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Veteran's Park is Almost Completed...

As of this writing, Plumstead Township and its Veterans Ad Hoc Committee are preparing for our annual Veterans Day observance and the dedication of the newly constructed Veterans Park. This will be the sixth park dedicated in the Township. The park is located at 5775 Easton Road (in front of Plumstead Christian Academy and across from Plumstead Shopping Center).

Every year our Veterans Day Celebration honors all who have served our country and preserved our freedom. We hope that you take the time to stop by our new park to honor all of our veterans.

More photos of the park dedication and details about the park itself will follow in our next newsletter and on our Facebook page.



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Meetings

The **Board of Supervisors'** meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Work sessions are held on the last Thursday of the month, also at 7:30 PM.

The **Planning Commission** meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

The **Zoning Hearing Board** meets at the call of the Chairman

The **Environmental Advisory Council** meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM

All Meetings are at the Township Building

EAC CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY



You're never too young to plant trees! Mia Shorr, Colden Karl and Joey Haber spent a beautiful Saturday morning helping the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) plant trees along Miriam Drive, by the entrance to Landis Park. The trees will not only beautify the area, but as they mature, they will offer shade over the asphalted road.

This was the EAC's 9th year planting trees as a member of Tree City USA and The Arbor Day Foundation. The EAC would like to graciously thank the Plumstead Township Public Works Department and Shan-Gri-La Contractors, LLC for their assistance with the planting.

SAVE THE DATE

Great Grizzly 5k Run 2015

All are invited to start 2015 off on a healthy foot by training for and participating in the 9th Annual Great Grizzly 5k & 1 Mile Fun Run. The date for the run will be Saturday, March 7th at the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company. Registration will open at 7:30am. The one mile fun run/walk will begin at 9am and the 5k run will start at 9:30am. Come and run/walk through beautiful Plumsteadville while supporting the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company and Groveland Elementary health and wellness activities. For more information please visit www.greatgrizzlyrun.com. To help sponsor or volunteer at this event, please contact Christy Grube at christinagrube@comcast.net. All are invited! See you at the start line!



International Bike Race Returns to Plumstead!



Saturday, September 13 found residents and visitors lining some of our roads to watch the Thompson Bucks County Classic bike race.

Residents, visitors and bicycling enthusiasts of all ages were able to see a race that holds both national and international sanctions draw top North American and European racing teams to compete.

The racecourse involved cyclists doing six laps through six Townships and Boroughs (New Hope, Solebury, Plumstead, Buckingham, Doylestown, & Bedminster). Again the Township played a prominent part as cyclists took to Wismer and Tohickon Hill Roads in the most grueling leg of the race.

This year saw some new developments in the race, including a professional women's race, an expanded television/webstreaming program and the relocation of the finish line to New Hope.

The second part of the race took place on Sunday where residents and visitors watched and enthusiastically cheered on the cyclists as they competed in the criterium, a high-speed race through the streets of Doylestown Borough, with ideal weather conditions.

Thanks to everyone who participated to make this event a success including: the Townships and Boroughs, the Police & Fire Departments, the ambulance squads, those who cheered the riders on and especially the Thompson Organization for sponsoring the race and giving riders and visitors a chance to experience the uniqueness of Bucks County.

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COMPOSTING

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) would like to thank everyone who came out to the composting seminar on Saturday, September 13th. We successfully talked about how to turn yard and kitchen waste into usable compost. AND, everyone left with his or her very own compost bin to get started! Here is a recap on how to compost:

Do

- Use garden trimmings, kitchen scraps, grass clippings, leaves, used potting soil, sawdust and hair
- Mix browns and greens

Don't

- Use oil, fat, grease, meat, fish, dairy products, hard to kill weeds, weeds gone to seed, cat or dog waste, insect-ridden plants

Bin Placement

- Level ground
- Good drainage
- Away from drainage courses or waterways
- Accessible/convenient
- Aesthetic
- Sufficient work space
- Access to water supply

Finished (Mature) Compost

- Color is dark brown
- Crumbly and loose
- Earthy smell
- Unrecognizable from original material

Using Compost

- Use mature compost (see above)
 - Soil Amendment: Work a 2" layer of compost into the upper 4-6" of soil
 - Surface Mulch: Maximum 3" depth; start 3-4" from trunk; extend out to drip-line
 - Lawn Topdressing: Use fine (screened) compost; 1/4" depth raked over lawn
 - Potting Mix: Use fine (screened) compost; mix no more than 1/3 compost by volume

Questions? Feel free to email the EAC at: PlumsteadTwpEAC@gmail.com or call the Township office at: 215-766-8914



On Saturday, October 18 the Explorers Post 57-08 held a Bingo at the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company. Doors opened at 5:30pm to almost a sold-out house with a line of anxious players waiting to get in.

In addition to a variety of donated prizes for the games, one lucky individual's name was drawn to win the door prize, a three-day cruise to the Bahamas. Everyone who attended agreed that this was a huge success! Proceeds from the event will be used to provide uniforms and future trips for the cadets.

A special thanks to the local merchants who donated food and drinks for the evening, merchants who donated prizes, parents of our Explorers who provided filled baskets for the winners of each game, and the Explorers and their leaders for putting together such a fun-filled evening.



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FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

As the economy continues to struggle it is important to remember that there are those in our own community who are still struggling, as well.

We tend to forget that the local food pantries are in need of items all year long, not just during the holiday season.

Please consider picking up some nonperishable items (Cereal & PB&J are especially needed) the next time you are in the grocery store and dropping them off in the Food Pantry box located in the lobby of the Township building. We will make sure that all donations are delivered in a timely manner.



HONOR FLIGHT



Dan Hilferty, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors accompanies veterans at the Honor Flight. Veterans were the guest of honor for a day in Washington DC, touring the memorials and Arlington National Cemetery.

From Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick

While much of the attention on Congress usually is focused on action that takes place on the floor of the House, as well as in committee meetings, constituent service is a most important part of my duties as a Member of Congress.

I am also a liaison between the federal government and its agencies on issues directly related to the citizens I represent; therefore, your opinions and support are important to me. I also want to thank Plumstead Township for this opportunity to inform you of some of the work I am doing in Washington on your behalf.

In the last issue of your township newsletter, I discussed a bill introduced in July the Natural Disaster Tax Relief Act, which would provide needed tax relief to Pennsylvania communities and others across the country devastated by natural disasters. I also have focused on our aging infrastructure system – the roads, bridges and power sources that greatly impact our economy –through my support for the bipartisan Partnership to Build America Act which finances \$750 billion in infrastructure investment without additional taxpayer dollars.

In September, I recognized the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Wilderness Act and the Land and Water Conservation Act and noted this milestone in the Congressional Record. I believe in environmental protection and this summer the House passed a bill I also supported, the Conservation Easement Incentive Act, H.R. 2807, which would make it easier for owners to preserve land by permanently extending conservation tax credits. This bill and others puts us in position to be good stewards of the land and our precious natural resources.

Again, I look forward to hearing from you. You are also invited to contact my district office for information or assistance on federally-related matters, including veterans, military and senior issues (Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security), tax forms and passports. Our constituent advocates are ready to help. My office is open Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., 1717 Langhorne-Newtown Road, Suite 400, Langhorne, PA 19047. Phone: 215-579-8102 – on the web: www.fitzpatrick.house.gov.

.Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick is serving his third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He represents Pennsylvania's 8th district which includes all of Bucks County as well as a portion of Montgomery County. He is Vice Chairman of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Get out to Hanusey Park in Plumstead Township!

With the opening of Hanusey Park we have seen our first seasons of activity. Starting with 2014 CBBA summer basketball league and hear what they have to say.

"We have now wrapped up what has turned out to be a very memorable CBAA Summer League season. We set an all-time record with 118 teams, added a new High School division, and began playing games at the new Hanusey Park. Congratulations to all the winners on Championship Weekend and also thanks to all the coaches who volunteered their time and helped to make this a successful season." Last year they had 94 teams and were able to increase their teams by 25%.

CBAA Soccer is now in Mid-season using 3 soccer fields at Hanusey, during the fall 2014 season. Many teams have enjoyed the opportunity to have more practice time under the lights. With 1782 players scheduled for pictures at Hanusey on picture weekend September 2014, it was a pleasure to see teammates friends, neighbors get out and enjoy the opportunity to see each other. Let's support the players and participate, by stopping by the park to take a walk or run on our mile of trails and cheer on your neighbors and friends.

Our Community Building is now open to the Public and rentals are being accepted. Birthday Parties, Baby Showers, Local community meetings, and our Environmental Advisory Councils composting seminar have been very well attended.

Plumstead Baseball coming to Hanusey spring of 2015 and hear their exciting news below.

Plumstead Baseball is excited to announce we are affiliating with Little League Baseball! You saw the excitement of the Little League World Series this summer—

now Plumstead Baseball players will be part of the tradition of excellence with Little League Baseball!

Many Plumstead Baseball parents grew up in Little League organizations around the area or across the country. Now Little League Baseball gives us access to the skills and experience of a 75-year-old organization dedicated to developing "Major League people."

Please make Hanusey Park your place to get out and enjoy the outdoors. If you have thoughts and ideas on how to improve the experience at Hanusey park please contact Plumstead Township Park and Recreation Committee at

<http://plumstead.org/recabout.html> or
<http://www.plumsteadparkandrec.org/>

From the desk of Nick Lykon
Plumstead Township Supervisor

Hanusey Park Community Building (Rental):

Looking to rent the Community Building at Hanusey Park for your next birthday party, baby shower, bridal shower, graduation party or holiday party? Please visit our website for all the details:

www.plumstead.org/adminforms/html

Application for Use of Community Building at Hanusey Park
or call the Township at (215) 766-8914.



Preparation is essential to respond to emergencies

by Senator Chuck McIlhinney (R-Bucks)

Last year's brutal winter weather offered a stark reminder that Mother Nature can be full of unwelcome surprises. As local communities begin to prepare for the winter season, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency offers a number of helpful tips for Pennsylvanians to be prepared for any sort of emergency.

Extreme weather and other natural disasters can often lead to power outages that sometimes may last for several days. PEMA maintains a check list at www.readypa.org of a number of critical items every household should have available in case of emergency, including at least three days worth of food that won't spoil, a minimum of one gallon of bottled water for each family member per day for a minimum of three days, flashlights and extra batteries, medical supplies and prescriptions, tools, pet supplies, extra clothing and personal hygiene items. Homes with emergency generators should ensure this equipment is in proper working order and properly ventilated.

While many winter emergencies require families to shelter at home, there is no guarantee that all members of the family will be at home when disaster strikes. Keeping an emergency kit in the vehicle at all times can make an extraordinary difference in an individual's ability to remain safe when stranded. State residents are also encouraged to have a more extensive emergency bag or backpack packed at all times to respond quickly in case some sort of disaster forces a quick evacuation, such as a fire or flood.

Like a home emergency kit, these mobile bags should include food, water and medication for at least three days and first aid items such as bandages, gauze and pain relievers. Items such as blankets, flashlights, clothing, matches, toiletries and a battery-operated radio should also be included, as well as copies of important documents such as driver's licenses, birth certificates, bank account numbers, Social Security cards, passports and insurance policies.

One of the keys to a good emergency plan is also ensuring every family member understands how to contact one another, how to get back together and what to do in case of an emergency. More information on preparing for all kinds of emergencies is available online at www.readypa.org or by calling 1-888-9-READYPA (1-888-973-2397).

Pajama Program



Cold Nights begin in the fall and continue through March. The Pajama Program, partnering with Carter's and Scholastic books will help keep children warm all winter long.

A donation of a new pair of pj's or a new book can make all the difference to a cold child.

The Pajama Program wants to help stop this. Our 501 © (3) charity provides new, unused pajamas to underprivileged youngsters, many of whom live in homeless shelters, foster care facilities or in group homes/orphanages. Our mission is to provide a loving environment for children who have lived through a great deal of hurt in their young lives. Visit www.pajamaprogram.org for more details.

The Township Municipal Building is a drop off site for the program. If you want to make a donation, our lobby is open Monday – Friday between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Private Wells

Many of our residents rely on private water supplies for the water they drink.

Listed below are the six basic steps you should take to maintain the safety of your private well water.

1. Identify potential problem sources
2. Talk with "local experts"
3. Have your water tested periodically.
4. Have the test results interpreted and explained clearly.
5. Set a regular maintenance schedule for your well, do the scheduled maintenance and keep accurate, up-to-date records.
6. Remedy any problems.

For more information please go to the Township's website www.plumstead.org and see the EAC page where you will find a United States EPA publication entitled "Drinking Water From Household Wells".



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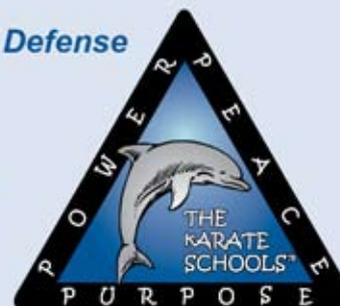
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FROM THE PLUMSTEADVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Chimney and Heater Fire Prevention

Chimney and Heater fires can be devastating to a family, no one welcomes one. Most chimney fires are caused by improper maintenance and failure to clean or to fully clean.

Statistics about heater fires:

- Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) of home heating fire deaths.
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (28%) was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment or placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding, was the leading factor contributing to ignition in fatal home heating fires and accounted for more than half (53%) of home heating fire deaths.
- Half (50%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.

Chimney Fires

A chimney fire in action can be impressive, but is extremely dangerous; Indications of a chimney fire have been described as creating:

- Loud cracking and popping noise
- A lot of dense and dark smoke
- An intense, hot smell

With proper care a chimney fire is preventable, below are some easy precautions that could save you a lot of time and money:

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a Certified Chimney Specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Leaving the doors open ensures that the fire receives enough

air to ensure complete combustion and keeps creosote from building up in the chimney.

- Close glass doors when the fire is out to keep air from the chimney opening from getting into the room. (Most glass fireplace doors have a metal mesh screen which should be closed when the glass doors are open. This mesh screen helps keep embers from getting out of the fireplace area.)
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces that do not have a glass fireplace door.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and **never** restrict air supply to fireplaces. (Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.)
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.
- When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate.
- **Never** leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing of them. Place ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep the ash container at least 10 feet away from your home and any other nearby buildings. **Never empty the ash directly into a trash can.** Douse and saturate the ashes with water.
- Keeping your chimney clear on the outside of your house can prevent outside issues.
- Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home.
- Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris.
- Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester.
- Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.

Portable Heater Fires

Portable Space Heaters are great to heat a small area without needing a fireplace; they are also one of the most dangerous types heating methods. A Few safety tips for using Space Heaters:

- Do not place heaters under desks or other enclosed areas.
- Use newer heaters that have a automatic shut off feature (in case of accidental tip over)
- Heaters should be kept at least 3 feet (36 inches) from all combustible materials (e.g. file cabinets, desks, trash cans, paper boxes, etc.)
- Heaters must be monitored when in operation.
- Plug heater directly into a wall receptacle. **Never plug it into an extension cord.**
- Heaters need to be monitored daily. Those heaters missing guards, control knobs, feet, etc. must be unplugged immediately and repaired by a professional.
- Do not use heaters in rooms that will not be continually occupied.
- Keep doors and windows closed, including storm

windows. This will help prevent freeze-ups.

- Keep space heaters away from exit ways, walkways and paths of travel.
- Do not use space heaters in wet areas like bathrooms or kitchens.
- Do not use portable space heaters if small children are expected in the area.

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Plumstead Historical Society

Plumstead Historical Society – Upcoming Winter Meeting dates 2014

November 17th 2014 at 7:00pm. ~ Richard H. McNutt, President, Tidewaters Gateway Partnership, <http://honorjourney.org/RichardMcNuttBio.html>

December 2014 ~ No meeting Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 2015!

January 19th 2015 at 7:00pm. ~ Show and Tell. Bring an antique/Historical item from home.

February 16th 2015 at 7:00pm. ~ TBD

On sale will be books and postcards of Plumstead Township. Monetary contributions are gratefully accepted and can be sent to the treasurer, David Crane, Box 179, Plumsteadville, PA. 18949.

Donations

Plumstead Historical Society invites donations. If you have items or documents that you wish to share with our community and future generations, please consider giving them to the Plumstead Historical Society.

To facilitate a donation, please contact any member of Plumstead Historical Society, or Don Morris at donbarbmor@hotmail.com.

Donations are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. The Plumstead Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) public charity.

Monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7pm, at the Township Building (5186 Stump Rd), except for August and December.

NOTE: You do not need to be a member to attend. Everyone is invited! All are Welcome!

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Have you seen this sign?

Residents along ALL township maintained roads are reminded that parking during a winter storm is limited based on the provisions set forth in Ordinance #2003-03. Parking is prohibited following the accumulation of one inch or more of snow or ice. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance are subject to towing and storage costs.

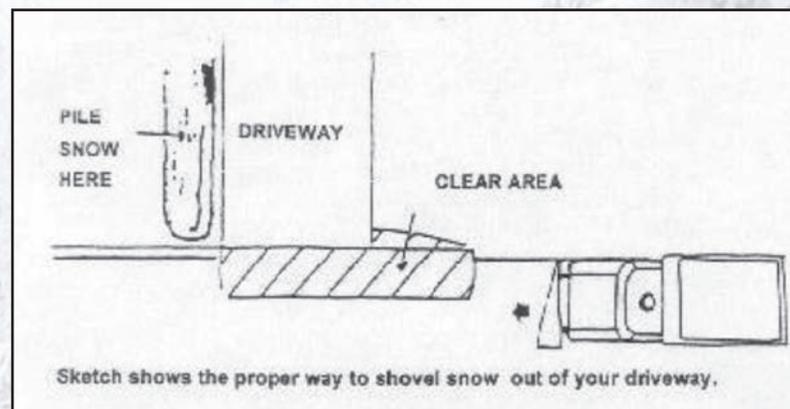
Each year, the township openly solicits local towing firms for a set cost to remove and store vehicles in violation of the ordinance. This information is posted on the township website for reference.

Residents are reminded to make guests and visitors to their home aware of this ordinance.

It would also be helpful if you could pass this information along to a new owner when selling a home.

Snow Shoveling Tips

- After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway or sidewalk only to have it plowed in?
- Public Works suggests that you wait until the street is cleared before you shovel the last five feet of your driveway or your sidewalk.
- Always clear an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below) to give the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it gets to your driveway. This way you won't have to do the same job twice.
- Public Works also reminds you that it is illegal to push snow from a parking lot or driveway onto a township roadway.



Winterizing your mailbox

- Public Works and the U.S. Postal Service are both expected to deliver during the winter season... come rain, sleet, snow, or all of the above. The location of your mailbox along the roadway can affect the efficiency of both mail service and snow plowing operations.
- Where is your mailbox located? Your letter carrier will make every effort to deliver the mail. However, if the mailbox is not accessible to the carrier due to snow buildup, or if it is not properly located along the road, you may have to pick up your mail at the post office.
- Plumstead Township allows property owners to place mailboxes within the township legal right-of-way, out of respect for the U.S. Postal Service's need to deliver, and mail customers' convenience of delivery; however, mailbox damage is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Normally, if a mailbox is placed as far from the shoulder of the road as the carrier can reach from a vehicle and the mailbox rests on a firm support, the mailbox should be able to withstand the force of snow from the plowing operation. Be sure your mailbox has a strong support. You also may wish to use reflective tape or other material to make the mailbox easier to see during storms or during dark hours.
- Plowing operations can push snow against or in front of mailboxes, limiting access and perhaps causing damage to supports.
- Check your mailbox and support often, clearing snow from it and depositing the snow properly (never shovel snow onto the road).



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- State tax forms.
- Status and Copies of PA House Bills and State Laws.
- Driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals.
- Assistance with PennDOT paperwork (lost cards, changes, corrections, registration plates, placards, vanity plates).
- Assistance with Unemployment Compensation issues.
- Assistance with PA Department of Public Welfare programs
- Applications for Birth and Death Certificates.
- Property Tax and Rent Rebate applications.
- Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications.
- House Citations and Certificates of Recognition to commemorate 50th anniversaries, 100th birthdays, special achievements like Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold awards, or other important occasions

Preparing for Unpredictable Weather

Don't be caught off guard by the unpredictability of dangerous weather. Know the risks and take action to protect yourself, your family and your property. The time to prepare is now. Gather supplies for your emergency supply kit, make a plan, buy or check your generator, be ready to strengthen your home against storm damage and review your insurance coverage, including sump pump and flood insurance!

The following sites are resources for you to keep in mind when preparing for emergency weather situations:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA): www.ready.gov
- PA Emergency Management Agency's (PEMA): www.readypa.org/portal/server.pt/community/readypa/21271

If you or someone you know is oxygen dependent, or has a health condition that would require special attention should an extended loss of power occur, please contact your Township emergency coordinator so he/she is aware of your situation.

Please feel free to stop by my office, call me at 215-489-2126, email me via mquinn@pahousegop.com or visit me at RepQuinn.net or [Facebook.com/RepQuinn](https://www.facebook.com/RepQuinn) if I can ever be of assistance. You can also sign up on my website to receive my email updates. As always, I am here to serve my constituents the best that I can and I welcome your communications.

Village Committee Holds First Meeting



The Plumsteadville Village Ad Hoc Committee held its first meeting on October 7. The Committee is comprised of residents and business owners who are interested in developing a plan to enhance the area of the Township known as "Plumsteadville" by making it more accommodating to pedestrians and looking at improvements that could help the flow of traffic through the area.

Discussion focused on traffic patterns, motor vehicle speed through the area, the lack of safe pedestrian crossings, the potential for connectivity, areas where pedestrians could stand and feel safe waiting to cross the roads or move from one site to another. The Committee also looked at a site analysis of the area that was developed by the Township's planning consultant, noting the variety of uses already in place that lend themselves to what could be viewed as a small town, and discussed grant opportunities that may be available for some of the desired changes to the area.

The Committee was formed by the Board of Supervisors in response to the issues identified in the Township's Comprehensive Plan, as well as the feedback they received from those in attendance at a Worksession held last year to discuss the Plumsteadville Village area of the Township. The Committee members are Stacey Mulholland, Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Kathleen Emmons, owner of Circa Classics, Mary Ann Murtha, Senior Vice President of Huntingdon Valley Bank, James Lomax, with the Plumsteadville Grange, and Eric Nitschke, a resident in the Plumsteadville area.

The Committee will meet again on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30 PM. The meetings are open to the public, and we encourage residents and business owners interested in learning more about this to attend.





IT'S THE LAW!

Under PA Motor Vehicle Code 4302:

General Rule:

Drivers must use lights between sunset & sunrise and any time the windshield wipers are in use!

THE PLUMSTEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE INTERNET



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IMPORTANT REMINDER



Plumstead Township prohibits the use of all terrain vehicles such as "Quads" and "four-wheelers" on its Open Space. If you see individuals riding these vehicles on the Open Space you are encouraged to contact the Police Department at (215) 766-8741.

For those residents who own these vehicles we remind you that Open Space provides a natural habitat for animals and native plants, promotes groundwater recharge and serves as a natural buffer for some of our residential areas. Please respect the natural resources we are fortunate to have in the Township and refrain from riding in these areas, or allowing your children to do so.

PROGRESS...



Applebutter Road (before)



Applebutter Road (finished)



Jennifer Schweitzer Park



Plumstead Township



Guide for Mandatory Commercial and Institutional Recycling

PA State Law and Local Ordinance require the recycling of the following materials:

- Aluminum Cans
- Office Paper
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Yard Waste

All commercial businesses and institutional facilities are required to have a recycling program.

If you need assistance setting up a recycling program, please contact your waste hauler or property manager.

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Thinking About a Generator?

Super-storm Sandy's destructive path caused many residents to think about installing a portable generator in case electricity service is interrupted.

You are reminded that an electrical permit is necessary before a generator can be installed.

While generators come in handy when severe storms knock out power, they need to be operated safely. You can't see or smell the deadly carbon monoxide produced by a generator and it can kill quickly.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, one generator can produce as much carbon monoxide as hundreds of cars.

Here are some tips for using a portable generator:

- Do not use indoors, or in a garage, basement, or shed.
- Use generators outside, away from windows, doors, and vents or any other opening in the house.
- Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide alarm.





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Leaf Collection

NOTICE OF LEAF COLLECTION

All residents are encouraged to compost leaf waste on site. However, residents that would like to recycle leaf waste can do so with Public Works for pick-up as noted below~ Due to PA DEP recycling regulations for the Township, no permits for burning of leaf waste will be issued. Pick up will be as per the attached schedule only.

LEAF WASTE:

Leaf waste will be collected during October, November and December annually (or as season dictates). Crews will collect leaves on each road once, in all three zones on a road by road basis until complete. Leaf waste pick up will begin Monday morning and continue through the week until the round of all scheduled areas is completed.

Leaf pick up will be completed with a self-contained leaf vacuum acquired through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

IMPORTANT SPECIFICATIONS:

Leaf waste is to be raked into uniform rows/piles within three (3) feet of the edge of the road OR placed in biodegradable paper bags (available in most hardware and home improvement stores) at the edge of the road or driveway. Leaves placed in plastic bags WILL NOT be accepted. Leaf piles should not obstruct storm drain ditches or facilities when rainfall is forecast.

LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE:

COLLECTION ZONE	FIRST COLLECTION	SECOND COLLECTION	FINAL COLLECTION
1	WEEK OF OCTOBER 20	WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10	WEEK OF DECEMBER 1
2	WEEK OF OCTOBER 27	WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17	WEEK OF DECEMBER 8
3	WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3	WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24	WEEK OF DECEMBER 15

***DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEK, COMPLETION OF ZONE 3/SECOND COLLECTION MAY OCCUR DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1.**

The Plumstead Township Public Works Department appreciates your cooperation.

What is Storm Water Runoff?

One of the most significant, yet unrecognized groups of water contaminants is storm water pollutants. When it rains, storm water runs over yards, streets, roads, highways, parking lots, parks, and playgrounds, carrying with it everything in its path, including debris and pollutants. Eventually, the water will travel to a stream, either over land or via a storm drain. Storm drains are frequently located alongside streets and parking lots. Unlike sanitary sewers that divert water to a treatment plant directly from your home, storm drains lead directly to surrounding lakes and rivers without any type of treatment. All the debris and pollutants that were picked up by storm water runoff end up in your lakes and streams!



Where Does the Pollution Come From?

Most contaminants are made up of common items used by residents, businesses and visitors, such as fertilizers, car oils and greases, yard clippings, soil, and pet wastes. Below are some tips you can follow to help keep pollution from entering lakes and streams via storm water runoff.

Tips to Keep Your Rivers, Lakes and Streams Clean

- Never dump anything down a storm drain!
- Use an oil pan when changing oil to keep fluids off the pavement. Check local body shops and quick lubes to find a place to appropriately dispose of used oil.
- Bag pet waste and dispose of it in a trash can.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn as an alternate nutrient to fertilizer. If a fertilizer is necessary, choose a slow-release product and test your soil to find out how much fertilizer your lawn actually needs.
- Wash your car on your lawn so excess water, chemicals, and dirt is filtered through the lawn.
- Keep household hazardous wastes, such as harsh cleaners, paint, car fluids, and batteries from entering lakes and streams by disposing at a household hazardous waste center. Try using environmentally-safe alternatives or recipes with non-hazardous ingredients.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean up grass clippings and dirt.
- Keep a trash bag in your car... and use it!



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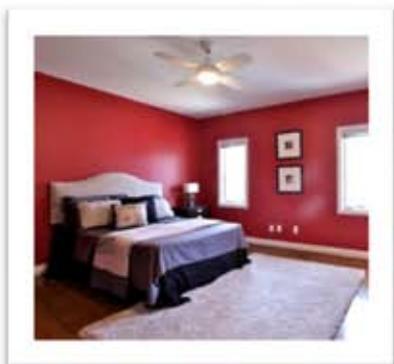
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