

UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP

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# MONTHLY E-NEWS

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## From the Desk of the Mayor

Hi everyone,

It has been an absolute joy and honor to serve you over the last four years as mayor and the six previous ones as an at-Large member of council. I am immensely grateful to and proud of my administration as we worked together to bring an unprecedented number of above-ground (the new recreational trails in the Westbrook Park/Drexel Hill and the Fernwood/Stonehurst Hills neighborhoods, for example) and below-ground projects (massive sewer infrastructure repairs and new municipal software) to our community, building the future of Upper Darby through revitalization, reinvestment and reform and bringing us into the 21st Century.



Above-ground improvements have been completed throughout the township: streetscaping projects at Ferne Boulevard as well as Market Street, 800+ trees planted, the custom-focused One Center at the municipal building, new bridges over Naylor's Run at Drexel Gardens Park and at the Swedish Cabin (over Darby Creek). Our Police Department is now equipped with body cameras and has opened two new Community Policing offices.

Please join me in welcoming and supporting Mayor-elect Ed Brown who will soon lead our community. Ed Brown and I met over 15 years ago while he and I were coaching youth basketball here. He is a non-profit leader and former UDSD Board President, dedicated to our community and its future.

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones!

## BE IN THE KNOW!

Six ways to stay informed about what's going on in Upper Darby. Click the links below:

- [www.upperdarby.org](http://www.upperdarby.org)
- [Social Media](#)
- [Trash & Recycling Newsletter](#)
- [Monthly E-News](#)
- [DelcoAlerts](#)
- [UD Twp Recreation \(Facebook\)](#)

### MAYOR

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### TREASURER

DAVID HAMAN

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## Upper Darby Community Policing

The month of December and into the new year is jam packed with amazing FREE events, programs and activities for teens and young adults! See the UD Township Facebook page for fliers, information and a calendar of daily activities for the month.

<https://www.facebook.com/upperdarby/posts/761717629328812>

- 12/1 - 12/15 . . . . TAPS Class at Upper Darby High School and Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School are running a food and coat drive. Donations can be dropped off at the police station.
- 12/9 . . . . See the New Hunger Games movie at Studio Movie Grill
- 12/14 . . . . Information session for UDPD Explorers
- 12/15 . . . . Longwood Gardens Trip
- 12/20 - 6/12 . . . . TAPS at Municipal Library



# WELCOME TO UPPER DARBY

## THE WORLD IN ONE PLACE

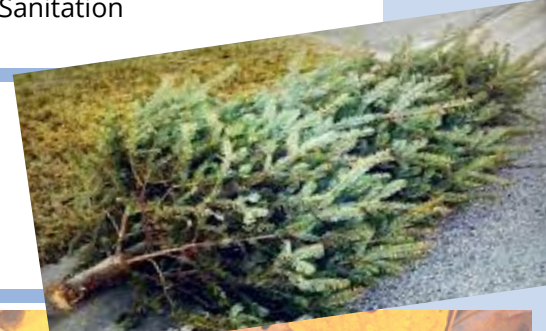


### Printable Trash and Recycling Calendar

Click <https://rb.gy/p4xqot> to view or print a copy of the Recycling and Sanitation Calendar and Holiday Schedule.

### Christmas Tree Disposal & Removal

Christmas Trees will be collected only on the designated recycling day for your area as listed in the calendar. Be sure trees are free of lights, ornaments, tinsel, tree stands and are **NOT** in plastic bags. <https://rb.gy/p4xqot>



### 2023 Leaf Collection

Every year, Upper Darby Township conducts leaf collection. This year the areas to be collected will be based on the DISTRICT MAP (1-7). Click here for the District Map: <https://rb.gy/r7oqjr>. Instructions and any changes to the schedule will be posted to the township website.

<https://www.upperdarby.org/departments/PublicWorks/yardwaste>

### Updated Schedule

Dates	Districts
Dec 4 - Dec 8	1, 7 & 6
Dec 11 - Dec 15	3 & 4
Dec 18 - Dec 22	2 & 5

### Snow and Ice Safety

**SNOW REMINDER:** All property owners are responsible for removing snow from walkways within 24 hours after snow has stopped. Paths must be fully clear of snow and ice and be a minimum of 32" wide. Any snow or ice removed from sidewalks or other areas must not be placed in the gutter, sidewalks, or streets. If there is no front yard, such snow and ice shall be placed on the area adjacent to the curb line.

### Business and Mercantile License Fee

Beginning January 1, 2024, the annual Business and Mercantile License fee will be set to \$50. Recognizing that the Upper Darby community is best served by businesses that operate properly and safely, the purpose of the fee is to cover expenses related to regulating, inspecting, and supervising businesses and merchants within the Township.



### CODE BLUE

"Code Blue" warnings are sent out when temperatures drop below 32 degrees. Check out these tips and resources to help our community stay warm and safe.

**Delaware County Cold Weather Plan:** <https://delcopa.gov/pdf/ColdWeatherPlan.pdf>

**Resource Guide to Homeless Services:** <https://www.upperdarby.org/.../February%202023%20Resource...>

**Winter Weather Safety Resources:** <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather...>

**Upper Darby FD Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/UpperDarbyFD>



## Upper Darby Township Permit Fees

Beginning January 1st, 2024 Upper Darby Permit Fees will increase. For details, please visit [www.upperdarby.org/departments/LicenseInspections](http://www.upperdarby.org/departments/LicenseInspections)

## Lost or Found Animal?

Upper Darby Animal Control can help! Call us at (610) 734-7640 or send an email to [LI@upperdarby.org](mailto:LI@upperdarby.org) to report a lost or found animal. Please include a description of the animal, location last seen, and your contact information. Pictures are helpful!



## Boards, Commissions & Committees

There are openings on the following Upper Darby Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- Library Board
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Historic Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Planning Commission
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Recreation Committee

Information on all can be found at <https://www.upperdarby.org/boards>. If you're interested in serving, please send a letter and resume to [Mayor@upperdarby.com](mailto:Mayor@upperdarby.com).

## 69th Street Tree Planting Event

On November 17th, the Mayor and the Shade Tree Commission, with a grant from IDBank, planted 24 trees along 69th Street between Walnut and Ludlow Streets. Thanks to our Tree Tenders, and volunteer residents and the Parks Maintenance Crew from Public Works for all their help, including preparing all of the pits for planting. Thank you to everyone for helping to make Upper Darby an even better place to live!



## Upcoming Holidays:

Dec  
25

**Christmas Day.** The Upper Darby Township Building and the One Center will be closed Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th. There will no Trash or Recycling picked up on Monday, December 25th. Please check the Township Sanitation Calendar at <https://rb.gy/p4xqot> to see how your trash pickup will be affected.

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**New Year's Day.** The Upper Darby Township Building and the One Center will be closed New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st, 2024. There will no Trash or Recycling picked up on that day. Please check the Township Sanitation Calendar at <https://rb.gy/p4xqot> to see how your trash pickup will be affected.

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**Martin Luther King Day.** The Upper Darby Township Building and the One Center will be closed Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 15th, 2024. There will no Trash or Recycling picked up that day. Please check the Township Sanitation Calendar at <https://rb.gy/p4xqot> to see how your trash pickup will be affected.

## Have you Contacted the One Center?

Contact the One Center about street lights being out, property maintenance issues, abandoned cars, excessive litter, suggestions for better services, missed trash pick up, public safety hazards and other issues. Create an account at [www.upperdarby.org/311](http://www.upperdarby.org/311). It's easy to enter your concern and check on the status of a request. You can also email [one@upperdarby.org](mailto:one@upperdarby.org) or call 610-734-7625.

