Officer Sarah Collins

Collins, the only female officer currently on the force, is from the State College area. Previously she was a probation officer in Harrisburg and has worked in the mental health field.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in Forensic Science Investigation and a master’s degree in Administration of Justice.

She made the career change, she said, because, “I wanted something more beneficial to the community.”

Collins volunteered to train as a bicycle patrol officer. “You learn to go up and down stairs, fit through tight spaces and perform functions that you might not think you are capable of on a bike,” she said. She patrolled along the Yellow Breeches Creek on bicycle over Labor Day, watching for alcohol and parking violations. She expects to patrol on bike occasionally during special events.

Officer Mason deFilippo

“I knew I wanted to get into law enforcement after college, but I wanted to wait until I was sure where I wanted to apply,” said DeFilippo, who is from Harrisburg and worked in security as he prepared for police training. “From talking with others in law enforcement, people always recommended this department and said how well things run here,” he said. “Upper Allen was a first-pick for me as to where I wanted to work.”
The Upper Allen Township Fire Department has leaped the mid-1980’s into the 21st century after an expansion and renovation of its station at 104 Gettysburg Pike. Now the all-volunteer force of about 28 firefighters and 20-plus staffers is launching a campaign to cover the cost of the high-tech renewal and upgrading of fire equipment.

“Everything is modern and works,” Fire Chief Tom Shumberger Jr. said of the enlarged station. “The computer system and phone system have been upgraded. It is a lot more user-friendly.”

Renovations include updated instructional rooms, separate bunk rooms for male and female personnel, and a larger kitchen. While the Township pays for fire trucks and the work on the structure, the volunteers must raise $150,000 to buy modern fire apparatus and furnishings.

“We want new battery-operated rescue tools, which have more power than the old ones” and will reliably start, Shumberger explained. The gear that firefighters wore to the 609 calls they responded to in 2018 must be replaced at least every 10 years as well.

“Anything from 20 bucks to 500 bucks to 2,500 bucks is money well-spent,” said Ken Martin, President of the Board of Commissioners. “Our fire department is first-rate. I hope the community will want to help our totally volunteer fire service.”

Residents and businesses can tour the facility and consider sponsoring a room. The apparatus bay is offered for a $75,000 gift, bunk rooms at $10,000 and the slide poll at $2,500. Individuals also can buy a brick paver etched with their name for a walking path.

“It’s quite the task for a volunteer fire department,” Shumberger added. “Whatever anyone can do to help is appreciated, or if they have a desire to become a volunteer firefighter, we will pay for training.”

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to donate, contact Jim Salter at jsalter@upperallenfire.com or call 717-697-9595.
In recent months, the Township reevaluated all properties with at least three Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) to validate that the impervious areas were being calculated correctly.

“We used overhead photography in determining the number of ERUs to assign properties and we discovered that shading from trees and other issues caused some inaccuracies with our original calculations,” said Township Stormwater Authority Chairman Jim Cochran.

Cochran went on to state that “We are committed to ensuring we fairly bill property owners for the cost of dealing with these federally-mandated water quality improvement projects.”

Township Manager Lou Fazekas said the Township Engineer reassessed more than 641 properties. There were 392 properties whose ERUs were reduced by one or more, resulting in a loss of 612.50 ERUs. More than 100 properties saw an increase in their ERUs.

Owners of properties whose stormwater bill changed due to the recalculations were individually notified in August. Any credit adjustments or increases will be seen in their October bill. Credits will be applied for any payments made this year.

Each ERU equals 4,206-square-feet of impervious coverage and property owners are billed $16.50 per quarter for each ERU. Township officials said they didn’t see the same amount of issues with small properties with two or fewer ERUs.
There are few things more relaxing than spending time in a beautiful park. Spending time in a passive park might be one of those things.

Simpson Park, at 2701 S. Market Street, is the Township’s first passive park. While it offers horseshoe pits, a volleyball court and disc golf, it was built a decade ago to provide solitude in an isolated setting.

“The Park’s Creek access and trails provide a wide variety of passive recreational opportunities for visitors, including hiking, canoeing, bird watching, and picnic areas,” said Megan McNamee, Township Environmental Planner. “We want to keep it nature-driven with an emphasis on the protection of natural resources.” What appears to be nature’s handiwork likely is the work of volunteers’ hands.

The point where kayakers and canoeers enter the Yellow Breeches Creek, the park’s main attraction, was graded and peppered with stones to increase traction and reduce erosion. The play area was made to resemble a natural rock formation.

But the park wasn’t designed just as a placid location. Planners also wanted to preserve the natural resources near the creek and to maintain and create wildlife habitats.

The buffer strip along the creek was widened and planted with native trees in 2018 to help shade the creek. With the buffer, the trees filter runoff that enters the stream and curb erosion. The buffer also is a home for animals.

A rain garden includes native plantings to filter parking lot runoff into the creek. Native grasses and wildflowers replace the crops that once grew on the farm fields that became parkland.

The park hosts kayakers, youth groups and trail walkers who come for fun and Simpson’s natural setting, McNamee said.

“A significant number of residents, who enjoy the nature-based activities, spend a great deal of time in this Park,” she said. “We plan to keep enhancing the public enjoyment of this beautiful land.”
2019 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Please note that all scheduling is weather dependent – if winter weather arrives, leaf collection may be suspended for the remainder of each year. Leaf pick-up in Upper Allen Township will begin on October 14th and continue thru December 13th. If leaves are not picked up on your posted day, our crews will be back the next day to finish the posted area before they move on with the schedule.

The exception is if the Township is closed for a holiday on your scheduled day, in which case leaf pickup in your area will be skipped for that week unless crews get ahead in other areas and are able to come back through yours.

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, Gettysburg Pike (Grantham Road to Township line), Center Square, Country Square, Canterbury, Stumpstown Road, Creekstone, Gettysburg Pike (Rider Lane to Grantham), Spacious Acres, Edgewood.

Wednesday
The entire Mt. Allen area, Witney Ridge, Bowman’s Hill, Bumble Bee Hollow, Kimberly Meadows, Allenview, Spring Run, Reservoir.

Thursday
Miller’s Acres, Diehl Road, Old Grove Road, Sinclair Road, Hamilton, Peachtree, Trindle Station, Country Estates, Fisher Road, Williams Grove Road, Shepherdstown, Gettysburg Pike, Meadowview, Arborfield, York Street.

Friday
Grantham Road, Mill Road, W. Lisburn Road, Bowmansdale, Route 114 (S. Market Street), Arcona Road, Ford Farm, Allen Glen, Apache Trail, Pima Circle, McCormick Road, E. Lisburn Road (S. Market Street to Township Line) Fair Oaks, Allendale Road and Wilson Road area.
RESTAURANTS, MEDICAL OFFICES, TRUCKING HUB LOCATE IN TOWNSHIP

Numerous development projects are underway or planned across Upper Allen Township, ventures that will provide more than just new places to dine out or shop.

“Community businesses add to the tax base and take the pressure off schools” in terms of levying taxes, said Lou Fazekas, Township Manager. “They often also result in road improvements.”

Here are the major recent, current, or planned projects:

- The Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic moved from Camp Hill to the Rossmoyne Business Center.
- When Burger King exited its location on Cumberland Parkway, Domino’s Pizza moved in.
- Allen Distribution relocated its warehousing and distribution center to the former Book of the Month Club building and built two warehouses along South Market Street.
- JoJo’s Pizza & Pasta opened in the new mini-strip shopping center, at Upper Allen Commons, South Market and Kim Acres Drive.
- A four-story hotel is under construction at Rossmoyne Business Center and is scheduled for completion this year.
- Renovation and expansion, started in the summer, continues at Shepherdstown and Upper Allen elementary schools.
- A medical office building for multiple tenants at Gettysburg Pike and South Market Street received approval, and construction will begin this year.
- Starbucks, with a drive-through is coming to Gettysburg Pike at Cumberland Parkway. Construction should start this year.
- Messiah College will erect a new welcome center on campus, with construction starting soon.

Business development complements the growth of housing in the Township, Fazekas pointed out. “New businesses provide a good balance of commercial and residential that in the long term helps the tax base,” he noted. “If we had just residential development, as Township costs go up, all that would be borne by residential property owners. Commercial business coming into the Township offsets that.”
TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

October

2  Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
8  Administration - 7:30 a.m.
9  Budget Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
10 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
15 Public Improvements - 8:00 a.m.
15 Budget Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
15 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
16 Stormwater Authority - 6:00 p.m.
16 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
23 Park and Recreation - 6:30 p.m.
24 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
28 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
30 Budget Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

November

6  Budget Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
6  Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
12 Pension Board - 7:30 a.m.
12 Administration - 8:00 a.m.
14 Zoning Hearing Board - 6:00 p.m.
19 Public Improvements - 8:00 a.m.
19 HARB - 7:00 p.m.
20 Stormwater Authority - 6:00 p.m.
20 Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
21 Sewer Advisory Board - 7:00 p.m.
25 Planning Commission - 7:00 p.m.
26 Park and Recreation - 6:30 p.m.

December

4  Board of Commissioners - 6:30 p.m.
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.
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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)

Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Township Offices will be closed on the following dates:
November 11 - Veterans Day
November 28 - Thanksgiving Holiday
November 29 - Thanksgiving Holiday
December 25 - Christmas

In the event of snow, please visit our website at https://uatwp.org/snow-removal for helpful information on Township guidelines and procedures.
Shout out to The Upper Allen Township Mechanicsburg Baseball Association 8 Year Old Allstars who finished runner up at the Cal Ripken World Series!

Manager:
Luiz Consenza

Coaches:
Dustyn Soloman
Paul Saccinte
Scott Brechbiel

Players:
Aaron Jones
Alex Orner
Ethan Cruse
Ethan Saccinte
Evry Nailor
Jackson Brechbiel
Micah Soloman
Noah Paul
Noah Varner
Reid Padfield
Shray Patel