



Upper Salford Township

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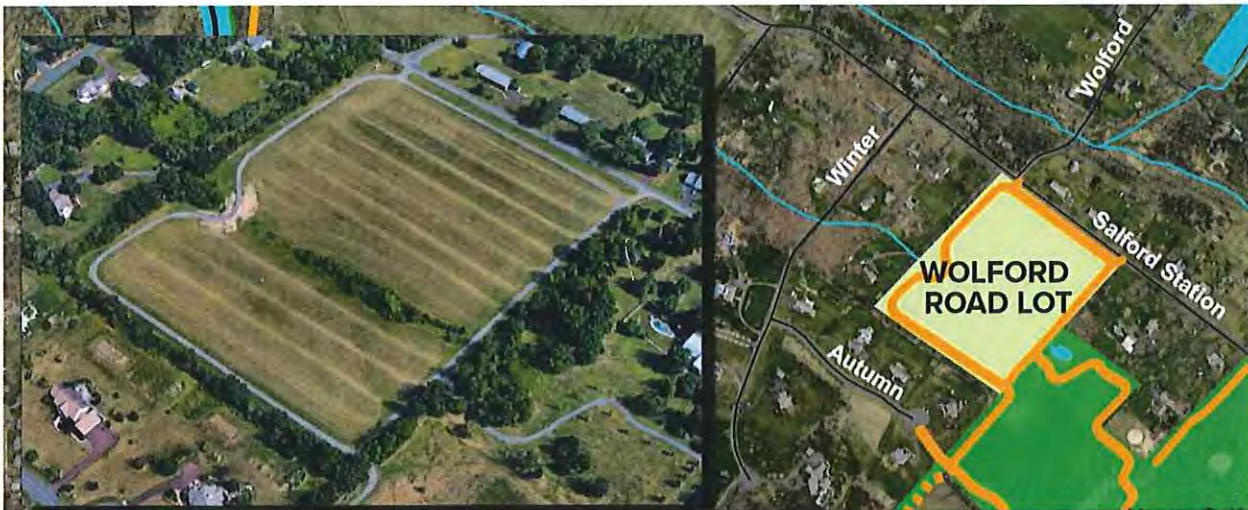
January 2021 — Newsletter

Township Successes in 2020

Projects Completed and Steps Forward in Other Projects

Your Township Supervisors are pleased to announce the completion of several improvement projects this year. In addition, significant advancements were made on other improvement projects that are expected to be completed in 2021.

COMPLETED: Wolford Road Lot purchase adding 13.3 acres to Upper Salford Park. The Township purchased from the Philadelphia Folk Song Society the 13.3 acre lot at the end of Wolford Road. This property is now a permanent part of Upper Salford Park. The Township had already placed walking trails on the property years ago in agreement with the PFS. Fifty percent of the purchase cost was covered by a grant from Montgomery County.



COMPLETED: All Three Bridges on Route 63 were opened. The bridge over the Unami in Sumneytown and the bridge over the Ridge Valley Creek were both replaced and opened in early 2020 and the bridge over the East Branch of the Perkiomen (near Fuzzy Dice) was re-opened in December 2020.



COMPLETED: Barndt Road & Route 63 Traffic Signal was completed and has been operating since September 2020. Through negotiations between Upper Salford and PennDOT, the light was installed at PennDOT's expense. The intersection is now a permanent safety improvement for our residents and neighbors passing through our township.

COMPLETED: Resurfacing of Upper Salford Park Tennis Courts. The surface of park's tennis courts was severely cracked and breaking apart. The entire court area was repaired and resurfaced and the courts are now beautiful and ready for Tennis and Pickleball players.



STEPS FORWARD: Park to Perkiomen Trail Progress. The Township obtained the necessary environmental permits and has awarded the construction bid for Phase 1 for a new trail that will connect Upper Salford Park to the Spring Mountain Ski Area. Phase 2 will be a trail from the Ski Area to the Perkiomen Trail. Construction should be completed on Phase 1 by May 2021 then hopefully Phase 2 will be completed later in 2021.

STEPS FORWARD: Shelly & Schwenksville Roads Traffic Round-About. PennDOT has completed the engineering and traffic study for this intersection improvement project. This is a PennDOT project in cooperation with Upper Salford Township utilizing Federal and State funding to increase the safety of this dangerous intersection for all.



COMPLETED: Perkiomen Valley Library Construction Upper Salford Township worked with the Perkiomen Valley Library Board to help the library obtain a \$200,000 loan. Upper Salford shared the township's preferred loan rate with the library to save thousands of dollars in interest expenses over the next 10 years. The funds were used to complete extensive structural repairs to the building.

STEPS FORWARD: Requested Open Space Preservation. Upper Salford Township received two grants to purchase and preserve approximately 24 acres of land that is adjacent to other Township preserved property. One grant is from the Montco 2040 Fund and the second grant is from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The grants will cover the cost of acquisition, engineering, surveying, and legal fees to complete the acquisition.

2021 Budget — NO TAX Increase, AGAIN!

For the 17th consecutive year, Upper Salford Township Tax Rate has remained the same!

We hope you are as proud of the fiscally prudent management of Upper Salford Township as we are! Upper Salford is a nice community in which to live and raise our children. The Board works hard with the Township staff's help to maintain our Township as an affordable township to live in, by doing much with little. Simply put, we live within our means. NO municipal tax increase for 17 straight years! The Township is funded by a 1.5 mill real estate tax, and the 0.5 percent earned income tax; plus, real estate transfer taxes.

Township Septic Pumping Program

Every 3 Years Mandatory Pumping

It is your responsibility to pump your septic system once every 3 years to protect our well water. Property owners must provide a copy of the pumping receipt from the septic pumper to the Township office. The pumping receipt can be faxed to 610-287-9435 or emailed to Amy.uppertsalford@comcast.net. Registered septic pumpers are listed on the Township website. Please call the Township with any questions. 100% compliance is mandated, fines, and fees are in the Ordinance. You can receive reminders to pump via email by ensuring the Township has your email address. Please help us to help you by giving us your email address.

Snow Plowing and House Numbers

Help our Township Crew keep our Roads Clean During Weather Events

During snowstorms do NOT park your car or place your trash cans on roads. Please help our Township Road Crew who are operating the snowplows so they can clear streets safely. In addition, we ask that you clearly display your street number in the event of an emergency to assist our first responders to arrive quickly at the correct destination.

Township Park Picnic Rentals

Reservations for Pavilion Picnic Rentals Begin February 1st each year

Upper Salford Township is pleased to provide the opportunity to rent the pavilion at Upper Salford Park for your private event. Please note that bathroom facilities are only available from May 1st to September 30th. Reservations can be made on a first-come, first-reserved basis starting February 1st of each year. Please call the Township office for additional information, including rental rates and availability. NO alcohol is permitted in the park at any time.

Township Park Concert Series

Three Township Concerts - June, July, and August

Upper Salford Township Park Board is once again planning to present three concerts in 2021 at Upper Salford Park. Concerts are free and offer wonderful evenings with live music in our beautiful park. Check the Township website for concert details.



Upper Salford Township Historical Society

Preserve Upper Salford History

Upper Salford Township Historical Society is dedicated to preserving our local history. If you have items of local historical significance please consider donating them to the Township through the Historical Society. Items or photographs that you may not think has any significance to others may help us tell the story of Upper Salford. Please contact the Historical Society at usths1441@gmail.com.

Upper Salford Historical Society hosts local historical educational events throughout the year. The timing of these events is dependent on COVID-19 restrictions. For more information about this group and programs, visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/uppersalfordhistory/>

Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary

Consider Volunteering

First, Thank You to the Fire Company for their work during 2020! The Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary contribute greatly to the safety of our Township residents and visitors. Consider helping this critical organization by volunteering your time, donating funds, or participating in any of their fundraisers. There are many ways to volunteer, including active firefighting, truck drivers, fire police, fundraising, recordkeeping, vehicle maintenance, bookkeeping, landscaping, to name a few. Please call the Fire company at 610-287-9324 or visit their website (<http://uppersalfordfire.org>) for more information.

Stay connected! Township Website, Facebook & Email

Visit www.uppersalfordtownship.com and "Like Us" on Facebook

The Township has improved our website. Please regularly visit the website for updates on Township happenings. In addition, we periodically send out emergency warnings, official notices, septic pump reminders, and other information via email. If you would like to receive informative Township emails, please send your email address to info@uppersalfordtownship.org or amy.uppersalford@comcast.net. You can "Like Us" on Facebook, too. Your email would be used only for official Township business, and will never be shared or sold.

Upper Salford Township Board of Supervisors

Kevin O'Donnell, Chairman

Ted Poatsy, Vice Chairman

Rick Sacks, Member

Township Meetings

Please join us at our Township Meetings

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend all official Township meetings. The regularly scheduled meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Township Building on Salford Station Road. Please check the Township website for confirmation and agendas for all scheduled meetings. If a meeting is cancelled, a posted notice will be on the Township website and on the Township office door. Please call the Township office 610-287-6160 with any questions.

Board of Supervisors	2 nd Tuesday each month @ 7:30 pm
Joint Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission	1 st Tuesday each month @ 7:30 pm
Planning Commission	3 rd Tuesday each month @ 7:30 pm
Park Board	4 th Tuesday each month @ 7:30 pm
Historical Society Committee	4 th Monday each month @ 7:00 PM