



UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP TRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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Events Calendar 2012

Date:

Event:

Thurs. September 27,

Senior Fall Fling – theme- *Memories*

Thurs. October 4, 2012

**Board of Supervisors Meeting
Birthday Cake for Upper Merion's 300th Birthday**

Thursday, October 11 at 5pm

Reesville Social Club meets at Peppers
Everyone welcome! Hope you can join us.

Sun. October 21, 2012, 2pm

Speaker Series: Gene Pisasale

Frick's Lock To DuPont-How The Industrial Revolution Saved America

From canals to automobiles, the telegraph to cell phones- America has survived through tumultuous periods and thrived due to inventions which occurred at critical turning points in our history. Dramatic improvements in technology often came at times of severe economic upheaval and political uncertainty. The ingenuity of Thomas Edison, the Wright Brothers and Henry Ford propelled our country and mankind into a new era- and their ongoing Industrial Revolution has forever changed the way we live and perceive the world around us. The lecture focuses on the ways that inventions over the past 125 years have restructured the way we think, speak and interact with others- in ways which their creators never dreamed of. Mr. Pisasale will add to his presentation with information about Upper Merion and the Schuylkill River.

Friday, November 2 at 7:30pm

**Jazz Night at the Township Building
with Luke Carlos O'Reilly**

Colombian native Luke Carlos O'Reilly was born with a passion for music. His love for Jazz specifically has elevated him to be one of few consistently in demand jazz pianists in the Philadelphia area, where he currently resides.

In 2004, Luke received his bachelor's degree in Jazz Piano Performance from Temple University's Esther Boyer College of Music. After spending time on the road with such jazz greats as Curtis Fuller, Dave Valentin, Red Halloway, Slide Hampton, Nicolas Payton, Bobby Watson, and, Billy Paul, Luke finally released his own debut album 'Living In The Now' in February, 2011

Sun. November 4, 2012 2pm

**Speaker Series: James Brazel – Local Trains &
Transportation: The Chester Valley Railroad, & more**

The railroad industry started late in Pennsylvania, in part due to the turnpikes and canals in the state. But, after a slow start in the 1830s, Pennsylvania became a national leader in railroad development in the 1840s and 1850s. By 1860 it had surpassed all states in total railroad mileage, a position it would hold into the 20th century. Railroads had a profound impact on the economy and landscape of Upper Merion and beyond. Come ride the rails of history in this talk by Jim Brazel.

November 2, 3, 9, &10

King of Prussia Players: *A Chorus Line*

At the Upper Merion Middle School

Thursday, November 8 at 5pm

Reesville Social Club meets at Creed's

All are welcome to share fellowship and good cheer!

Saturday, November 17 at 2pm Upper Merion History – the First 300 Years

Join Upper Merion Historian and Author J. Michael Morrison and others as they give an overview of the first 300 years of Upper Merion History. The town's history is one of the richest and most diverse in the country. Settled by people from many countries; a leader in industry, mining, farming, transportation, and more – the history of Upper Merion is astounding. Come find out what you probably never imagined about the 17 square miles of a most diverse and engaging community that is Upper Merion.

Friday December 7, 6:30-8pm Holiday Hoopla

Come and join your township residents in celebrating the holidays on Friday, December 7th, 2012 from 6:30pm-8:00pm with a tree lighting ceremony, cookies, hot cocoa, children's crafts, Santa and much much more! We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Upper Merion Emergency Aid. Tricentennial Holiday Ornaments, Calendars, and other Memorabilia will be available for holiday gift purchases.

**Sun. December 9, 2012 at 2pm Gulph Mills native and local author Sheilah Vance
Six Days in December: General George Washington's and the Continental Army's**

Encampment on Rebel Hill, December 13 - 19, 1777. Learn the little-known and moving story of General George Washington's and the Continental Army's six day encampment on Rebel Hill and Gulph Mills near the "Hanging Rock", six miles from Valley Forge, on December 13, 1777 through December 19, when the army marched to Valley Forge. The thrilling story of the threshold to Valley Forge.

Thurs. December 13 at 5pm

Reesville Social Club

Toast the Holiday Season with friends!

Thurs. December 13 at 8pm

St. Lucia Festival at Old Swedes Church

Celebrate the feast of St. Lucia with the annual reenactment of a traditional Swedish Christmas (in the church) as well as the reenactment of a visit by George Washington and his troops during an actual St. Lucia fest in the 1700's in this very church! Also, light refreshments following in the church hall.