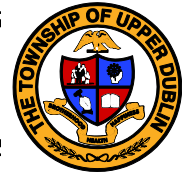

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**Tricentennial Celebration Announced as Winner of Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society's
Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award**

(Upper Dublin Township, PA – March 10, 2020) The Upper Dublin Township Tricentennial Celebration, which took place in 2019, was chosen as a winner of the Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award by the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society (PRPS). This honor will be conferred at the Awards Banquet at the PRPS Annual Conference at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort on Thursday evening, March 19, 2020.

2019 marked Upper Dublin Township's Tricentennial. The Board of Commissioners established a committee comprised of representatives from each Township department, the Board of Commissioners, Upper Dublin School District, and the Upper Dublin Education Foundation. The theme of the year-long festivity was "celebrating all things Upper Dublin!" Partnering with local groups such as Fort Washington Fire Company, Upper Dublin Police Department, Upper Dublin School District, and the Upper Dublin Education Foundation, five large community events were presented throughout the year: Winterfest, Dine & Dance, Tricentennial Parade, Autofest and Fall Fest. With the support of the Upper Dublin Township Board of Commissioners, the Tricentennial Committee was allotted a \$100,000 budget for the year. In addition, over \$56,000 in generous sponsorships was received, allowing all events to be offered free-of-charge. These unique and innovative events welcomed over 25,000 attendees of all ages. Fostering community pride, the events offered countless opportunities for Upper Dublin residents and businesses to be involved. Highlights from the events include: an outdoor ice rink, roller rink, interactive ice sculptures (ice throne & ice slide), axe throwing, escape rooms, horse & carriage rides, a sensory break room, a "sensory-friendly" hour of Touch-A-Truck, a Puppy Bowl featuring adoptable dogs from a local rescue, "Paint the Plow" and fireworks. The Tricentennial celebration created a quality experience that will be remembered for years to come.

The Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award is based on the POWER Principles (Positions public recreation and parks as an essentials community service, Outcome based, Wow factor, Effects change, Resourcefulness). Erin Woodruff and Tammy Echevarria, Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation staff members, nominated the Tricentennial celebration for this award.

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