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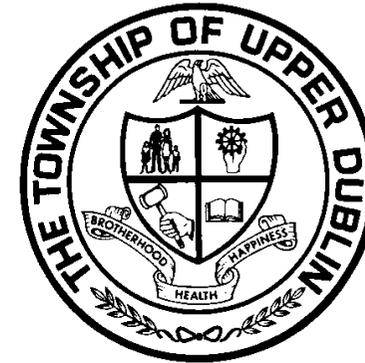
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The Pennsylvania Department of Aging 717-787-7313
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SHOPPING CENTERS

Dreshertown Plaza, Limekiln Pk & Dreshertown Rd, DR
Fairway Shopping Center, Limekiln Pk & Twining Rd, DR
Maple Glen Shopping Center, Norristown Rd/Limekiln Pk, MG
Upper Dublin Shopping Center, Welsh Road/Twining Road, WG

SOCIAL SECURITY

800-772-1213

Walk-In: 614 N. Easton Rd., Glenside; 1713 Markley St., Norristown

TAX INFORMATION

IRS Tax Information 800-829-1040

IRS Tax Forms 800-829-3676

Walk-In: 600 Arch St., Philadelphia; Noble Plaza, Jenkintown

Montgomery Co. Board of Assessment Appeals

#1 Montgomery Plaza, Norristown 610-278-3761

Pennsylvania Department of Revenue

151 W. Marshall St., Norristown 610-270-1780

UTILITIES

Ambler Borough Water 215-646-1000

Aqua PA 877-987-2782

Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority 215-343-2538

Comcast 800-COMCAST

North Wales Water Authority 215-699-4836

PECO an Exelon company 800-494-4000

Verizon 866-837-4966

VOTER REGISTRATION

Montgomery County Board of Elections

Swede & Airy Sts., Norristown 610-278-3275

Montgomery County Voter Registration Info 610-278-3280

WELFARE & OTHER LOCAL ASSISTANCE

Low Income Home Energy Assistance 866-857-7095

Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard

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1950 Calamia Dr., Norristown 610-270-3500

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church 259 Forrest Ave., Ambler	215-646-4742
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Supplee Memorial Presbyterian Church 855 Welsh Rd., Maple Glen	215-646-4123
Trinity Episcopal Church 708 S. Bethlehem Pk., Ambler	215-646-0416
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 235 Summit Ave. at Spring Ave., FW	215-646-2813
Upper Dublin Lutheran Church 411 Susquehanna Rd., Ambler	215-646-7999
Upper Dublin Friends Meeting 1506 Meetinghouse Rd., Ambler	215-653-0788
Willow Grove Baptist Church 1872 Kimball Ave., WG	215-659-4505

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RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS-SYNAGOGUES

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 (Chabad Jewish Education Center) 1311 Fort Washington Ave., FW	215-591-9310
Or Hadash 190 Camp Hill Rd., Fort Washington	215-283-0276
Temple Sinai 1401 N. Limekiln Pk., Dresher	215-643-6510

SENIOR CITIZENS INFORMATION

Medicare Information	800-382-1274
MontCo Senior Center, 45 Forest Ave, AM	215-619-8863
Montgomery Co. Office of Aging/Adult Serv.	610-278-3601

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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" open records requests follow a set timeline and guidelines for filling or rejecting requests. More information is available on the Township and School District web sites at <http://www.upperdublin.net/information/rtrkrequests.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.

POLICE - Emergency 9-1-1

Upper Dublin Police Business Line	215-646-2101
District Court 38-1-10 and Constables	215-542-1262
Montgomery County Sheriff	610-278-3331
Pennsylvania State Police	717-783-5599

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS-CHURCHES

Antioch Baptist Church 200 Logan Ave., North Hills	215-884-8560
Chelten Baptist Church 1601 Limekiln Pk., Dresher	215-646-5557
Christ's Lutheran Church 700 Pennsylvania Ave., Oreland	215-886-4612
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1501 Limekiln Pk., Dresher	215-643-2729
Church of the Open Door 1260 Ft. Washington Ave., FW	215-646-7471
Crossroads Fellowship Church 1404 North Hills Ave., WG	215-659-5392
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	215-884-8575
Mar Thoma Church of Philadelphia 185 Camp Hill Rd., FW	215-542-6851
Nak Won Presbyterian Mission 3364 Susquehanna Rd., Dresher	215-646-3887
New Life Presbyterian Church of Dresher 2015 S. Limekiln Pk., Dresher	215-641-1100
Philadelphia Korean Bible Church 2716 Jenkintown Rd., Glenside	215-886-1527
Philadelphia Korean Methodist Church 1490 Dillon Rd., Ambler	215-654-9101
Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church 820 North Hills Ave., Ardsley	215-887-1838
Shalom Assembly of God 1862 Kimball Ave., WG	267-819-2770
St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church 33 Conwell Dr., Maple Glen	215-646-4600

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

HOSPITALS

Abington Memorial Hospital	
1200 Old York Rd., Abington	215-481-2000
Central Montgomery Medical Center	
902 N. Broad St., Lansdale	215-361-4623
Chestnut Hill Hospital	
8835 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia	215-248-8200
Einstein Medical Center Montgomery	
559 W. Germantown Pk., East Norriton	484-622-1000
Holy Redeemer Hospital	
1648 Huntingdon Pk., Meadowbrook	215-947-3000

JUVENILE SERVICES

Child Abuse-Penna.	800-932-0313
Children & Youth Services	610-278-5800
Day Care	610-278-3707
Runaway Hotline	800-RUNAWAY

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

LWV of Montgomery County	215-836-1099
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LIBRARIES

Montgomery Co.-Norristown Public Library	
Swede & Powell Sts., Norristown	610-278-5100
Temple University Library-Ambler	
580 Meetinghouse Rd., Ambler	267-468-8640
Upper Dublin Public Library	
805 Loch Alsh Ave. Ft. Washington	215-628-8744

NEWSPAPERS

Ambler Gazette	215-542-0200
The Enterprise	215-643-4494
Intelligencer Record	215-345-3050
Philadelphia Daily News	215-854-2000
Philadelphia Inquirer, MontCo News Office	610-313-8000

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More Online:

Public Works <i>General Services Brochure</i>	
- http://www.upperdublin.net/departments/publicworks/documents-forms	
Township Maps	
http://www.upperdublin.net/resources/maps	
Township Budget	
- http://www.upperdublin.net/departments/finance/budget	
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 over 25,500 residents. *

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

*2010 Census

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. 215-646-0378
Fort Washington-19034 575 Pinetown Rd. 800-275-8777
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
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, Fire or Medical Emergency 9-1-1
Police-General Information 215-646-2101
801 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington, 19034

COLLEGES

Arcadia University	
450 S. Easton Rd. at Church Rd., Glenside	215-572-2900
Chestnut Hill College	
Germantown & Northwestern Aves., Phila	215-248-7001
DeVry University	
1140 Virginia Drive, FW	215-591-5700
Gwynedd-Mercy College	
1325 Sumneytown Pk, Gwynedd Valley	215-646-7300
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	215-881-7600
Temple University	
580 Meetinghouse Rd., Ambler	267-468-8000
425 Commerce Dr., FW Ste 175	267-468-8500

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Better Business Bureau of East PA	
1880 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia	215-985-9313
Consumer Protection Bureau, PA	
21 S. 12 th St., Philadelphia	215-560-2414

DRUG & ALCOHOL INFORMATION

Alcoholics Anonymous	
1800 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown	215-233-9972
PA Dept of Drug/Alcohol Programs (DDAP)	717-783-8200
Montgomery County Drug & Alcohol	
Willow Grove, 19090	215-830-8966
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	215-643-4835

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://www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?nid=753>

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 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. Registration forms are available at County Offices, libraries, State liquor stores, and post offices. 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.

To vote in Montgomery County you must be a resident of Montgomery County and your voting district for at least 30 days prior to an election

Voting Address

Ward & District, Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County
151st, 152nd or 153rd PA Legislative District
7th PA Senatorial District, 7th or 13th US Congressional District
Resident voting address determined by home address

Polling Places in Upper Dublin Township

The Township is divided into seven wards; each of which is further divided into voting precincts. The polls, controlled by the County Board of Elections, are open from 7a-8p on Election Day. Polling places are published prior to each election and on the Township's website.

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 in Norristown, County Offices, State liquor stores and other public buildings. Applications must be returned to the office of the Board of Elections no earlier than 50 days and no later than seven days before the election. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Board office by 5p on the Friday preceding an election.

Local Candidates

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

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 is composed of a chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. Republican officers serve two-year terms; Democratic officers serve four-year terms.

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

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

EMCCC (Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce)	
436 Old York Rd, Jenkintown	215-887-5122
www.emccc.org	info@emccc.org
FWBA (Fort Washington Business Alliance)	215-628-0313
www.fwbaonline.com	Fwba.online@gmail.com
MGCA (Maple Glen Community Association)	215-540-8378
www.mapleglen.org	mapleglenca@gmail.com
WGCC (Willow Grove Chamber of Commerce)	215-657-2652
419 Davisville Rd, Willow Grove	
www.ewillowgrove.com	

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

Kiwanis Club of Ambler	www.pakiwanis.org
Kiwanis Club of Glenside	www.pakiwanis.org
Kiwanis Club of Old York Road (WG)	www.pakiwanis.org
Lions Club of Abington	www.lions14A.org
Lions Club of Glenside	www.lions14A.org
Lions Club of Oreland	www.lions14A.org
Lions Club of Willow Grove	www.lions14A.org
Optimist Club of Lower MontCo	www.optimist.org
Rotary Club of Ambler	www.amblerrotary.org
Rotary Club of Glenside	www.glensiderotary.org
Rotary Club of Willow Grove	www.willowgroverotary.org
UD Community Day Committee	www.udcd.info
Upper Dublin Education Foundation	www.undef.info

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 - Devry is located in the Township at 1140 Virginia Drive in Fort Washington. The university 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 baccalaureate programs. (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 at 580 Meetinghouse Road, Ambler. 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 425 Commerce Drive. It is a Graduate and Professional Education Center featuring graduate and non-credit courses for adult learners. (www.temple.edu/ambler/tufw)

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 is 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.

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-GOV, the Township's governmental television. Many meetings are aired live or by tape. See UDTV information below.

At a reorganization meeting held in January of every other year in even years, 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 Board of Commissioners public meeting schedule is as follows:

- Committee on Economic Development & Finance (EDF)
1st Tuesday of every other month at 6:30p, beg. Feb
- 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 7p
- Committee on Planning, Parks/Recreation & Library (PPL)
4th Tuesday of every other month at 7p, beg. Feb

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.

CABLE TV AND UDTV

The Township is served by Comcast Cable 1-800-COMCAST and Verizon 1-800-660-2215. UDTV-GOV channels: Comcast 22/Verizon 21; UDTV-EDU channels: Comcast 28/Verizon 20. To add a Township message, call 215-643-1600 x3221 or email apimm@upperdublin.net. To add a School District message, email jtrantas@udsd.org.

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 \$95 million.

The Board of School Directors holds Legislative Meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7p at Upper Dublin High School. Board Committee Meetings are held each month. Board meeting schedules can be found in the School District/Community Calendar, on the district's website or on UDTV-EDU Channel 28 (Comcast) and Channel 20 (Verizon).

Important school and community information is announced in several publications including via District Listservs, on the District's website and on UDTV-EDU Channel 28 (Comcast) and Channel 20 (Verizon). For all other information and/or questions, contact the Superintendent's Office at 215-643-8802.

Private Schools in Upper Dublin

Chabad Jewish Education Center	215-591-9310
1311 Fort Washington Avenue, Fort Washington	
Chelten Child Development Center	215-646-5596
1601 N. Limekiln Pike, Dresher	
Good Shepherd Regional Catholic School	215-886-4782
835 North Hills Avenue, Glenside	
The Montessori School	215-542-0740
1701 Jarretstown Road, Dresher	
Open Door Christian Academy	215-542-9795
1260 Fort Washington Avenue, Fort Washington	
Our Lady of Mercy Regional Catholic School	215- 646-0150
29 Conwell Drive, Maple Glen	
Play and Learn (K Certified)	215-643-4142
200 Camp Hill Road, Fort Washington	
Twin Spring Farms Day School & Education Center	215- 646-2665
1632 East Butler Pike, Ambler	
Village Schoolhouse (K Certified)	215-646-2629
1465 Limekiln Pike, Dresher	
Wordsworth Academy	215-643-5401
200 Camp Hill Road, Fort Washington	

SCHOOLS

UPPER DUBLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.udsd.org

Administration Building

1580 Fort Washington Ave., Maple Glen, PA 19002

Administration Center	215-643-8800
Business	215-643-8800 x8811
Census	215-643-8800
Curriculum	215-643-8800 x8974
Facilities (Maintenance/Custodial)	215-643-8800 x8815
Facilities (Permits for Community Use)	215-643-8800 x8994
Food Services	215-643-8820
Human Resources	215-643-8806
Pupil Services/Special Education	215-643-8981
Student Registration	215-643-8800 x8971
Superintendent	215-643-8802
Technology	215-643-8990
Transportation	215-646-7778
Upper Dublin High School Pool	215-643-8800 x8994

Fort Washington Elementary School **215-643-8961**

1010 Fort Washington Ave., Fort Washington, PA 19034

Jarrettown Elementary School **215-643-8951**

1520 Limekiln Pike, Dresher, PA 19025

Maple Glen Elementary School **215-643-3421**

1581 Fort Washington Ave., Maple Glen, PA 19002

Thomas Fitzwater Elementary School **215-784-0381**

30 School Lane, Willow Grove, PA 19090

Sandy Run Middle School **215-576-3280**

520 Twining Rd, Dresher, PA 19025

Upper Dublin High School **215-643-8900**

800 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington, PA 19034

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. Municipal elections for Board Members are held bi-annually with an alternating four seats and five seats subject to election or re-election. 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.

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 E-news via the Township Listservs, the Township Map & Guide, the Township's website, various social media 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.

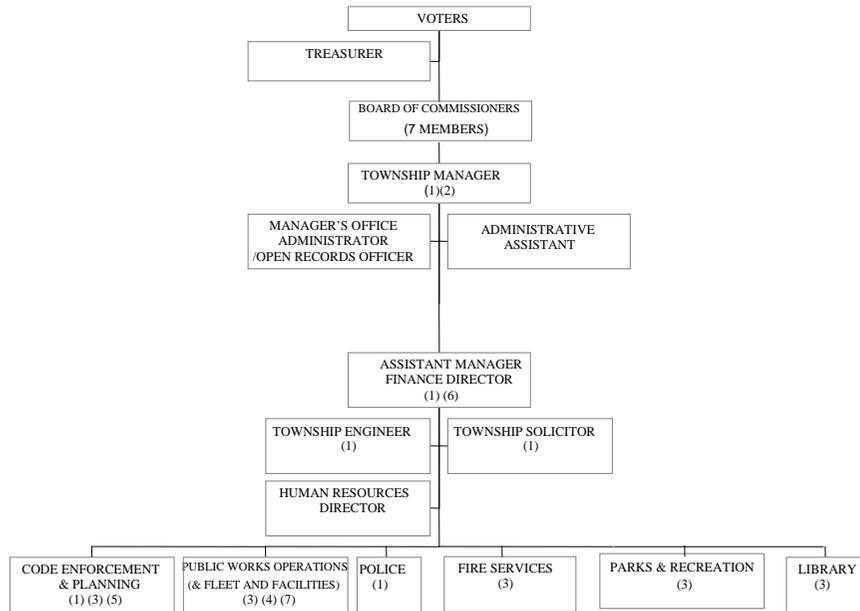
Secretary

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.

UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP



- (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 and plumbing inspector
- (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	8:00a-5:00p
Code Enforcement / Building Permits	7:30a-3:00p(Fr 7:30a-noon)
Finance	8:30a-5p
Library	see page 32
Parks & Recreation Window	9:00a-5:00p
Public Works	7:00a-3:30p
Real Estate Tax Window	9:30a-noon /1:00p-4:00p

As an Upper Dublin resident, your library card gives you access to millions of titles, retrievable from libraries within Montgomery County, throughout Pennsylvania, even from across the globe!

The UDPL's own collection consists of 100,000 print books, more than 100 magazine and newspaper subscriptions combined, and 15,000 audiobooks, music CDs, DVDs, and video games. Thousands of ebooks, eaudiobooks and digital magazines are at your fingertips for free download to your personal device or phone.

Got a question that needs answering? The UDPL offers telephone and walk-up reference service during open hours. Askherepa.org connects you with a librarian 24/7.

Need assistance learning to use a computer, tablet or smartphone? Ask about our computer tutoring program. Computers also are provided on-site for access to the Internet and Microsoft Office tools. Printing, copying and document scanning is also available.

Look no further than the UDPL for quality educational and cultural programs for all ages, including lectures, performances, classes, author visits, storytimes, book clubs, and the popular summer reading club.

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.

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.

LIBRARY SERVICES at Temple University Library
Ambler Campus, 580 Meetinghouse Road, Ambler, PA 19002
267-468-8640

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

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

Upper Dublin 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
- *Twining Valley Golf Club
- *Adult Evening School
- *Select UDP&R Programs/Activities

COMPUTER CENTER SERVICES

Mo-Th 1:00p–7:00p **North Hills Community Center**
212 Girard Avenue
North Hills, PA 19038
215-884-4760

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.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Mo-Th 9:30a–9:00p **Upper Dublin Public Library**
Fr-Sa 9:30a–5:00p **805 Loch Alsh Avenue**
Su noon –5:00p **Fort Washington, PA 19034**
<http://www.upperdublinlibrary.org> 215-628-8744

Connecting people and ideas to educate, inspire and strengthen the Upper Dublin community. UDPL—We’re About *You!*

Dedicated to providing lifelong learning for residents of all ages, the UDPL offers a variety of books and magazines, classes and special events, free wifi and opportunities to connect with your neighbors. Subscribe to UDPL eNews to receive the latest news and learn of upcoming events!

Apply online or in person at the UDPL to receive a library card.

TAXES & SERVICE CHARGES

Montgomery County **Treasurer & Tax Collector**
Board of Assessment Appeals **215-646-4794**
610-278-3761 **FAX – 215-542-0797**
One Montgomery Plaza **801 Loch Alsh Avenue**
Norristown, PA 19404 **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
 - General Government
 - Library
 - Debt Service
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Fire Protection
 - Voter Approved Open Space Debt
 - Economic Development
- Upper Dublin School District

Treasurer

The First Class Township code provides for the appointment of a Township Treasurer. The Treasurer, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, must be either the elected Tax Collector or a Township employee. The Treasurer signs Township disbursement checks prepared by the Finance Department. The Board of Commissioners sets the salary of the Treasurer and the Treasurer is required by law to give the Township a fidelity bond.

The Upper Dublin Township elected Tax Collector has been appointed the Township Treasurer. The office is open during the following hours on regular business days: 9:30a-noon and 1:00p-4:00p.

Tax Collector

The First Class Township code provides for the elective office of Tax Collector with a four year term of office. The Tax Collector collects Township real estate taxes and, by agreement, all collects the County and School District real estate taxes. The tax collector is required by law to give the Township a fidelity bond.

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 website listing on table of contents page for current year tax rates, service charges and budgets of the Township and the School District.

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 from residents is shared equally by the Township and the School District (0.005 to the Township and 0.005 to the School District). All of the tax (0.01) received from non-residents goes to the Township.

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 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 per calendar year. The name of the tax was changed to Local Service Tax or LST as of January 1, 2008.

EIT & LST Tax

Mandated by Pennsylvania Act 32, Upper Dublin Township stopped processing the collection of the Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax after the 2011 tax year. The Act consolidated the collection of the taxes to one collector per county. Beginning with 2012, Berkheimer Tax Administrator collects taxes for all jurisdictions in Montgomery County. Visit www.hab-inc.com for more information on Berkheimer.

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 pays 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services
POB 311, 1430 DeKalb Pike, Norristown, PA 19404 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.

Senior Adult Activities Center of Montgomery County - Ambler
45 Forest Ave., Ambler, PA 19002 215-619-8863

www.montcosaac.com

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 – 866-857-7095
Maternal & Family Health Services (WIC) – 800-367-6347

State and federal welfare payments are administered by the State through county offices. 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 – for those in need who do not meet conditions for AFDC (State funded)

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) – 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 – for blind persons who do not receive federal assistance through SSI (State funded).

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID) – 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 – for those who qualify by meeting income and resource limitations. Intended to increase purchasing power for food items to provide better nutrition for low income families (federally funded).

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

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

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Municipal Complex Police-Fire-Medical Emergencies 9-1-1
801 Loch Alsh Avenue Police Business – 215-646-2101
Fort Washington, PA 19034
www.upperdublin.net/departments/police

Upper Dublin Township Police Department

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department (UDPD) is charged with the protection of life and property within Upper Dublin Township. The UDPD is a Pennsylvania first class, civil service, accredited, law enforcement agency. Staffed 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, the department employs 40 full-time sworn officers, six Police Communications Officers and a Record's Clerk to fulfill its mission. The UDPD is dispatched by the Montgomery County Communications Center.

The UDPD consists of two primary divisions identified as Patrol and Administration, with three support divisions: Communications, Adult Investigations and Juvenile Investigations, and utilizes several specialized units: Bike Patrol, Highway Patrol, Narcotics Enforcement, Professional Standards, Major Incident Response, Medical Response, and Tactical Response.

Committed to the Community Oriented Policing philosophy, the UDPD hosts several outreach programs each year. These programs include a College Intern Program, a Driver Safety Seminar and a Junior Police Academy. Individual talks are also available for schools and civic associations. Finally, the department has developed a School Safety Program based upon "best practices" when protecting those within any school facility in the Township. They regularly participate in emergency response drills and have trained teachers, staff, and students on how to properly respond to a variety of incidents that could happen within a school.

Upper Dublin Police Benevolent Association

Brotherhood, Honor, Duty www.upperdublinpba.org

Animal Regulation

Licensing – 610-278-3066 Enforcement – 215-646-2101
Dogs over six months of age must be licensed by January 15 yearly with Montgomery County. Applications are available at the County and Township offices and websites. The Township enforces a "pooper scooper law" and a "leash law." Dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies. See Township and State ordinances for permitted animals and animal regulations. Enforcement action is handled by UDT Police and the County Health Department.

Fire Services

Department of Fire Services 215-643-1600 x3928

The department is involved in community fire protection planning, emergency management, public safety and education. In addition, the Fire Services Administrator provides oversight in critical areas of finances, facilities, apparatus, equipment, and fire service performance, while serving as the liaison with EMS service providers, Township Departments, Businesses, Civic Groups, and Local, State and Federal Agencies. The Fire Marshal conducts permit and occupancy generated inspections, conducts plan reviews and is responsible for Cause and Origin Investigations. Staff can be found at Station A during regular business hours.

Station A
1245 Fort Washington Avenue
Fort Washington, PA

Station B
3315 Susquehanna Road
Dresher, PA

Fort Washington Fire Company, No. 1 (FWFC)

Fire Protection in Upper Dublin is provided by the FWFC. The FWFC provides dedicated service through ongoing recruitment, training and education while striving to be on the cutting edge of fire suppression, rescue services and fire prevention. The FWFC is always looking for new volunteers and welcomes anyone who is interested to visit them at Station A or Station B any Monday night at 7p. General non-emergency phone number is 215-646-2555.

The company has about 50 active volunteer firefighters age 18 or older and junior firefighters aged 16-17 years are accepted for mentorship. The Fire Chief and Company President are also volunteers serving and are elected yearly. The Chief is responsible for managing fire fighting and the President is responsible for the administrative management of the FWFC.

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.

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 on/west off traffic located in the Fort Washington Office Park 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 Street
Fort Washington	Summit Ave. & Pennsylvania Ave.
Oreland	Bridge Street & Bruce Road
North Hills	Station Ave. at Argyle Road
Glenside	Easton Road. & 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 & JFK Blvd.
30 th Street Station	30 th & Market Streets

ALL leaf, trash, recycling, yard waste, and E-waste collection schedules are published in the annual Public Works brochure and calendar and on UDTV-Gov and the Township website.

Free Mulch is available at the Township composting site at 1128 Camp Hill Rd. All yard waste and leaf collections are composted into a mulch product useful for landscaping and soil amendment. Two self service locations are stocked at Camp Hill Rd “*MondDaug Bark Park*” and across from Maple Glen Elementary school on Fort Washington Avenue.

UTILITIES (see page 43 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.

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.

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.

HEALTH and WELFARE

**Montgomery County Health Department
Montgomery County Human Services Center
1430 DeKalb Street, POB 311
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
610-278-5117**

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.

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

Upper Dublin Golf & Fitness Club – 215-659-9917

Upper Dublin Community Pool - 215-285-8510

www.upperdublinrec.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. 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 *Leisure Guide*. Over 100 seasonal and part-time employees and volunteers assist in all aspects of departmental operation.

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-recreation>—click on the Open Space document folder)

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.

PUBLIC WORKS/SERVICES

Public Works Office

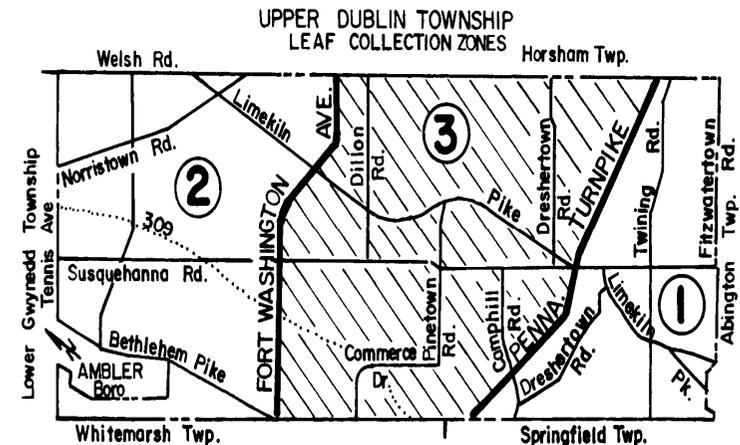
215-643-1600 x3233

Extra trash pickup/bulk trash: www.upperdublin.net/store

Engineering, Highway, and Sanitation Departments

The Engineering Department is comprised of the Township Engineer, Public Works Administrator, Grading Inspector, and Surveyor. This department handles plan reviews, grading inspections, stormwater management, road paving, and concrete replacement. Current construction plans and some archived records are maintained in this department.

The Highway Department handles road paving, storm sewer inlet maintenance, leaf collection, traffic signal maintenance, street light maintenance, road signs, and line painting.



The Sanitation Department handles trash, recycling, and yard waste collections. Bulk trash items, extra trash and cardboard collections are handled on Wednesdays. Call 215-643-1600 x0 for fees and schedules or schedule on the online store. Single stream recycling includes plastic #1 through #7 bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, aluminum, tin, and bi-metal cans, cardboard, newspaper, office paper, and junk mail. Please do not contaminate the cart with Styrofoam, food waste, and other non-recyclable materials. Yard Waste (grass clippings, leaves, brush, and small branches) is collected from the 1st full week in March to the last full week in November. A total of 9 cans, paper bags, or bundles are allowed during collections. Electronic Waste is prohibited by law to be disposed of in regular trash collections. TVs, desktops and laptop computers, monitors, and peripherals are collected during special collections (some fees apply).

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & GRADING

Stormwater Management Program (SWMP)

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 Plan 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

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 erosion, sediment control, or stormwater runoff created by the proposed land changes. Remedies or BMPs (Best Management Practices) include: seepage beds, bio-retention swales, rain gardens, etc. Alternate systems will be considered. A series of inspections takes place for all permits issued until a satisfactory final approval from the Engineering department.

Specialized Facilities

CHAC (Camphill & Highland Athletic Complex), 1450/1451 Camp Hill Road, Fort Washington, has a 0.4 mile walking track, picnic area, playground, ball fields and lighted soccer fields. Created and funded by State grants, youth sports organizations, and business donations.

LOCH ALSH FIELDS & FIELD OF DREAMS, across from Upper Dublin High School, Fort Washington features multiple playing fields and other amenities used primarily for youth sports and UDHS athletics. Several of the site's facilities were funded by community donations through the "Fields of Dreams" campaign and by State grant funding. Use requires a district-issued facilities permit.

MONDAUK COMMON, Susquehanna Road between Dillon Road and Broad Street, Ambler, is a centrally located 51 acre tract. 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 1.0 mile jogging and exercise trail. Facilities may be reserved - contact UDP&R.

MONDAUG BARK PARK, 1130 Camphill Road, Fort Washington, is the Township's only park where dogs are permitted. This 1.0 acre park features two fenced areas for dogs to play off-leash. On-leash dogs are permitted on its trails.

ROBBINS-CHESTON PARK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, 1419 E. Butler Pike, Ambler (across from Temple Sports Fields), is a 38 acre park cooperatively funded and operated by the Township and the School District. Among other site amenities, the paved 1.0 mile Widener Memorial Handicapped Trail accommodates those with physical disabilities. The Cheston Center provides indoor space. Groups may schedule guided programs – contact UDP&R.

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

UPPER DUBLIN GOLF & FITNESS CLUB, 1400 Twining Road, Dresher, is a municipally owned 18 hole/par 70 public course that is maintained and operated privately. www.upperdublingfc.com.

UPPER DUBLIN COMMUNITY POOL, 401 Logan Ave., North Hills, is a municipal outdoor pool open to all area residents during the summer months. See Township website for fees.

UPPER DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL POOL, 800 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington, offers community programs throughout the year. See District website for seasonal programs, hours, fees and group use options: www.udsd.org > Community > Aquatic Programs

Facility Rentals

Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation offers several facilities for rental to groups and businesses. Facilities include two pavilions, softball fields, sand volleyball courts, basketball courts and soccer fields at Mondauk Common; two artificial turf fields at SPARK and multi-use rooms at the Township Building. For additional information including availability, fees and restrictions, contact the Parks & Recreation office.

Fundraising

The Upper Dublin Board of Commissioners and Upper Dublin Education Foundation agreed to plan several large events for the purpose of raising funds. 100% of the net proceeds, split evenly between the Commissioners and Education Foundation, are donated to organizations serving the Upper Dublin Community. Local businesses and residents are encouraged to get involved either as a sponsor or a volunteer.

Triathlon

The Upper Dublin Triathlon, held annually in May, is a unique community event that features a swim in the UDHS Pool, bike race through the Fort Washington Office Park and a 5K run through the Temple Ambler campus. The race was established in 2012 and replaced the Upper Dublin Twining Valley Golf Classic, which took place for the prior 28 years and functioned as a fundraising effort for the Board of Commissioners.

Monte Carlo Night

The Upper Dublin Monte Carlo Night is an annual event held in the beginning of the year at the Mercedes Benz dealership at 400 Pennsylvania Ave, Fort Washington. This gala fundraiser is a night of casino games, auctions, music, food, and more. It benefits local charities and Upper Dublin Schools

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD (EPAB) On January 1, 1979, the Board of Commissioners approved the establishment of the Environmental Control Board (name changed to EPAB). The Commissioners appoint the seven volunteer members for three-year terms. Responsibilities 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 EPAB also advises on long range planning as it effects the environment and is charged with monitoring related Federal, State and County regulations. Meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday 7p at the Township building.

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY GROUP (OSAG) This ad hoc group, appointed by the Township Manager, assists Township Staff in advising the Commissioners concerning acquisition or preservation of open space. OSAG is guided by the goals and objectives of the Open Space Plan (2005) and meets with staff on a regular basis.

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. Shade tree are those having more than 50% of trunk diameter at breast height within the right-of-way (ROW) 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 that extends over the ROW must obtain STC approval. Meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday 3:30p at the Township building.

TRAILS & PATHWAYS Upper Dublin is in the process of constructing a system of pedestrian and bicycle trails, pathways and sidewalks that will connect residents with parks, schools, transit hubs, shopping areas, regional trail networks and neighboring municipalities. The system was designed by a team of land planners, engineers and staff from Upper Dublin Township and Montgomery County. Funding for new trail construction will come from several sources including township, county, state and federal.

Current trails, pathways and sidewalks are either a macadam, concrete, limestone or woodchip surface. Additional information about existing or future trails can be found on the Upper Dublin Township website.

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.

Community Day

Upper Dublin Community Day is a community event that is organized by volunteers and is supported by the Township, school district, and community groups and sponsors. The day typically includes live music, food vendors, roving entertainers, demonstrations and interactive booths. Residents can enjoy the day at no cost other than the cost of food that is offered at family-friendly prices. Community Day was last held in September 2014. See www.udcd.info.

Community Group Organized Youth Sports

Youth baseball, softball, t-ball, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, football, sideline and competitive cheerleading, aquatics and ice hockey programs are organized by independent volunteer community groups 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.

Upper Dublin Jr. Athletic Assoc. www.udjaa.com

Upper Dublin Soccer Club www.upperdublinsoccerclub.org

Upper Dublin Aquatic Club www.udac.us

Upper Dublin Ice Hockey Club www.ballcharts.com/udicehockey

Crooked Crosse Lacrosse Club www.cclgirls.com (girls)
www.udlacrosse.com (boys)

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

Economic Redevelopment

A Select Committee met in 2011 to identify methods for mitigating issues and reinvigorating the Office Park through a Sustainable Revitalization Plan. The plan seeks to follow best practices for environmental sustainability, create greater employment opportunities, create new mixed-use amenities in the Fort Washington Office Park (FWOP), and increase the tax base through net gains in commercial taxes and an entirely new residential tax base.

In May 2012 a Steering Committee on Redevelopment & Economic Investment (CORE) was appointed by the Board of Commissioners to operationalize the Select Committee's plan. The Township secured an \$11.8 million grant for two flood retarding structures as the first step in sustaining the FWOP. In November of 2013 the Commissioners passed an ordinance allowing for Transfer of Development Rights in the Office Park to encourage moving buildings out of the floodplain.

Fort Washington Office Park - Shopping Centers

The primary center of business and industry in the Township is the Fort Washington Office Park (FWOP) with over 500 acres, about 6 million sq.ft. of building areas and more than 65 buildings.

There are other centers of business and industry throughout the Township including several shopping centers in Dresher, Maple Glen, and Willow Grove. See the Shopping Center list on page 43.

Business Directory

Businesses can link to the Township website at www.upperdublin.net

Types of Businesses That Can Be Listed:

- 1) All businesses in UDT
- 2) Businesses owned by a partner/sole proprietor who is a UDT resident
- 3) Manager/owner of rental property located in UDT
- 4) Businesses outside of UDT, but within 1/4 mile and Ambler Borough for an annual fee (non-profits are free).

Register or Claim Your Business

Click on "How Do I?" on the right side of the blue menu bar; scroll to "Find a Business." Use the menu bar items on the Shop Directory to login, claim your business, or edit your page, including adding coupons and additional information. Questions? 215-643-1600 x3221

Business Organizations

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

An organization representing all those with a vested interest in doing business in and around the Fort Washington Office Park, including business owners, building owners, property managers, employers, employees and contractors. Membership is open to all. The group serves to promote the Fort Washington area as a leading center of business and commerce in the area in concert with a renowned quality of life that will protect the property values for all Upper Dublin property owners.

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.

See page 37 for a list of regional Business Organizations.

Civic Organizations & Groups

See page 37 for a list of Civic Organizations in the Township

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 7:30p 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.