

# UPPER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

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## Roadwork to Impact Drivers this Summer

Township residents will be experiencing a lot of roadwork this year as one highway project wraps up and 3 new ones get started.

### Preston Lane Stormwater Improvements and Roundabout Construction

As most residents now know, the Township began improvements to Preston Lane between Route 378 and Camp Meeting Road in the vicinity of the Southern Lehigh School District campus last year. The low bidder was awarded the contract at a public meeting of the Township Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2018 and a notice to proceed was issued on June 29, 2018.

Unfortunately, there was a delay in the procurement of certain materials necessary to complete the project prior to the commencement of the 2018-2019 school year. As a result, the project was separated into two phases. The first phase of construction is substantially completed and includes stormwater improvements along Preston Lane. The second phase involves the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Preston Lane and the westernmost driveways to the High School and Middle School (driveways closest to Camp Meeting Road).

The roundabout construction is scheduled to begin after the schools are closed for summer vacation. During the initial portion of work, Preston Lane will remain open, however, as work begins on the actual roundabout, Preston Lane will be closed to all thru traffic. The work will be completed before school opens again in the fall.

The decision to construct a roundabout was based on an assessment of available options such as adding lanes and installing traffic signals. Ultimately, because the installation of a traffic signal at this location is not warranted based on current and projected traffic volumes, the installation of a roundabout is the most cost-effective solution. For more information on benefits and advantages of roundabouts see page 4.

Specific detour and access information will be posted on the Township and School District web sites. Motorists should anticipate delays, especially during peak travel times, and use caution driving through the area.

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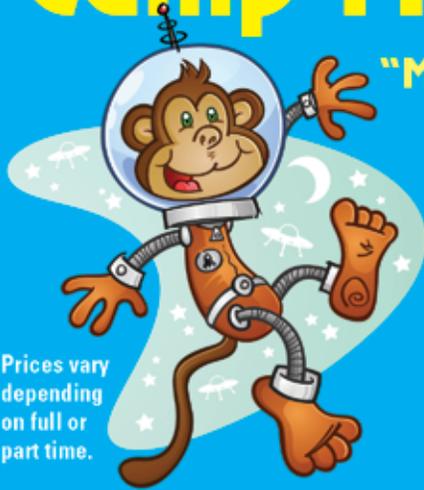
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www.uppersaucon.org

### Office Hours

8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Friday

### Water/Sewer Building

4774 Saucon Creek Road  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
P: 610-694-8680  
F: 610-694-9020

### Office Hours

7:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Monday through Friday

### Wastewater Treatment Plant

4966 Rt. 378  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

### Township Park

3231 Preston Lane  
Center Valley, PA 18034

### \*Dial 911 for Emergencies\*

#### Administration

610-282-1171 ext. 1222

#### Ambulance (non-emergency)

610-282-1565

#### Community Development Dept:

610-282-1171 ext. 2

#### Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

610-282-1171 ext. 1254

#### Finance Dept.

610-282-1171 ext. 7

#### Fire Dept. (non-emergency)

610-791-0266

#### General Information

610-282-1171 ext. 0

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610-282-1555

#### Pavilion Rental/Park Info

610-282-1171 ext. 1268

#### Police (non-emergency)

610-282-3064

#### Road Dept.

610-282-1171 ext. 6

#### Tax Collector

610-797-2282

#### Water and Sewer Billing

610-282-1171 ext. 1229

#### Water and Sewer Dept.

610-694-8680

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## Route 309 and Lanark Road Intersection

The intersection of Pennsylvania State Route 309 and Lanark Rd/Camp Meeting Road in the Township experiences significant delays during the peak morning and evening hours. Route 309 is split through the intersection resulting in an unconventional intersection design which leads to driver confusion - especially for vehicles on Lanark Road/Camp Meeting Road, given the single approach lanes. Left turning vehicles on these approaches are unsure whether to turn in front of opposing left-turn vehicles or behind them. The intersection has been analyzed by multiple traffic studies and a scope of improvements to improve safety and increase capacity has been developed.



The project will widen Route 309 by constructing a northbound left turn lane, realign and widen Lanark Road to provide an exclusive eastbound left-turn lane and shoulders, realign and widen Camp Meeting Road to include a westbound left-turn lane and shoulders, install new traffic signals, emergency vehicle detectors, channelized right-turn islands and upgrade existing storm water facilities.

This project will improve intersection alignment, increase overall intersection capacity and improve safety. Work is expected to begin in 2019 and continue into 2020.

## Additional Turning Lane on Route 378

Congestion at the intersection of Main Street (from Coopersburg) and PA Route 378 between the north and southbound lanes of PA 309 has been getting worse over the past several years. A few cars and two tractor trailers just about use the entire length of that section of roadway.

In order to improve the intersection alignment, increase overall intersection capacity and improve intersection safety and functionality, at the State Route 309 and State Route 378 intersection, Upper Saucon will be widening and realigning Route 378 between northbound and southbound Route 309 in order to provide an additional through lane/left-turn lane, shoulders and upgraded traffic signals to optimize the signal timing/phasing. Essentially, we are adding a new left-turn/straight lane for vehicles traveling north from Main Street to northbound 309 or northbound 378.

Construction will begin later this year and is expected to be completed early in 2020.



# About Roundabouts

## Roundabouts vs. Traffic Circles

Modern roundabouts in Pennsylvania are NOT the same as the old-style New Jersey traffic circles, which operate on a different set of principles. For instance, motorists entering traffic circles tend to have the right of way (not as safe), whereas traffic entering a roundabout must yield to motorists already in the circle (much safer). Traffic circles also tend to be much larger but are inefficient for handling the increased traffic volumes we face today.

## Safety

Roundabouts offer improved safety over other at-grade intersection forms because roundabouts have fewer conflict points, slower speeds, and easier decision making. When comparing a roundabout to a signal, studies show that roundabouts provide a 90 percent reduction in fatal crashes, 75 percent reduction in injury crashes, 30-40 percent reduction in pedestrian crashes, and 10 percent reduction in bicycle crashes. Roundabouts improve pedestrian safety offering two simple crossings of one-way traffic moving at much slower speeds.

In September 2018, PennDOT released data for 11 roundabouts on state routes at intersections that were previously stop or signal controlled. These roundabouts were reviewed based on having at least three years of data available before and after the roundabout's installation. These 11 are all the roundabouts on state routes that met the review parameters. Department data based on police-submitted crash reports spanning the years 2000 through 2017 shows:

- Fatalities were reduced by 100 percent (from two to zero);
- Serious injuries were reduced by 100 percent (from seven to zero);
- Minor injuries were reduced by 95 percent (from 19 to one);
- Possible/unknown severity injuries were reduced by 92 percent (from 49 to four);
- Crashes causing only property damage decreased by 2 percent (from 49 to 48); and
- The total number of crashes dropped 47 percent (from 101 to 54).

## Capacity

Roundabouts typically carry about 30 percent more vehicles than similarly sized signalized intersections during peak flow conditions. During off-peak conditions, roundabouts cause almost no delay, but traffic signals can cause delay to side street and left-turning traffic from the major street. Increased capacity at roundabouts is due to the continuously flowing nature of yielding only until a gap is available, versus waiting turns at a signal.

## ROUNDABOUTS VS. TRAFFIC CIRCLES

IN A ROUNDABOUT...	IN A TRAFFIC CIRCLE...
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"><span style="color: green;">✔</span></div> <div>Vehicles entering just <b>SLOW DOWN</b> and <b>YIELD</b> to traffic already in the roundabout.</div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"><span style="color: red;">✘</span></div> <div>Vehicles entering are often stop controlled by a <b>SIGNAL OR STOP SIGN</b>.</div> </div>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"><span style="color: green;">✔</span></div> <div>Circulating traffic <b>DOES NOT STOP</b>. This constant flow allows the roundabout to accommodate high volumes of traffic.</div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"><span style="color: red;">✘</span></div> <div>Circulating traffic is commonly required to <b>STOP FOR ENTERING TRAFFIC</b>. This results in congestion and significant delays.</div> </div>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"><span style="color: green;">✔</span></div> <div>Vehicle speeds are geometrically restricted — essentially limiting motorists to <b>BELOW 30 MPH</b>.</div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"><span style="color: red;">✘</span></div> <div>Large traffic circles typically have <b>HIGH-SPEED</b> entries.</div> </div>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"><span style="color: green;">✔</span></div> <div>Vehicles <b>DO NOT CHANGE LANES</b>, unless exiting multilane roundabouts.</div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"><span style="color: red;">✘</span></div> <div>Vehicles are <b>PERMITTED TO CHANGE LANES</b>. When paired with high speeds, it can lead to dangerous crashes.</div> </div>

National studies show that modern roundabouts reduce:

- Fatal crashes by 90 percent
- Injury crashes by 75 percent
- Pedestrian crashes by 30-40 percent
- Bicycle crashes by 10 percent

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# SUMMER EVENTS

## Summer Recreation Program

Upper Saucon has teamed up with the Saucon Valley Community Center (SVCC) again this year to offer a safe and fun place where children can experience social and recreational experiences in an outdoor environment. Proceeds exclusively benefit the Southern Lehigh Public Library. The program is held at the Petzold Pavilion in the Upper Saucon Township Community Park located at 3231 Preston Lane, Center Valley PA. SVCC has planned a curriculum with diverse and concentrated themes. Each week of the themed activities includes art, science and physical activities along with a morning meeting to provide for social/emotional content. In addition, the Southern Lehigh Public Library will provide Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) themed activities for each age group on Wednesday morning during each session. STEM programming directly supports the Southern Lehigh School District curriculum. There will be two sessions this year with the first session running from June 24th to July 19th (excluding July 4th) and the second session running from July 22nd to August 16th. Both sessions operate from 9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday through Friday. In order to maintain a ratio of 1 teacher to no more than 10 children, the program is limited to 75 children per session.



Themes this year are:

- Wonderful Water
- Happy Birthday, USA!
- Here Comes the Sun (fun with solar energy)
- A Bug's Life
- The Amazing Race
- Wild, Wild West
- DaVinci Days
- The Imaginarium

The program is open to all children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade and live in the Southern Lehigh Public Library service area (Upper Saucon, Lower Milford, and Coopersburg). Registration can be done at the Library from April 30th to June 1st.

The cost is \$60.00 per child per 4-week session. Children meeting federal guidelines for free/reduced lunch eligibility may attend the program at no charge.

In the event of inclement weather, some activities may be relocated to the Southern Lehigh Public Library. All staff members will have mandatory PA State Police criminal background and child abuse clearances.

## Summer Concert Series

Upper Saucon is pleased to sponsor 4 concerts this year at the Upper Saucon Township Community Park. The concerts are free to all residents. Concerts are held in the Petzold Pavilion from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, weather permitting. Cancellations due to weather will be posted on the township Facebook page.

Performers this year are:



**June 20th**  
**James Supra & Sarah Ayers Band**



**July 11th**  
**Flirtin With The Mob**



**July 25th**  
**Cunningham & Associates**



**August 8th**  
**Craig Thatcher & Nyke Van Wyk**

## Family Movie Night



Upper Saucon will present our first ever Family Movie Night on Friday, August 16th at the Upper Saucon Township Community Park. The movie will start at 8pm. The featured movie will be "Incredibles 2." There will be activities for children prior to the movie.



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# News from the Southern Lehigh Public Library

## Announcing the Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative (LCLC)

SLPL has joined with 10 other public libraries in Lehigh and Carbon Counties to form LCLC, a group dedicated to expanding access and sharing library resources with residents. Our new resource sharing capability has essentially multiplied the catalog of titles available to you— tenfold! If SLPL doesn't own the item you are looking for, don't worry! Chances are good that another LCLC library will own it, and we can have it delivered to the library of your choice.



## Save the Date

Our Read Between the Wines event will return for its second year on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Tickets will be available closer to the date. We are currently seeking sponsors and suitable raffle basket donations.

## SLPL Welcomes a New Children's Librarian

We are so happy to welcome Melissa Sutyak to the SLPL family. She comes to us with many years of experience working with children in various fields. She is very excited to begin this new journey, and looks forward to bringing fun and education to the youth of the community through a variety of programs. She hopes to see you at the library!

## Upcoming Events for Children & Teens

The following is a list of just some of the wonderful programs that we have coming over the next few months! For a full listing, visit our website or Facebook, or check out our quarterly newsletter.

Chess Club | 6-13, 7-8 | 7:00—8:00  
Our chess club is back! Bring your own board if you can!

Dissect the Machine | 6-20 | 4:00—5:30  
Ever wondered what's inside your favorite piece of tech? Check it out first hand as we bust open PCs, TVs, and more.

Summer Reading Opening Program | 6-20 | 7:00—8:00  
Join us for a fun-filled evening with Grace the Pirate as she takes us on an adventure through her *Universe of Stories*.

Tail Wagging Readers | 6-22, 7-27, 8-24 | 1:30—2:30  
Dogs and stories. Is there any better combo? Read one of our great stories and make a new friend in the process!

Summer Reading Family Program: 7-11 | 6:00—8:00  
Hang out with us as we do crafts, get our faces painted, and take pictures at our smart phone photo booth!

Tween and Teen Crafting: July 9, August 6, 1:30—3:00  
Try your hand at some fun craft projects. Open to tweens and teens only.

Creator's Club, Summer Edition | 7-18, 25, 8-1, 8  
Participate in STEAM activities like engineering, performing experiments, and using technology.  
Ages 4-7, 3:00—4:00  
Ages 8-12, 4:30—5:30

Sundae Monday | 6-10, 6-24, 7-8, 7-22, 8-5, 8-19 | 2:00—3:00  
Hang out with us as we treat ourselves to ice cream sundaes (gluten free/vegan options!) and preview new items in the MG/YA collection. Open to teens only.

Young Adult Book Club | 12:00—1:30  
YA books are awesome. Did you know more than half of YA readers are adults? Join us as we read and talk about some of our favorite YA titles.  
June 14 — *Children of Blood and Bone*, Tomi Adeyemi  
July 12 — *We Are Okay*, Nina LaCour  
August 9 — *Shout*, Laurie Halse Anderson

## Upcoming Events for Adults

MakerSpace: Mocktails & Painting | 6-6 | 7:00—8:30  
This take on the popular "sip & paint" will feature yummy drinks and a simple watercolor scene. All ages. \$5/ea.

Evenings with Friends—Quilting Then & Now | 6—12 | 7:00—9:00  
See a collection of historical quilts and hear quilter Linda Szapacs recount a history of quilting in PA. \$10/ea,

Books, Bedding, Baked Goods & Yard Sale | 6—15 | 9—5  
Our annual books, plants, & baked goods sale will include a yard sale this year! Contact us to reserve a space.

Tech Talk—Google Suite | 8—29 | 7—8:00  
Attend a talk and tutorial on the Google Suite, a range of powerful, free productivity & collaboration tools.

*Programs are subject to change without notice. For the most up-to-date information, visit us in person or online at [www.solehipl.org](http://www.solehipl.org)*



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# Street Sweeping and Cinder Removal

Each spring Township streets are swept to remove the cinders that were spread on the streets during the winter. This year's street sweeping program is scheduled to begin in early April and will continue until all the streets have been swept at least once. The Township has over 77 miles of roadway and the street sweeping program is expected to continue until at least the middle of May. Periodic sweepings will be done throughout the rest of the year on an as needed basis. The cooperation and understanding of our residents is greatly appreciated.

*(Right) The new Elgin Whirlwind Street sweeper will allow the road department to be more efficient in the street sweeping program.*



## Emergency Notifications

Upper Saucon Township has employed the use of an emergency notification system to keep residents informed of emergency situations that may arise within the Township. Notification scenarios include water, sewer, weather, and other public safety emergencies.

You do not need to be an Upper Saucon Township Water or Sewer customer to enroll – in fact, we encourage all residents to enroll. You can enroll by entering the link below in your web browser or going to the township website and following the link on the Emergency Management page.

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/C03A73E71090>



# 2019 Upper Saucon Township Tax Collector Schedule

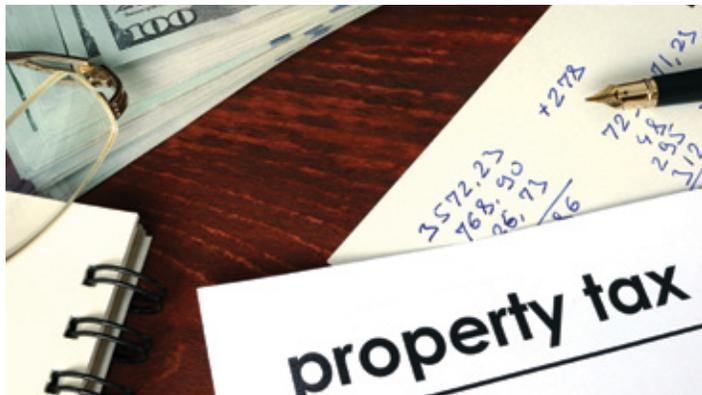
## Deborah Herstine, Tax Collector

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 5500 Camp Meeting Road • Center Valley PA 18034  
 Email: [usaucontwptxcollector@rcn.com](mailto:usaucontwptxcollector@rcn.com)  
 Phone: 610-797-2282

The Upper Saucon Township real estate tax bills are mailed out the first week of April. A two percent (2%) discount is granted to taxpayers who pay their tax bills by May 31. The base tax amount is due from June 1 to July 31. After July 31, a ten percent (10%) penalty is in effect.

If you are a property owner in Upper Saucon Township and did not receive a tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector.

**Note:** This year the Tax Collector will only collect taxes at the Municipal Building.



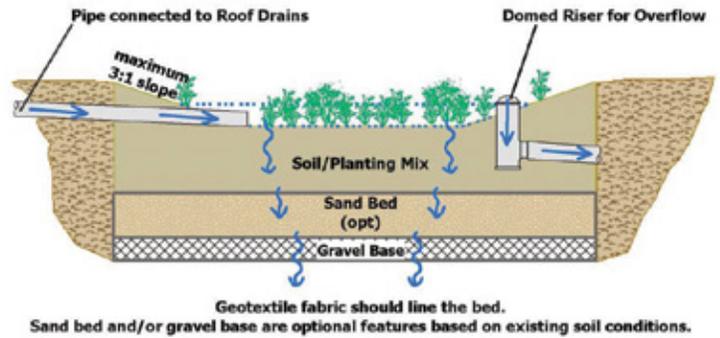
Tax Collector Schedule	
Date	Time
Monday, May 13, 2019	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Saturday, May 18, 2019	9:00am to 11:00am
Thursday, May 23, 2019	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Saturday, May 25, 2019	9:00am to 11:00am
Wednesday, May 29, 2019	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday, May 31, 2019	10:00am to 3:00pm
Thursday, July 11, 2019	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday, July 31, 2019	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Saturday, August 10, 2019	9:00am to 11:00am
Thursday, August 15, 2019	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Tuesday, August 20, 2019	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Saturday, August 24, 2019	9:00am to 11:00am
Wednesday, August 28, 2019	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday, August 30, 2019	10:00am to 3:00pm
Saturday, August 31, 2019	9:00am to 11:00am
Thursday, October 10, 2019	6:30pm to 8:00pm

# Rain Gardens

A rain garden is an excavated shallow surface depression planted with specially selected native vegetation to treat and capture stormwater runoff. Rain gardens can be used both to improve water quality and reduce water quantity.

The vegetation in the rain garden filters and transpires runoff while the root systems enhance infiltration. The plants take up pollutants, the soil filters out pollutants, and allows storage and infiltration of stormwater runoff while the infiltration bed provides additional volume control.

If properly designed, these features can mimic natural forest ecosystems through species diversity, density and distribution of vegetation, and the use of native species, resulting in a system that is resistant to insects, disease, pollution, and climatic stresses.



The design of a rain garden can vary in complexity depending on the quantity of runoff volume to be managed as well as the pollutant reduction objectives for the site. Generally, in a residential application, the raingarden allows for the infiltration of a relatively small volume of stormwater runoff.

Rain Gardens should not be confused with other stormwater features that permanently pond water and store it to allow for infiltration and water quality benefits. Rather, rain gardens are best suited for areas with at least moderate permeability (1/4"/hour).

Rain Gardens are often very useful in retrofit projects and can be integrated into already developed lots and sites. A very important consideration for all rain garden applications is their long-term protection and maintenance. It is important that annual maintenance be performed. Maintenance needs to include:

- Pruning and weeding while vegetation is being established. Weeds should be removed by hand thereafter.
- Plant litter, waste, and debris will need to be removed at least twice per year and perennial plantings should be cut down at the end of the growing season.
- Mulch will need to be replaced when erosion is evident and should be replenished annually. Once every 2-3 years the entire area may require mulch replacement.
- Annual inspection for sediment buildup, erosion, vegetative conditions, etc. is necessary.
- During periods of extended dry weather/drought, rain gardens may require watering.
- Rain gardens should not be mowed.
- Trees and shrubs should be inspected at least twice/year to evaluate health.

Penn State Extension provides a resource listing of native plants that are good for rain gardens. These are divided into shrubs, perennials, and trees that thrive in each of the three zones within the rain garden – wet, middle, and transition.

<https://extension.psu.edu/rain-gardens-the-plants>



## How Do I Use a Rain Barrel?

Place rain barrels underneath downspouts to collect water from your roof every time it rains. Use the rain water to water plants in your yard and garden. By simply collecting, storing and using rain water you'll help to:

- *Conserve drinking water resource.* On average, nearly 30% of our daily water use is attributed to lawn and garden care. Collecting water from rain events decreases the amount of drinking water used to water plants. After all, clean, fresh water is a limited, precious resource!
- *Decrease water bills.* Capturing and using rain water reduces the amount of water you need to draw from municipal sources, which helps lower your bills.
- *Use better quality water for your plants.* Water collected from rain events is better for plants than treated water (which often contains chlorine). Rain water should be used with some caution because water collected from your roof can be full of leaf litter, bird droppings (potential for bacteria), dust, other airborne materials, and chemicals from the roof. It is best to use this water on inedible plants such as your lawn or flowers. You can use the water on vegetable plants, but to ensure safety, make sure to water near the base of the plant and avoid the fruit and foliage, especially in leafy greens.

The Upper Saucon Township Environmental Advisory Council will be holding workshops this summer on Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels. The dates and times will be posted on the township website and Facebook page.

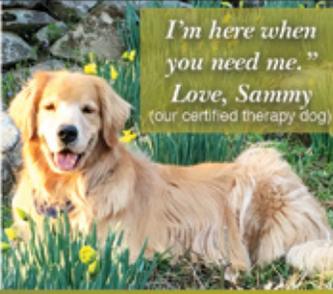




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## A Fix for Sewer Clean-out Eyesore!

Do you have these ugly white sewer caps sticking up throughout your yard?

These clean-outs lids allow access to your underground sewer lateral pipe. In the event of an issue such as a sewer back-up, plumbers can utilize these clean-outs to effectively remove blockages that might be caused by grease build-up, disposable wipes, tree roots, etc. Plumbers can also lower special cameras down these clean-outs to diagnose pipe cracks or breaks in the sewer lateral pipe. While clean-outs are needed, they can also be a nuisance when cutting grass or landscaping and are just plain unsightly.

The Township's Sewer Department can change that by lowering these clean-out lids to the grade of your yard or landscaping and installing a special access lid called a lamphole cover (see pic to right). These lamphole covers are more aesthetic, allow lawnmowers to easily mow over top of, and are constructed of durable metal so they can be located with a metal detector in the case one accidentally gets covered over. Normal plastic or PVC caps cannot be detected once buried.

The fee for this service is \$150.00 per clean-out to cover material costs. If interested, please contact the Township's Water and Sewer Department at 610-694-8680 ext. 1257, Monday-Friday during the hours of 7:00am to 3:30pm or email [water-sewer@uppersaucon.org](mailto:water-sewer@uppersaucon.org) to schedule an appointment.



## Planning a Home Improvement Project?

If you are planning a home improvement project in the months ahead, make sure to include contacting the Township to learn what permits and approvals you'll need. Even relatively small projects may involve the need for a zoning or building permit, a tree removal permit, or a grading permit. The Township Community Development office administers these and other permits, and it's the place to call if you're not sure just what approvals your project will need.

Like most Pennsylvania municipalities, Upper Saucon Township is a zoned community; that is, the Township has adopted a Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. Upper Saucon has long been a zoned community—it enacted its first zoning ordinance in 1959, way ahead of many of its neighbors. Updated most recently in 2009, the Township Zoning Ordinance has long provided regulations for development as well as other 'quality of life' issues. The Zoning Ordinance contains provisions that are aimed at protecting the Township's sensitive environmental resources, such as streams, floodplains, wetlands, woodlands, steep slopes, sinkhole-prone areas, and more.

Managing the impact of stormwater runoff on people, property, and the environment is one of the most challenging issues facing municipalities today. It doesn't take much of a change to the landscape to alter stormwater flow in such a way that those downstream are negatively impacted. Even seemingly minimal changes made to our lawns, such as those associated with landscaping projects, tree clearing, or placement of sheds and garages can have surprisingly substantial impact downstream.

In recognition of the importance of correctly managing stormwater runoff, the Zoning Ordinance contains requirements for a grading permit for projects involving more than 1000 square feet of earth disturbance. Found in Section 308 of the Zoning Ordinance, the provisions require the submission of a grading permit application with an Individual Lot Grading Plan (ILGP), which must be reviewed and approved by the Township before earth disturbance can begin. ILGPs enable the Township Engineer to review the grading changes proposed during construction and upon project completion to minimize any negative effects of erosion, sedimentation, and stormwater runoff onto downstream properties, streets, and watercourses.

While you'll need to contact a professional engineer, landscape architect or land surveyor to have your ILGP designed, you can obtain information on the process by taking a look at Section 308 of the Zoning Ordinance on the Township web site at [http://www.uppersaucon.org/UST\\_Ordinance141.pdf](http://www.uppersaucon.org/UST_Ordinance141.pdf) or by stopping by the Township offices where information sheets are available in the lobby. And finally, you can always contact the Zoning Officer by phone or email, at 610-282-1171 ext. 2 or [tsear@uppersaucon.org](mailto:tsear@uppersaucon.org).

Whichever method of contacting the Township you choose, make sure to include this step in planning for your home improvement project. And do it sooner rather than later—knowing what permits and approvals you'll need to obtain ahead of time will go a long way toward ensuring that your project goes smoothly. The Township staff is here to help you; we're happy to answer your questions and help you with the planning process. Most importantly, if you're not sure whether you need a permit or not, just ASK!



# Hopewell Park

Construction of the much-anticipated Hopewell Park will begin this year. The new park will be just about 70 acres and will include a lacrosse field, three (multi-purpose) soccer fields, a softball field, 2 volleyball courts, 2 basketball courts, 2 pickleball courts, restrooms and three parking lots. Future amenities will include an amphitheatre, a dedicated tot-lot and a pavilion. We expect the park to be open and available for public use early in 2021. The new park will be located on W. Hopewell Road next to Hopewell Elementary School.



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