Upper Makefield Township

Upper Makefield Fire Company Calls for Help



2017 is the 50-year anniversary for the Upper Makefield Fire Company, and we encourage you to celebrate by helping to rebuild our volunteer base.

Non-fire Fire Company Volunteers

You may not be tomorrow's fire-fighter, suited-up and riding a fire truck to the next neighborhood

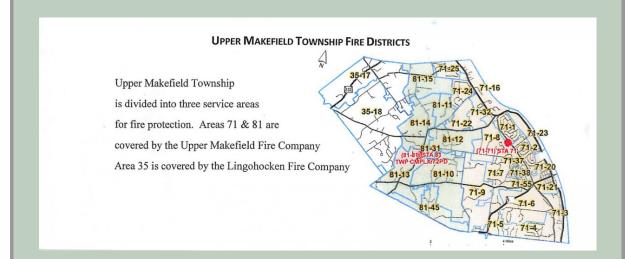
emergency, but The Upper Makefield Fire Company and the Lingohocken Fire Company, which both serve Upper Makefield Township, need the type of help you may find rewarding to provide.

There are many volunteer opportunities. Current Fire Company members staff fundraising events, keep our books, and provide support for our volunteer firefighters. Members include working parents, small business owners, tradespeople, professionals, and retirees.

Coverage Areas

Fire protection in Upper Makefield is divided into 3 service areas. The Upper Makefield Fire Company covers roughly 2/3 of the Township, and the Lingohocken Fire Company covers 1/3, designated as Area 35.

Upper Makefield Township provides annual funding to both fire companies at a cost far less than a paid fire company would require.



Tip: Ever wonder where that fire truck you saw or heard was headed? Now you can track the Upper Makefield Fire Company's activities with its <u>online Runs and</u> <u>Workers 2017 Report</u>, and on <u>Facebook</u>.

Upper Makefield Fire Company. Visit the new <u>UMFC website</u> for details and a calendar of activities.

Lingohocken Fire Company. This fire company serves a portion of Upper Makefield, Wrightstown, and Buckingham townships. Lingohocken also notes recent activities on both their Facebook page and website. <u>Website</u>. <u>Facebook Page</u>.

Free Trees Made Easy via Arbor Day Foundation!

Due to an overwhelming response, our first Spring UMTreeGrant partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation sold out in less than 24 hours!

The online application opened on March 27, and sold out the same day.

By partnering with the **your property!** Arbor Day Foundation,

TREES ARE SIMPLY AMAZING.

They clean air and water, slow climate change, ease poverty and hunger, prevent species loss, and feed the human soul. All we need to do is plant and care for them. Let's work together to make it happen around the world.



Home Page for Arbor Day Foundation. Click on the picture to explore which FREE trees will work best on your property!

Upper Makefield made it easier than ever to select the trees best suited for your property. Trees available come in 1-and 5-gallon containers. One-gallon trees will be shipped, at no cost to participants; 5-gallon trees may be picked up at Upper Makefield Township municipal complex.

If you would like to be contacted if another Arbor Day Foundation program is approved, follow the link and leave your email address.

Plan Precisely Where To Plant Your Trees for Energy Savings

The Arbor Day Foundation website features <u>aerial maps of your property</u>, and a drag and drop feature to help you determine where to plant each tree for maximum energy savings. When you plant the right tree in the right place, you can reduce home energy consumption by up to 20 percent each year.

Tree-planting Benefits

- Cleaner water supplies, because tree roots filter impurities headed downstream
- Leaves reduce the air's carbon dioxide, including irritants that aggravate asthma
- Healthier and calmer people, especially children, according to numerous studies

Visit <u>this page</u> for a quick read about the many benefits of trees from the Arbor Day Foundation.

Thanks to members of the Upper Makefield Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) for presenting this enhancement to our UMTreeGrant program.

Recycling Ordinance Update

An updated recycling ordinance requires all Upper Makefield residents to contract with a DEP-licensed collector or waste hauler for the disposal of municipal waste and source-separated recyclable materials.*

Check our waste and recycling webpages for <u>trash</u> removal and <u>recycling</u> opportunities.



Township residents are required-at a minimum-to recycle:

- Glass Containers: clear, green, and brown glass bottles & jars
- Bimetal Containers & Aluminum Cans: rinsed beverage and food containers
- **Plastic Containers:** plastics #1 and #2, additional plastics depending on the hauler

Residents Contract for Private Pickup in UMT

Upper Makefield Residents contract independently for curbside trash and recycling pickup. By law, these haulers DO NOT accept electronic waste or household hazardous waste. To meet that gap, Bucks County each spring publishes <u>electronic and household hazardous waste</u> drop-off days for the year.

Composting and Grasscycling

<u>Here's a guide</u> from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, which covers grasscycling (leaving grass clippings on the lawn) plus yard and food waste.

Choices in Waste and Recycling Services

Check with your hauler or homeowners association for specific recycling capabilities, schedule, and separation requirements. Your hauler may collect more than the minimum recycling items listed.

*The updated ordinance, adopted March, 21, 2017, aligns with Pennsylvania requirements, and includes "anyone owning or operating institutional, commercial, municipal and industrial uses within the Township."

Briefly

Traditions/Heritage Hills/Lakeside Residents Pay Water/Sewer Bills Online

Now residents with public water and sewer accounts may <u>pay online</u>. Once you've registered online, you can download a mobile payment app from the App Store (tm) or Google Play (TM). This service is provided by PSN, the Payment Service Network. Next: Online payments for other Upper Makefield housing developments.

Prepare for Emergencies by Signing up with Ready Bucks Alerts

When you sign up for <u>Ready Bucks alerts</u>, you have many options: Setting quiet times when alerts won't sound, choosing the types of alerts you want, and sending alerts to multiple devices. Each option is easy to change when needed. Sign up today!

Things to Do

