# TAX FACTS

# Upper Makefield Township Tax Office Tom Merchant, Tax Collector

# See my webpage for the latest information: www.TomMerchantTC.com

#### MAILING ADDRESS

Tom Merchant, Tax Collector PO Box 301 Washington Crossing, PA 18977

### **Overnight Express Mail Address**

Tom Merchant 32 Van Artsdalen Drive Washington Crossing, PA 18977

### **OFFICE LOCATION**

(In the modular trailer located at the rear entrance to the Upper Makefield Township building) 1076 Eagle Road Newtown, PA 18940

### Phone: 267 392 5749 Email: TomMerchantTC@gmail.com

The Office collects Real Estate taxes and residents' Occupation Taxes for the County of Bucks, Township of Upper Makefield (including Washington Crossing) and Council Rock School District.

### Contact the Tax Collector (Closed Holidays)

### By phone or email:

Monday – Wednesday - Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

#### Office Hours By Appointment Only at Tax Office, Eagle Road Monday thru Thursday from noon to 4:00 PM

### **Tax Payment Options:**

- Online Payment: Pay by credit card or e-check thru GOV-PAY.
  2.5% fee for credit card payments
  \$2.00 fee for e-checks
- 2. Mail to PO Box above
- 3. In person during office hours by appointment
- 4. Drop Box: For your convenience when the office is not open, there is a drop box located at the Tax Office on Eagle Road.

DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE DROP BOX.

5. Your Bank Bill Pay – you can use your bank's bill pay through your own bank to send payments

Use your parcel number as your account number.

Be sure to allow at least two weeks for your bank to process the payment.

Personal Checks accepted. Exact amount required. Cash not accepted.

Payments must be received or <u>postmarked by the US Postal Service by the due date</u>. All late payments will be returned. County and Township Real Estate Tax bills were mailed March 1, 2020.

- 2% Discount Discount period expired
- Face Amount- Last day to pay Face Amount is EXTENDED to July 30, 2020
- 10% Penalty added if paid after July 30, 2020

If you do not receive your tax bill, please contact our office for a copy. <u>The Tax Collector cannot waive penalties or extend due dates due to not having</u> <u>received your bill!</u>

#### 2020-2021

School Real Estate and Occupational Assessment Tax Bills will be mailed the first week in July, 2020.

- 2% Discount Last Day to pay with the 2% discount is August 31, 2020
- Face Amount- Last day to pay Face Amount is October 31, 2020
- 10% Penalty 10% Penalty if paid after October 31, 2020.

Installment Payment Option: Council Rock School District offers a threeinstallment option. Please see your bill for the due dates.

If you do not receive your tax bill, please contact our office for a copy. <u>The Tax Collector cannot waive penalties or extend due dates due to not having</u> <u>received your bill!</u>

After December 31, liens will be filed on all unpaid real estate taxes.

#### Important Tax Related Phone Numbers:

**Name and Address changes and Assessment Questions** – please call: Bucks County Board of Assessment at 215-348-6219.

**Occupation changes or if you move out of Upper Makefield**, please call: Council Rock School District at 215-944-1000.

**Homestead Exclusion:** The school Real Estate Tax Bill will include a Homestead Exclusion Credit if you have applied with the Bucks County Board of Assessment. Please contact the Bucks County Board of Assessment at 215 348 622 or visit their website:

www.buckscountyboa.org/pt/Main/Home.aspx

#### Earned Income Tax.

The Tax Collector is not responsible for the 1% local Earned Income Tax.

Contact Keystone Collections Group at:

Keystone Collections Group PO Box 529 Irwin, Pa 15642-0529

Or on their website at: <u>www.KeystoneCollects.com</u>