

Ward 5 Report

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VOTING LOCATION UPDATE

Due to changes in policies at the School District concerning polling places at schools and the need to more evenly distribute voters among our three voting districts, Upper Dublin and the County have put into place a new map for Ward 5. Although the boundaries of the ward remain the same, there are changes for each of the 3 voting districts.

If you used to vote at Thomas Fitzwater School, you now vote at Queen of Peace Church (which is now called District 5-3). Address is 820 N. Hills Ave. 19038, but it's better to enter from Fitzwatertown Rd.

For those living below Susquehanna Rd:

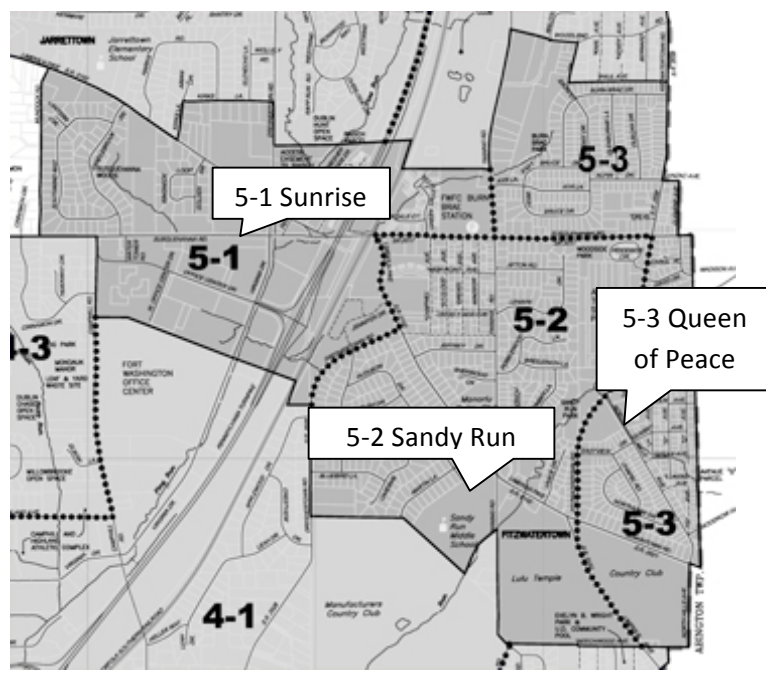
If you live between Fitzwatertown Road and Abington Township, you still vote at Queen of Peace Church (but you are now 5-3 instead of 5-2). Voters from 3100 block of Jenkintown Rd. & 1545 S. Limekiln Pk. join the 5-3 Voting District.

If you live on the other side of Fitzwatertown Road, you, together with all of the residents of Bird Land (including 515-657 Dreshertown Rd), now vote at the **ANNEX @ Sandy Run Middle School**. This is the first building when you enter via Audubon Dr. From Limekiln, turn onto Martin Ln and left onto Audubon. Please note the change of location at SRMS. All of this area is called Voting District 5-2.

Finally, if you live on Brookdale, Candlebrook, 1430 Dreshertown Rd., Dresher Woods, Golden, Green Valley, Jennifer, Kirks, Limekiln (above the Dreshertown Shopping Center), Lantern, Mundock, Ringneck, Southwind and Susquehanna (from the Dresher Triangle toward Mundock Rd.), you will

vote at Sunrise Assisted Living @ 1650 Susquehanna Rd. 19025 in Voting District 5-1.

These changes will provide ample parking and shorten the distance between parking places and the voting areas. For those of you who have previously voted in Ward 5, regardless of your prior polling place or voting district number, **you will not need to show ID**. Only new residents and newly registered voters must show ID.



ANOTHER FLOOD RETARDANT

STRUCTURE REPORT

The water retention project appears to have been a great success. With \$4 million in Township taxes and almost \$11 million from the State, flooding that affected the Office Park (destroying property and reducing commercial assessments), we have seen flooding drastically reduced.

DEVELOPMENT IN DRESHER

Ward 5 has likely seen more real estate developments of various kinds during my tenure (since 2010) than Upper Dublin has ever seen in any other ward during a five- year period.

Here is my list:

- The Township's new water retention facility along the portion of Dreshertown Rd. above the Dresher Triangle,
- Dublin Crossing (on High point Rd. off of Limekiln), Dublin Terrace (along Dreshertown Road at its intersection with South Limekiln),
- BET mixed use project now underway in the Dresher Triangle (and the possible development of the Tai tract adjoining that property along Limekiln) which is where a CVS, restaurants and additional housing will be built,
- Super WAWA at the slip ramp,

TRAFIC IN WARD 5

We have addressed some of the traffic issues with the new traffic light at Dreshertown and Limekiln and installation at the Dresher Triangle of "intelligent" traffic signaling, although traffic in this area (comparable to Route 309 at peak hours) remains a problem from every direction.

With all of these changes, I have devoted a substantial amount of time to working out issues involving these developments, whether use of buffers to avoid impact of nearby residences, development of walking trails, or the variety of other things that affect the livability of our ward for existing and future residents.

We still have a long way to go to make all of Ward 5 walkable, but we are getting there!

TWINING VALLEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Last year the township obtained a \$30,000 grant to do a feasibility land study for Upper Dublin Golf & Fitness Center.

The study will look at current and alternative uses, encompassing "four pillars of comparison": health and wellness; physical and financial accessibility; economic impact; and environmental impact.

Nationally, people are playing golf less, it is an undersized course and there is a lot of competition in the area. The positives of the current use are that it serves as an entry level course, can offer a quick round of golf and is not crowded.

Among possible alternative uses are: stormwater storage basins; passive recreational uses; standalone library; standalone ambulance station; parks equipment storage; an executive 9-hole course; chip and putt course; middle school or elementary school; larger dog park; disc golf; subscription farming; and other revenue generating agreements with outside entities.

The next meeting is 5/21 at 7:00 PM at Cheltenham Baptist Church.

OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

Check out Upper Dublin's new Website! Check out www.upperdublin.net

We have a great line up of events sponsored by our Upper Dublin Library and Parks and Recreation.

Library: <http://upperdublinlibrary.org/>

*Parks and Recreation:
<http://www.upperdublin.net/departments/parks-recreation/>*

*Get involved! Check out municipal meetings open to the public at:
<http://www.upperdublin.net/events/category/meetings/>*