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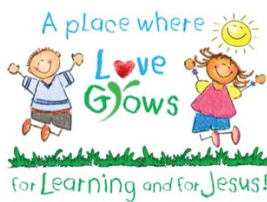
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## Message from the Manager

Greetings to my fellow residents of Upper Mount Bethel Township,

First, I am so humbled that the BOS have given me the opportunity to serve the great people of this township as your Township Manager. It gives me the ability to contribute to the success of our special community.

One subject I would like to write about is I realize we may have hard debates over several issues at times but in all that is what this Republic was created for, liberty. Hard debate is not unique to us, the founders over 200 years ago debated over creating this nation. President Madison feared a Democracy such as ancient Athens where there was a mob rule mentality. Madison was a Federalist, who was for a central government, his antagonists were the Anti-Federalists that were for states' rights. These two groups debated in Philadelphia in 1787 to design our Constitution. They created a central government with States rights sprinkled throughout the document. Was it perfect, no, but it was amicable for both sides and has worked for over 236 years. Fast track to 2024 in UMBT and here we are deciding on the path of the future of our town with RPL. We have two strong opinions on both sides of the argument, where should we land with this project? Perhaps, in the middle, just as our founders did in creating our Constitution. We need to get away from the name calling and shallow remarks and get down to the facts and debate them. We are better than this. I have tremendous faith in our community, we can come to a solution that everyone can agree on, it won't be flawless, but it should be amicable.

On another track, I would like to express that we are very excited that our park bathroom project is finally come to fruition! I must thank Mr. Post and his foundation for his overly generous donation of \$100,000.00 to kick start this project. In addition, his foundation funds the July 4th and Veterans Day fireworks and the Movie Nights at the park that we have all have enjoyed for several years now. I speak for many in this community that we are so fortunate that Mr. Post brought his family and company, Lamtec and Custom Laminating, to our Township. We are forever grateful for your devotion to our community.

Our Preserve is slowly but surely working its way around the grant gambit, we thank Simone Collins Inc. for helping us try and procure the funding for the Preserve. By the time this newsletter is published most of the grants will be submitted for review.

Finally, I must give recognition to our employees at the township. They all do such a great job at what they do and function as a well-oiled machine. Our highway department is second to none. Led by our General Foreman Lindsey Manzi the men are always willing to do what's best for our township residents to make sure the roads are safe and in good condition. Then there is Diann and Cindy, our town could not be successful without them. Everyday I am so grateful I have them both at myside to make this town function and make the right sound decisions daily. What can I say, they are simply the best!

Best regards to everyone,

*Nick Graziano*

Upper Mount Bethel Township Manager

## Upper Mount Bethel Township Road Crew

**(From left to right)**

**TODD PINTO** — One of our newest employees (2024). Todd is also the Fire Chief of the North Bangor Fire Company.

**JIM POTTER** — 2 years with the Township. Jim is also the Assistant Fire Chief of the Mt. Bethel Fire Company.

**NICK NITTOLI** — one of our part-time road crew employees.

**TROY BARTRON** — 5 years with the Township.

Township Manager **NICK GRAZIANO**

**DAVE CONSTABLE** — Assistant Road Crew Chief-8 years with the Township.

**LINDSEY MANZI** — Road Crew Chief, 30 years with the Township. Lindsey is also the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township.

**TOM RINEHART** — 1 year with the Township.

**DON DIANA** — 2 years with the Township.

**BROCK PEARSON** — Another one of our newest employees (2024).



# Keller Zoning and Inspection Services, Inc.

## What Type of Permit(s) Do I need?

The following information is a brief overview. If you are uncertain, always contact the Building Code Official (BCO) and the Zoning Officer to confirm permitting requirements prior to proceeding with your project.

The following guidelines apply to single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, townhouses and structures that are considered to be accessory to these types of residential structures. Any other uses or proposed construction would be considered “COMMERCIAL” and must comply with the requirements for commercial buildings. Please contact the Building Code Official (BCO) and Zoning Officer for more information on how to determine the requirements for any proposed commercial construction.

### Required Residential Permits

**ZP: Zoning Permit**

**BP: Building Permit**

#### 1. Decks

- a. 30” or less at the highest point of the deck walking surface measured from the adjacent grade, not located at the main exit door and without a roof: **ZP**
- b. Over 30” at the highest point adjacent of the deck walking surface measured from the grade or if the deck is located at the main exit door: **ZP** and **BP**
- c. Replacing an existing deck requires permits as specified in a. and b.

#### 2. Porches or Decks with a roof

- a. **ZP** regardless of the height of the walking surface

#### 3. Enclosing a Porch or Patio

- a. **ZP** and **BP**

#### 4. Sheds or Garages

Under 1,000 square feet of total floor area and accessory to a single family dwelling: **ZP**

- a. 1,000 square feet of total floor area or larger: **ZP** and **BP**

#### 5. Fences

Fences 3 feet to 6 feet high: **ZP**

Fences higher than 6 feet: **ZP** and **BP**

#### 6. Retaining Walls

- a. Up to and including 4 feet high measured from the adjacent grade: **ZP**
- a. Retaining walls higher than 4’ at any point measured from the adjacent grade: **ZP** and **BP**

#### 7. Swimming Pools

All swimming pools that are capable of holding 24” or more of water: **ZP** and **BP**

Barriers (e.g. fence) required by the International Residential Code must be provided.

#### 8. Hot tub or Spa

- a. Indoor: **ZP**
- b. Outdoor: **ZP**

#### 9. Additions

- a. Any size: **ZP** and **BP**
- b. Garage attached to the house: **ZP** and **BP**
- c. Carport attached to the house: **ZP** and **BP**

#### 10. Alterations

- a. Alterations that involve structural changes: **BP**

A zoning permit may be required, depending upon the scope of work.

Please do not proceed with a project of this type without first contacting the code official for guidance.

#### 11. Changes to an Existing Mean of Egress

- a. Removal or change: **BP**

A zoning permit may be required depending upon the scope of work.

- a. Ramp: **ZP** and **BP**
- c. Exit door: **BP**
- d. Stairs: **ZP** and **BP**
- e. Handrails: **BP**
- f. Guard system: **BP**

#### 12. New Homes

- a. Traditional: **ZP** and **BP**
- b. Manufactured (new or used): **ZP** and **BP**
- c. Modular (new or used): **ZP** and **BP**

#### 13. Demolition

- a. Residential Structure: **BP**
- b. Commercial Structure: **BP**

#### 14. The Project Involves:

- a. Removal, replacement, re-enforcement or cutting of any structural beam or header or any load-bearing support wall: **BP**
- b. Work or service to the electrical service to the dwelling that will require an inspection by the power company and UCC inspection. Commercial Electrical Service requires **BP** and Inspection.
- c. Cutting away of any wall, partition, or portion thereof: **BP**
- d. Addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any water supply, sewer, drainage, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping: **BP**
- e. Addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any electrical wiring: **BP**

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- f. Addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any mechanical Equipment: **BP**
15. Any portion of a dwelling or residential accessory structure that will be used for commercial purposes (open to employees or the public) Examples include but are not limited to:
- Professional offices
  - Business offices
  - Notaries
  - Beauty Shops, nail salons, barber shops
  - Car or equipment repair

**FEES:** A \$135.00 application fee is due with all residential Zoning Permit applications. Any additional zoning fees are due upon issuance of the permit. The building permit fees are separate from the zoning fees and are due upon issuance of the permit. Checks should be made Payable to Upper Mount Bethel.

**Any construction that requires a building permit also requires a grading plan review by the Township Engineer.**

Please keep in mind that doing work regulated by the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) without a permit will result in an enforcement action being taken against you by the municipality,



and upon conviction, you may be subject to fines and penalties up to and including \$1,000 per day of each violation.

Also, occupying any structure without a Certificate of Occupancy issued by the BCO is a serious violation and will also result in enforcement action. Please do not occupy or begin using any structure without a Certificate of Occupancy.

If you fail to obtain permits, inspections and certificates of occupancy, it is very likely that you will have serious difficulties when you eventually try to sell your house or property, as all structures built since April 9, 2004 must have a legal certificate of occupancy.

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**ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR DISC, BASE, AND YEAR END:**

**4PM – 6PM 5/21, 5/28, 5/30, 5/31, 12/27, 12/30, 12/31**

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**OFFICE CLOSED: 9/15-10/11, 11/27, 11/28, 11/29, 12/19-12/26**

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## EDC 2024 News

### Growing Our Business Community Together

Do you have a favorite business that you patronize on a regular basis in our township? How about a business where you have to travel outside of our area because we don't yet offer that product or service? Our township Economic and Development Committee has been hard at work partnering with township business owners to address our ever-changing landscape, identifying potential business opportunities where we have existing gaps, and determining the best ways possible to tell not just our residents, but also tourists coming to our area, about the many unique businesses and experiences that our township has to offer.

In 2023, the EDC sponsored several meet and greet sessions with local business owners at Tuscarora Inn to garner feedback to some ideas from the EDC about the local business landscape. As part of the discussion, the business owners were in agreement that for the area to really shine, it would be imperative to create an identity for our business community. We have restaurants, butcher shops, wineries, breweries, garden and feed centers, gas stations, fruit and vegetable growers, Christmas tree farms... the list goes on and on. But, we aren't an urban area

with a downtown built around Main Street. So, what should we be known as now and in the future and what business(es) - products and services - would make a great fit for our growing community? The EDC helps to connect those dots while developing tools and resources like the upcoming local business directory ([www.umbt.gov/businessdirectory](http://www.umbt.gov/businessdirectory)) and glossy marketing brochures for placement in area rest stops and other businesses to bring people (and revenue) into our township.

As the EDC looks ahead to the Spring and Summer of 2024, there are some immediate challenges on the horizon. With the upcoming development at the RPL site along River Road, we have heard from many residents about the need for transparency and open communication with the developers and UMBT. We are currently working with the developers to provide a monthly update on current events at their River Road site, along with open Q & A sessions with residents to address their concerns regarding the RPL project in UMBT. Please keep an eye out for future announcements on this topic.

The EDC will continue working with area businesses to further our goal of branding our community, driving economic growth to help offset the tax burden placed on residents and filling gaps in the products and services needed within our community. If you have an idea that you think would be of benefit to our community post it to our facebook page (UMBT Economic Development Committee) or better yet, come to a meeting! The committee meets the 4th Thursday of every month at the township building and would love to hear about your idea.

### About the EDC

The UMBT Economic and Development Committee is composed of township residents including business owners volunteering their time, talents and collective expertise to further the connection between existing businesses and our community. In addition, the committee partners with local, city and state community development organizations and officials to get the pulse of

the economic landscape in our region to better provide thoughtful and strategic insight into economic expansion in Upper Mount Bethel Township. The committee measures success by its ability to bring together and promote business development that further enhances the overall experience of township residents and helps business owners prosper within our community.





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## Parks and Recreation



# UMBT Field Hockey

## Fall 2024 Season



Calling all girls, entering Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade in Fall 2024!



UMBT Field Hockey Teams (Grades entering Fall 2024, No Tryouts & No Experience Required):

- Micros (Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Graders) skill intro with Play Day scrimmages
- 2/4 Team (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders) competitive team
- 5/6 Team (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders) competitive team

Practice: Tuesdays & Thursdays from August 13<sup>th</sup> to October 29<sup>th</sup>

5:30-6:30pm for Micros

5:30-7pm for 2/4 & 5/6 Athletes

Games & Special Events

Parents' Meeting: August 13<sup>th</sup>

NJPA Hockey League 2/4 & 5/6 "Play Day": August 25<sup>th</sup> (optional)

2/4 & 5/6 Game Days: Sunday afternoons from September 8<sup>th</sup> to October 27<sup>th</sup>

Micros' Play Day: Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

NJPA Hockey League 5/6 Tournament: October 27<sup>th</sup> (participation TBD)

UMBT Field Hockey Neon-Glow in the Dark Awards Celebration: October 29<sup>th</sup>



Registration open May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Cost \$100 per player & payment due by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sign-up at <https://umbt.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Registration capped at 75 players with waitlist option to fill out teams.

UMBT Field Hockey Practice & Home Game Location:

UMBT Community Park, 1535 Potomac Street, Mt. Bethel, PA, 18343

Required equipment for each player: Field Hockey stick, colorful mouthguard, cleats & shin guards. For games: black shorts, skort or leggings.

Optional equipment: Padded field hockey gloves & eye goggles.

Equipment provided to each player: Game Jersey top, Game shin guard socks & Practice pinnie.



Questions?

Contact UMBT Field Hockey Co-Director

Emily Keggan at 484-221-2446

or [UMBTFieldHockeyKto6@Gmail.com](mailto:UMBTFieldHockeyKto6@Gmail.com)





# SOFTBALL

## UMBT Softball

The 2024 season of UMBT Softball is underway! We have 142 girls ages 4 to 18 registered across 13 teams. Any girl from age 4 to 20 that lives within the Bangor School District is eligible to play\*. UMBT is part of the Eastern Lehigh Valley girls fastpitch league. Practices are underway now and games will start in late April and run to the end of June/early July. If you want to see a game, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten (Tball) teams play at Potomac Park, Grades 1 and 2 (coach pitch) as well as grades 3 and 4 (Minors) play at Lower Mount Bethel Riverton Fields and grades 5 and 6 (Majors) and grades 10+ (Seniors) play at Echo Lake Fields. Weekday games typically start at 6:00 pm. Go to <https://elvsoftball.org> to find rules, field directions, game schedules, scores and standings for the spring season.

*\*Note that registration is closed and players are not being accepted at this time.*

# BASKETBALL

## UMBT Basketball

During the 2023-24 season, more than 200 kids and 19 teams participated in the UMBT Basketball program. The in-house program is comprised of grades 1-2, and the coed teams practice and compete against each other over the course of the season. The travel program is for grades 3-6, and the seven boys' teams and five girls' teams competed in the Community Basketball League against other community programs. The fourth grade girls' and fifth grade girls' teams both qualified for the CBL Playoffs.

Registration for the 2024-25 season will open up late summer. If you are interested in volunteering or coaching with the program, or have any questions, please email [umbtbasketball1@gmail.com](mailto:umbtbasketball1@gmail.com).



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## Parks and Recreation

An update from the Upper Mount Bethel Township Parks & Recreation Board...

# UMBT Parks & Recreation

Summer 2024

### \*\*\*VENDORS NEEDED\*\*\*

*July 4th Fireworks  
Food Truck Festival / Craft Show  
Veteran's Day Fireworks*

All interested should email

ParksRec@umbt.org for more information.

We want to recognize and give thanks to **LAMTEC** and **Custom Laminating** for their continued support of Parks & Recreation. On behalf of our community, our residents and the Parks & Recreation Board.

**THANK YOU!**

### Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to assist us with programs and events. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email us at ParksRec@umbt.org.

### Sports Programs & Community Events

UMBT Basketball

UMBT Softball

UMBT Field Hockey

UMBT Volleyball

Movie Nights In The Park—**June 15**

July 4th Fireworks—**July 6**

Food Truck Festival & Craft Show—**August 24**

Veterans Day Fireworks—**November 9**

### Parks & Recreation Board

We are excited to announce that the **Community Park bathrooms project** is finally underway and is expected to be completed this year.



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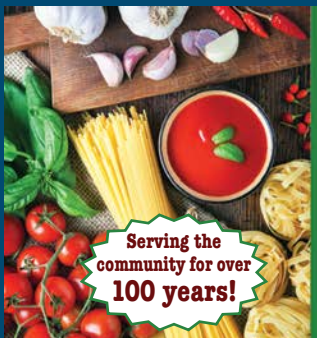
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## Chairman Letter

I have been an Upper Mount Bethel Supervisor for over nine years now. During my time as a Supervisor, I have learned a lot about how government works. Government can do good for the People and government can make People's lives miserable. I have been involved with Local Governments who have done both, and it all really depends on who you elect to office. I am of the Republican party, and I have been Republican all my voting life. The first president I voted for was George H. W. Bush in 1988 and I was proud to help elect him. As a Supervisor, I ran on the Republican ticket and proudly believe in the values that Republicans hold dear, but you know what, I like Democrats and I respect their values. Yes, I am a Republican who likes Democrats.

Supervisor David Friedman is a Democrat. David and I ran together in 2021 both winning our party tickets and were even written on the other party's ticket during the primary, securing our victories. Wait! You mean Democrats voted for Republicans and Republicans voted for Democrats? Yes, that is what Upper Mount Bethel did in 2021 and you did it again in 2023 with Supervisor Cori Eckman (Republican) and Supervisor Jason Albert (Democrat). I supported both Cori and Jason regardless of whether they were a Republican or a Democrat. I endorsed them both because, in my opinion, they would look out for Upper Mount Bethel and would listen to the People. Sometimes there are more important things than strict party politics.

This is what working together is all about. Just because Republicans and Democrats may value different things does not make either party wrong, it just makes us different. However, when big issues concern Township residents, Republicans and Democrats of Upper Mount Bethel put our political differences aside and say, "let's work together" and we continue to do so. That's what is great about being an American, we can agree to disagree; but we pull together when we need to do it.

The next time you walk into a voting booth to vote for a local official, ask yourself is it about voting party lines or is it about voting for the individual who will do best for Upper Mount Bethel? I believe the latter, and in this day and age, we need to put political parties aside and vote for the best local candidate. At a local government level, I do not worry anymore about political parties. I support and vote for who is going to put Upper Mount Bethel first and foremost. That is what Upper Mount Bethel residents did in our last two supervisor elections, we put party politics aside and voted for the individuals who would fight for the People. Keep up the good work all you Upper Mount Bethel registered voters. I am proud to be your fellow neighbor whether you are a Republican, Democrat or whichever political party you may or may not be with. It is about coming together locally no matter what our political parties. The future of Upper Mount Bethel depends on it.

Honorably Yours,

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## UMBT Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

UMBT Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) reactivated in 2024

Among the many actions of the 2024 Board of Supervisor to bring timely information to residents was to reactivate the Township EAC. The original EAC was approved by ordinance in 2000, following Pennsylvania EAC regulations and guidelines. The past Board quietly unseated the Council during 2021-2023.

The EAC handbook describes community EACs as appointed by their local government to advise on protection, conservation, management, and use of their natural resources. EACs have no power and work as a liaison between the community and its officials.

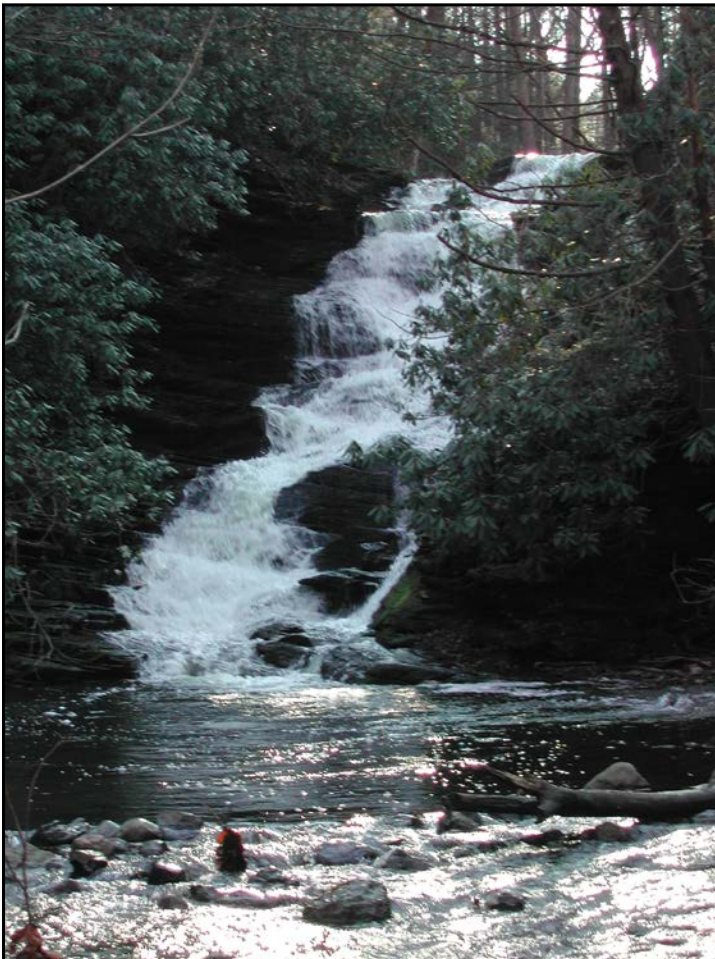
The UMBT EAC will meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Township Building. Public attendance is welcome to discuss current topics and bring unknown issues to residents. EAC plans to post our agenda and minutes as a page with other committees on the Township website.

Members were appointed with the approved reinstatement on March 11, 2024 bringing a wide range of experiences from farming, business and education, whether gained academically or through hands on life learning experiences.

Judith Henckel, chairperson. Founding EAC member and historian, an environmental advocate with Bachelor and Master Degrees in Science, specializing in environmental education and wildlife research focusing on birds of prey (raptors).

Courtney Gilmour, co-chairperson. Her background as a foster parent, community organizer and history of volunteerism with a love of outdoors brings experience and an innovative perspective to the municipality's planning challenge of balancing economic revitalization with environmental preservation.

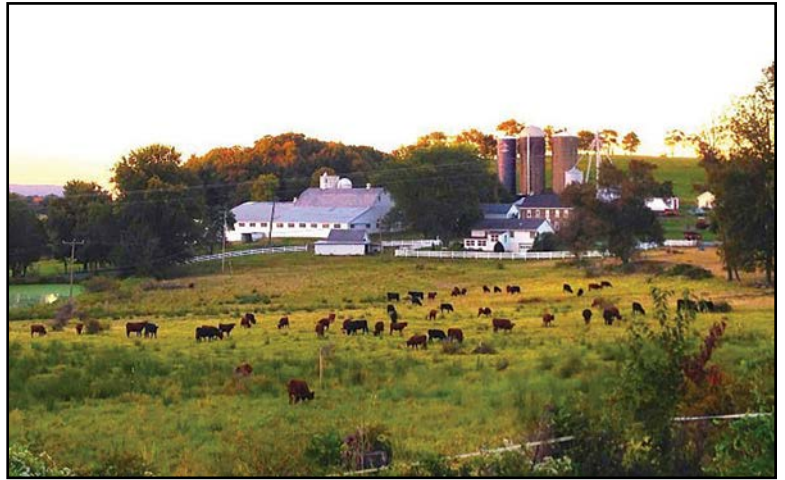
Alexandra Dutt, secretary. A combination of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science and a Master of Education in Agriculture and Extension Education Degrees; local government experience in law and ordinances; and employment with a renewable energy company brings agriculture and environmental education together with business and government experiences.



Allison Heinsohn. A member of several local watershed organizations and land trust, volunteers on stream watch projects, like riparian buffer and invasive species removal. Her citizen science expertise as a Penn State Master Watershed Steward can help guide the Township toward a more diverse tax base while maintaining our rural character.

Dohl DiFebo. A fifth generation farm owner managing over 350 acres on the first preserved farm in our Township, which was awarded the first National Leopold Conservation Award in farming, east of the Mississippi. Another community endeavor is the organic cattle farming demonstration on the Ott Environmental Learning Center at Bangor Area School District. Both, along with computer programming, are a voice bringing organic agriculture, open space and environment together for future decisions the Township faces.

The members' Letters of Interest with qualifications can be found on the EAC Township web page.



## Message from the Supervisor

Spring is in the air, and with that comes the many local opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities in Upper Mount Bethel Township. Take a hike on the Appalachian Trail from Route 191 to the Delaware Water Gap and enjoy the view of the Township. Do not forget to bring your camera. You can visit Lake Minsi for fishing, boating, kayaking, walking, and enjoying the wildlife. Maybe, you will catch a glimpse of an Eagle or Osprey grabbing a fish from the lake, spot a mink swimming along the shore, or the different waterfowl paddling around. The Community Park on Potomac St. is a great place to take the kids to run around and play, with the view of the Delaware Water Gap in the background. The Preserve is another outdoor area to walk and enjoy scenery. This once open sand pit mine is slowly being reclaimed by nature. Look on our Township Webpage to see the future plans for this unique area.

If all this hiking and walking has you thirsty and hungry, you have many choices of local outdoor food venues and restaurants to dine in. You can take home some supplies from one of the Township's local butchers for a backyard cookout. Take a ride and visit some of local shops for crafts or antiques. Stop by one of our several feed and seed stores, greenhouses, or nurseries for your garden plants and flowers. And once spring turns into summer, don't forget the many roadside vegetable stands with locally grown produce.

Whatever your spring and summer plans are, try to take one day to get out and enjoy the beauty and scenery of Upper Mount Bethel Township and support our locally owned businesses. We are lucky to have so many areas in our Township to enjoy. Be safe!

*Jason Albert*

Upper Mount Bethel Township Supervisor

## Upper Mount Bethel Township FURR (Feline Urban Rescue and Rehab, Inc.)

As most know, the unfortunate issue of homeless feral cats touches most communities, including Upper Mount Bethel. How can we help in solving this difficult problem? The organization, FURR has been working to ease this problem in our area and has become an important resource. You may be asking, "What is FURR?"

Feline Urban Rescue and Rehab, Inc (FURR) was founded in 2003 and is licensed to do business in Pennsylvania. FURR has no shelter building and no paid staff. We are a volunteer, foster based rescue for cats. FURR touches the lives of approximately 1,000 cats each year through rescue, foster and adoption (averaging 600 cats each year) and through Trap Neuter, Vaccination and Return (TNVR) of community/feral cats (averaging close to 400 cats each year).

FURR also offers a Seniors for Seniors Program that places senior cats with senior citizens. In this program, FURR continues to pay for all medical expenses, and the senior citizen provides a home, food, litter and love. Removing financial barriers can create a win-win situation: senior citizens receive the companionship of a senior cat, and the senior cat gets a home. In the event that a senior citizen can no longer provide care for the cat, the cat returns to FURR. We also operate a Barn Home Program where community/feral cats that are in imminent danger can be relocated and acclimated to a safe farm.

FURR recognizes the need for affordable and accessible spay/neuter services for cats and the need to engage the community in working to end the overpopulation crisis of cats. On February 20, 2024, FURR opened **the only low cost spay/neuter clinic in Northampton County called FURR Fix**, located in Bangor, PA. Community members can schedule appointments on our website [www.felineurbanrescueandrehab.org](http://www.felineurbanrescueandrehab.org) for both pet cats and community/feral cats (TNR). FURR is able to lend traps and teach community members how to humanely trap community/feral cats. You must schedule an appointment before trapping as the clinic is open on average four days per month, providing over 100 spay/neuters monthly.



FURR has contracted with the Borough of Pen Argyl who will pay for 10 community/feral (TNR) cats. Vouchers can be obtained at the Borough Office. FURR has also partnered with the Monroe Animal League for community/feral TNR. Contact the Monroe Animal League to apply for vouchers. Have questions? Give us a call at (610) 881-7600. You can also visit our Facebook page, Friends of Feline Urban Rescue and Rehab. We are excited to continue to work with the community! Want to help? Here are some things you can do:

**DONATE!** We receive no governmental funding and few grants. We depend on our supporters and fundraising to help as many cats as possible.

**FOSTER!** Fosters are needed for both kittens and adult cats

**ADOPT!** All cats available for adoption are on our website

**VOLUNTEER!** We have opportunities to match what you want to do.



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# Fireworks Safety

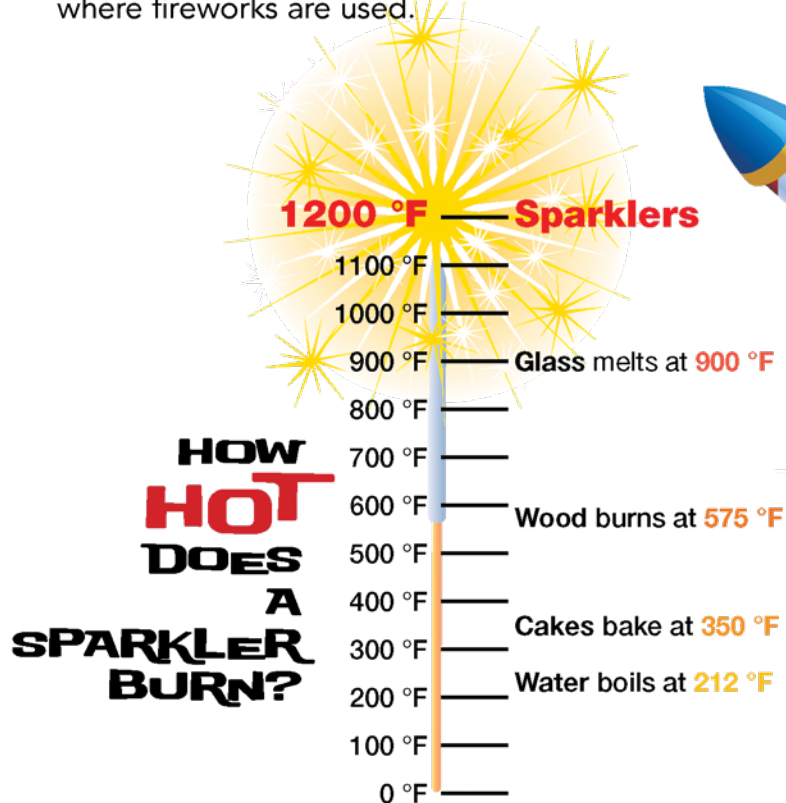
Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely if they follow a few simple safety tips:

## BE CAREFUL!

- »»» Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- »»» Do not use consumer fireworks.
- »»» Keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.

## CONSUMER FIREWORKS

**NFPA is opposed to consumer use of fireworks.** This includes sparklers and firecrackers. Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



## FACTS

- ❗ Fireworks cause an average of almost 18,500 reported fires per year.
- ❗ Sparklers account for more than one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

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**Upper Mount Bethel Township Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP MEETINGS - 2024

All meetings are held in the Municipal Building, 387 Ye Olde Highway, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

**Board of Supervisors** - 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**Open Space Advisory Board** - 4th Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission** - 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Recreation/Park Committee** - 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

**Economic Development Committee** - 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm

**Zoning Hearing Board** - 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (as needed)

**Environmental Advisory Council** - 1st Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Board of Elected Supervisors	6 year term	Term Exp
John Bermingham	Chairman	2028
David Friedman	Vice Chairman	2028
Jason Albert	Treasurer	2030
Courtney Eckman	Secretary	2030
Jonathan Erler	Supervisor	2025

<b>Township Manager</b> Nick Graziano	Ext. 5	Annual
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<b>Township Secretary/Recording/Secretary</b> Cynthia Beck	Ext. 2	
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<b>Senior Accounting Clerk/Bookkeeper</b> Diann Eden	Ext. 4	
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<b>Administrative/Office Liaison</b> David Friedman		
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#### Road Department Inquires

Road Crew Chief/EMC	Lindsey Manzi, Ext. 6
Assistant Road Crew Chief	David Constable, Ext. 6
Road Dept. Liaison	David Friedman

<b>Zoning Officer/Building Codes Official</b>	Tina Serfass	Ext. 3	Annual
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<b>Property Maintenance Officer</b>	Open	Ext. 3	
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<b>Burn Control</b>	John Bocko	570-688-6191	
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<b>Sewage Enforcement Officer</b> Scott Policelli		Annual
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<b>Township Engineer</b> Justin Coyle, P.E.		Annual
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<b>Board of Supervisors &amp; Planning Commission Solicitor</b> Ronold Karasek, Esq.		Annual
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<b>Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor</b> Chad DiFelice		Annual
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Zoning Hearing Board		5 Yr Term
Russell Horn	Chairman	2028
Jeff Manzi	Vice Chairman	2025
Lee McDonald	Secretary	2028
Scott Duddy	Member	2027
Tony Rago	Member	2029

Planning Commission		5 Yr Term
Robert Teel	Chairman	2028
Randy Crane	Vice Chairman	2027
Faith Sarisky	Secretary	2026
Frank Klein		2025
Jimmy Potter		2025

<b>Tax Collector</b> Cindy Beck	484-404-9491	2026
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<b>Vacancy Board</b> Mark Mezger		Annual
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Elected Auditors	6 year term	Term Exp
Charles Felker	Chairman	2028
Rod Rufe	Secretary	2026
Charles Baltic	Vice Chairman	2030

<b>BASD Regional Economic Development Authority</b> Jeff Manzi		2026
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<b>STATE POLICE</b>		
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<b>Mt. Bethel Vol. Fire Co.</b>		
Emergency: 911		
Non-Emergency/Report Controlled Burns	570-897-6767	

<b>North Bangor Fire Co.</b>		
Emergency: 911	Non-Emergency: 610-588-0614	

<b>PennDot County Roads</b>	Deer Removal	610-250-1840
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<b>Game Commission Twp Roads</b>	Deer Removal	610-926-3136
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<b>Mt. Bethel Post Office</b>		570-897-5131
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<b>Bangor Area School District</b>	Main Number	610-588-2163
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<b>Slater Family Network</b>		610-599-7019
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<b>Garbage Company</b> Waste Management		800-633-9096
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<b>Met-Ed</b>	Customer Service	1-800-545-7741
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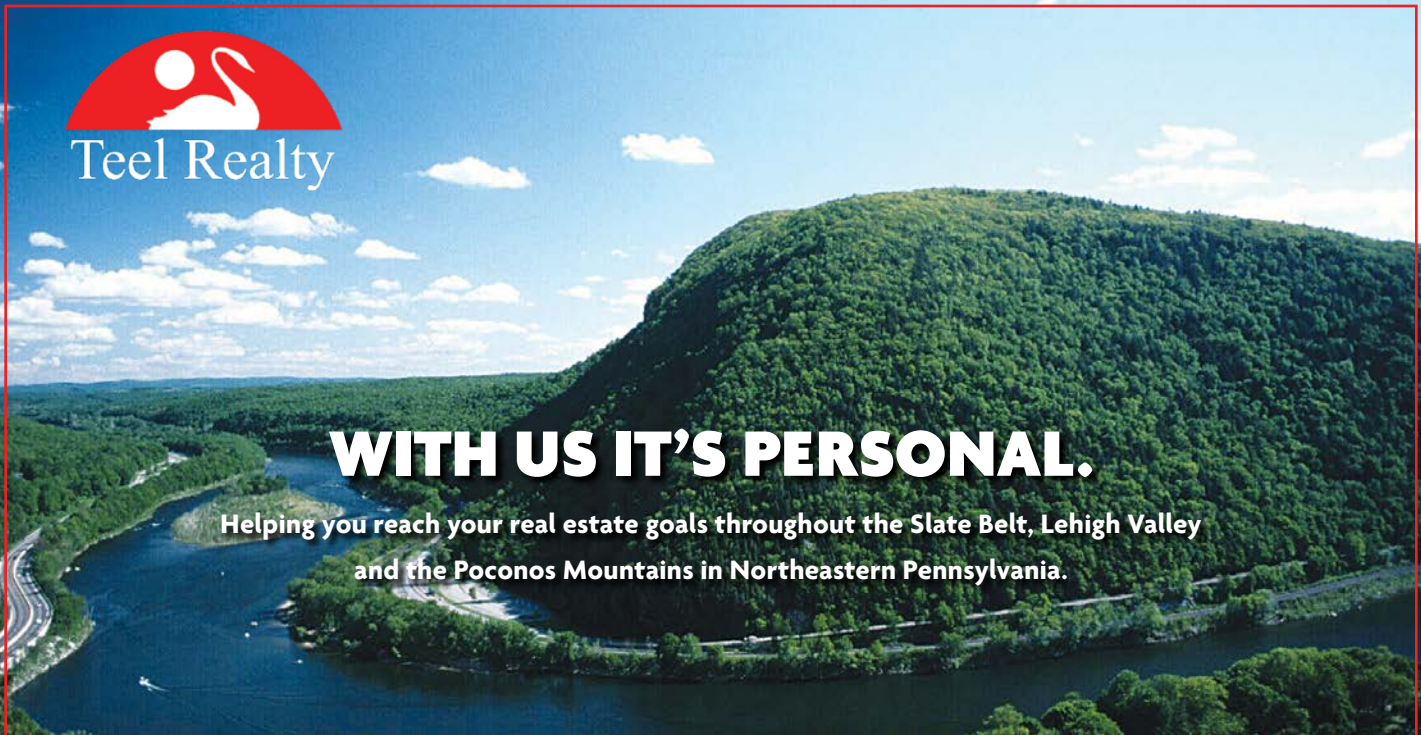
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