



UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Spring/Summer 2007 FOR THE CITIZENS AND FRIENDS OF UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

UMT Office Closings

- May 28 (Memorial Day)
- July 4 (Independence Day)
- September 3 (Labor Day)
- November 12 (Veteran's Day)
- November 22 & 23 (Thanksgiving)
- December 24 & 25 (Christmas)



New Emergency Services Center Plans Underway

When emergencies like fire and health-related issues arise, timing is critical and the difference between life and death can be a matter of seconds. For these reasons, Upper Macungie Township officials have been carefully planning for an Emergency Services facility which will deliver faster access to more community neighborhoods and businesses in the eastern portion of the Township.

Our two volunteer fire companies, Fogelsville and Trexlertown, and the Cetronia Ambulance Company, have done a wonderful job for decades, and will continue to serve us into the future. But dramatic growth in recent years and research projections have pointed up the importance of strengthening our emergency services planning and facilities. Initially, the building will house an ambulance and two fire trucks and can be adapted for additional equipment needs as our future may require.

We are pleased to report that plans for your Township's new Emergency Services Building have been finalized and a handsome new building (architect's rendering shown above) is on the way for the greater safety and peace-of-mind of our resident families and employers. Facts on this latest addition to your Township's facilities roster are shown below.

FAST FACTS

New Upper Macungie Township Emergency Services Center

- What:** 7,700 sq. ft. facility to house fire trucks, ambulance, emergency response equipment
- Where:** 6510 Schantz Rd. (between Windemere Avenue and Lone Lane)
- When:** Scheduled for completion in Fall, 2007
- Why:** Provide a faster response time to emergencies; closer/quicker reach to residents in eastern portion of Upper Macungie Township



Samir "Sam" Ashmar, newly appointed UMT Supervisor

Sam Ashmar Named Township Supervisor

In a public meeting held on April 26, Samir "Sam" Ashmar was appointed to the post of Upper Macungie Township Supervisor. He was chosen from a field of eight very worthy applicants by Supervisors Edward J. Earley and Kathy Rader.

As Fire Marshal and 18-year member of the Trexlertown Fire Co., and a member of the UMT Planning Commission (see article below), Sam is well-versed in the workings and needs of our municipality. He is a 20-year veteran of the banking profession, currently serving as a risk manager and vice president of Wachovia Bank. This depth of financial experience will serve our Township well and was a primary reason why he was selected for the post.

We welcome Sam to his new responsibilities and thank all the candidates who extended their willingness to serve the citizens of our Township.

Planning Commission Looks to Township's Future

In our municipality's government, there are a handful of dedicated resident volunteers who play a vital role in shaping the future of land use for Upper Macungie. The seven members of the Upper Macungie Township Planning Commission meet on a regular basis to review plans for subdivision and land development. They take an analytical look at the potential pitfalls or benefits of land use plans submitted by developers and, as a body, reach a consensus on how new plans will impact the infrastructure and the quality of life for the residents of Upper Macungie Township. After in-depth review and discussion, the members of the Planning Commission then make a recommendation to the UMT Board of Supervisors for approval, adaption or rejection of submitted plans.

Current members of the Planning Commission are Samir Ashmar, Owen Bastian, David Etowski, Geoffrey Legg, Paul McNemar, Kenneth Pavkovic and Anthony Salvino. We thank them for dedicating many hours of knowledgeable service to uphold the best interests of Upper Macungie Township and our citizens.



Upper Macungie Township Planning Commission: L-R: Owen Bastian, Geoffrey Legg, Kenneth Pavkovic, Paul McNemar, Samir Ashmar and David Etowski

Township Meetings

- **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
First Thursday of the month — 7:00 p.m. *New Time!*
- **PLANNING COMMISSION**
Third Wednesday of the month — 7:00 p.m.
- **PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION**
Monday prior to the regularly scheduled meeting — 7:00 p.m.
* *Submission Deadline: 28 days prior to meeting*
* *Revision Deadline: 21 days prior to meeting*
- **SEWER AUTHORITY**
Second Thursday of the month of January, April, July, and October — 4:00 p.m.
- **ZONING HEARING BOARD**
Second and fourth Wednesday of the month — 6:30 p.m.
* *Submission Deadline: 26 days prior to meeting*

Upper Macungie Retains Title as FASTNACHT CAPITAL of the WORLD

Once again this year, more fastnachts were made in Upper Macungie than anywhere else on the planet. So our community will again lay claim to our unofficial title as "Fastnacht Capital of the World."

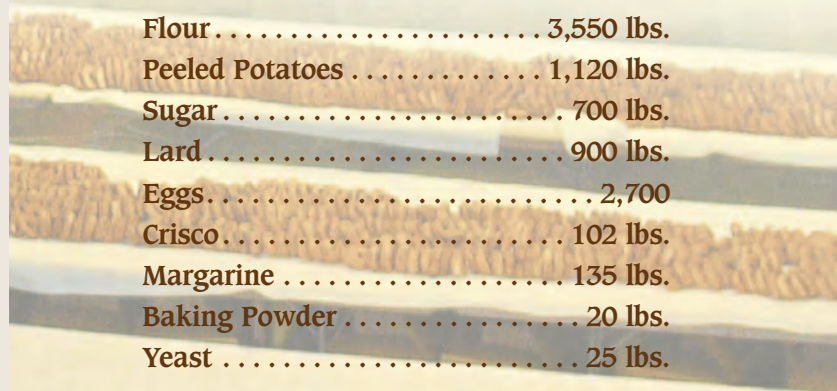
For the uninitiated, fastnachts are the donut-like pastries of Pennsylvania German tradition, made for guilt-free consumption on "Fat Tuesday", the day before Lent on the traditional Christian calendar. Robustly constructed of potatoes, flour, sugar, eggs, lard and other ingredients (see below), these Dutchie delights are decidedly not for the faint-of-diet. But as any fastnacht aficionado can attest, they sure are "gut essa." ("good eating" in Pennsylvania Dutch.)

This year more than 48,000 fastnachts were made by a crew of volunteers working 6-hour shifts, 30 people per shift, Friday night through Sunday at the Trexlertown Fire Company. Everything is made from scratch and pre-ordered shipments were dispatched to Vermont, Las Vegas, Florida and other global points. Profit from the effort tops \$10,000, making it a key fundraiser for the Trexlertown Fire Company. And reviews from fastnacht fanciers throughout the Lehigh Valley and the world rank our Upper Macungie product as "Nix besser!" ("None better!")

Special thanks to The Wheels of Time Car Club, Breinigsville Youth Activities, Fogelsville & Topton Fire companies, Boy Scouts of Alburts and dozens of loyal volunteers for helping us keep this local tradition flourishing. Next year, the group will be making fastnachts the weekend of Feb. 1, 2 & 3 and help is always welcome. If interested, call 610-395-8678 or 610-530-7448.

What's it take to make 48,000 authentic fastnacht donuts Upper Macungie-style? How about...

- Flour** 3,550 lbs.
- Peeled Potatoes** 1,120 lbs.
- Sugar** 700 lbs.
- Lard** 900 lbs.
- Eggs** 2,700
- Crisco** 102 lbs.
- Margarine** 135 lbs.
- Baking Powder** 20 lbs.
- Yeast** 25 lbs.





During the past two years, the question that I am asked most frequently is the status of the **weis** Weis Supermarket which is planned for the west side of Route 100 between Main Street (Fogelsville) and Nursery. As mentioned in previous township newsletters, the problem the developer faces is securing a NPDES



(National Pollution

Discharge Elimination System) permit from the DEP



(Department of Environmental Protection) and HOP's (Highway Occupancy Permits) from PennDOT (Pennsylvania Department of Transportation) ... (Love those ACRONYMS!)... A new Guide to Upper Macungie's Parks will be

available in late May at the Township Office and on our website



The township installed about 250 of the blue Child Safety driver warning signs

in existing developments; in future developments, the developer will be responsible for purchasing and installing these signs Our Emergency Services Building,



located on Schantz

Road between Windemere Avenue and Lone Lane, is finally under construction (See cover story)

Our fleet of trucks, backhoes, loaders, etc., in our UMT Public Works Department are kept in excellent operating condition by our UMT Shop Foreman, Jerry Schueck (find out more about



Jerry on Page 6) The township has used over 1200 tons of salt keeping our 120 miles of roadways passable this winter AMGEN, a leading human therapeutics



company in the biotechnology industry, has expressed interest in locating a distribution center in the township Please visit our website in June (www.uppermac.org) for information on the

railroad crossing upgrade and widening of Route 100 We frequently receive requests to place stop signs in developments to discourage speeding.



However, PennDOT regulations prohibit installing stop signs for this purpose. A stop sign is only permitted to control traffic flow at



intersections Have a safe Spring and Summer.



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Thumbnails
By Township Supervisor
Edward J. Earley, Ed.D.



RECYCLING & TRASH PICKUP GUIDELINES

For your convenience, Upper Macungie Township provides property owners with the means to properly dispose of their leaves and yard wastes. There will be a one-time curbside pickup of LEAF WASTES only on May 21st. After that, yard wastes may be deposited at the UMT Yard Waste Drop-Off Site. Information on both disposal choices are detailed below. A second pickup will be scheduled this Fall.

May 21st Curbside Collection for LEAF WASTES

This is a one-time, township-wide pickup day for Spring clean-up. Facts are as follows:

WHEN: Monday, May 21, 2007

WHAT: Leaves from trees, bushes and other plants, shrubbery clippings and tree trimmings. (See max. size)

WHAT NOT: No grass clippings, roots from trees or shrubs or lumber. Improper bags, bundles or materials will go uncollected and tagged to notify residents of reasons why materials were not accepted.

HOW TO PREPARE: Leaf wastes placed in commercially designed open trash containers (with sloped sides) no larger than 32-gal. capacity with a loaded weight of less than 60 lbs. each. Smaller limbs and branches must be tied and properly bundled to a maximum size of 48" x 18" x 18" with a maximum weight of 60 lbs. Ties for bundles must be of biodegradable materials.

HOW MUCH: Combined maximum of 6 bundles or containers will be collected.



Yard Waste Drop-off Site SUMMER HOURS

MONDAYS	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
TUESDAYS	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
THURSDAYS	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
FRIDAYS	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SATURDAYS	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
SUNDAYS	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Holidays	Closed

(See page 1 for UMT holidays)

RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL has been awarded the contract to handle refuse and recycling collection in Upper Macungie Township. **Refuse and recycling pickup will be on a weekly basis, per zone.** For new residents, you will be notified which zone you are in, and what day you will have your trash picked up. Please put your trash, recyclables and bulk items out the night before your pickup day.

ALL COMPLAINTS OR MISSED PICKUPS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL AT 610-432-7574

MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED IN UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP:

Newspaper

Residential Mixed Paper

Glass (clear, green, & brown)

Aluminum, Tin, & Steel/Bi-metallic Cans

Plastic Bottles:

only soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles,

milk and water jugs will be accepted

(1 PETE and 2 HDPE symbols on a bottle)

Corrugated Cardboard



PREPARATION OF PAPER-BASED WASTES:

Corrugated Cardboard MUST be flattened in pieces NO LARGER than 2' x 4' and bundled separately! If it is not bundled, it will be LANDFILLED.

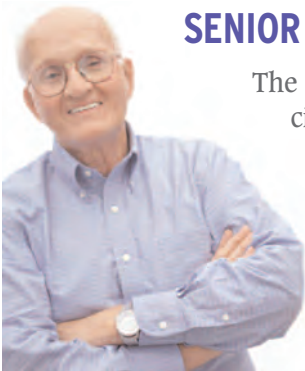
Residential Mixed Paper (such as junk mail, magazines, old telephone directories, catalogs, paperback books, home/office paper, cereal boxes with plastic lining removed, gift wrapping and boxes) should be placed in paper bags or tied in bundles.

Newspapers should be placed in a paper bag or bundled with string.

WET NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD, AND RESIDENTIAL MIXED PAPER WILL NOT BE RECYCLED, IT WILL BE LANDFILLED! IF IT IS RAINING, PLEASE DO NOT PUT IT OUT.

Place newspapers, residential mixed paper, and cardboard **NEXT** to the recycling bin, at the curbside location. Please do **NOT** place in the recycling bin.





SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT

The Township will be offering a \$30.00 senior citizen discount for trash and recycling, for anyone over 65, with proof of age. Seniors may register now to take the discount for the year or by the quarter. You must own and reside at the residence.

Discount amount is \$220.40 or \$58.00 per quarter.



VOLUME LIMIT:

We have upgraded to a **95-gallon TRASH** cart. The cart will be supplied by the Township. **NO LOOSE TRASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you need a second cart, you will be able to buy them at the Township for \$55.00.

Excluded Items:

No hazardous waste, liquids, oil-based paints or chemical thinners, chlorine, gasoline, kerosene or car batteries. No non-compactable items (bricks, concrete, blacktop, etc.). For yard wastes, see specific section in this newsletter.

BULK PICK-UP TAGS - may be purchased from the Township at a cost of **\$50.00**. This tag is for residential units and may only be purchased **FOUR** times in one calendar year. One bulk tag is equivalent to what you can get in the back of a pickup truck, **NOT** an “unlimited” amount.

NEW MACHINE PRODUCING MORE FREE MULCH

Your Township's FREE MULCH service has always been a popular convenience and cost-saver. In previous years, Lehigh County provided their transportable mulch tub grinder at no cost to the Township. The downside was that their mulch grinding schedule often didn't meet the timing expectations of our local homeowners. Then this year, Lehigh County announced that their mulch grinding services was no longer free and would cost the Township up to \$15,000 for the season.

To continue free mulch services, and to do so on a schedule convenient for Township homeowners, your Township Supervisors have acquired a pre-owned mulch tub grinder at a very reasonable cost. **UMT now controls our own mulch production and can assure all citizens that an abundance of free mulch will be available for many seasons to come.** The decision has received a double green thumbs up so far and your support of this UMT service is mulch appreciated!

BULKY WASTE ITEMS

You are allowed one bulk item OR one white good per week. White goods include refrigerators or freezers (MUST HAVE DOORS REMOVED), washers, hot water heaters, stoves. You must call RVD for a white good pickup, as they dispatch a separate truck for those items.

Raritan Valley Disposal 610-432-7574

Regular bulky waste items, such as a chair, table, sofa, mattress, lawn mower, tire, etc., may be put out on the regular trash collection day. **It is recommended that you call Raritan Valley Disposal when you are putting out a heavier bulk item. Limit one bulk item OR one white good per week. NOT BOTH.**

TOXIC HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

LEHIGH COUNTY'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED. **THEY ARE WORKING ON ANOTHER PROGRAM.** For more information you may call them at 610-799-4177 (EXT 229), visit them, or join their mailing list on their website <http://lehighcounty.org> click on Solid Waste.

DEP on the web www.dep.state.pa.gov. use Keyword “RECYCLING”.

LOOK FOR UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP ON THE WEB AT: <http://www.uppermac.org>

E-MAIL - uppermac@uppermac.org

Any other questions please call the office at 610-395-4892 between the hours of 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM.



Fire Truck Donated to UMT by Local Corporation

Great news for Upper Macungie Township! We were fortunate enough to have a 1980 GMC/E-One attack unit donated to us. This generous gift came from Wakefern Food Corp., operators of the ShopRite grocery stores. Wakefern operates a warehouse in our township off of Grim Road.

The Township has added some personal touches like a new paint job, lettering and a few upgrades to the fire/rescue equipment stored on the unit. Bridgestone/Firestone provided new tires.

This attack unit has a five hundred (500) gallon water capacity and is a great match for the township's newest fire station. The vehicle will be housed at Upper Macungie Township's new Emergency Services Building "Station 56" on Schantz Road.

The Township couldn't be more pleased and we thank Wakefern Food Corporation once again for their incredible generosity.

From left to right: U.M.T. Fire Commissioner, Grant Grim; Chairman, Ed Earley; Wakefern Food Corp., Senior Loss Prevention Supervisor, Sandra Figueroa; Vice President Loss Prevention, David Sylvester; Operations Manager, Barry Uhlich



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Jerry Schueck Keeps UMT Mechanically Inclined

It takes a mountain of mechanical equipment and 25 utility vehicles to keep our Township's services rolling strong, season after season. To keep *them* on the job, we count on the skills of our own UMToolman: Jerry Schueck.

Now in his sixth year of service to the Township, Jerry is a career mechanic and living proof that diligent equipment maintenance saves taxpayer dollars.

"My title is Shop Foreman but I'm the only mechanic on staff, so I know the history of every tool and vehicle.



Jerry Schueck, Shop Foreman for Upper Macungie Township

It's my job to keep up with the maintenance schedules on every one of them and to replace them when it looks like they are getting ready to nickel-and-dime us with big repair costs. We update equipment on a regular basis and this has proven to save money in the long run."

Being a behind-the-scenes shop guy is fine with Jerry. "I love working in the shop for the Township. This is the work I enjoy and one of the best jobs I've ever had."

When a man loves his work, it shows. Thanks, Jerry.



From Chief Mike Weiser

Get to Know MEGAN'S LAW to Protect Your Kids

The officers of the Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Department are continually looking at programs to protect our youth. One of the more complicated areas of protection is under Megan's Law.

The Pennsylvania State Police will provide community notification flyers to the police departments having primary jurisdiction over the municipalities where the sexually violent predator/out-of-state offender resides. Included with the community notification flyers are instructions for the police departments on how to perform community notification.

Megan's Law protects our children from convicted sexual predators. Although Megan's Law provides community notification of sexually violent predators, it does not provide community notification for all convicted sexual predators.

As Chief of Police, and a concerned parent, I value any information that will help avoid potential tragedy. And so should you. There are a number of websites which provide this information. The (2) two websites used by our department are:

What is community notification?

Community notification can take place ONLY under two circumstances:

- In cases where the convicted sex offender is determined by a court to be a Sexually Violent Predator 1.
- When an out-of-state offender is required to submit to community notification in their state of origin, regardless of whether or not the offender is classified as a sexually violent predator.



www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/
www.familywatchdog.us

We all have a vested interest in our children and their safety. Please take the time to visit the above listed web sites. If you have any questions on what you have learned or other concerns regarding community notification, please call me personally: **Michael P. Weiser, Chief of Police** at 610-683-8740 ext. 109.

Reflective House Numbers Promote Safety and Help Local Fire Co.

In emergency situations, it is crucial that your house number be clearly visible for early responders: police, fire fighters and EMS teams. To ensure your safety and to help a great local volunteer group, consider purchasing a reflective house number sign from the Trexlertown Fire Company. Your home's street number will be custom-fitted in reflective white numbers on a handsome blue background. You can mount it at any appropriate area on your property and rest easy knowing that first responders will quickly identify your home in case of an emergency. Each custom sign is only \$15 and proceeds help fund the Trexlertown Fire Company. For more information, please call (610) 841-8239 or (610) 398-7046.

New K-9 Unit Now In Service

The Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Department is pleased to announce that the department's K-9 unit is fully functional and actively serving the citizens of Upper Macungie Township. The unit was created in late 2006 by Chief of Police Michael Weiser and Officer Clifford Deutsch, a 14-year veteran of the Collier County (Florida) Sheriff's Office.



Officer Clifford Deutsch (left) with Czar and Officer Ryan Rhoads with Pako.

Officer Deutsch brought with him an extensive knowledge of K-9 training and is recognized nationally as an expert in drug interdiction. He also brought his K-9 partner Czar, a three-year-old Czechoslovakian Shepherd who is trained in narcotics detection.

Shortly after the unit's inception, Field Training Officer Ryan Rhoads, a six-year veteran of the department, was selected to become the second member of the unit. Officer Rhoads and his K-9, Pako, a 2-year old Belgian Malinois, spent countless hours training in the cold months of January and February before becoming nationally certified in patrol work and narcotics detection. Pako is also capable of tracking lost children and senior citizens (such as Alzheimer's patients).

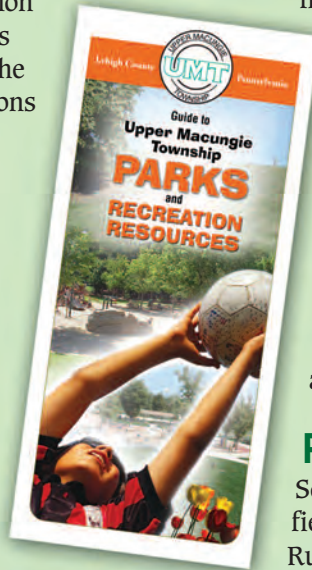
As always, community service will be the K-9 unit's top priority. For more information regarding the K-9 unit and to find out when a demonstration will be held near you, contact Community Relations Officer Peter Nikischer at 610-683-8740, ext. 225.

Get to Know Your UMT PARKS

Our community is blessed with a wealth of beautiful parklands, due in large part to the vision of township planners intent on balancing UMT's growth with an abundance of greenspaces for the enjoyment of our citizens now and for generations into the future.

There are currently 10 parks serving UMT families or nearing final construction. These parklands comprise over 458 total acres and are located throughout Upper Macungie Township offering easy access from all of our neighborhoods. Each have their own unique attributes and attractions--from fishing to Frisbee golf, baseball to basketball, picnic pavilions to soccer fields, tennis courts, walking/jogging trails, playgrounds for youngsters and much more.

To share all the facts on the many parks and their features available to UMT families, the township will soon be issuing a Guide to Upper Macungie Parks. It will detail facts on each park, including location, recreational facilities available and other pertinent information. The guide will also provide the Rules & Regulations which are in force to maintain the beauty and safety of our parks.



New Parks Guide Available Soon.

The new Guide to Upper Macungie Parks will be available free to all UMT citizens and can be picked up at the Township Building during working hours, starting late May, 2007. The information will also be available on our Township website at www.uppermac.org. Printed copies will also be available to realtors and other businesses at a nominal cost.

Your UMT officials are eager to share this newest quality-of-life communication tool with you and encourage you to enjoy the leafy legacy of our parks with your family and friends soon.

Playing Fields Need Time to Set

Some of our citizens have asked when the ball fields at the new Grange Road Park (off Ruppssville Rd. & Rt. 222) will be ready for play. The answer is: not until next season. The earth-and-turf pros have told us that the fields need at least 24 months for the earth to settle and turf

roots to strengthen. Because they have been settling since last year, that would put the earliest usage at Spring, 2008. Using the fields prematurely would result in an uneven muddy mess and costly problems for many years to come. So we're taking their advice, allowing these fields to set properly and taking comfort in that old coach's cliché: It's a building year...and there's always next season.



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