



### Message from the Township Manager

On behalf of Township Council and the entire staff, I want to express our best wishes and hopes that 2021 will be a good year for everyone.

As we begin a new year and reflect back on a uniquely difficult year, we would like to thank everyone for their understanding and support during a time that was both demanding and challenging. We look forward with optimistic confidence that 2021 will be a better and more promising year.

Despite the challenges from the Covid crisis, our staff continued to provide timely and responsive service, while adhering to the safety guidelines outlined by the County, State and Federal Health agencies.

We welcome you to join us as we partner and neighbor to make Upper Providence a community of distinction where people want to live, work and raise a family. Our community is always best served when residents actively participate and openly communicate their ideas to improve our community.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

*Greg Lebold, Township Manager*



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### Township Council



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### Notice from the Tax Collector

Upper Providence Tax Collection Agency will **NOT** be taking in person payments this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Tax bills can be mailed, dropped off at the Township Building or taken to Republic Bank at 448 E. Baltimore Avenue, Media to get a receipt. If you have any questions, call Margaret at 610-565-1120

The UPT Elves had another very successful year of giving. Without question, the economic downturn due to COVID had a significant effect on so many people this year. As a result, 2020 was the busiest holiday season for the UPT elves. This year alone, they provided 10 families and 30 children with gifts that they would not have otherwise been able to afford. Over the last 11 years we have purchased over \$100,000 in gifts for the needy families in Upper Providence Township. None of this would be possible without the generous monetary donations from our residents and business owners.



### Delaware County Household Hazardous Waste

#### Collection Events 2021

**April 24th Emergency Services Training Center, 1600**  
Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill (Darby Twp.)19079

**June 19th Delaware County Community College, 901**  
Media Line road, Media 19063

**September 18th Emergency Services Training Center,**  
1600 Calcon Hook Rd., Sharon Hill (Darby Twp.)19079

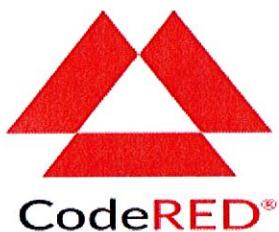
**October 16th Upper Chichester Municipal Bldg., 8500**  
Furey Rd., Upper Chichester 19061

*Registration Required for All Events*

<https://delcohhwevents.eventbrite.com>

UPT has contracted with **CodeRED** to provide emergency notification services. This is a high speed emergency mass notification service provided by On-Solve, LLC. The system sends telephone calls, text messages and/or emails to inform residents of emergencies.

OnSolve has provided UPT an initial database of residential and business telephone numbers; however all residents in UPT are encouraged to visit [upperprovidence](http://upperprovidence.org) to enroll their contact information to be added to the database.



**CodeRED®**

**Yard waste will now be every other Wednesday starting January 13, 2021 and every Wednesday starting October 6 through December 29th.**

### Refuse Schedule 2021

#### NO COLLECTION

Refuse that falls on these holidays will **NOT** be collected. Refuse will be collected on their next scheduled refuse day.

<b>Martin Luther King</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 2</b>
<b>Primary Election Day</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 18</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 31</b>
<b>Independence Day Observed</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 5</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 6</b>
<b>General Election Day</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 2</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 25</b>

### Recycling Holiday Schedule 2021

Recycling that falls on a holiday **WILL** still be picked that day except as noted\*

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Collection Date</u>
<b>Martin Luther King , Monday 1/18</b>	<b>Monday 1/18</b>
<b>Good Friday, Friday, 4/2</b>	<b>Friday 4/2</b>
<b>Primary Election Day, Tuesday 5/18</b>	<b>Tuesday 5/18</b>
<b>Memorial Day, Monday 5/31</b>	<b>*Tuesday 6/1</b>
<b>Independence Day Observed 7/5</b>	<b>Monday 7/5</b>
<b>Labor Day, Monday 9/6</b>	<b>*Tuesday 9/7</b>
<b>General Election Day, Tuesday 11/2</b>	<b>Tuesday 11/2</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day, Thursday 11/25</b>	<b>*Friday 11/26</b>

Go to [www.upperprovidence.org](http://www.upperprovidence.org) for more information on how and what to recycle.

If you would like to be notified via email about happenings in the Township, please go to our website:

[UpperProvidence.org](http://UpperProvidence.org)

Click the "Notify Me" icon to sign up. All new events, news and happenings are posted under News Flash. You may also call Kim at the Township 610-565-4944 and she will be happy to add your email to the list.



## An Important Message from the Sewer Department

Dear Neighbor,

As part of my job here at the Upper Providence Township Sewer Authority, I visit many resident's properties. What I'm seeing more and more is either damage to the sewer grinder pump, control box, or equipment access restrictions. The most common problem is damage to the pump lid caused by being struck by lawn cutting equipment. Whether this damage is caused by a contractor or a resident, the homeowner is responsible for the protection of this equipment and the cost of repair. In order to fairly address this issue, I would ask that the homeowner report any damage to this office so that a timely repair can be made thus possibly avoiding more serious and costly repairs. If reported in a timely manner by the homeowner, we will only charge the replacement cost of a new lid currently \$79.00. However, if the damage is discovered by me or a service technician, the homeowner will also be charged for labor to obtain, deliver and install a new cover in addition to the material cost. In addition, I would strongly suggest that homeowners who use lawn services inform these contractors that they will be held responsible for damage to not only the customer's property but also that of utilities serving that property.

The issue of equipment access is caused by factors which in most cases can be easily addressed by the homeowner. The following are some of the more common problems and suggested solutions:

1. Landscaping: Most of us spend considerable time and effort to make our properties look nice. While utility equipment is not particularly attractive, it is essential to our way of life. In order to service the grinder pump, the service technician must be able to remove the lid and while standing on a firm, uncluttered area around the pump housing, lift the 100-pound pump assembly up and out. While flowers and small shrubs are a common way to screen the pump, be aware that they could be damaged if pump service is necessary.
2. Trees, large bushes, and large shrubs: Many homeowners planted small trees, bushes, and shrubs that over the years have become large enough or dense enough to either restrict or prohibit safe access to the grinder pump. Unfortunately, such situations can cause a delay in the repair of a pump, requiring a return visit after the customer has removed the obstruction. Such a situation would also result in the homeowner being billed for the initial service call which could not be completed. It is suggested that a minimum 3-foot area around the pump be clear of such growth.
3. Miscellaneous obstructions: Bushes or trees that have thorns or leaves like holly trees, make pump service difficult, and in some cases, unsafe. Such vegetation should not be planted so it interferes with access to any utility equipment.



4. Mechanical obstructions: The placement of buildings or equipment too close to the pump or control box which would restrict ready access for repair or maintenance, may result in delays and additional cost of repairs to the homeowner. Two examples of such situations are:

- (1) a large propane tank being placed immediately in front of the pump control box so that it could not be opened and;
- (2) The stairs for a porch addition were constructed immediately on top of the pump and had to be removed before the pump could be repaired.

I realize that this issue is not on the top of most peoples list of concerns, particularly now. However, I would not want a family to go without sewer service for an extended period because the sewer facilities could not be accessed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call our office at (610)566-5376.

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