quarterly Sewer Bills
The October quarterly bills will have a new look. The bills will be more user friendly and will include both SEWER and STORMWATER charges. Stormwater fees, however, will not be implemented until 2019 (see page 1).

GRILLING FIRE SAFETY TIPS
- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose a fire hazard and a risk of exposing occupants to deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic. Grills should be positioned at least 10 feet away from siding, deck railing, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep matches, lighters, and starter fluid out of the reach of children in a locked drawer or cabinet.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area. Declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Use long barbeque mitts and long-handled grilling tools to protect the chef from heat and flames when cooking.
Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

Operation Wildcat is collecting back to school items and personal hygiene items over the summer through Labor Day. Help us provide backpacks filled with items so students can come to school in the fall with the tools they need to learn! For detailed list of what Operation Wildcat is collecting and where, for more information on or to get involved in Operation Wildcat, please visit us on the MASH website at www.mbqsd.org (under Community), on Facebook, or contact Leslie Collins at 717-795-7372, operationwildcatmasd@gmail.com.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS
**TOWNSHIP MEETINGS**

**July**

4 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m. (cancelled)
10 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
12 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
17 Public Improvements - 8:00 a.m.
17 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
18 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
25 Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
26 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
30 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

**August**

1 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
8 Public Safety - 7:30 p.m.
9 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
13 Pension Board Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
13 Administration - 8:00 a.m.
15 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
21 Public Improvements - 8:00 a.m.
21 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
22 Park and Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
23 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
27 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.

**September**

5 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
11 Administration - 7:30 a.m.
12 Public Meeting, Stormwater - 6:30 p.m.
13 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
18 Public Improvements - 8:00 a.m.
18 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
19 Budget Kickoff - 5:30 p.m.
19 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
24 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
26 Park & Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
27 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** In addition to the public meeting that will be held on September 12th regarding the stormwater utility fee, there will also be a public meeting regarding the same on October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

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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)

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**Upper Allen Township offices will be closed on July 4th (Independence Day) & September 3rd (Labor Day)**

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**Mechanicsburg Area Rec. Presents…**

The Colorado Rockies!
Featuring National Parks and Historic Trains

**Departure Date:**
June 28, 2019

**Highlights:**

9 Days – 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts – 4 Dinners

Trip presentation to be held on September 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Trails & Trees Environmental Center. Contact the Recreation Office at 691-4572 with questions.

**8th Annual Tri4Kids**

Come "Ride, glide, dip and dive" your way through this fun, exciting event to be held this summer! Our 8th Annual Tri4Kids is open to all students ages 5-12 who have an interest in what competing in a triathlon (swim, bike, run)

Date: July 28
Registration Fee: $25
Registration Day of: $40

Contact the Recreation Office at 691-4572 to Register.
**UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP’S FIRST DOG PARK**

The canines of Upper Allen Township have a new place to run and play as the Township’s first off-leash dog park opened this summer. The new dog park, located next to Daybreak Church (321 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055), features nearly three acres of open space divided into three separate fenced-in areas – two for larger dogs and one for smaller canines. The park, which opened on June 30th, also features a secure entry gate for passholders only, dog waste stations, a shaded structure, benches and trees.

Registration is required to use the park to ensure only dogs with up-to-date vaccinations can enter. Registration forms are currently available on the Township’s website at [http://www.uatwp.org](http://www.uatwp.org) or at the municipal building located at 100 Gettysburg Pike. Pet owners will receive a key fob for entry, which will be valid from July 1st to June 30th. Memberships will cost $20 for residents and $50 for non-residents. Owners will pay $10 for each additional dog.

The Upper Allen Township Commissioners give special thanks to our partners, sponsors and staff who helped make the dog park possible.

“After 4 years of searching for available land and researching the best practices of off-leash dog parks, the Board of Commissioners, Park & Recreation Board and Dog Park Committee are excited to be opening this first of its kind facility in Upper Allen Township,” said Commissioner Paul Rigney. “We would like to give a big thanks to Daybreak Church, which donated the land, and to Purina, which funded major park amenities, and for their continued partnership as we work to create this great place for pets and people to play and socialize.”

“Daybreak Church is focused on serving our community so we are thrilled to partner with Upper Allen Township to have this dog park on our property,” said Robin Kaplin, who oversees the Community Impact Ministries at Daybreak Church. “We’re excited to have even more community members on our campus throughout the week and we look forward to meeting new people and serving them through this partnership.”

“Pets have a great way of bringing people together,” said Mike O’Brien, Factory Manager for Purina in Mechanicsburg, which makes popular brands such as Purina Cat Chow, Purina ONE and Purina Pro Plan. “Pets are at the heart of the work we do every day at Purina, so we’re happy to support this project and see it come to life in our community. Having dog parks in a community is a great asset for residents and visitors alike.”

Follow Upper Allen Dog Park Friends on Facebook to receive the latest updates about the dog park, or sign up to receive their newsletter.
**HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENT**

When: August 18, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Where: Cumberland County Service Center  
310 Allen Road  
Carlisle, PA 17013

What Can I Bring?
- Pesticides, Insecticides, Herbicides, Fertilizers
- Oil-Based Paints, Stains, Varnishes, Sealers
- Oil-Based Paint Cleaners, Thinners, Removers
- Adhesives, Glues, Epoxies, Caulking, Sealants
- Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Kerosene
- Antifreeze, Car Care Products
- Lubricating Sprays
- Pool Chemicals
- Drain Cleaners, Degreasers, Oven Cleaners
- Fire Extinguishers
- Propane Cylinders (up to 20 pounds)
- Hydrochloric Acid, Sulfuric Acid, and Other Acids
- Mercury, Mercury Containing Devices
- Fluorescent Light Tubes and Bulbs
- Automotive Batteries

What Can’t I Bring?
- Motor Oil or Used Absorbent Material (i.e. Oil-Dri)
- Latex (Water-Based) Paint and Paint-Related Products
- Cold Patch
- Smoke Detectors
- Household Alkaline Batteries
- Chemically Treated Lumber, Construction and Demolition Debris
- Bags of Cement or Mortar
- Asbestos
- Biological Waste
- Medications
- Ammunition or Explosives
- Electronics
- Household Trash

What Else Should I Know?
This event is limited to Cumberland County residents and small businesses only. For more information, please call the Cumberland County Recycling Office at 717-240-6489, or visit their website at [https://www.ccpa.net/3499/2018-HHW-Drop-Off-Event](https://www.ccpa.net/3499/2018-HHW-Drop-Off-Event). Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicles.

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**Is your Dog Licensed?**

Did you know that all dogs three months or older must be licensed by January 1 of each year? Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of $300 per violation plus court costs. You can purchase an Annual Dog License at the Township offices during regular business hours. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for payment of a dog license.

As an alternative to purchasing the Annual Dog License, a dog owner can apply for a Lifetime Dog License. In order to be a candidate for a Lifetime Dog License, your dog must have permanent identification. The dog owner can choose to have a tattooed number placed on the inner part of their dog’s right hind leg, or they can get a microchip implanted in the dog as a means of permanent identification. For further information, or if anyone is interested in obtaining a Lifetime Dog License, please contact the Cumberland County Treasurer’s Office at 717-240-6380.
Pennsylvania 811 is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to prevent damage to underground facilities. They have been providing an efficient and effective communication network between project owners, designers, excavators, and the general public for more than 45 years.

If your project entails any earth disturbance, you are required by Pennsylvania law to notify the underground utility companies of your intent. Dialing 811 at least three days in advance of an excavation project helps keep you and your neighborhood safe. The telephone call is toll free and the service is of no cost to the homeowner. If you are hiring a contractor to do the work for you, ask to see their PA One Call “Serial Number” before any work begins. This 11-digit number shows that the contractor has dialed 811 prior to starting work. If they do not have a serial number, it means they may not be doing everything they can to help keep your neighborhood safe. For more information, call 811 or visit www.pa811.org.