

## Manager's Message 3

Today I would like to introduce Matt Wojaczyk  
He is our Property Maintenance Officer/ Zoning.

We have not had someone in this position for a few years so it will take some time to get back in sync with a few of the ordinances we may have been neglecting.

In the last newsletter I asked that we all pitch in and help make Upper Mount Bethel Township the community we can be proud of, and Matt is tasked to help guide us.

His initial objectives are trees, signs, junkyards and abandoned vehicles.

Trees: UMBT not only hosts a lot of deer but also many trees. It is expensive and dangerous for the Township to have to cleanup and clear a road when a tree that has not been cared for comes down on a road and maybe even injures someone.

In UMBT, the property owner has the responsibility to care for any trees on their property. The Township takes care of the hazard.

It has been made clear that the residents of UMBT do not want their taxes increased, so if we must respond to a hazard due to a tree falling the cost will fall back to the property owner. Acts of God not included.  
ie: (lightening)

Signs: As we ride through the Township, we see many posted signs along the roads. There is a sign ordinance in the Township. The fee is minimal, but it gives us the opportunity to track the happenings in the Township. If you are running and advertising a business and do not have the proper permits filed, that should be corrected. If you are

advocating for a cause or a candidate, we should be able to know they are legitimate. Additionally, everyone should know political signs are to be removed within 10 days after the election.

Junkyards: Matt will be following up that the junkyard permits are paid and on record.

Abandon vehicles: There is an ordinance on the books that details the property owner's obligation for uninspected, uninsured, and unregistered vehicles that are parked on their property. These vehicles may present an unsafe condition, they may be polluting the ground, sheltering unwanted animals, or they may just be unsightly. If anyone has a vehicle that they want to remove, but may not have the resources, please contact the Township and we will try to assist.

I am looking forward to Matt's assistance in helping us make, Upper Mount Bethel Township, the community we all know it can be.