



# Plumstead Township

## NEWSLETTER



### Plumstead volunteer fire fighter (Charlie Rumble) saves woman/co-worker.



The quick action of Charlie Rumble, President of the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Co; performing CPR on Donna Stenroos after she collapsed at work is likely what saved her life.

Rumble is nominated for an American Red Cross Good Samaritan award for saving Donna Stenroos' life after she collapsed at work back in December. The two were at work when she went into cardiac arrest. After finding no signs of trauma or injury, Charlie started CPR.

This was the first time Charlie had performed CPR on someone in an emergency since he started volunteering as a firefighter in Plumstead two decades ago.

During Donna's stay in the hospital many doctors and nurses all said that the man who started CPR so quickly saved her life, said Colleen Thornton, one of Stenroos' daughters. Charlie is a hero to my mom and our entire family for the selfless action he took that day and she is alive today because of him.

Stenroos doesn't remember what happened on December 12, and her recollection of events both before and after are still hazy at times.

Rumble is one of several people being recognized for their lifesaving efforts during the 2019 Bucks County Hero Breakfast on June 21.

For the entire article see the Intelligencer:  
[https://www.theintell.com/news/20190620/plumstead-volunteer-honored-for-saving-coopersburg-woman/1?fbclid=IwAR2EJT2XyKQqVaQmSUKQRfJpsdmD3-ILCIRjPAWxS9A\\_DqgZ67R26aT4U90](https://www.theintell.com/news/20190620/plumstead-volunteer-honored-for-saving-coopersburg-woman/1?fbclid=IwAR2EJT2XyKQqVaQmSUKQRfJpsdmD3-ILCIRjPAWxS9A_DqgZ67R26aT4U90)

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### Township Office

5186 Stump Road, P.O. Box 387, Plumsteadville, PA 18949-0387  
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 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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 Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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 Telephone: 215-766-3785 • Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

### Water Department

Billing Questions: 215-766-0189 • Repairs & Maintenance: 215-766-0189

For after hours service disruption or non-emergency issues of concern, please contact Police Dispatch at 215-766-8740. Identify yourself as a Plumstead Township Water Department customer. The dispatcher will contact the on-duty officer, who will then contact the on-call Public Works personnel. For Police, Fire, or Medical Emergencies: 911

## Administrative Staff

**Township Manager:** Carolyn McCreary  
**Assistant to Township Manager:** Debbie DiAngelo  
**Director of Public Works:** Alan Bleam  
**Administrative Assistant & Water Billing:** Pam Gravel  
**Chief of Police:** Duane Hasenauer  
**Police Dept. Administrative Assistant:** Brittney Walsh  
**Police Clerk:** Steve Meredith  
**Finance:** Jane Faunce  
**Accounts Receivable:** Virginia Bowling  
**P&R Coordinator:** Caitlin Johnson  
**Code Enforcement:** Keystone Municipal Services  
**Zoning Officer:** Keystone Municipal Services  
**Zoning Clerk:** Kathleen Power  
**Receptionist:** Maria Strycharski

## Board of Supervisors

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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 7:30pm. January - April meetings held at Hanusey Park, May-December meetings held at the Township Building.

**All Meetings are at the Township Building**

## SAVE THE DATE

- Fall Blood Drive at Hanusey Park.....9/27
- National Coffee with a Cop at Altomonte's .....10/2
- Movie Night & Truck or Treat at Hanusey Park.....10/12
- Election Day.....11/5
- Pack the Patrol Car Food Drive at Giant.....11/23
- Annual Tree Lighting at Hanusey Park.....12/6
- Shop with a Cop ..... December
- Winter Blood Drive at Hanusey Park .....12/20



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## Committees

### How to Properly Drain Your Pool This Fall

The long, hot days, and thoughts of swimming in your pool will have to wait until next year. But what are you supposed to do with your pool water?

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) wants to remind you NOT to drain your pool into the storm drains. Most storm drains have signs on them that read "Only Rain Down the Storm Drain". That's because storm sewers are designed to carry excess water (from rain or snow melt) through underground pipes directly to a water source, such as a creek or river. This water is not treated, and the chlorine from your pool will harm fish and other aquatic life.

Here are some tips to drain your pool or hot tub:

- Shut off the chlorination system if you have one or stop adding chlorine
- Hold the water in the pool/hot tub for at least 2 weeks to reduce the chlorine level
- Measure the chlorine level after 2 weeks. There should not be any detectable chlorine. If there is, you may have to wait longer than 2 weeks
- Then, follow one of these 2 options to get rid of the water:
  1. Discharge the water with a hose into the sanitary sewer access "cap" on your private property. Do NOT use public manholes or cleanouts.
    - a. Make sure you pump at a low enough rate so that it does not spill out
    - b. Best times are at low-use times (afternoon or late night hours)
  2. Use the water for irrigation
    - a. Make sure that it will not flow into a stream or storm sewer
    - b. Ensure it does not flow off your property

The discharge of pool water to any waters of the commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law and could result in penalties.

### Get To Know Our Newest Volunteer

At their public meeting on July 9, the Board of Supervisors formally appointed Rishi Vaidyanath as the newest and youngest member to the Environmental Advisory Council.



While Rishi's appointment is new his passion for the environment is not. Rishi has attended committee meetings and participated in its events for the last few years including the annual tree planting to commemorate Arbor Day and the electronics recycling collection held to celebrate Earth Day. He is an honor student at C.B. East and does this in addition to his numerous other academic and extracurricular activities.

We welcome Rishi and thank him for his willingness to step up and make a difference in our community. If you're inspired by Rishi's story please consider joining one of our committees, and submit a statement of interest which can be found on our website.



#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Arbor Day Foundation Names Plumstead Township Tree City USA

Plumstead Township, PA, was named a 2018 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Plumstead Township achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA)

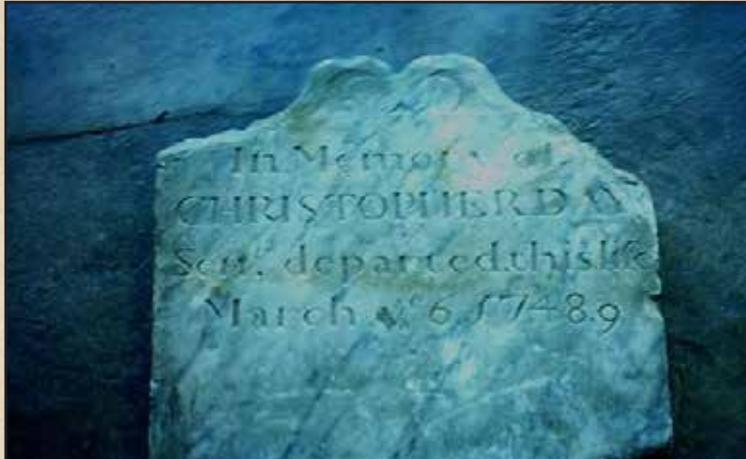
**About the Arbor Day Foundation:** The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

## Committees

### Plumstead Historical Society

Plumstead Historical Society invites you to come join us in support of the preservation of our township history.

**Trivia Question** – Why is there a street in The Overlook at Carriage Hill named Christopher Day?



**Answer - Christopher Day** was one of the first settlers in Plumstead, and one of its leading citizens at that time. He was elected assessor and as overseer of the poor in 1730. He donated land for the first school and for the first cemetery in Plumstead Township.

#### Plumstead Historical Society Upcoming Winter 2019 Meetings dates

9/16 - Speaker Carl LaVO program the Doan Outlaws, 10/21 & 11/1/8/19 – meetings. Meetings held 3rd Monday of every month except August and December. We have great programs and speakers every month. Check our website or Facebook for Program Subjects. All are welcome; you don't have to be a member to attend! Feel free to bring family or friends to this and any event or meeting.

**Do you want to be a member?** To join the Plumstead Historical Society it's just \$10 for individuals or \$15 for family mail to the P.O. Box 172, Plumsteadville, PA 18949.

**Do you have historic items to donate?** (Pictures, letters, stories, local tools or books, research on a property or family, etc), please contact us. We now have climate controlled storage to archive and protect our growing collection of historic items.

**Do you need a great gift idea?** We have a collection of 10 different postcards split between 2 packs of 5 postcards. Each pack sells for \$5.00 (\$1 per post card). The collection is available for purchase at our meetings and makes great holiday gifts.

If you should have any questions or an interesting story to share, please contact us at [info@plumsteadhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@plumsteadhistoricalsociety.org)



### Plumstead Township Veterans

Plumstead Township's Veterans Committee has already begun preparations for the Township's November 9th Observance of Veterans Day (November 11th). As in the past, ALL of our Nation's Veterans are honored on Veterans Day. The observance will commence at 9AM with the raising of the US Flag, Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of our National Anthem. This observance includes many of our local youth organizations. Following the ceremony, members of Living Hope Community Church will host a community breakfast in Plumstead Christian School. Meet and greet your local Vets during breakfast.

This is a COMMUNITY event and you are invited to join us and help implement this observance. You do not have to be a Veteran to join the Township's Veteran Committee. The Committee meets the 4th Wednesday Day of the month at 7:30PM at the Township Building on Stump Rd.

Dave Brauer  
Plumstead Township Veterans Committee  
[plumsteadvets@yahoo.com](mailto:plumsteadvets@yahoo.com)

## Departments

#### 2019 - LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE:

| COLLECTION ZONE | FIRST COLLECTION   | SECOND COLLECTION    | FINAL COLLECTION    |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1               | WEEK OF OCTOBER 21 | WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11  | WEEK OF DECEMBER 2  |
| 2               | WEEK OF OCTOBER 28 | WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18  | WEEK OF DECEMBER 9  |
| 3               | WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4 | *WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25 | WEEK OF DECEMBER 16 |

\*DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEK, COMPLETION OF ZONE 3/SECOND COLLECTION MAY OCCUR DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2.

## Departments

### Code Enforcement Department



### Do I need a permit for my project?

**WELL WATER TESTING** –will be required prior to construction of a Single Family Detached Dwelling and post construction of the new home before moving into the home by the Township Water Engineer. A Well Application (\$50.00) and a Professional Services Agreement (\$500) for the Township Engineer review will be due with the plan submission.

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**- When adding 1000 Square Feet or more of impervious area on a project you will have to go through the Stormwater Management Review Process, with the exception of Swimming Pools project unless they over 2000 Square Feet. The Stormwater Management Application (\$50) along with the Professional Services Agreement (\$500) for the Township Engineer review are due with your plan submission.

**BUCKS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVAL**- will be required on any projects introducing 1000 square feet of disturbance.

**SETBACKS**-Houses depend on the location within the Township. Every zoning district has a set of minimum yard setbacks.

Pools can only be located in a rear yard and must maintain a 10 foot setback from the rear and side property line to the edge of the pool decking. A fence is also required.

Fences are not required to be setback from the property line. Be sure to know where your property line is located. You can then install the fence right along the property line.

### Plumstead Township Police

Chief Hasenauer and the Board of Supervisors recognized Ryan Cohen with a commendation for his actions immediately following a motor vehicle accident in the Township. Well done Ryan!



## Departments

# The Do's and Don'ts of Water Conservation

Delaware River Basin residents can save hundreds of gallons of water every week by following these water-saving tips:

### BATHROOM

**Do** take shorter showers & save 3-5 gallons every minute.

**Do** fill the tub halfway & save 10-15 gallons.

**Do** install water-saving toilets, shower heads, and faucet aerators. Place a plastic bottle filled with water in your toilet tank if you can't switch to a low flow toilet.

**Don't** run the water while shaving, washing your hands, or brushing your teeth. Faucets use 2-3 gallons/minute.

**Don't** use the toilet as a wastebasket & don't flush it unnecessarily.

### EVERYWHERE

**Do** check your water meter or bill to see how much water you are using. A good rule of thumb is 50-60 gallons/day/person.

**Do** repair leaky faucets & turn taps off tightly. Slow drips waste 15-20 gallons/day.

### KITCHEN & LAUNDRY

**Do** run the dishwasher & washing machine only when full. Save even more water by using the short cycle.

**Do** install front-loading washing machines, which reduce water usage by about 40 percent.

**Don't** let the water run while washing dishes.

### OUTDOOR

**Do** use a self-closing nozzle on your hose.

**Do** position your downspouts so rain water runs onto the lawn or into the garden, not down the driveway.

**Do** plant drought-resistant trees/flowers and use mulch to keep the soil moist.

**Don't** water lawns during the heat of the day.

**Don't** use water to clean sidewalks or driveways -- sweep them instead.

## Delaware River Basin Commission

Visit us at [www.state.nj.us/drbc](http://www.state.nj.us/drbc)

## National Park and

July was National Park and Recreation Month! It's a month to celebrate our parks and all that they have to offer our community!

Plumstead Township manages nine different parks throughout the area. The parks include Joseph E. Hanusey III Community Park, Owl's Nest Park, Veterans Park, Allohaken Park, Landis Park, North Branch Park, Cabin Run Park, Jennifer Schweitzer Park, and Gardenville Fields. Our parks all have different features. Some include walking trails, baseball fields, soccer fields, basketball courts, educational signage, swing sets, and playgrounds. Our park system provides our residents with the perfect opportunities to get outside.

Throughout the year, we work on building our recreational offerings to hit the interests of all our residents. Our department is always open to hear new ideas for programs.

Hanusey Park is our main location as it acts as the host for our holiday events such as our Annual Tree Lighting in December and Annual Egg Hunt in early spring. It is also the location of our Movie Nights in the Park where we select two movies each summer and show them under the stars for free.

Our annual summer camp, Camp Plumstead is also hosted at Hanusey each July. This year 90 campers descended on Hanusey Park for Camp Plumstead! Our campers participate in various outdoor activities and crafts throughout the week.

This year our campers played kickball, capture the flag, parachute games, and they raced each other in hula hoop and relay races. Our campers completed multiple arts and crafts projects throughout the week. The fan favorites of the week are always tie-dye and painting pet rocks.

We also asked for donations for our local food pantry to help stock the inventory for the summer, and our campers delivered. Thank you again to everyone who was able to drop off an item. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year for Camp Plumstead 2020!

We are so grateful for the opportunity to highlight this month and to share with you what we love to do. Now go out there and enjoy our park system!

More information on all our parks, programs, and events can be found on our Parks and Recreation website and social media platforms.

Website: [www.plumsteadparkandrec.org](http://www.plumsteadparkandrec.org)

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# Recreation Month



## Events and Other Information

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### Improving Traffic Safety with Red Light Enforcement Funds

Plumstead Township applied for and received a \$646,128 grant from the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for improvements to the intersection of the Plumstead Square Shopping Center/Wawa in the Plumsteadville Village. The Township was one of five in Bucks County, and 38 in the Commonwealth to receive an award.

Our grant application narrative noted the Township was marked in the past by a rural pace of life and country roads and now struggles with vehicular traffic that resulted from the regional housing boom. For nearly a decade, Plumstead has pursued the development of a village-like town center to strengthen the community's sense of place and economic development. However, traffic issues continue to present a constant challenge for pedestrians and the village's walkability has been repeatedly marked as a priority issue. Plumsteadville's walkability and pedestrian safety has been evaluated in public meetings, committees, and a Village Study to identify key locations and actions to improve pedestrian mobility.

With this grant the Township will design, implement and manage signalization and pedestrian upgrades at the proposed intersection to include: eight (8) ADA ramps, crosswalks, eight (8) ADA pedestrian push buttons, eight (8) Hand/Man Pedestrian signals with countdown timers, and signalization upgrades.

Surveying and design will take about five months, and the project will be put out for bid. Once complete, the intersection upgrades will be managed and maintained by the Township's Public Works department.

### Smoke Detectors and Their Life Expectancy

"Change your clock, change your batteries". I'm sure you have all heard this before. When you change your clock for daylight savings time, put new batteries in your smoke detectors. Have you ever heard, "change your smoke detector." Do you know how old your smoke detectors are? A working smoke detector can save lives but an expired smoke detector can give you a false sense of safety. The National Fire Protection Association requires smoke detectors be replaced at least every 10 years. The general public is usually not aware of this requirement and with many homes having smoke detectors past their expiration dates, people are at an increased risk.

To find out how old your smoke detector is and its expiration date, look on the back of the detector where the date of manufacture is marked. The detector should be replaced every 10 years from that date, NOT the date of purchase or installation. Most replacement detectors can be found at a local hardware or home stores. If you have any questions about smoke detectors or any fire related issues, please contact the members of your local fire company. Plumsteadville Fire Company can be reached at [webmaster@pvfc2420.org](mailto:webmaster@pvfc2420.org) or by stopping at the station any Monday evening at 7:30 pm.

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Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.  
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- 1 Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.
- 2 Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.
- 3 Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.
- 4 Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

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## Events and Other Information

### Is Stormwater damaging my property?

Have you ever wondered why your basement keeps flooding or your driveway is washing away? Whether you are a homeowner, an agricultural producer or a government agency you can be affected by stormwater.

Structural damage is one of the common types of property damage caused by stormwater. Flooded basements and leaking roofs are often expensive problems after a heavy storm. Stormwater can also cause cracks to occur in foundations and water damage around windows and doors. Stormwater can also affect public and private utilities. Private water wells can be impacted from surface water contamination. On lot septic systems can be damaged from standing surface water or flooding. Utility poles can become unstable from streambank erosion or wet soil conditions. The responsibility often falls on the property owner to replace unstable utility poles and repair private septic systems and drinking water sources.

Soil erosion of lawns, agricultural fields, streambanks and driveways can cause actual loss of property. Flooding can lead to saturated areas on lawns and fields. These wet soil conditions can make lawns difficult to maintain, lawn and farm equipment can become stuck and mud can be tracked inside from pets and children. Other property damages from stormwater can include field and crop damage. These types of property damage have the potential to cause property values to decrease.

Soured bridge abutments and deposition upstream and downstream of bridges from high stream flows can cause significant damage and an increase in maintenance costs for landowners. Drainage ditches can quickly fill up with sediment and other debris from concentrated stormwater discharges. Washed out roads, berms and culverts are also common issues after storm events. Residential driveways are also frequently eroded and washed out from stormwater runoff. Flooded roads and driveways may become dangerous unexpectedly during storms due to water ponding on a road or driveway and from ice forming after snowmelt and winter rainstorms.

In summary, stormwater can be the cause of many types of property damage. Everyone has a role to play managing stormwater in order to minimize and prevent damage and save time and money on expensive stormwater damage repairs. Learning more about that can be done to manage stormwater on your property can help reduce the damage you may have to deal with.

If you have additional questions about stormwater or you are just interested in learning more, you can find a full series of videos and articles in the Pen State Extension Stormwater Basics series.

[www.extension.psu.edu](http://www.extension.psu.edu)  
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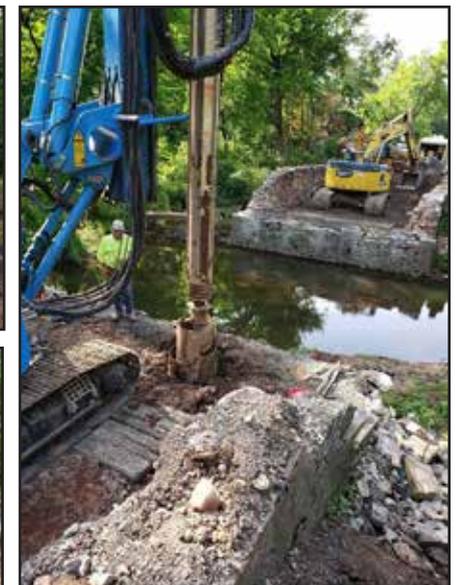
### Bridge Replacement

The township has taken a proactive approach to the replacement of the Old Easton Road bridge over Pine Run. Inspections revealed areas of concern and after independent evaluations by two separate engineers; it was deemed that the most cost effective approach was to completely replace the structure.

Demolition of the bridge began on May 1, 2019. Work has been progressing with the removal of the existing deck and the failing beams. The site was then prepared for the installation of 10 new "piles" – 5 on each side that will comprise the new bridge abutments. The piles will be encased in a large concrete block that the new beams will sit on and then the new bridge deck will be built upon. Along with the replacement of the bridge, Old Easton Road will be repaved from Landisville Road to Signature Drive.

Work is scheduled to continue with an anticipated completion in September.

During the construction process, access to the Water Wheel Tavern remains fully open from the Doylestown side of Old Easton Road (Route 313).



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