

WINTER 2013

You may have read on our website, in **Upper St. Clair TODAY** magazine, or the newspaper, that the Township is in the initial stages of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. By state law municipalities are required to establish a land use and growth management plan every ten years and we are asking residents and Township business owners to aid us in the development of this important resource. If you have not already done so, please participate in the "Quality of Life Survey." This is one of the most important tools you can utilize to aid your local officials in determining what the residents and business owners desire in the Township. We are eager to see the results of this survey and look forward to the next phase of the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan.

It's a busy time of year for most with holiday preparations, visits from family and friends, resolutions for the New Year ... and snowy and icy weather. This letter is being published in December and we have already experienced some "winter weather events". Although Upper St. Clair is largely residential, the main arteries that run through the Township are the responsibility of our Public Works Department for snow and ice efforts including salting and plowing. Those roads, including Boyce, McLaughlin Run, McMurray, Fort Couch, Lesnett, McMillan, and State Route 19, along with parking lots and schools when open, are the priority due to heavy traffic use. Be reminded that Township Code prohibits snow and ice from being shoveled into the street. And please be extra vigilant for pedestrians, children at school bus stops, and sled riders.

As we move into the new year, we are pleased to report that the 2014 Township Budget has been approved by the Board of Commissioners with no tax increase. On January 6, 2014, re-elected Commissioners Mark D. Christie (Ward 4) and Daniel R. Paoly (At-Large) and newly-elected Commissioner Rex A. Waller (Ward 2) will be sworn-in and join the sitting Commissioners Robert W. Orchowski (Ward 3), Russell R. Del Re (Ward 5), Glenn R. Dandoy (At-Large), and Nicholas J. Seitanakis (Ward 1).

This summer presented its own Township-wide challenge. The rain storms of July resulted in major flooding throughout the region and Upper St. Clair was not spared. Although the waters receded within a day, the residual damage is still being addressed. Infrastructure repairs are continuing and we were informed in late November that the Federal Government declared Allegheny County a disaster area due to the June/July storms.

We also saw many incidents of the community celebrating together. Community Day in May was a huge success. The Bounty at Boyce Mayview saw over 1000 cars enter the parking lot bringing visitors to the Park. **Upper St. Clair TODAY** magazine celebrated 19 years of publication. The Veterans Day Observance was attended by many school children and residents. The new Township website which was unveiled in April has attracted thousands of unique visitors each month. We are fortunate that all of these and more are supported by so many of you.

To all of our residents, business owners, contractors, and visitors, have a safe, prosperous, and blessed 2014!

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