

FALL/WINTER 2014

Looking back on 2014 and as we move into 2015, we want to take this opportunity to update our residents and business owners of upcoming public sessions and noteworthy developments in the Township over the past year.

Three public seminars that may be of interest to you will be held soon. **On Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building, a public seminar entitled “Storm Sewers 101”** will take place. In part, the program will provide a report as to the work undertaken by the Township to improve the stormwater collection system over the past year. A brief discussion as to the future of stormwater management will also be presented. Secondly, **a public seminar is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Community & Recreation Center at Boyce Mayview Road** to explain the curbside automated recycling program beginning in April 2015. We are also initiating a pilot tree, leaf and yard waste drop-off program this year at the Boyce Mayview Park leaf composting site. [Please see the 2015 Trash and Recycling Calendar for additional information.](#) Lastly, the Township will hold **a public forum regarding the 2015-2025 Comprehensive Plan.** We will post the meeting date/time as soon as it is confirmed.

In 2014, the Upper St. Clair Fire Volunteer Department celebrated its 75th anniversary. We owe a great deal of gratitude to those men and women both past and present who devote countless hours to this organization. Our Police Department and Tri-Community South EMS continue to provide excellent public safety and health services. Additionally, the Township was named an Allegheny County Banner Community once again, a designation earned by only a few municipalities, and we were also recognized by Allegheny County for our recycling efforts. Our Library continues to stay current with its catalog and public programming and the Community & Recreation Center at Boyce Mayview Park celebrated its sixth year with over 10,000 members. Community Day and the Bounty at Boyce Mayview Fall Fest drew hundreds of attendees from both the Township and surrounding areas. **Upper St. Clair TODAY**, a joint quarterly publication shared by the School District and the Township and supported solely by advertising dollars, recently published its 80th issue.

We also experienced challenges in 2014. The winter weather brought snow or ice almost daily the first months of the year. As many communities dealt with a shortage or depletion of road salt, our salt dome was never empty. Our experienced Public Works staff did an excellent job of not only having salt on hand but also being in the position to help out our neighbors.

Several development plans are finally underway after overcoming various challenges. Bedner Farm Plan (Cook School Road) and the former Consol property (corner of Washington and Ft. Couch Roads) now owned by 1800 Washington Road Associates are both proceeding. Home lots are selling at Bedner Farm and work at the former Consol property is evident to all who drive by. Whole Foods will be opening and other retail establishments and residences will be built there soon. Torrente at Upper St. Clair apartments on Boyce Plaza Road will make available the first new apartments for occupancy within the Township in over a decade. South Hills Village mall underwent renovations and plans for a Dunkin' Donuts are close to approval along McMurray Road at Bethel Church.

(continued)

We have much to look forward to in 2015 and are able to move ahead **with no tax increase**. Projects include Boyce Mayview Park field lighting; Wiltshire Park renovation; opening of “The Clubhouse”, a playground for children of all abilities located adjacent to The Miracle League field at Boyce Mayview Park; and transportation improvements at McMurray Road/Bethel Church Road and McLaughlin Run Road/McMillan Road/Lesnett Road intersections. Many of the projects are partially funded through grants – the Township secured an unprecedented \$1.8 million in funding in 2014. The Board of Commissioners will soon be adopting the 2015-2025 Comprehensive Plan and the Plan will then be available in our Library, Reception area, and our website. We thank all who submitted Quality of Life surveys.

As we enter another year, we wish our residents and business owners a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2015!

Matthew R. Serakowski
Township Manager