

# **Welcome to Upper Merion Township**



**Information Packet for New Residents**

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## WELCOME



Welcome to Upper Merion Township, one of the most vibrant centers of business and recreation in Pennsylvania. Thank you for choosing to live in our community!

Upper Merion is a township in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, roughly 17 square miles large and located approximately 15 miles outside of Philadelphia. It is home to over 33,000 residents, hosts over 50,000 jobs, and offers over 9.5 million square feet of office space. It also contains Valley Forge National Historical Park, visited by over 1.2 million people per year, and the King of Prussia Mall, which is the nation's largest shopping mall in terms of square footage of retail space.

This information packet is provided to make your move to Upper Merion a little bit easier as you get adjusted to the area. Enclosed you will find important phone numbers, general information about services provided, useful maps, and other important documents, including voter registration forms and driver's license change of address forms. While the information contained in this packet is plentiful, it will be updated regularly. The website is the best resource for the most up-to-date information.

We hope you take part in the many activities and events that occur in our township each year. Should you have any questions as you settle into our beautiful township, do not hesitate to visit us in person at 175 W. Valley Forge Road, contact us at 610-265-2600, or access our website at [www.umtownship.org](http://www.umtownship.org).

Once again, welcome to Upper Merion, and thanks for choosing our community to be your home.

The Board of Supervisors

## TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT



**Tina Garzillo, Chairperson**  
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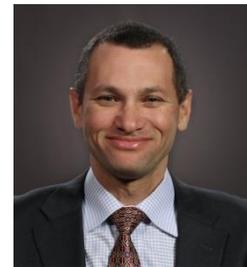
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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Upper Merion Township is a township of the second class under Pennsylvania State statutes. There are five elected officials called Supervisors, who serve staggered six-year terms. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected every January by their fellow Supervisors. They pass legislation and set the policy for the township.

The Board is responsible for the general governance of the township, including the execution of legislative, executive, and administrative powers in order to ensure sound fiscal management, and secure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Upper Merion. They carry out these functions through township staff via the Township Manager, as well as various appointed citizen advisory boards, commissions, and councils. The Township Manager, along with 250 full and part time employees, is responsible for day-to-day operations. The staff operates within nine departments: Administration, Code Enforcement, Finance, Human Resources, Library, Parks & Recreation, Public Information, Public Safety, and Public Works.

### **Township Manager:**

Anthony Hamaday

Email: [ahamaday@umtownship.org](mailto:ahamaday@umtownship.org)

The Board of Supervisors generally meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30PM in Freedom Hall located in the township building. Agendas for the meetings are posted on the website, on lobby bulletin boards, and broadcast on the township's television station, UMGA-TV. Business meetings are broadcast live and rebroadcast the following week. All meetings are open to the public, and citizens are encouraged to attend and participate.

## CITIZEN BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

There are several commissions, boards, and authorities currently serving the township. They are comprised of appointed citizens who volunteer to assist in township government by advising, informing and assisting the Board of Supervisors. These citizen volunteers provide a valuable service by helping to shape the future of the township. More information can be found on the township website. Residents interested in serving on a citizen board or commission may download a citizen board [application](#) or contact the township for more information at 610-265-2600.

### Listing of Volunteer Authorities, Boards, & Commissions:

- Board of Supervisors
- Board of Community Assistance
- Board Vacancy Committee
- Community Center Complex Advisory Board
- Economic and Community Development Committee
- Elected Board of Auditors
- Environmental Advisory Council
- Farmers Market Advisory Board
- General Authority
- Historical Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Library Board of Directors
- Media Communications Advisory Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Pension Advisory Board/Health and Welfare Board of Trustees
- Planning Commission
- Property Maintenance Appeals Board
- Public Safety Advisory Board
- Sanitary and Stormwater Authority
- Shade Tree and Beautification Commission
- Transportation Authority
- Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board
- Upper Merion Foundation
- Zoning Hearing Board

## TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department functions as a comprehensive department with responsibilities for leaf collection, compost site operations, snow removal, park maintenance, storm water management, road resurfacing, traffic signals, transportation and vehicle maintenance, wastewater treatment, contracted project oversight, planning, building maintenance, and industrial wastewater pretreatment.

The planning division oversees the drafting, revisions, and/or enactment of ordinances dealing with noise, signs, lighting, and specialized zoning overlaps for adult housing.

The department's Highway Division oversees fall leaf collection and yard waste pickup, which are processed at the township's Compost Site. Guidelines and pickup dates are available on the website.

Residential trash collection is not provided by the Public Works Department. Homeowners and property owners should arrange for private trash collection. More information is included in the Municipal Services section of this document.

Geoff Hickman  
Director of Public Works  
610-205-8501

## UPPER MERION PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Upper Merion Public Library is located on the upper level of the township building and is part of the Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium (MCLINC). This ensures the best possible public service to the residents of Montgomery County through the sharing of resources.

The Library's mission is to make available and encourage the use of books, other print and non-print resources, and electronic information for the education and recreation needs of all township residents. The department offers a large array of specific programs and events tailored to adults, teens, and children, such as Summer Reading, Book Discussions, Story Time, and presentations of all kinds. Information on events and programs can be found on the township website and Library events calendar.

With a library card, township residents can access the eLibrary with OverDrive and Hoopla for borrowing eBooks, audiobooks, and more. In addition, the eLibrary has access to a number of resources including Consumer Reports online, language learning tools, the Philadelphia Inquirer, free tutoring, test prep, and so much more!

You can check out the eLibrary by visiting: <https://www.umtownship.org/departments/library/elibrary/>

Laura Arnhold  
Library Director  
610-265-4806

## CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Code Enforcement Department is located on the lower level of the township building and consists of the Director, various inspectors, plumbing/building and maintenance officers, and supporting staff. The department is responsible for ensuring projects adhere to township regulations.

It is divided into three main categories. These include:

- Permits
  - The office processes and issues all construction and use-related permits
- Building/Zoning Regulations
  - This division ensures compliance with the applicable standards, adopted by the Board of Supervisors, which provide a reasonable degree of protection to the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens and visitors
- Property Maintenance
  - This divisions oversees proper maintenance of properties within Upper Merion Township

Mark Zadroga  
Director of Code Enforcement / Chief Building & Zoning Official  
610-205-8511

## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Located in the Upper Merion Community Center at 431 W. Valley Forge Road in King of Prussia, the Parks & Recreation Department maintains and operates all Parks & Recreation assets, including township parks, a full-service Community Center, and the township pool. It offers a wide range of recreation activities, summer camps, and enrichment programs for all ages. It also plans and oversees a variety of community events, including the annual Concerts Under the Stars series, Community Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Event, Holiday Village and the Upper Merion Farmers Market.

Dan Russell  
Director of Parks & Recreation  
610-265-1071

## COMMUNITY CENTER



The Upper Merion Community Center is a 70,000 square foot, state of the art facility that offers a wide array of classes, camps, and activities to both residents and non-residents. The Center is equipped with a huge indoor track, group fitness room, multiple courts for a variety of games, meeting spaces, and a cooking studio. Members have access to all of the amenities, plus free wi-fi and childcare while using the facility, and receive a discount on township pool memberships and all UMPR programs and trips. The Center also furthers the township's goal of a sustainable community with its three green roofs. Stop by the Community Center for a tour, or sign up for a membership today.

Upper Merion Community Center  
431 West Valley Forge Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
610-265-1071

## TOWNSHIP POOL

The Upper Merion Township Pool is located on the same property as the Community Center. It is open to residents as well as non-residents of Upper Merion, from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. During the weeks that Upper Merion schools are still in session, the pool is open on weekends only.

Memberships may be purchased on the website or by visiting the Upper Merion Community Center. Community Center passholders receive a 25% discount on pool memberships.

Heather Melck  
Aquatics Director  
Pool office: 484-636-3905 x842

The Upper Merion Stingrays is a parent-run swim team that competes with other summer swim clubs through the season that runs from May to July. Practice starts Memorial Day, and swim meets are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Paul Salamy  
salamyp@aol.com

## LISTING OF PARKS

The parks in the chart below are the most popular with amenities. There is a more complete listing of parks contained within this folder.

Park Name	Address	Amenities
Belmont Park	200 Anderson Road King of Prussia, PA 19406	Softball Field, Playground
Bob Case Park	295 Abrams Mill Road King of Prussia, PA 19406	Soccer Fields
Bob Holland Park	Evergreen & Coates Lane King of Prussia, PA 19406	Softball Field, Playground
Bob White Park	Bob White Road at Falcon Road King of Prussia, PA 19406	Tennis Courts, Roller Hockey Rink, Playground
Heuser Park	694 W. Beidler Road & Geerdes Blvd King of Prussia, PA 19406	Clubhouse
McKaig Nature Center	Croton Road Wayne, PA 19087	Walking Trails
Swedeland Park	B Street & River Road Swedeland, PA 19406	Pavilion, Basketball Court, Baseball Field
Upper Merion Township Building Park	175 W. Valley Forge Road King of Prussia, PA 19406	Gazebo, Walking Trail, Playground, Pond, Skate Park
Valley Forge National Historic Park	1400 N. Outer Line Drive King of Prussia, PA 19406	
Walker Park	Old Fort & William Roads King of Prussia, PA 19406	Softball Fields, Playground

## Upper Merion Foundation

Part of what makes Upper Merion a great place to call home is our commitment to each other. This is a place where people care. Where people want every neighborhood to prosper and for all to feel that they belong.

The Upper Merion Foundation was created in 1999 and is a broad-based, qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit, community organization. Our exclusive purpose is to serve the needs of the Upper Merion community by raising funds and securing resources to support programs that improve the quality of life for all.



The Foundation's specific focus areas for charitable fundraising and giving are vulnerable Upper Merion residents in need of acute assistance, specifically at-risk youth, persons with disabilities and/or chronic diseases including veterans and senior citizens.

To find out more about how you can get involved, visit: [umtownship.org/foundation](http://umtownship.org/foundation)

## TRANSPORTATION

### ROUTES

The township is located at the junction of several major interstate and regional transportation routes, most notably the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) and the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276). These routes provide convenient access to Philadelphia and the New Jersey/New York area. A second major interstate route, which can be accessed via the Pennsylvania Turnpike, is the “Blue Route,” (I-476), which provides access to the Philadelphia International Airport, Northern Delaware, and the Baltimore/Washington area via I-95.

Regional transportation routes include U.S. Routes 202 and 422, which provide access to locations throughout southeastern Pennsylvania

Transit service in Upper Merion is provided both on the local and regional level. High speed rail from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) provides transit service to and from Philadelphia, while 7 SEPTA bus routes service the main business areas of the township. A secondary transit system, the Rambler – operated by the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Authority (GVFTMA) – provides local service to Upper Merion residents.

### THE RAMBLER

The purpose of the Rambler is to provide public transportation for residents to area shopping centers, malls, medical facilities, the Senior Service Center, and the Upper Merion Township Building. Each bus is wheelchair-accessible, and drivers are certified to operate the lift mechanism.

The two bus routes (the blue line and the green line) operate from 9:00AM until 4:00PM, Monday through Saturday. These two routes each run east to west and back again.

Seniors, age 65 and older, ride **free** at all times on the Rambler and other SEPTA transit services, including buses, trolleys, subways, and the Norristown High Speed Line. Senior Citizen Transit IDs can be obtained at no cost by making an appointment at the following locations:

**State Senator Amanda Cappelletti**

221 West Main Street  
Norristown, PA 19401  
Phone: 610-768-4200  
Hours: 9:00AM to 5:00PM

**State Representative Tim Briggs**

580 Shoemaker Road #149  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
Phone: 610-768-3135  
Hours: 8:30AM to 4:30PM



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Upper Merion Township Department of Public Safety is a singular, unified department that encompasses the divisions of police, fire, ambulance, and emergency management services, overseen by Director Tom Nolan, who is also the current Chief of Police.



## UPPER MERION POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Upper Merion Police Department is an accredited police agency committed to the following objectives that allow them to be a premiere law enforcement agency in the region:

- Problem Solving and Accountability
- Professionalism of Policing
- Building Trust and Legitimacy
- Critical Incident Preparedness
- Community Communications



The department strives to keep crime rates down while continuing to build the public's trust. Ultimately, they are committed to keeping residents and visitors safe while achieving and maintaining a superior quality of life within the community.

The 70-officer department is comprised of the Chief, a Captain, and six Lieutenants that oversee the Patrol, Community Oriented Policing, Administrative/Emergency Management, Investigations and Auxiliary Services Divisions. The Patrol Division is the largest division with 40 officers. The Investigations Division has 15 detectives, including two supervisors. The Auxiliary Services Division has 22 civilian support staff, including records, special officers, telecommunicators and school crossing guards. Upper Merion is the only remaining self-dispatched agency in Montgomery County.

The police department has a number of specialized units including the Special Investigations Unit, Bike Unit, K-9 Patrol, and Traffic Safety, and is an active member of both the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team (MIRT), and the Montgomery Country SWAT Central Region Team (MSWAT-CR).

Chief Thomas Nolan  
610-265-3232

## FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Upper Merion Township is fortunate to be served by a combination fire department that includes career firefighters, as well as three volunteer fire companies: the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company, the Swedeland Volunteer Fire Company, and the Swedesburg Volunteer Fire Company. The township also has a fully operational Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services division. For more information on the Township's Fire & EMS Department, please visit [uppermerionfireems.org](http://uppermerionfireems.org)



Blaine Leis  
Interim Chief of Fire and EMS  
484-636-3919

### King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Station

King of Prussia Fire Company operates out of 2 stations: 170 Allendale Road and 300 West Beidler Road. Firefighters are nationally certified through weekly training or by attending courses at the local fire academies in the 5-County area. Weekly training sessions are held every Monday night at 7:00PM at our main station: 170 Allendale Road. Volunteers can also participate in non-firefighting administrative functions. Please stop by or call for information.

Chief Jim Gallagher  
Phone: 610-265-1063



### Swedeland Volunteer Fire Station

Organized in 1920, Swedeland Volunteer Fire Company was the first fire company in Upper Merion Township and currently has 40 active volunteer firefighters. The station houses the following apparatus: a 100' Aerial Ladder Truck with a 1500 GPM Pump and 500 Gallon Tank, a Rescue Engine equipped with a full complement of Hurst Rescue Tools, a Class A Pumper with a 1500 GPM Pump and 750 Gallon tank, an Engine with a 1500 GPM Pump and a 780 Gallon tank and carries a backup Hurst Rescue Tool, and a Chiefs Car equipped with a full complement of Command Equipment and Accountability Boards as well as multiple gas meters & portable radios. The company was recognized by the State Office of the Fire Commissioner for participation in the Training Recognition Program, as well as by the Department of Health for their Rescue Certification.

Chief Dennis Orangers  
Phone: 610-275-0177



### Swedesburg Volunteer Fire Station

The Swedesburg Volunteer Fire Company was founded in 1942 to protect the village of Swedesburg from the threat of WWII, and is located on Jefferson Street in the village of Swedesburg. There are more than 50 volunteers who operate 1 engine, 1 rescue, 1 fire police unit, 1 marine unit, 2 water rescue boats, and a command vehicle. Swedesburg FC is the only certified water rescue team in the township. Swedesburg Fire Company's response area includes the village of Swedesburg, King Manor, Belmont Terrace, Heather Hill, Heritage Manor, Henderson Park, Merion Hunt, Village at Forge Springs, Upper Merion Gardens, Greentree, Dartmouth Hills, Merion Estates, King Ridge, Lowell Hills, and Valley Brooke.

Chief Jerry A. Recupido  
Phone: 610-272-9853



### Want to Volunteer?

If you are interested in serving the community as a firefighter, emergency medical care provider, or in a support role, contact William Daywalt, Deputy Fire Marshal, at 610-205-8554, or [bdawalt@umtownship.org](mailto:bdawalt@umtownship.org). The Deputy Fire Marshal will forward your information to the appropriate station. There is also an application located in this packet.

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES

### LEAF/YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Upper Merion Township offers an annual curbside collection of leaf and yard waste, which is processed at the township compost site, and provided free of charge to residents. Schedules for both programs are available on the website.

Leaves are collected twice per zone during leaf collection season and must be placed curbside in neat piles or biodegradable bags on the Monday of the scheduled week of pickup. If you still have leaves after the second scheduled collection, place leaves in a biodegradable paper bag and transport them to the Compost Site for processing.

Yard waste, consisting of sticks, shrub clippings, and limbs, is collected on Thursdays and Fridays during collection season. Residents must contact the Public Works Department and make a pick-up request before 12:00PM on the Tuesday of pickup week. If you do not make an appointment, your yard waste will not be collected.

After the holiday season, until the end of January, Christmas trees left at the curb will be picked up without requests. After January, residents can [submit a request online](#) to have their Christmas Tree removed.

More info can be found at [www.umtownship.org/township-information/municipal-services/](http://www.umtownship.org/township-information/municipal-services/).

#### Items Collected:

- Tree branches no longer than 40" in length, in bundles no larger than 24" in diameter; these must be tied with biodegradable string or twine
- Tree limbs 5" or less in diameter
- Hedge and shrub trimmings bundled and tied with biodegradable string or twine
- Stumps from ornamental shrubbery with dirt removed

#### Items Not Collected:

- Tree limbs with nails, wire, or any metal or cement
- Bundles with thorns, poison ivy or oak, wire, metal, or concrete stones
- Pressure-treated wood and Materials cut by contracted services
- Landscape timbers and Railroad ties
- Logs or firewood
- Grass clippings

#### Compost Site Guidelines:

- Residents who reside within the Upper Merion Area School District borders can dump for free.
- Effective immediately, we will no longer accept logs and trees over 10" in diameter and/or over 36" in length. Effective January 1, 2022, contractors and outside municipalities will no longer be allowed to dump at the compost site.

#### Location and Phone:

694 West Beidler Road  
King of Prussia, PA  
484-636-3941

#### Hours:

Monday-Friday: 7:00AM-3:00PM  
Saturday: 8:00AM-4:00PM (Closed from 3rd week of December until 2nd week of April)  
Sunday: 12:00PM-4:00PM (Closed from 3rd week of December until 2nd week of April)

**Please note:** the Compost Site is closed on all township observed holidays.

## TRASH & RECYCLING

Upper Merion Township does not have a municipal trash collection service. Rather, residents have the option to choose a trash hauler of their preference. It is recommended that you check with your neighbors to determine which trash hauler collects in your neighborhood. All residents and businesses shall have municipal waste collected by a municipal waste collector who is legally operating within the township, and collections shall be no less frequent than one time per week.

Per Upper Merion Township Code, all residents and businesses must recycle. Residents of Upper Merion shall separate recyclable materials from their municipal waste. When placed at the curb for collection, recyclable materials shall be placed in separate, reusable metal or plastic containers which clearly identify the contents as recyclables. Recycling bins may be available through your hauler, or they may be purchased at the expense of the property owner.

### Recyclable Materials:

- Aluminum.
- Steel and bimetal cans.
- Newsprint and high-grade office paper.
- Plastics, specifically including # 1 & # 2 plastic containers.
- Corrugated paper including all material commonly referred to as cardboard.
- Any other material collected for recycling from an establishment by agreement with waste hauler.
- Clear and colored glass, including bottles and jars made of clear and colored glass, but excluding porcelain and ceramic products.

## PERMITS

Building, inspection, and other permit applications are handled through the Code Enforcement Department. A limited number of these applications are available online at [www.umtownship.org](http://www.umtownship.org). Residents are encouraged to visit the website for all of their permit questions, or visit the permit window which is located on the lower level of the township building.

## SEWER UTILITY

The Finance Department is responsible for billing and collecting all sanitary sewer rents for the township. If you have any billing or payment questions, please contact the sewer billing office at 610-205-8545.

The residential sewer utility fee is a flat rate and has nothing to do with water consumption (usage). Each single family dwelling is billed at a flat rate. Residential sewer utility bills are mailed out semi-annually on July 1st and January 1st for the previous two quarters.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Upper Merion Township recognizes the importance of snow removal, not only to residents, but to everyone who needs to travel to or through the community. The township utilizes a snow management plan to safely clear all public roads within the township quickly and efficiently. Based on traffic flow, roads are divided into primary (*main*), secondary (*collector and through*), and tertiary (*dead-end and cul-de-sac*) roads. During snow storms, the Public Works Department plows 376 streets, consisting of 83 miles of township roads, and 37 miles of state roads.

### Plowing

Plowing will begin when it is determined that at least two inches of snow can be measured on the road. During a declared snow emergency, parking is prohibited on all roads designated as Snow Emergency Routes.

The first priority is to clear all primary roads, including bus routes. This work generally takes six to eight hours after snow stops falling. Crews begin plowing secondary roads after clearing and opening all primary roads. These collector and through roads are usually cleared within 12-16 hours after snow stops falling. Crews then move on to side roads, dead-ends, and cul-de-sacs. Please be patient with snow removal.

Primary & Secondary Streets			
Abrams Road*	Croton Road*	Jones Road/Shoemaker Lane	Shoemaker Road
Allendale Road	Deep Hollow Road	Keebler Road	South County Line Road
Anderson Road	DeKalb Pike (Rt.202)**	King of Prussia Road*	South Gulph Road*
Arden Road	First Ave	Kirk Avenue	Springhouse Road
Balligomingo Road**	Fletcher Road	Mall Blvd	Stewart Street
Beidler Road*	Flint Hill Road*	Matsonford Road**	Swedeland Road*
Brooks Road*	Geerdes Blvd.	Moore Road	Town Center Road
Brookwood Road	General Knox Road	New Gulph Road*	Trinity Lane*
Brower Road	Goddard Blvd	North Gulph Road*	Upper Gulph Road*
Brownlie Road	Guthrie Road	Prince Frederick Street	Warner Road
Caley Road	Gypsy Road	Old Gulph Road*	Weadley Road
Chelsea Drive	Hansen Access Road	Pugh Road	Wills Blvd
Church Road: W* & E	Hansen Road	Pulaski Drive	Yerkes Road
Conrad Drive	Henderson Road*	Radnor Road*	
Country Lane	Holstein Road (Rt. 320)*	Renaissance Blvd	
Covered Bridge Road	Horizon Drive	River Road*	
Crooked Lane*	Hughes Road	Ross Road	
Crossfield Road	Jefferson Street*	Saulin Road	

\* State roadway plowed by the township

\*\* Plowed by PennDOT (includes I-76, U.S. 422, and the PA Turnpike)

### Guidelines

- Vehicles parked on snow emergency routes will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Trees must maintain a clearance of 11 feet near your curb line to allow plow equipment to pass.
- Residents are also advised to remove vehicles from these routes as soon as the snow begins to fall.
- Please keep all vehicles in private driveways, if possible.

## Shoveling Guidelines

A 2-foot wide path of sidewalk must be cleared by the abutting property owner within 24 hours after the end of the snow emergency. (See Ordinance Code: Chapter 137.2 and Chapter 137.5) If more than 12 inches of snow falls, the time limit is extended to 48 hours.

Do not clear sidewalks until plowing equipment has passed, or your hard work may be for nothing. Remember to shovel to the right of your driveway facing the road, as plows clear from the left. This helps to reduce the amount of snow pushed back into your driveway during plowing.

Throwing, shoveling or plowing snow from sidewalks or driveways into the street is strictly prohibited by the Township's Ordinance Code: Chapter 137.1.

## Adopt a Hydrant – Save a Life

The Fire & Rescue Services Division reminds all residents to clear snow from around fire hydrants. Doing so can save precious time when firefighters need additional water fight a fire. Citizens should clear a 3-foot wide path from the street to the fire hydrant, and a 3-foot circle around the fire hydrant to provide easy access by firefighters.

## Interactive Road Status Map

In an effort to keep citizens better informed of public works operations, the township now provides snow removal progress information in the form of an interactive map. The program relies on GPS devices located on public works vehicles, which send real-time information to the public portal. The map can be accessed on the snow removal page of the website, and will be updated every 15 minutes once the snow stops falling and the crews are in final clean-up mode. The status will continue until the cleanup is completed.

The screenshot displays the 'Upper Merion Snow Plowing' web application. On the left, a sidebar contains the township logo, a legend for road closures (red for closed, blue for detour), plow routes (green for complete, grey for not complete), and a 'Click Here to Submit' link. The main map area shows an aerial view with purple lines indicating plow routes. A central popup window titled 'Upper Merion Township' provides the following text:

Upper Merion Township Public Works is pleased to provide this website that displays snow and ice treatment activity of our current snow removal operation. Treatment activity displayed on the map is updated every 15 minutes. Treatment activity will not be displayed until the snow has stopped falling and we are in final clean up of the current Snow Operation.

To post a Weather Related Public Safety Concern click the link below  
[Click Here to Submit](#)

For more information, please go to  
[Snow Removal Information](#)

## VOTER SERVICES

Upper Merion's registered voters have the political address of U.S. Congressional Districts 7 and 13, State Senatorial District 17, and State Representative District 149.

You can now register to vote through the Pennsylvania Department of State's online application, or pick up a voter registration form at the Township Building.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### United States Senate

Patrick J. Toomey (R)  
215-241-1090

Robert P. Casey (D)  
215-405-9660

### United States Congress

Madeleine Dean  
*District 4*  
101 E. Main Street, Suite A  
Norristown, PA 19401  
610-275-1759

### Pennsylvania Governor

Tom Wolf (D)  
200 South Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
215-560-2640

### Pennsylvania State Senate

Amanda Cappelletti (D)  
*District 17*  
PO Box 498  
Norristown, PA 19404  
610-768-4200

### Pennsylvania State House of Representatives

Tim Briggs (D)  
*District 149*  
580 Shoemaker Road, #149  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
610-768-3135

### Montgomery County Government

County Commissioners:

Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair  
Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr., Vice Chair  
Joseph C. Gale

County Offices:

One Montgomery Plaza  
425 Swede Street  
Norristown, PA 19401  
610-278-3000

## POLLING LOCATIONS

Montgomery County recommends checking your voter registration information via the Department of State's [Online Portal](#) to ensure all of your information is correct & to find your polling location.

<b>UPPER MERION BELMONT 1</b> BELMONT SCHOOL/PATTAN	200 ANDERSON ROAD RM A KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION BELMONT 2</b> HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH	150 E. BEIDLER ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION BELMONT 3</b> LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD	132 E VALLEY FORGE ROAD FELLOWSHIP HALL KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION BELMONT 4</b> UPPER MERION BAPTIST CHURCH	585 GENERAL STEUBEN ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION BELMONT 5</b> UPPER MERION MIDDLE SCHOOL	450 KEEBLER ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION CANDLE 1</b> UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BUILDING	175 W VALLEY FORGE ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION CANDLE 2</b> UPPER MERION SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	435 CROSSFIELD ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION GULPH 1</b> GULPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	650 S HENDERSON ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION GULPH 2</b> TEMPLE BRITH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE	481 S GULPH ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION KING 1</b> TEMPLE BRITH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE	481 S GULPH ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION KING 2</b> TEMPLE BRITH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE	481 S GULPH ROAD KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION ROBERTS</b> ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	889 CROTON ROAD WAYNE, PA 19087
<b>UPPER MERION SWEDESBURG</b> SWEDESBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	789 JEFFERSON ST @ ROOSEVELT AVENUE KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19405
<b>UPPER MERION SWEDELAND</b> SWEDELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	609 A STREET KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406
<b>UPPER MERION TOWN CENTER</b> ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	889 CROTON ROAD WAYNE, PA 19087

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### UMGA-TV

UMGA-TV, the township's government access station, produces and airs all Board of Supervisors public meetings, joint meetings with citizen advisory boards, senior citizen programming, news and information regarding township events, activities, programs, and special seasonal reports. The programming is designed to promote a well-informed public, fully able to participate in the local government process. It encourages interaction between township government staff, elected officials, and citizens.



The programming is supplemented by a scrolling bulletin board that provides municipal information, as well as news concerning community groups and organizations. UMGA-TV reaches more than 12,000 homes in Upper Merion Township and has won numerous state and national awards for the excellence and diversity of its programming.

Access UMGA-TV's Video Resources in a variety of ways:

- UMGA-TV's Monthly [Program Schedule](#)
- UM Township's Online Video Channels with [On-Demand Programs](#)
- UM Township's Live Television [Stream](#) on the Web
- UM Township [Podcasts](#)

UMGA-TV is available on Comcast Channel 22 and Verizon Channel 33, and streams 24/7 on the [web site](#).

### CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to UMGA-TV, Upper Merion Township provides information to residents via other media. The website [www.umtownship.org](http://www.umtownship.org) contains a full schedule of government meetings, an events calendar, recreational activities, the UMGA-TV program schedule, agendas and minutes for various meetings, and seasonal information such as summer concerts, leaf collection, snow removal, and other special events.

The township also produces a published newsletter, *Township Lines*, a weekly eNewsletter, updates for the Board of Supervisors, and press releases on an ongoing basis to the area's media outlets.

Visit the website to sign up for the [eNewsletter](#) and view [archives](#) of these publications.

### SOCIAL MEDIA



Stay up to date on our social media channels. Find us @umtownship on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

You can also find all of our programming in our video archive at [www.vimeo.com/umtownship](http://www.vimeo.com/umtownship).

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### SENIOR SERVICE CENTER

The Upper Merion Senior Service Center strives to provide a multi-use environment for physical, educational, and recreational activities for the senior residents of the Upper Merion Area. There is always something happening at the Center, from workshops to classes to trips, and more. The Center is now located at the new Upper Merion Community Center; stop by today to inquire about a membership and all of the great benefits.



Upper Merion Senior Service Center  
431 West Valley Forge Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
610-265-4715  
[www.umssc.org](http://www.umssc.org)

### FARMERS MARKET

The Upper Merion Farmer's Market is conveniently located behind the Upper Merion Township Building, and is open every Saturday, rain or shine, from 9:00AM to 1:00PM from May to November. Enjoy farm fresh produce, homemade baked goods, musical entertainment, arts and crafts, and more. The Market hosts great events such as the Zucchini 500, Go Green Day, Oktoberfest, and a Chili Cook Off.

Learn more about the market:  
[www.uppermerionfarmersmarket.org](http://www.uppermerionfarmersmarket.org).

Upper Merion Farmers Market  
175 West Valley Forge Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
610-265-1071



### NOR-VIEW FARM

Upper Merion Township is home to Nor-View Farm, a real working farm operated by the township, which features a mini farm and petting zoo, playground, and an ice cream shop. Residents are encouraged to visit the farm and observe the animals from spring to fall, and take advantage of the well water available for purchase.

Nor-View Farm  
670 North Henderson Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
610-265-7820



## UPPER MERION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

As a separate taxing entity from Upper Merion Township, the Upper Merion Area School District serves Upper Merion Township, Bridgeport Borough, and West Conshohocken Borough, and consists of seven schools:

- Bridgeport Elementary
- Gulph Elementary
- Upper Merion Area Middle School
- Caley Elementary
- Roberts Elementary
- Upper Merion Area High School
- Candlebrook Elementary

Visit [www.umasd.org](http://www.umasd.org) for more information.

## REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTION

The Real Estate Tax Collector is independently elected and is responsible for collecting the township's real estate tax. The tax collector is not a township employee and does not have an office in the township building.

Twice per year, real estate tax bills are sent to all property owners of record in Upper Merion Township:

- The first mailing is for township real estate tax
- The second mailing is for school real estate tax

State regulations require that all tax payments be made no later than December 31 each year.

Evelyn Ankers  
Real Estate Tax Collector  
PO Box 62405  
King of Prussia PA 19406-2405

[Web site](#)  
Phone: 484-501-4481 (phone messages returned daily)  
Email: [UMTaxCollector@gmail.com](mailto:UMTaxCollector@gmail.com)

## KING OF PRUSSIA DISTRICT

King of Prussia District was founded in 2010 as a 501(c)(3), private, not-for-profit organization under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Neighborhood Improvement District legislation. King of Prussia District engages public and private partners to collaboratively improve the economic environment in King of Prussia by making it more vibrant, attractive, and prosperous.



The King of Prussia District hosts a variety of events that residents are invited to participate in including:

- KOP Wellness Week
- Annual Report to the Community Luncheon
- Block Party for CHOP at Town Center
- KOP Restaurant Week & KOP Shops for CHOP
- Food Truck Tuesdays
- KOP Beerfest Royale
- Holiday Food Drive
- Takeout Under the Stars benefitting the Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard

For more information about the King of Prussia District, go to: [visitkop.com](http://visitkop.com)

## WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS

Water service in Upper Merion is provided by two companies, regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Please contact them at the numbers below for questions about service.

AQUA Pennsylvania	1-877-987-2782	<a href="mailto:custserv@aquaamerica.com">custserv@aquaamerica.com</a>
Pennsylvania American Water	1-800-565-7292	<a href="mailto:infopa@amwater.com">infopa@amwater.com</a>

## HISTORIC SITES

Upper Merion Township was incorporated in 1713, when the King of Prussia Inn, the Bird-In-Hand Inn in Gulph Mills and the Swedes Ford Inn were required to pay six shillings to the Pennsylvania State Legislature to obtain liquor licenses. The township is rich with history that dates back to the Revolutionary War and has some great historical sites that are sure to be of interest to new residents.

### **Valley Forge National Historical Park**

U.S. National Park Service  
1400 North Outer Line Drive  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
610-783-1077

Valley Forge National Historical Park is the site of the third winter encampment of George Washington's Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War.



### **Anna Morris Holstein Family Home**

A Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Roadside Historical Marker in front of the former Holstein family home located at 211 S. Henderson Road, near Saulin Blvd., commemorating the contributions made by Anna Morris Holstein reads:

"Led the effort to acquire, preserve, and restore Washington's Headquarters and the surrounding acreage at Valley Forge, the first State Park, now National Historical Park. She helped preserve Mount Vernon and was Organizing Regent of the Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; a Civil War hospital matron and nurse in Gettysburg, Va., and Md.; an author; and Pa. State Building matron at the 1893 World's Fair. She lived here."



## PET INFORMATION

### **Dog Licenses**

All dogs, three months or older, must be licensed through the Office of the Treasurer of Montgomery County. Dog Licenses are valid from January 1 to December 31 and must be purchased by the first of the year regardless of when the previous license was purchased. For more information and applications, visit the Montgomery County [website](#).

### **Rabies Clinics**

The Montgomery County Health Department hosts annual low cost rabies vaccination clinics for residents. These generally occur in June and at various locations throughout the county. Call MCHD at 610-278-5117 for more information, or find the flyer at [www.montcopa.org](http://www.montcopa.org).

## CABLE

Upper Merion Township is serviced by Comcast or Verizon cable. Comcast XFINITY may be reached at 1-866-372-4215 and Verizon FIOS at 1-800-837-9466. If you would like to subscribe to a cable provider, please call one of the above numbers.

## DRIVER'S LICENSE

You may change your address on your Pennsylvania driver's license via form DL-80 (included in this packet), or online at [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov). You will need your driver's license number, a printer, and a valid credit or debit card for fees.