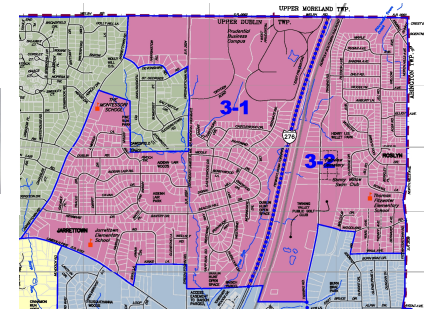




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Quality of Life in Upper Dublin

When I took office in 2016, I inherited traffic problems, tax concerns, and low business tax revenues. I set out immediately to work on these issues and to create safe walk-able neighborhoods. And I addressed the unforeseen PFAS issue. In this newsletter you will see how I addressed these and other issues in the last four years to improve the quality of life in our community.

Keeping Taxes in Check

1. To address taxes I pushed for no tax increases in the first budget I worked on. The 2017 budget had a 0% tax increase.
2. Unlike the communities around us, UDT does not have the following business taxes: per capita tax, mercantile tax, occupation privilege tax, or gross receipts tax. That is because UDT did not have them enacted before the state abolished those taxes in 1988. UD cannot now impose them. Because of this UD must turn to smart development as an alternative to raising taxes. UDT enacted the Local Services Tax about 10 years ago, which levies \$52 per employee working in the Township. We collect about \$900,000 to \$1 million per year from this tax. The increase in employees in FWOP will increase business revenues.
3. By increasing business revenues from the new developments, UD is shifting the burden of taxes from residential to business revenues to fund township services and operations.



Keeping UD Financially Strong

1. In 2018 UD's Moody's rating went up to Aa1, placing UD in the top 10% of rated municipalities in PA.
2. Because of our new rating, UD refinanced a portion of our debt in August 2019 – saving taxpayers \$1,200,000

Smart Development

The BOC has focused on Smart Development, i.e. mixed use, to increase our tax revenues significantly without crowding our school population. From my point of view as a long time resident of UD, the quality of our lives is very precious. The recent development we have seen has been woven into the borders of UD to avoid disrupting our existing neighborhoods as much as possible. UD is 98% built out. We do not expect much more development. We have the 2nd highest number of parks and natural areas of any township in Montgomery County to enjoy. I will continue to keep our quality of life in the forefront of our goals.

Traffic Improvements \$0 Tax Dollars

Addressing traffic issues is a major priority for me. From my newsletters you know about the three traffic improvements of Welsh Rd., Susquehanna & Fitzwatertown, and Dreshertown Rd. that have not cost taxpayers a penny. I will continue to pursue this approach to improve traffic conditions not only in Ward 3 but the whole township.

Safe Walk-able Community

The FWOP was awarded a \$750,000 grant to put in the final segment of the 2.5mile Cross County Trail. Our goal is to have a walk-able community so that residents can walk to every part of Upper Dublin safely.

UD 2nd Largest Park System in Acreage

Based on County information, Upper Dublin is the 14th largest municipality (out of 58) in the County in terms of amount of land, yet we have the 2nd largest park system in terms of acreage.

UD 2nd in Number of Parks or Natural Areas

Upper Dublin has the 2nd highest number of properties identified as Township-owned "parks" or "natural areas".

I am committed to balancing growth and open space while working to reduce residential taxes.

Water Quality

I have been involved in this issue from 2016 on and I continue to work to ensure UD's water is safe.

In the next few months, there will be a research study in Bucks & Montgomery counties on the levels of PFAS in the blood via a study sample of residents. I have been working with federal, state, and local officials to involve UD residents in this study. At the PFAS press conference on October 8, 2019 with Reps. Dean and Boyle, and Drs. Watkins and Jones (conducting the research) I was told by Dr. Watkins, that: "UD is not discounted from the study". The researchers are designing the study protocols now. When the protocols are established, I will let you know how you can apply to be in the study sample.



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 Working Together



Quality of Life in Upper Dublin

Our quality of life in Upper Dublin relies on all of us actively working for the improvement of our community by coming up with ideas and suggestions to make life better and communicating them to your elected officials. Working together we have been able to do great things. Our community gets better as we look for ways to improve our quality of life.

Two-way Communication

I listened to your suggestions and implemented improvements. Examples of improvements that came as a direct result of communications from You!

1. Additional Streetlight at the Entrance to Willett Park
2. School Crossing Guard at Jarrettown Elementary School
3. Extending the Jarrettown Elementary School Zone Lights to include 7:45-8:00am

Superior Constituent Services

I send newsletters three times a year plus timely emails and Facebook postings to keep you informed about Ward 3 and township issues. If you haven't already joined my email list, please do so at GScarpelloUD3@Comcast.net

When you contact me, I respond within 24 hours and either resolve your issue or update you on the progress toward resolution.

Sidewalk to Jarrettown Elementary School from Dreshertown Plaza Spring 2020

Plans have been approved and funding secured to extend the sidewalk from the Dreshertown Plaza to Jarrettown Elementary School. This will ensure the safety of our school children walking to Jarrettown Elementary School from Harris Rd and Kirks Ln, and provide safe walking to and from the Dreshertown Plaza. This is slated to begin in the spring of 2020.



**Stay in Touch - Your Voice is Important
Join in the Discussions. Come to Meetings.**

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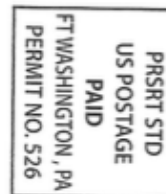
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