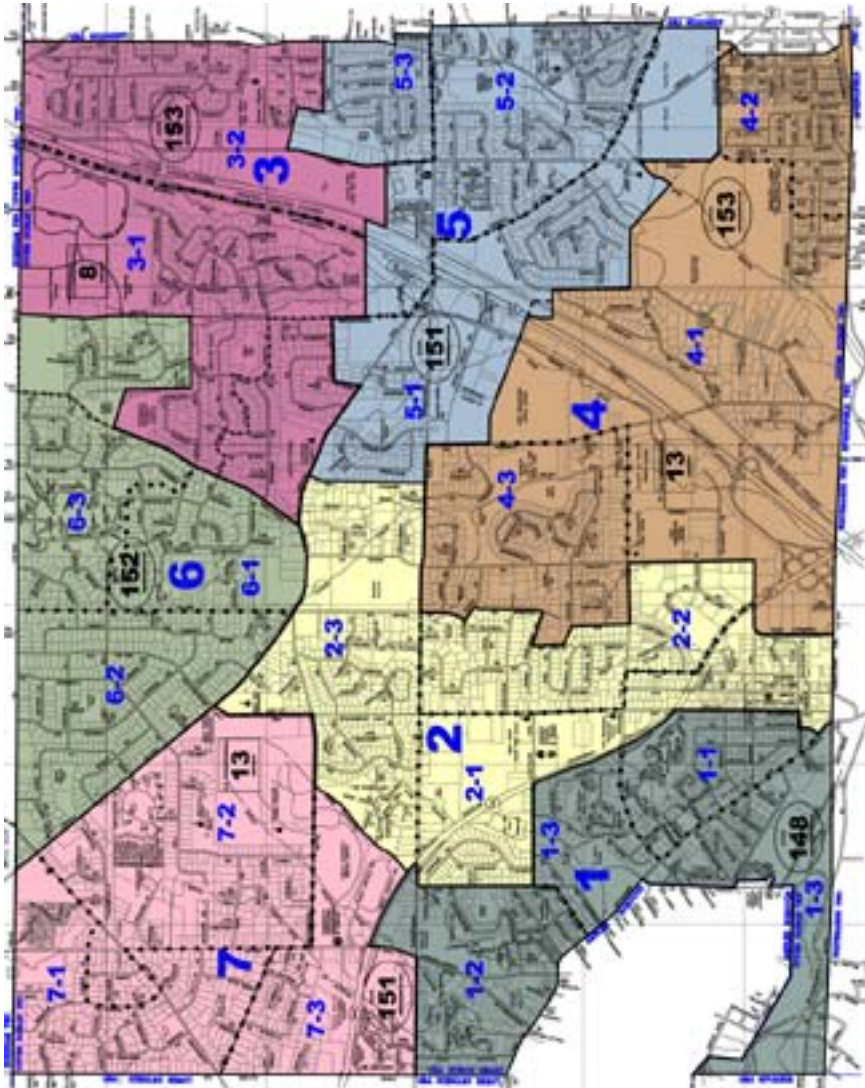
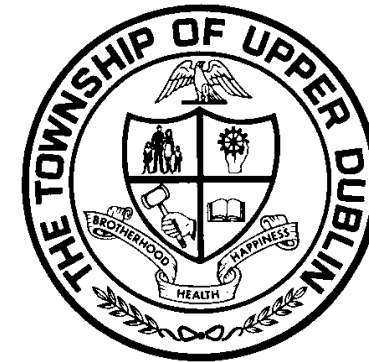


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Montgomery Co. Office of Aging/Adult Serv. (610) 278-3601

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Comcast (800) COMCAST

North Wales Water Authority (215) 699-4836

PECO an Exelon company (800) 494-4000

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Montgomery County Board of Elections
Swede & Airy Sts., Norristown (610) 278-3275

Montgomery County Voter Registration Info (610) 278-3280

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance (215) 560-2970

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FOREWORD

Upper Dublin Township publishes *Know Your Township* as a public service to the residents of the community. This booklet has been prepared to give newcomers and residents a useful guide to facilities, resources and services of the Township, the School District, and agencies serving the community. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the staff members of the Township and the School District who reviewed and updated original text to produce this current edition.

Upper Dublin Township, Board of Commissioners

SUNSHINE LAW

Under Pennsylvania's "Sunshine Law" all meetings of governing bodies and boards must be open to the public. Exceptions to this are meetings to discuss personnel, litigation, and matters related to the purchase of property. Therefore, most meetings of the Commissioners, School Directors and various Boards are available for public attendance. Access to public meetings does not mean that members of the audience are able to speak out and participate unless permission is requested and granted by the presiding official. Every resident is urged to take advantage of the opportunity to become informed about the Upper Dublin community by attending meetings. Any person is permitted to have and use a recording device at any meeting open to the public.

RIGHT TO KNOW LAW

Under Pennsylvania's "Right To Know Law" requests for open records follow a set time line and follow specific guidelines for filling or rejecting requests. More information is available on the Township and School District web sites at <http://www.upperdublin.net/information/rtrrequests.aspx> and <http://www.udsd.org/page.cfm?p=569>.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) prohibits local governments from discriminating on the basis of disability. Under the ADA, Upper Dublin Township is required to ensure that its programs and services, including employment, are open to individuals with disabilities just as they are to those without disabilities.

Contact these agencies for information on their ADA compliance:

UDT Manager's office - (215) 643-1600 x3220.

UD School District Superintendent's office - (215) 643-8802.

Department of Parks and Recreation programs and services, anyone needing special accommodation should contact UDP&R at least 72 hours in advance - (215) 643-1600 x3443.

Philadelphia Korean Bible Church 2716 Jenkintown Rd., North Hills	(215) 886-1527
Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church 820 North Hills Ave., Ardsley	(215) 887-1838
The Reformed Church of Willow Grove N. Hills Av./Woodland Rd., WG	(215) 659-5207
Resurrection Lutheran Church Welsh & Mann Rds., Horsham	(215) 646-2597
St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church 33 Conwell Drive, Maple Glen	(215) 646-4600
St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church Forrest & Hendricks Aves., Ambler	(215) 646-0586
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church 16 S. Spring Garden St., Ambler	(215) 646-0494
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St. Paul's United Church of Christ 440 S. Bethlehem Pk., Ft. Washington	(215) 646-1458
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Trinity Episcopal Church 708 Bethlehem Pk., Ambler	(215) 646-0416
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 235 Summit Ave. at Spring Ave., FW	(215) 646-2813
Upper Dublin Evangelical Lutheran Church Butler Pk. & Susquehanna Rd., Ambler	(215) 646-7999
Upper Dublin Friends Meeting Meetinghouse Rd. & Ft. Wash. Ave., AM	(215) 653-0788
Willow Grove Baptist Church Kimball Ave. & Moreland Av., WG	(215) 659-4505
Willow Grove United Methodist Church Church & York Rds, Willow Grove	(215) 659-3232

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Beth Or 239 Welsh Rd, Maple Glen	(215) 646-5806
Beth Tikvah-B'nai Jeshurun 1001 Paper Mill Rd., Erdenheim	(215) 836-5677
Lubavitch of Montgomery County 1311 Fort Washington Ave., FW (2010)	(215) 591-9310

The Enterprise	(215) 886-3023
Intelligencer Record	(215) 957-8100
Philadelphia Daily News	(215) 854-2000
Philadelphia Inquirer, MontCo News Office	(610) 313-8000
UpperDublin.Patch.com	online newspaper
POLICE - Emergency 9-1-1	
Upper Dublin Police Dept.	(215) 646-2100
District Court 38-1-10 and Constables	(215) 542-1262
Montgomery County Sheriff	(610) 278-3331
Pennsylvania State Police	(610) 279-4120
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351 E. Butler Pk., Ambler	(215) 646-1190
Antioch Baptist Church	
Chestnut & Logan Aves., North Hills	(215) 884-8560
Calvary United Methodist Church	
16 E. Park Ave., Ambler	(215) 646-8145
Chelten Baptist Church	
1601 Limekiln Pk., Dresher	(215) 646-5557
Christ Evangelical Congregational Church	
1221 Meetinghouse Rd., Ambler	(215) 643-0669
Christ's Lutheran Church	
700 Penna. Ave., Oreland	(215) 886-4612
Church of the Open Door	
1260 Ft. Washington Ave., FW	(215) 646-7471
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	
1501 Limekiln Pike, Dresher	(215) 643-0445
Jarrettown United Methodist Church	
1460 Limekiln Pk., Jarrettown	(215) 646-4129
Jehovah's Witnesses Oreland PA Congregation	
436 Oreland Mill Rd., Oreland	(215) 572-6870
Holy Martyrs Roman Catholic Church	
Allison Rd., Oreland	(215) 576-9539
Maple Glen Bible Fellowship	
700 Welsh Rd., Maple Glen	(215) 646-1226
Mar Thoma Philadelphia	
1085 Camphill Road, FW	(215) 289-9228
Nak Won Presbyterian Mission	
Susquehanna Rd., Dresher	(215) 646-3887
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2015 S. Limekiln Pk., Dresher	(215) 641-1100

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- http://www.upperdublin.net/departments/finance/budget.aspx	
School District Budget	
- http://www.udsd.org/	

UPPER DUBLIN HISTORY

Upper Dublin Township was originally part of a 1684 land grant from William Penn called "Dublin." The grant included land that is now Abington Township and part of Philadelphia. Thomas Holme, the surveyor of the land grant, planned both Susquehanna and Welsh Roads that remain major routes in the Township today.

Quaker families were among the earliest settlers of the Township. By the middle of the 18th century many German families had moved into the area. The main occupation in Upper Dublin in the early days was farming. The land was also rich in minerals and limestone was mined in what is now Dresher. Limekiln Pike was built in 1693 to transport limestone to the Philadelphia markets and has been lengthened through the years to cross the Township and continue into Bucks County.

One of the most important historical buildings in the Township is the Emlen House on Pennsylvania Avenue near Camphill Road. George Washington had his headquarters there during a skirmish with the British in late 1777 before he moved his army on to Valley Forge.

The population grew around the settlements of Fitzwatertown, Dreshertown, Jarrettown, Maple Glen, Three Tuns and Rose Valley.

Currently most of the open land in the Township has been developed into communities of single-family homes, townhouses, shopping centers, parks, recreational areas and the Fort Washington Office Park. Upper Dublin is approximately 13 square miles in size and has just under 26,000 residents. *

Upper Dublin Township was granted First Class Township status on January 1, 1946.

*2000 Census

Medicare Information	(800) 382-1274
Pennsylvania State Police	(215) 560-2600
Pennsylvania Terrorism Tip Line	(888) 292-1919

GOVERNMENT-TOWNSHIP

Commissioners / Manager / Township Business	(215) 643-1600
Police or Fire Department.....emergency	9-1-1
Police-General Information	(215) 646-2100
801 Loch Alsh Av., Fort Washington, 19034	

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Historical Society of Fort Washington, Clifton House	
473 Bethlehem Pk., Ft. Wash	(215) 646-6065
Montgomery County Historical Society	
1654 DeKalb St., Norristown	(610) 272-0297
Pennsylvania Historical Society	
1300 Locust St., Phila. 19107	(215) 732-6200

HOSPITALS

Abington Memorial Hospital	
1200 Old York Rd., Abington	(215) 481-2000
Central Montgomery Medical Center	
100 Medical Campus Dr., Lansdale	(215) 368-2100
Chestnut Hill Hospital	
8835 Germantown Ave., Phila.	(215) 248-8200
Holy Redeemer Hospital	
1648 Huntingdon Pk., Meadowbrook	(215) 947-3000

JUVENILE SERVICES

Child Abuse-Penna.	(800) 932-0313
Children & Youth Services and to report abuse	(610) 278-5800
Day Care	(610) 278-3707
Runaway Hotline	(800) 448-4663

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

LWV of Montgomery County	(215) 836-1099
LWV of Pennsylvania	(800) 692-7281

LIBRARIES

Montgomery Co.-Norristown Public Library	
Swede & Powell Sts., Norristown	(215) 278-5100
Temple University Library-Ambler	
580 Meetinghouse Rd., Ambler	(267) 468-8640
Upper Dublin Public Library	
805 Loch Alsh Ave. Ft. Wash	(215) 628-8744

NEWSPAPERS

Ambler Gazette	(215) 542-0200
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DRUG & ALCOHOL INFORMATION

Alcoholics Anonymous	
245 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside or	(215) 576-9796/ 574-6900
Alcohol & Drug Abuse-PA	(610) 876-9005
Montgomery County Drug & Alcohol	
Norristown, 19404	(610) 278-3642
Montgomery County Methadone Center	
316 DeKalb Pk., Norristown, 19404	(610) 272-3710
Aldersgate Youth Services Bureau	
42 N. York Road, Willow Grove	(215) 657-4545
Horsham Clinic	
722 E. Butler Pk., Ambler	(215) 643-7800
Huntington Hospital	
240 Fitzwatertown Rd., Willow Grove	(215) 657-4010
Turning Point, Inc.	
600 N. Bethlehem Pk., Ambler, Hotline	(215) 643-2727

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fort Washington Fire Department	
PO Box 387, FW, Emergency	9-1-1
Office	(215) 646-2555

GOVERNMENT-COUNTY

Court House, Norristown 19404	(610) 278-3000
County Commissioners	(610) 278-3020

GOVERNMENT-FEDERAL

Post Offices:

Abington-19001	1925 Keith Ave.	(215) 887-2395
Ambler-19002	200 W. Butler Ave.	(215) 646-5982
Fort Washington-19034	575 Pinetown Rd.	(215) 646-6796
Glenside-19038	262 S. Easton Rd.	(215) 884-3059
Oreland-19075	1407 Bruce Rd.	(215) 884-9896
Roslyn-19001	1302 Easton Rd.	(215) 887-4521
Willow Grove-19090	611 Easton Rd.	(215) 659-3424

GOVERNMENT-STATE/COUNTY

Office of the Governor 225 Main Capitol Bldg, Harrisburg, 17120

Pennsylvania Toll Free Numbers:

Central Information	(800) 932-0784
Blue Cross/Blue Shield - Medicare B Claims	(800) 382-1274
Child Abuse	(800) 932-0313
Drug Abuse	(800) 227-2927
Food Stamps	(800) 692-7462
Montgomery County Food Stamps	(610) 270-3500

VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Registration Information – (610) 278-3280

Board of Elections – (610) 278-3275

Montgomery County Court House

One Montgomery Plaza

Norristown, PA 19404

<http://www2.montcopa.org/voterservices/site/default.asp>

The United States Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania specify eligibility requirements for voting.

Voting Qualifications

- you must be a natural-born citizen; or, a naturalized citizen for at least 30 days before you can register to vote
- you must be 18 years old on or before the day after an election
- you must be a resident of Montgomery County and your voting district for at least 30 days prior to an election
- you must be registered to vote

Voter Registration

A prospective voter may register in person at the Office of Voter Registration at the Court House in Norristown or by mail. Official mail registration forms are available at County Information Offices, libraries, State liquor stores, and post offices. Registration is open to qualified voters five days after a primary election and 30 days after a general election. If a person votes at least once every two years and does not change his/her name or address, his/her registration remains in effect.

A person must state party affiliation at the time of registration in order to vote for party candidates in a primary election. Voters who register non-partisan (independent) may not vote for party candidates in primary elections, but may vote on ballot referendum issues.

Voting Address

**Ward & District, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
148th, 151st, 152nd or 153rd PA Legislative District
12th PA Senatorial District, 8th or 13th US Congressional District
Resident voting address determined by home address**

Elections

General elections are held on the **first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.**

Primary Elections are held in the spring of each year to nominate candidates who will represent their political parties in general elections.

-Municipal Primary – third Tuesday of May of odd-numbered years to nominate candidates for County and Township offices and to elect State, County and local judges.

-General Primary – third Tuesday of May of even-numbered years to nominate State and national candidates whose term of office is completed; as well as, local committee men and women. Every fourth year this election is held at the same time as the presidential primary.

-Presidential Primary – fourth Tuesday in April every four years to elect delegates to the parties' national conventions where presidential candidates are chosen.

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots may be used if voters will be away from their district on Election Day, if they are unable to vote because of disability or illness, if there is a conflict with the observance of a religious holiday, or, if a County employee cannot vote because of Election Day duties. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the Board of Elections Office in Norristown, any County Information Office, State liquor stores and other public buildings. The applications must be returned to the office of the Board of Elections no earlier than 50 days and not later than seven days before the election. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Board office by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding an election.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTORY

AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION

Commonwealth of PA Dept. of Agriculture (610) 489-1003
Montgomery County Cooperative Extension (610) 489-4315
Pennypack Farm (215) 646-3943

AMBULANCE SERVICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Community Ambulance Association, Ambler (215) 643-6517
Second Alarmers Rescue Squad, Willow Grove (215) 659-1885

ANIMAL SHELTER

SPCA of Montgomery County
19 E. Ridge Pike, Conshohocken (610) 825-0111
1006 Edge Hill Rd., Abington (215) 886-8802

COLLEGES

Arcadia University
450 S. Easton Rd. at Church Rd., Glenside (215) 572-2900
Chestnut Hill College
Germantown & Northwestern Aves., Phila (215) 248-7000
DeVry University
1140 Virginia Drive, FW (215) 591-5700/5900
Gwynedd-Mercy College
1325 Sumneytown Pk, Gwynedd Valley (215) 641-5510
Manor Junior College
700 Fox Chase Rd., Jenkintown (215) 885-2360
Montgomery Co. Community College
340 DeKalb Pk., Blue Bell (215) 641-6300
Penna. State University-Abington Campus
1600 Woodland Rd., Abington (215) 881-7300
Temple University
Meetinghouse Rd., Ambler (215) 283-1200
401 Commerce Dr., Fort Washington (215) 283-1304

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Better Business Bureau of East PA
1930 Chestnut St., Philadelphia (215) 448-6100
Consumer Protection Bureau, PA
21 S. 12th St., Philadelphia (215) 560-2414
Consumer Protection CEPA
6048 Ogontz Ave., Philadelphia (215) 424-1441
Montgomery County Consumer Affairs Office
Court House, Norristown 19404 (610) 278-3565

Higher Education in the Area

ARCADIA UNIVERSITY - Located at Easton and Church Roads in Glenside, Arcadia offers baccalaureate and graduate programs. (www.arcadia.edu)

CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE - A coeducational Catholic liberal arts college located at 9601 Germantown Avenue in Philadelphia. Chestnut Hill College offers undergraduate, graduate, and continuing studies programs. (www.chc.edu)

DEVRY UNIVERSITY – Located at 1140 Virginia Drive in Fort Washington offers undergraduate and graduate programs. (www.devry.edu/locations/campuses/loc_ftwashingtoncampus.jsp)

GWYNEDD-MERCY COLLEGE – Located on Sumneytown Pike in Lower Gwynedd, this college offers associate, baccalaureate and graduate programs. (www.gmc.edu)

MANOR JUNIOR COLLEGE – A two year Catholic college located at 700 Fox Chase Road in Jenkintown. (www.manor.edu)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Situated in nearby Blue Bell at DeKalb Pike and Morris Road, MCCC offers associate degrees and the first two years of a baccalaureate program. (www.mc3.edu)

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, ABINGTON CAMPUS – This school is located on Woodland Ave. in neighboring Abington Township. The university offers associate and baccalaureate programs. (www.abington.psu.edu)

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, AMBLER CAMPUS – Temple Ambler is located in the Township on Meetinghouse Road between Butler Pike and Fort Washington Ave. The university offers associate, baccalaureate and graduate programs. (www.temple.edu/ambler)

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, FORT WASHINGTON CAMPUS – Temple Fort Washington is in the Township at 401 Commerce Drive. It is a Graduate and Professional Center featuring graduate and non-credit courses for adult learners. (www.temple.edu/ambler/tufw)

Local Candidates

To appear on the party's primary ballot, a candidate must submit a nominating petition to the Montgomery County Board of Elections that is signed by a specified number of qualified voters in the election district. Judicial and school director candidates may cross-file while other candidates may file for only one party.

Political Party Organization

The voters elect local committee people. The Republican Party elects two people, one man and one woman, from each ward for two-year terms; the Democratic Party elects any two people for four-year terms. Committee people choose the governing body of their respective local political party, which, for either party, is composed of a chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. Republican officers serve two-year terms; Democratic officers serve four-year terms. Both local parties elect an area chairman.

League of Women Voters – Voter Information

Before each election, the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County publishes a *Voter's Guide* of non-partisan information on all candidates and referendum questions. This *Voter's Guide* is published in the local newspapers and serves to inform the public and encourage participation in the election process.

Polling Places in Upper Dublin Township

The Township is divided into seven wards; each of which is further divided into voting precincts with designated polling locations. The polls, controlled by the County Board of Elections, are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Polling places are published in the *Voter's Guide* prior to each election and on the Township's web site. All voting places are newly equipped with easy-to-use electronic voting machines. See back page of this booklet for a small map of these wards/districts.

UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

General Business – (215) 643-1600
FAX – (215) 542-0797
www.upperdublin.net
Municipal Complex
801 Loch Alsh Avenue
Fort Washington, PA 19034-1697

On January 1, 1946 Upper Dublin Township was granted the status of a First Class Township. The First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as the codification of ordinances of Upper Dublin Township, are the basic guides that define the powers, functions and responsibilities of the Township government. Copies of both codes are on file in the administrative offices of the Township and the public library. Upper Dublin Township Codification of ordinances are available on the Township's website.

Commissioners

The corporate powers of the Township are vested in a seven member Board of Commissioners that acts as the legislative branch of the government with responsibility for all policy decisions as well as annual budget approval. The Commissioners are elected, one from each ward, and serve on a part-time basis for four-year terms. Municipal elections for Commissioners are held bi-annually with an alternating four seats and three seats subject to election or re-election. The State Code sets the maximum salary that Commissioners could be paid based upon Township population. The Commissioners are also reimbursed for any costs that they incur out-of-pocket for Township business expenses as part of their office.

The Commissioners appoint major officials such as the Township Manager, Solicitor, Engineer, Police Chief, Fire Marshal and Township Secretary. In addition, the Commissioners appoint and are assisted with policy recommendations by several advisory boards and committees. The Commissioners are also supported by the autonomous Zoning Hearing Board, pursuant to State law, in dealing with interpretation of the Township's zoning ordinances.

The organizational chart (page 12) outlines the Township government structure.

School District of Upper Dublin

The School District of Upper Dublin is a separate body governed by a nine member Board of School Directors that operates independently of the Township Board of Commissioners. Board Members are elected at-large in municipal elections in odd-numbered years and serve for four-year terms without compensation. The Superintendent of Schools is an ex-officio member of the School Board.

The Board of School Directors is responsible for all aspects of public school education. The Board develops and adopts policies as well as an annual budget to support the programs for the District's student population of approximately 4,300 (K-12). The Board of School Directors levies earned income and real estate taxes to support the annual budget of over \$79 million.

The Board of School Directors holds Work Session and Legislative Meetings on the first and second Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively. Work Session meetings are held in the Upper Dublin High School cafeteria and Legislative Meetings are rotated among the District's schools throughout the year. The meeting schedule for the Board of School Directors can be found in the School District/Township calendar, on the district's website www.udsd.org, or on the UDTV Channel 28 (Comcast) and Channel 20 (Verizon).

Important school and community information is announced in several publications including the School District/Community Calendar, in the District Profile, in the District newsletter (mailed quarterly), via District Listservs, on the District's website www.udsd.org and on UDTV Channel 28 (Comcast) and Channel 20 (Verizon). For registration information, please contact the District Registrar's Office at (215) 643-8800 ext. 8974. Information is also available on www.udsd.org under "Moving to UD" < "Registration Information". For all other information concerning registration and/or questions, please contact Katie Braun in the Superintendent's Office at (215) 643-8802.

UPPER DUBLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administration Building

1580 Fort Washington Ave., Maple Glen, PA 19002

www.udsd.org

Administration Center	(215) 643-8800
Business	(215) 643-8811
Census	(215) 643-8800 x8821
Curriculum/Student Registration	(215) 643-8800 x8974
Facilities (District-wide)	(215) 643-8994
Facility (Athletic Complex) & Community Affairs	(215) 643-8800 x8994
Food Services	(215) 643-8820
Human Resources	(215) 643-8806
Pupil Services/Special Education	(215) 643-8981
Superintendent	(215) 643-8802
Technology	(215) 643-8990
Transportation	(215) 646-7778
Upper Dublin High School Pool	(215) 643-8900 x8994

Upper Dublin Schools

Fort Washington Elementary School

1010 Ft. Washington Ave.
Ft. Washington, PA 19034
(215) 643-8961

Jarrettown Elementary School

1520 Limekiln Pike
Dresher, PA 19025
(215) 643-8951

Maple Glen Elementary School

1581 Ft. Washington Ave.
Maple Glen, PA 19002
(215) 643-3421

Thomas Fitzwater Elementary School

30 School Lane
Willow Grove, PA 19090
(215) 784-0381

Sandy Run Middle School

520 Twining Rd
Dresher, PA 19025
(215) 576-3280

Upper Dublin High School

800 Loch Alsh Ave.
Ft. Washington, PA 19034
(215) 643-8900

Commissioners Meetings

Stated Meetings of the Commissioners are held in the Township’s Main Meeting Room found within the Municipal Complex and are open to the public. All meetings are advertised in advance in the local newspaper as well as on UDTV, the Township’s governmental and educational television. Many meetings are aired live or by tape. UDTV can be seen on Comcast channels 22/28 and Verizon FiOS channels 21/20.

At a reorganization meeting held in January, the Commissioners elect a president and vice-president as well as assign members (other than the Board President) to various three-person committees.

- Committee on Economic Development & Finance (EDF)
- Committee on Public Safety, Works & Services (PSWS)
- Committee on Planning, Parks/Recreation & Library (PPL)

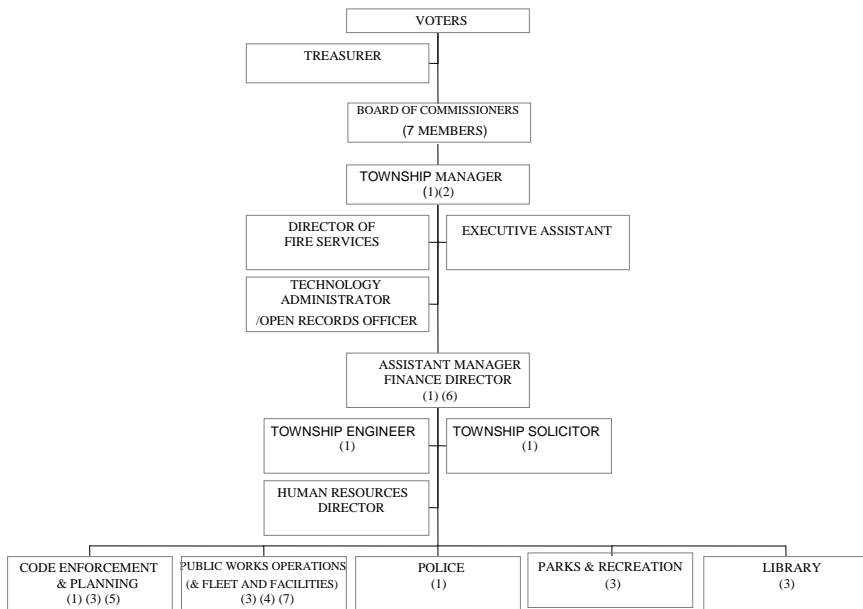
Committees meet with the Township Manager in attendance as well as other appointed or administrative officials as determined by the Township Manager. The Township Secretary attends meetings as necessary.

The Township Board of Commissioners public meeting schedule is as follows:

- Committee on Economic Development & Finance (EDF)
1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- Committee on Public Safety, Works & Services (PSWS)
1st Tuesday of every other month following EDF
- Full Board Business/Stated Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- Committee on Planning, Parks/Recreation & Library (PPL)
4th Tuesday of every other month at 6:30 p.m.

Special meetings to discuss and take action on matters related to budget, zoning or any other Township matters are scheduled at other times in the evening and always with prior public notice.

UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART



- (1) Appointed by the Board of Commissioners
- (2) Also serves as Township Secretary
- (3) Heads of Departments appointed by the Township Manager with advice and consent of Board of Commissioners
- (4) Includes road maintenance, traffic signals and signs and trash collection
- (5) Includes building inspector, plumbing inspector, and fire marshal
- (6) Assistant Manager also serves as Finance Director
- (7) Includes fleet maintenance and building management

Township Administrative Offices

801 Loch Alsh Avenue

Fort Washington, PA 19034

General phone number is (215) 643-1600.

HOURS: Offices are open Monday - Friday except on major holidays.

Administration and Reception	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Code Enforcement / Building Permits	7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Finance (EIT/LST)	8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Library	see page 32
Parks & Recreation Window	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Real Estate Tax Window	9:30 a.m. - noon / 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Library serves residents of Upper Dublin Township and those who work in the Township with a collection of 100,000 volumes, including bestsellers, biographies, nonfiction, mysteries, science fiction, paperbacks, children's picture and chapter books, teen literature, graphic novels, and large print books; more than 100 magazine and newspaper subscriptions; and over 10,000 audiobooks, music CDs, videos and DVDs. A library card also allows residents to request materials from libraries within Montgomery County, throughout Pennsylvania, even from across the globe!

Free computer use is provided with access to the Internet and Microsoft Office tools. Visitors may also plug in their own laptops and access a free wireless network from either location.

The Library offers telephone and walk-up reference service during open hours as well as virtual services available around the clock, including downloadable audiobooks, 24-hour reference service through Ask-HerePA, and access to the Pennsylvania PowerLibrary databases, which include magazines/newspapers, genealogical resources, pictures, photos, maps, homework help, business/medical resources, NoveList, and a collection of over 40,000 E-books.

The Library offers quality educational and cultural programs for all ages, including book clubs, summer reading club, workshops, lectures, performances and preschool storytimes. Signup online for the Library's E-news to get email notifications of events and activities.

The Library is a department of Upper Dublin Township and is supported by Township appropriation, State Aid to Public Libraries, the Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library, fines, and community donations. A seven-member Library Board comprised of residents who are appointed by the Board of Commissioners meets monthly.

LIBRARY SERVICES at Temple University Library

Ambler Campus, 580 Meetinghouse Road, Ambler, PA 19002

(267) 468-8644

	HOURS Regular Semester	Inter-session	Summer
Mo.-Th.	7:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Fr.	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sa.	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Closed	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Su.	noon - 8:00 p.m.	Closed	Closed

This library has numerous volumes, microfilms, periodicals, and listening equipment available for on-site public use.

Senior Adults

“Seasoned Cardinal” Passes

Guest passes are available to all Upper Dublin senior citizens, 62 years of age or older, for many Upper Dublin School District and Township events. Cards are available during normal business hours at the Upper Dublin School District Superintendent’s office as well as in the Township municipal building at the Parks & Recreation Department. For information call (215) 643-8802 or (215) 643-1600 x3443.

These passes provide discounted or free admission to:

- *UDHS Athletic Contests
- *UDHS Pool Programs
- *UDHS Spectacle in Sound
- *UDHS Spring Musical
- *UDHS Winter & Spring Concerts
- *Twining Valley Golf Club
- *Select UDP&R Programs/Activities
- *Adult Evening School

LIBRARY SERVICES

Mo.-Th. 9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Upper Dublin Public Library
Fr.-Sa. 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. 805 Loch Alsh Avenue
Su. noon – 5 p.m. Fort Washington, PA 19034
<http://www.upperdublinlibrary.org> (215) 628-8744

Mo.-Tu, Th. 12:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. North Hills Community Library*
We. 12:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. 212 Girard Avenue
Hours subject to change (call) North Hills, PA 19038
(215) 884-4760

***NHCL closing August 18, 2011 and will reopen in September 2011 under the Parks & Recreations Department as a computer and program center.**

The mission of the Upper Dublin Public Library is to satisfy the informational, intellectual and cultural needs of all Township residents by providing materials, programs and services that enrich people’s lives. We accomplish this mission by ensuring a welcoming environment, knowledgeable staff, and fiscally responsible oversight.

The Upper Dublin Public Library is located in the Municipal Complex on Loch Alsh Avenue across from Upper Dublin High School. Entrance is on the west side of the building facing the 309 Expressway.

Township Manager

First Class Township code provides for the position of Township Manager to be appointed by a majority of the Board of Commissioners at a salary fixed by the Board. The Township Manager is chosen based on executive and administrative capabilities. The President of the Board interacts closely with the Township Manager and is advised on all the administrative functions of the Township government.

The Township Manager is the Township’s chief administrative officer with duties that include the following:

- Supervise activities of all Township departments and staff
- Hire, discipline and discharge employees according to Township Personnel Manual and existing bargaining unit labor contracts
- Make recommendations to the Board for personnel salaries and wages
- Present for Commissioner approval and administer Township budget
- Prepare agendas for and attend all Commissioners meetings
- Report to the Board on Township business and finances including audit of all financial records by a Board appointed auditor and annual report
- Supervise the letting, performance and completion of contracts
- Supervise purchasing functions of the Township
- Investigate and resolve complaints

Important Township information is announced in several publications including the School District/Community Calendar, E-news via the Township Listservs, the Township Map & Guide, the Township’s website and on UDTV (page 29). Several Township departments communicate activities and events using various other forms of social media. See the Township website home page for the links.

Secretary

State code provides for a Township Secretary, a Township resident appointed by the Commissioners, to act as Board Secretary and as official keeper of the minutes. The Secretary is required to report to the Commonwealth of PA certain prescribed activities of the Commissioners relating to elections, appointments, tax-levying ordinances and provide a copy of the Township’s *Annual Report* and financial reports.

Annual Audit

An outside auditing firm appointed by the Commissioners audits the Township financial records annually.

TAXES & SERVICE CHARGES

**Montgomery County
Board of Assessment Appeals
(610) 278-3761
One Montgomery Plaza
Norristown, PA 19404**

**Treasurer & Tax Collector
(215) 646-4794
FAX – (215) 542-0797
Municipal Complex
801 Loch Alsh Avenue
Fort Washington, PA 19034-1697**

Real Estate Taxes

The value of real property for tax purposes is based on market value as determined by Montgomery County Board of Assessments. The most recent reassessment of Montgomery County was completed in 1997. Questions concerning assessments should be addressed to the Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals at the address listed.

Real Estate Tax is determined by multiplying the assessed valuation of taxable (non-exempt) real property by the millage. One (1) mill is equivalent of a levy of \$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

Tax millage rate is determined annually by the following governmental units:

- Montgomery County
- Upper Dublin Township
 - o General Government
 - o Debt Service
 - o Parks & Recreation
 - o Fire Protection
 - o Voter Approved Open Space Debt
- Upper Dublin School District

The Treasurer & Tax Collector office is open during the following hours on regular business days:

9:30 a.m. to noon

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Service Charges

In addition to taxes on residential property, the Township can impose service charges or user fees where applicable to individual properties.

NOTE: Please see inserts or websites listed on page five for current year tax rates, service charges and budgets of the Township and the School District.

SENIOR CITIZENS

**Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services
PO Box 311, 1430 DeKalb Pike, Norristown, PA 19404-0311
(610) 278-3601
www.montcopa.org/mcaas**

County Senior Services

Montgomery County provides a variety of services for senior citizens such as help with medical or legal problems, consumer assistance, financial aid, housing, recreation and social services. The County distributes a booklet, *Rights and Benefits for Seniors*, published by the PA Department of Aging. This free booklet is available at County Offices.

MontCo Senior Center—Ambler

**45 Forest Ave., Ambler, PA 19002
(215) 619-8863**

This full service senior adult center is open to all Montgomery County residents over the age of 60 and their spouses. It is administered by a full-time paid executive director, social worker and office secretary. Part-time clerical and custodial help are also employed.

This non-profit corporation was founded in 1973 and receives approximately 60% of its funding from combined Federal, State and County sources. Individuals, community organizations, houses of worship and corporate sources as well as donations from Upper Dublin Township and other surrounding municipalities provide the remaining funds.

Activities in the center include oil painting, watercolor, mixed media, crafts, card games, parties, special event days and very unique, one-day affordable trips with a concentration on cultural events and historical places. There are also music programs, nature programs, beauty care programs, health evaluations, AARP “55 Alive” courses, volunteer opportunities, a thrift shop and frequent discussion of legislation, social security, nutrition and legal matters relating to senior citizens.

The Bookmobile of the Montgomery County Library visits the center regularly and the Visiting Nurse Association comes to the senior center twice a month for blood pressure and health screenings. Para-transit shared rides are available by prior arrangement and registrations through the center.

A Meals-on-Wheels program is available for people no longer able to come to the center and unable to cook or go to the super market themselves. Prior evaluation by the County social worker is required.

PUBLIC WELFARE

**Montgomery County Assistance Office
1931 New Hope Street, Norristown, PA 19401**

Fuel, Food Stamps, Medical & Cash Assistance – (610) 270-3500

Welfare Information – (610) 270-3500 or 800-692-7462

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – (610) 272-1752/3

Women and Indigent Children (WIC) – (800) 367-6347

State and federal welfare payments are administered by the State through offices in each county. The Governor appoints Pennsylvania's Secretary of Public Welfare. Employees in the department come under Civil Service. Aid payments are made under the following programs that have varying income and resource limitations:

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC) – for children and their families in need because a parent is dead, disabled, absent from the home or unemployed (State/federally funded).

GENERAL ASSISTANCE – is for those in need who do not meet conditions for AFDC (State funded)

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) – is for those who are age 65 or over, blind or disabled, and who have income and resources below specified amounts. Payments are in addition to any Social Security payments (federally funded).

STATE BLIND PENSION – is for blind persons who do not receive federal assistance through SSI (State funded).

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID) – is automatically provided to recipients of Cash Assistance or Supplemental Security Income. Other applicants must meet income and resource limitations. High medical expenses are taken into consideration (State and federally funded).

FOOD STAMPS – are for those who qualify by meeting the income and resource limitations and are intended to increase purchasing power for food items; thereby providing better nutrition for low income families (federally funded).

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – is for those who received SSI and others who meet the necessary income criteria to help pay heating expenses (federally funded).

DISABILITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (DAP) – advocacy services for physically or mentally disabled persons eligible for Public Assistance who need help in applying for Supplementary Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or appealing a rejection.

Treasurer

First Class Township code provides for the elective office of Treasurer with a four year term of office. Duties include billing and collection of real estate taxes for the Township. By agreement, the Treasurer also collects the County and School District real estate taxes. The Treasurer signs Township disbursement checks prepared by the Finance Department and also signed by the Board of Commissioners President and the Township Secretary. The Treasurer is required by law to give the Township a fidelity bond. Remuneration for the Treasurer's services is a combination of a fixed salary paid by the Township and the School District plus a variable fee from Montgomery County.

Earned Income Tax (EIT)

A tax of one percent (0.01) is levied on the earned income and net profits of Township residents and non-residents who work in Upper Dublin. The tax received is shared equally by the Township and the School District (0.005 to the Township and 0.005 to the School District).

Local Services Tax (LST)

Effective January 1, 2006, and in accordance with PA Act 222, the Commissioners of Upper Dublin Township adopted the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax (EMST) on individuals employed or self-employed in the Township. The amount of the tax is \$52.00 annually providing the taxpayer earns a minimum of \$12,000.00 per calendar year. The name of the tax was changed to Local Service Tax or LST as of January 1, 2008.

Realty Transfer Tax

A Realty Transfer Tax is imposed at the time of transfer of real estate on the buyer and seller, each of whom pay one per cent (0.01) of the value of the property as represented on the deed for a total of two per cent (0.02). This tax is collected by the Recorder of Deeds of Montgomery County who forwards one percent (0.01) to the State, one-half of one percent (0.005) to Upper Dublin Township and one-half of one percent (0.005) to Upper Dublin School District.

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Municipal Complex Police-Fire-Medical Emergencies 9-1-1
801 Loch Alsh Avenue Police Business – (215) 646-2100
Fort Washington, PA 19034 Tip Line – (215) 643-1600 x3914

Upper Dublin Township Police Department

The Police Department is a 24-hour, full-service department that consists of 40 sworn officers and nine civilian employees; broken down into divisions and also oversees School Crossing Guards. The department director is the Chief of Police.

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the department. Duties include routine patrol, traffic enforcement, responding to service calls and crime prevention. The Patrol Division has an EMS Responder Unit that enables the department to provide immediate medical care and evaluation. The Patrol Division also contains a Traffic Safety Unit. Some of the duties assigned to this unit include promotion of traffic safety, enforcement, accident reconstruction and evaluation of traffic conditions leading to recommendation of regulatory action.

Upper Dublin has a bike patrol. Officers bike individually or in pairs. Bicycles are configured for police use and have been donated by community groups.

The Investigations Division contains a Juvenile Investigations Unit and a Criminal Investigation Unit. The Juvenile Unit has certified DARE instructors who provide drug awareness and resistance education for schools within the Township. There is a Drug Investigations Unit comprised of both Patrol Division members and Investigations Division members.

The Communications Division is charged with the operation of the 24-hour police dispatch center as well as maintenance of internal and external computer operations and records. The Upper Dublin Police Department is connected to the Montgomery County enhanced emergency (9-1-1) response system.

Visit the Police Department web pages for current community programs, announcements and forms at www.upperdublin.net/departments/police.

CABLE TV AND UDTV

The Township is served by Comcast Cable 1-800-COMCAST and Verizon FiOS 1-800-660-2215. Messages of interest to residents regarding Township holidays, Commissioners meeting dates, Public Works announcements, Public Library programs, Parks & Recreation programs, and other general municipal topics are broadcast on UDTV: Comcast Channel 28 or Verizon FiOS Channel 20. Meetings and tapes are broadcast on UDTV Comcast Channel 22 or Verizon FiOS Channel 21.

Don't have Comcast or Verizon FiOS? The UDTV message board is available online at www.upperdublin.net. Click the large blue UDTV logo to view message board.

To add a Township message, call (215) 643-1600 x3221. To add a School District message, call (215) 643-8990.

HEALTH and WELFARE

Montgomery County Health Department
Montgomery County Human Services Center
1430 DeKalb Street, POB 311
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
(610) 278-5117
fax: (610) 278-5167

The Montgomery County Health Department is the health agency for the Township. The County Health Department protects the public's health by permitting, licensing and inspecting eating and drinking establishments, camps and campgrounds, mobile home parks, swimming pools, on-lot sewage systems and individual's wells. They also operate clinics that provide immunizations. Additional services provide breast and cervical cancer screenings, home visits for pregnant women and new moms, car seat safety checks, and educational programs.

Township Contributions

The Township budget provides for annual contributions to health and welfare agencies that provide a community service to Upper Dublin Township residents. The agencies and contribution amounts are determined each year during the budget preparation process.

TRANSPORTATION

The Township's Highway Division is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 102 miles of Township roads including repair work, street sweeping, leaf collection and snow removal. There are about 29 miles of State roads located within the Township that are maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Montgomery County provides road repairs for 2.15 miles of Butler Pike (County road). By contract, the Township removes snow from most State roads and from Butler Pike.

The Township is divided by two major limited-access highways. State Route 309 goes north to Quakertown and south into Philadelphia. The PA Turnpike (I-276) goes east to New Jersey and west to Ohio. Exit #339 (Fort Washington) is the local interchange that conveniently connects to Route 309 via a cloverleaf at the exit. There is also a slip ramp for west bound traffic located in the Fort Washington Office Park. It is exit #340. Many Township residents use Exit #343 (Willow Grove) at Easton Road (Route 611) and Maryland Road. Another State road through the Township is Limekiln Pike (Route 152).

The closest major airport is Philadelphia International Airport. Air taxi service to Philadelphia Airport is available from nearby Wings Field in Blue Bell. Limousine service to the airport is also available from some local hotels. SEPTA runs a high speed rail line to the Philadelphia Airport that connects to all local trains at the three Philadelphia stations.

Train transportation in the area is provided by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). The trip to Philadelphia from any of the local stations listed below takes approximately one-half hour.

Local Train Stations: (All stations provide off-street parking lots; some charge a fee.)

Ambler	Butler Pike & Main St.
Fort Washington	Summit Ave. near Bethlehem Pike
Oreland	Bridge Street & Bruce Road
North Hills	Station Ave. at Argyle Road
Glenside	Easton Rd. & Glenside Ave.
Ardsley	Jenkintown & Edgehill Roads
Roslyn	Susquehanna & Easton Roads
Chestnut Hill West	Germantown & Evergreen Aves.
Chestnut Hill East	Chestnut Hill Ave. & Bethlehem Pk.

Philadelphia Stations:

Market East Station	12 th & Market Streets
Suburban Station	15 th & JF Kennedy Blvd.
30 th Street Station	30 th & Market Streets

Report Fires dial 9-1-1

STATIONS OF THE FORT WASHINGTON FIRE CO., NO. 1
Main Station
220 Summit Avenue
Fort Washington, PA

Ambulance dial 9-1-1
STATIONS OF THE FORT WASHINGTON FIRE CO., NO. 1
Burn Brae Substation
3315 Susquehanna Road
Dresher, PA

Director of Fire Services (215) 643-1600 x3272

The director reports to Township Manager and is involved with community fire protection planning, public safety and fire protection issues. The director is the liaison between Township Fire and EMS service providers, Township Administration and Departments, Businesses, Civic Groups, and Local, State and Federal Agencies.

Fire Marshal (215) 643-1600 x3210

A full-time Fire Marshal reports to the Director of Fire Services. The Fire Marshal evaluates fire protection and safety plans. His duties also include building inspections, arson investigations and education.

Fort Washington Fire Company

There are about 50 active volunteer firefighters age 18 or older in the fire company. Junior Firefighters aged 16-17 years are accepted for mentorship. Volunteers are thoroughly trained throughout the year. Volunteer firefighters must achieve minimum requirements through weekly training, monthly meetings and associated duties to maintain active status. Firefighters maintain their skills at the Township fire training grounds on Twining Road in Dresher.

The Fire Chief and Fire Company President are also volunteers serving without compensation and are elected yearly. The Fire Chief is responsible for managing the fire fighting and the President is responsible for the administrative management of the company. The Fire Services Administrator position has developed into an effective relationship assisting the fire company with its service to the Township.

Fire Equipment

- Two engines carrying 750 gals., 850 gals. of water, respectively for fire suppression and fire hydrant supply water
- One 95' aerial tower ladder truck that also carries ground ladders
- Two rescue pumpers for traffic accidents and vehicle rescues
- Additional apparatus includes: heavy rescue, special service, traffic unit, Fire Chief command vehicle

Upper Dublin has a Mutual Aid Agreement with all surrounding fire companies.

Ambulance Service—Emergencies dial 9-1-1

Community Ambulance Association, Ambler (215) 643-6517
Second Alarmers Rescue Squad, Willow Grove (215) 659-1885

The Community Ambulance Association, Ambler and the Second Alarmers Rescue Squad provide emergency medical service for Township residents. They both offer annual memberships for a small fee that entitle members to discounts on any remaining balances due after insurance payments for emergency transport service.

Local Courts

District Court 38-1-10 – (215) 542-1262
1301 South Bethlehem Pike, Ambler, PA 19002

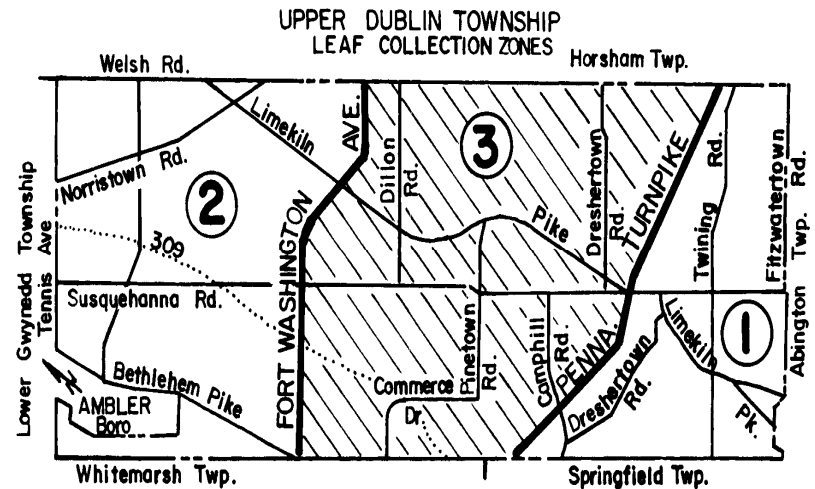
Upper Dublin and the Borough of Ambler are served by District Court 38-1-10. The district court is headed by a presiding District Justice who is elected for a six-year term. Prior to filing a nominating petition for election, applicants for District Justice must qualify by completing a training course and passing an examination for the position as required by State law. The justices are paid by the State, which fixes a minimum and maximum level on their earnings based on the population of the area they serve.

Constables

Two constables serve Upper Dublin. They are elected for six-year terms and work in conjunction with the Montgomery County court system. The compensation they receive is based directly on the work that they complete by serving warrants and writs.

Animal Regulation

Licensing – (610) 278-3070 Enforcement – (215) 646-2100
PA Act No. 437 regulates licensing, kennel operation and offenses of dogs under the direction of the PA Department of Agriculture. Dogs over six months of age must be licensed by January 15th each year. Applications are available at all Montgomery County Information Offices, the Township building and on both web sites. Dogs may not run at large. Dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies. The Township has an ordinance that lists restricted and unrestricted animals as well as those permitted. The State also has an ordinance that covers animal regulation. Implementation enforcement action in these matters is handled through the U.D. Police Department and the Montgomery County Department of Health. The Township enforces a “pooper scooper law” and a “leash law.”



UTILITIES (see page 42 for utility phone numbers)

Aqua Pennsylvania, the Borough of Ambler Water Department, and the North Wales Water Authority supply water to homes in the Township. The water must meet standards determined by the State. Some homes in the area have private wells and testing of this water is the responsibility of the property owner. A map of water utility service areas is available on the UDT web site.

PECO an Exelon company supplies both gas and electricity to households in the Township. This company is privately owned and operates under the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission that regulates rates. The Township purchased all street lights in the community in 1988 and is responsible for routine and long term maintenance. Report a problem with a street light by calling Public Works or submitting an online request for service on the UDT web site. The Township purchases all street light energy as clean energy (see page 24).

Sewers

Most homes are located in areas able to be serviced by public sewers. Some homes are serviced by private on-lot septic systems in areas where developments are older or unable to be connected due to elevation or other considerations. Township wastewater is treated at Abington, Ambler, Philadelphia via Springfield Township and Upper Moreland/Hatboro wastewater treatment plants as well as the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCW&SA) plant in Fort Washington. BCW&SA owns and maintains all previously Township-owned pumping stations and piping.

PUBLIC WORKS/SERVICES

Public Works (215) 643-1600 x3233
Extra trash pickup/bulk trash: www.upperdublin.net/store
Engineering Department, Highway Department, Sanitation Department

The Engineering Department includes a Surveyor and a Grading Inspector. This Department handles road paving and concrete replacement contracts and schedules, traffic signal maintenance, stormwater management and grading inspections. Current construction plans and archived records are maintained in this department.

The Highway Department handles all snow and ice removal, road repaving, line painting, sign maintenance and leaf collection. Refer to the Leaf Collection map for collection areas. Collection schedule is published in the annual Public Works General Information Brochure, UD School calendar, UDTV, UDT web site and in the Ambler Gazette.

The Sanitation Department collects all trash, recycling and yard waste. Collection schedules can be found in the annual Public Works General Information Brochure, UD School calendar, on UDTV & UDT web site. Collection services also include WEDNESDAY Bulk Trash, Additional Trash and Cardboard pick ups, which can be scheduled by calling (215) 643-1600 extension "0".

Mandatory Recycling is enforced by the Township and includes recycling of all #1 PETE, #2 HDPE, #3 PVC, #4 LDPE, #5 PP, #6 PS, and #7 OTHER plastics, glass jars and bottles, aluminum, tin, bi-metal cans, cardboard and paper. (Paper includes newspaper, office paper, junk mail, phone books, cereal boxes, etc.) All recycling is picked up in the **BLUE** RecycleBank carts on the same day as trash. Info on rewards program: www.recyclebank.com.

Yard Waste is collected weekly from the beginning of March through the third week in December. Yard Waste includes leaves, grass clipping, brush and small branches. The **GREEN** yard waste cart and up to eight additional paper bags, cans or bundles of yard waste may be placed curbside for pick up. See paragraph three for list of collection schedule publications.

Free Mulch is available while supplies last. Township yard waste is collected and brought to the compost site at 1128 Camp Hill Road where it is processed into mulch. Mulch is available at no charge at the leaf site, next door at the MonDaug Bark Park and across from Maple Glen Elementary School on Fort Washington Avenue.

PARKS & RECREATION

UDP&R Office – (215) 643-1600 x3443
Mondauk Common – (215) 646-5850
North Hills Community Center – (215) 572-0640
Robbins Park for Environmental Education – (215) 641-0921
Twining Valley Golf Club – (215) 650-9917

Online Store-www.upperdublin.net/store
UDP&R E-news Signup-www.upperdublin.net

A full-time Director administers the Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation Department (UDP&R) with the responsibility to oversee the entire leisure services operation, as well as, develop and maintain cooperative relationships with the Upper Dublin School District and community agencies and organizations.

The Township has an extensive parks system and provides many recreational programs for residents of all ages. A Recreation Superintendent plans and organizes a year-round schedule of activities, trips and programs with customer service representatives (CSRs) available to handle registrations and requests for information. *Leisure Guides* detailing seasonal activities are mailed to each residence in the fall, winter and spring and are available at the Township building, the public library, and on the Township website. Registration for most activities can be taken at the Online Store. E-news on activities are emailed to a listserv.

The Parks Superintendent schedules the Parks Crew to perform routine, seasonal and annual parks maintenance. Over 100 seasonal and part-time employees and volunteers assist in all aspects of departmental operation. UDP&R manages more than 40 sites and 600 acres of parkland and open space. A Township map with the parks and their amenities identified is available on the Township website and the UDP&R Leisure Guide.

In 2006 the Board of Commissioners adopted the *Open Space & Environmental Resources Protection Plan* that guides acquisition, development and protection efforts to the year 2020 (available on the website: <http://www.upperdublin.net/departments/parks/open-space.aspx>).

A system of Upper Dublin trails, pathways, and sidewalks connecting residents with area amenities and regional trails has been designed and is being completed in phases.

Specialized Facilities

CHAC (Camphill & Highland Athletic Complex) has a 0.4 mile walking track, picnic area, playground, ball fields and lighted soccer fields. It was funded by a State grant, youth sports groups, and a business donation.

EPI-CENTER (East Oreland Program & Intergenerational Center) at 100 Wischman Avenue in Oreland is used for intergenerational programming. UDP&R offers programs there during the year.

LOCH ALSH FIELDS Use of this outdoor complex with playing fields and rest rooms is offered to residents year-round when the School District has not scheduled instructional programs or interscholastic contests. Several of the amenities were funded by community donations through the “Fields of Dreams” campaign and by State funding.

MONDAUK COMMON This 51 acre tract centrally located on Susquehanna Road between Dillon Road and Broad Street is the Township’s premier community park. It has ball fields, soccer fields, volleyball and basketball courts, picnic pavilions, grills, play areas, rest rooms and a one-mile jogging and exercise trail. Facilities may be reserved.

MONDAUG BARK PARK is the Township’s only park where dogs are permitted. This one acre park is at 1130 Camphill Road in Fort Washington. Two areas are fenced-off for dogs to play off-leash. On-leash dogs are permitted on its trails.

ROBBINS-CHESTON PARK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION this 38 acre park on Butler Pike at Meetinghouse Road, is a cooperative venture jointly funded and operated by the Township and the School District. The park has received numerous local, State and national distinctions. A one-mile Widener Memorial Handicapped Trail accommodates those with physical disabilities. The Cheston Learning Center and Holme’s Lodge are used as teaching areas. Groups may schedule guided programs with the UDP&R office.

SPARK (Upper Dublin Sports Park) at 725 Susquehanna Road, Ambler, has two synthetic turf multi-purpose fields with lights for youth sports and UDHS athletics. Funded by the Township, School District, youth sports organizations and State grants. A 0.5 mile walking track is open to the public. Public use of fields is limited and requires a permit.

TWINING VALLEY GOLF & FITNESS CLUB, 1400 Twining Road, Dresher, is a municipally owned 18 hole/par 70 course maintained and operated by a private company.
<http://www.twiningvalley.com>.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GRADING

Stormwater Management Program

Pennsylvania's NPDES stormwater program establishes permitting requirements for construction sites disturbing more than one acre, industrial sites, and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Upper Dublin Township has an MS4 permit and is required to implement a stormwater management program (SWMP) consisting of six Minimum Control Measures.

These measures are:

- MCM#1 - Public education and outreach
- MCM#2 - Public participation and involvement
- MCM#3 - Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- MCM#4 - Construction site stormwater runoff
- MCM#5 - Post-construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment
- MCM#6 - Pollution Prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations and maintenance

Visit the Township’s Stormwater Management web page for the latest information on this program at <http://www.upperdublin.net/information/storm-water.aspx>.

Grading Permits

Contractors are required to apply to the Public Works Department for Grading Permits for any work done in the Township that involves the movement or replacement of dirt.

The Grading Inspector issues the permit only after visiting the site and determining what measures need to be taken to remediate any stormwater runoff created by the proposed land changes. Remedies or BMPs (Best Management Practices) include: seepage beds, bio-retention swales, rain gardens, etc. A series of inspections takes place for all permits issued until a satisfactory final approval from the Engineering department.

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD (EPAB) On January 1, 1979, the Board of Commissioners approved the establishment of the Environmental Control Board (the name was later changed). The Commissioners appoint the seven volunteer members for three-year terms. Responsibilities of this Board include guidance on the protection and enhancement of water, land and air resources as well as the maintenance and improvements of the natural amenities. The Board also advises on long range planning as it effects the environment and is charged with monitoring related Federal, State and County regulations. The EPAB meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION (STC) On June 14, 1994, the Board of Commissioners approved the establishment of the STC. The Commissioners appoint the five volunteer members who serve three year terms. A shade tree is any tree having more than 50% of its trunk diameter at breast height within the right-of-way of a public street or on Township property. The STC has exclusive custody and control of all shade trees. Anyone who wishes to plant, remove, trim or spray a shade tree, which extends over the right-of-way, must obtain STC approval. The STC meets the on the third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at the Township building.

CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE

The Township purchases 100% clean, renewable energy for its municipal energy needs as a part of the Pennsylvania Clean Energy Communities Campaign. As a part of that campaign the Township received a free solar energy system that is installed at Robbins Park for Environmental Studies.

TRAIL NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

The Township has embarked on a community-wide initiative to “connect” people and places using a network of pedestrian and bike friendly routes. This initiative is an outgrowth of the comprehensive Open Space Plan (2005). Chapter 6 identifies existing and potential trails internal to the Township, as well as, regional connections. The overall trail network can be viewed on the Township web site under Parks and Recreation documents and forms.

RECYCLEBANK

The Township has partnered with RecycleBank for an extensive recycling program with rewards for residents. See page 26.

UPPER DUBLIN COMMUNITY POOL This outdoor pool, located in the North Hills section of the Township, is open to all area residents during the summer months. Call the UDP&R office for fees.

UPPER DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL POOL See page 34.

Youth Sports

Youth baseball, softball, t-ball, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, football, cheerleading, swimming and ice hockey programs are organized by volunteer community organizations with financial or facilities support from UDP&R and the School District. Organizations are responsible for their own uniforms, team organization, coaches, practices and scheduling. Consult the School District/Community Calendar, UDP&R Leisure Guides and UDTV for more information.

Upper Dublin Jr.Athletic Assoc. (215) 628-0666 / www.udjaa.com

Upper Dublin Soccer Club (215) 643-PLAY /
www.upperdublinsoccerclub.org

Upper Dublin Aquatic Club www.udac.us

Upper Dublin Ice Hockey Club www.udihc.org

Crooked Crosse Lacrosse Club www.cclcgirls.com/www.udlacrosse.com (boys)

Area State and National Parks

Fort Washington State Park (215) 646-2942 – Militia Hill Road off Route 73. Picnicking and camping facilities are available.

Valley Forge National Historic Park (610) 783-1000 – Route 23 west of the Valley Forge exit #326 of the PA Turnpike.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Fort Washington Business Alliance (FWBA) www.fwbaonline.com

The Fort Washington Office Park Advisory Council was officially recognized by the Township Board of Commissioner as the office center spokesperson in 1995. The Township provided a one-time grant to help the organization become established. It was agreed that an alliance would help to improve and maintain a healthy occupancy rate in the park by addressing relevant issues and strengthening the office park image. The name was changed in 2002 to the FWBA.

Maple Glen Community Association (MGCA) www.mapleglen.org
Mission: To make life better for business; provide value to membership; gain community awareness and enhance a sense of community; encourage giving back to the community; and promote what is unique about the Village of Maple Glen and surrounding area.

PLANNING and ZONING

Pennsylvania state law grants the responsibilities of planning and zoning to the Board of Commissioners with the exception that major changes and subdivisions at the local level must be submitted to the Montgomery County Planning Commission for review and opinion. Upper Dublin's Zoning Ordinance of 1956 sets forth regulations guiding and encouraging the future development of the Township with comprehensive planning for land use, population density and the most beneficial relationship among the residential, commercial, industrial and recreational areas of the Township. Official zoning maps are included as part of the official text of the ordinance. Enforcement of zoning requirements is assigned to the Zoning Officer who is a Township employee appointed by the Commissioners. The following Boards are appointed by the Board of Commissioners in order to aid in the work of planning and zoning:

PLANNING COMMISSION On January 1, 2007, the Board of Commissioners approved the official establishment of the Planning Commission. The Commissioners appoint the seven members of this volunteer Board for three-year terms. The Planning Commission actively reviews current planning issues, such as active development applications. It is also responsible for helping to complete the longer range planning necessary to retain and enhance the quality and character of Upper Dublin Township.

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (BCBA) was formed in June 2008. The BCBA consists of seven Township residents who meet as needed to hear and rule on matters concerning compliance with the Township Building Code. An application to the Board may consist of an appeal, a request for a variance or a request for an extension of time relating to accessibility requirements. Members of the BCBA are appointed by the Commissioners and are experienced in matters pertaining to building construction.

ZONING HEARING BOARD meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and consists of five members appointed by the Board of Commissioners for three-year terms to hear and decide on applications for appeal from decisions of Township officials, special exceptions and variances of zoning regulations. This autonomous Board holds public hearings that are advertised in advance in local newspapers. Records of the proceedings are maintained. An appeal of their findings may be taken to the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County.

The text of the Zoning Ordinance of 1956 is available at the Township building and the public library. Zoning matters are discussed by the Commissioners Planning, Parks and Library Committee (PPL).

Variance or special exception requests are forwarded to the Zoning Hearing Board together with required studies or information and the findings of the Zoning Officer. Three important types of zoning cases:

- **CONDITIONAL USE** – A conditional use permits a use in a zoning district only when *special permission is granted by the Board of Commissioners* as outlined in accordance with local ordinance. An application seeking approval of a conditional use shall be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners and a public hearing shall be conducted by the Board to review the application.
- **SPECIAL EXCEPTION** – Special Exceptions are designated uses in the Zoning Code that require certain standards to be met in order to be approved. These standards may include, among others, the harmonious design of buildings, parking and landscaping. Special Exceptions are reviewed and granted by the Zoning Hearing Board.
- **VARIANCE** Authorization for a *variation* in the ordinance as it applies to a particular property.
Example: Variance is needed to build an addition on a property that reduces the setback space required in the ordinance. Burden of proof of hardship is on the applicant for the variance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT / BUILDING PERMITS

Permits are required for all new residential construction, additions and some interior alterations, depending on the scope of work. Before beginning any building project, speak with a member of the Code Enforcement Department to determine what permits are necessary. Township staff review plans to see that they are compliant with current building and zoning codes, and inspects the project during construction.

The International Building Code, 2009 Edition has been adopted by the Township for general building requirements and regulations. This is a publication by the International Code Council that sets forth the regulations for the design, construction, alteration, enlargement, demolition, conversion and use or maintenance of buildings. The Township conducts detailed inspections of new construction as well as rental properties with emphasis on code compliance and public safety.