



Plumstead Township

Fall 2010 Newsletter

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Point Pleasant Pike Reconstruction



The reconstruction of Point Pleasant Pike between just east of Tollgate Road and River Road/Route 32 began on October 4, 2010. This section of road had previously been reduced to one lane since October 2004.

On August 30, 2010, The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation awarded the bid for the work to be completed to contractor J.D. Eckman, Inc. of Atglen, PA.

The repair work will cost \$6.1 million dollars and is funded through state and federal monies.

The contractor has closed the road effective October 4, 2010 and the official detour has been posted. (32 to 202 to 413 to PPP)

The first phase of the project through spring of 2011 will include tree removal (through this fall) and the replacement of 37 PECO poles and 12 VERIZON poles.

Design work is being completed on the retaining walls and test borings for those will be completed in February. The walls will then be installed, drainage work completed and paving of a new roadway.

The anticipated completion date is October 18, 2012.



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Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Police Department

Office: 215-766-8741 • Dispatch: 215-766-8740 • Fax: 215-766-8509
For EMERGENCY Dial 911
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM or by appointment

Floyd S. Bryan Public Works Center

Office: 215-766-0189 • Fax: 215-766-1439
Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Tax Collector

6162 German Road, P.O. Box 433, Plumstead, PA 18949
Telephone: 215-766-3785 • Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Water Department

Billing Questions: 215-766-8914 x203 • 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

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Meetings

The **Board of Supervisors** meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Work sessions are held on the last Thursday of each 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 Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

All Meetings are at the Township Building

Plumstead Township's 11th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 4th, 2010 at 5p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving by Fire Truck!

Bring your camera for photos with Santa Claus.

Holiday craft making for young children.

Join your neighbors for refreshments and holiday fun.

Due to the high volume of traffic expected, overflow parking for this event will be available directly across the street from the Plumstead Township Building. Limited parking space will also be available at the Plumstead Township Building Parking lot.
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PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CARE FUND

A few years ago the Township created the Community Care Fund. This program is to help the local residents who are in need of financial assistance.

The Township takes donations through-out the year, in hopes of helping residents in need at the end of the year.

If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please make your check payable to the Plumstead Township Community Care Fund.

Thank you in Advance for your Help and Assistance!

PLUMSTEAD SAVES FARM AND PRESERVES IT'S LANDSCAPE

At their public meeting held on August 17, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve an Agreement of Sale to purchase a conservation easement on the Hellerick Farm. This property was on the Township's radar for many years and represents a key piece in our preservation efforts. Located on Route 611, the preserved portion consists of 24 acres and is a prominent focal point in the Township as one travels northbound from the Doylestown area.

In addition to protecting this property from future development, the preservation will assure the residents, both young and old will be able to continue their family traditions of picking strawberries in late spring an pumpkins in the fall.



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A MESSAGE FROM CORPORAL WADE JONES, PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP POLICE

The use of panic buttons on car key fobs as an inexpensive alarm has a lot of merit.

If you do not have an emergency alert device, especially seniors, they should take their car keys to bed with them and place them on their nightstand. If you are awakened by an intruder the little red "panic" button can be used to start the horn of your car in an emergency. The noise of the horn and the fact that the intruder would then know someone is awake in the home would scare away most intruders. Secondly, the noise of the horn would attract attention from the neighbors. The key components of this panic button alarm system are your neighbors. If you are going to use this technique, you should contact your neighbors and ask them to call the police if they ever hear your car alarm sounding. If you have no neighbors nearby, you'll be dependent on the car's horn alone scaring the intruder. Do a trial run to make sure the radio wave will reach your car from the bedroom. Make sure you can operate the panic alarm in low light or no light conditions. This includes being able to turn the alarm off, should it activate unintentionally. If you are the neighbor and hear a car alarm sounding and it isn't stopping, call the police.

Another use for your car's keychain remote panic button is in a parking lot or parking garage to help ward off predators. Most predators fear noise, witnesses or rescuers. It is best to test your panic button as they will have distance limitations. It may be useless if you are too far away.

Remember, it's certainly not the best "home burglar alarm" or protection from parking lot predators, but it is better than nothing – and you already own it.



**Gayman
Adopt-a-Road
May 7th, 2010**



Does that leaking faucet really matter?

We've all experienced the nagging drip of a kitchen or bathroom spigot, but that dripping may be a bigger problem than you think.

Go to the Water Department page on our website and click on the "About Us" tab. At the bottom of the page you will find a link to the drip calculator provided by the American Water Works Association.

That leaking faucet is wasting water and costing you money.

Thank you Norman Family!



After almost 10 years of participation, The Norman Family of Plumsteadville has "retired" as participants in the township Adopt-A-Township Road Litter Pick-Up Program.

Monica, Mark and their children Sarah, Mark and Michael patrolled German and Applebutter Roads in an effort to help beautify this portion of Plumstead Township for fellow residents and the traveling public.

The Norman Family children have grown and what was once a family duty has now been left up to Monica on daily walks with the family dog.

Plumstead Township extends sincerest thanks to The Norman Family for their faithful commitment to the community, and their awareness of their duty as stewards of their neighborhood. We wish the best to the entire family in their future endeavors.

If you and your family would like to participate in the Plumstead Township Adopt-A-Township Road Litter Pick-Up Program please contact the Public Works office at 215-766-0189 for more information.

DRIVING SAFELY IN NEIGHBORHOODS

For twenty three million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. The greatest risk is not riding the bus, but approaching or leaving the bus. Here are some great tips when driving in a neighborhood.

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.
- Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws. Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:
 - Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
 - Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their vehicles and wait until the red lights stop flashing, and the extended stop sign is withdrawn before they can start driving again.

FOOD PANTY IN NEED OF DONATIONS

We are all fully aware of the impact the economy has had on our families, friends, and neighbors. However, those who were already at risk are keenly feeling the effects of the continuing downturn.

As we look forward to signs of our recovery in both our local and national economy there are ways we can help others in our own area. The community food pantry is a good place to start.

Please consider picking up some **nonperishable** items the next time you are in the grocery store and dropping them off in the lobby of the Township building. We will make sure that all donations are delivered in a timely manner.

LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Recent program changes to the **Leaf Pick Up Program** will affect all of the users of this service. Implementation of the new program began in October 2010 and will continue in the future. In lieu of calling in to register for a pick up, the township has been divided into three zones. Each zone will have three pick up weeks throughout the late fall/early winter leaf season. Requirements still include placement of leaves over the curb or in the roadside ditch by 7:00am Monday of the week of your scheduled zone pick up. **Please do not place the leaves in the ditch prior to your scheduled pick up.**

For more information please visit the township website: www.plumstead.org
If you do not have internet access, please call Public Works at 215-766-0189.

Limb Pick Up continues once per month January to May and September to December. Restrictions apply. Please visit our website or call Public Works for more information.

Christmas Tree Recycling will take place the first two Mondays following January 1 of the New Year. Please place trees curbside by 7:00am Monday on these two days.



PROFILE IN PRESERVATION

We purchased our property, already preserved, in the fall of 2002. Together with our friends, family and neighbors, we have benefited immeasurably from the dedication to preserving the land that our predecessors had. The simple views, relative silence, and occasionally incredibly loud sounds of animals roaming the grounds and skies are a true delight, and have been such a refreshing change for a family moving from the development-ravaged area of Orlando, Florida.

On the one year anniversary of September 11th, we found ourselves moving to Bucks County and in search of our next home. We both felt enveloped by peace and tranquility as our realtor's car slowly ambled up the driveway at 4864 Durham Road. We have been told that our current home was built on the site of a log cabin which was destroyed by fire, and dated from the late 17th century. The oldest portion of the home is coming up on its 300 year anniversary, and additions were made sometime in the late 18th century, another in the early 19th century and then two more in the 20th century. We sense a certain harmony in our home and the land that surrounds it. We are fortunate to have a little more than 20 preserved acres, and the previous owners preserved and sold an additional 28 acres which serves to extend the feeling of solitude. When we walk the grounds, look out our windows, or sit on the porch and enjoy the quiet breeze, we take great comfort in knowing this space will remain virtually unchanged for many future generations to enjoy. When friends from the areas of Philadelphia, DC or New York come to visit, they are all struck by a certain sense of calm that comes from sitting and relaxing in a little open space, where sheep still bleat in the pasture, the fields still whisper and the trees seem to sigh in the wind.

We appreciate that Plumstead Township understood the irreplaceable value of open spaces, and we are grateful that a few landowners in the township have put preservation above financial gain to protect these local treasures and way of life. We believe they will serve to draw people to this area and help to safeguard the values of the homes in Plumstead because they will always bring a sense of healing and rejuvenation to our fast paced society.

The McCauleys

EMS NEWS

Volunteer Receives Burpee Award for Outstanding Service



EMS nominated President Sue Morrison.

Sue started volunteering with us in March of 2004. She quickly showed that she was willing to take on challenges, as evidenced by her being appointed to Vice President only one year later in April 2005, and then being elected to President in January 2006, and she has held that office since then.

As a leader, Sue is very active in trying to build positive relations between the squad and the municipalities that we serve. This same energy carries over to our public relations effort; she is present at nearly every one of those, including Dublin Carnival, Dublin days, Relay for Life, Groveland School Spring Fair, and Tohickon Middle

Each year the Central Bucks and Pennridge Chambers of Commerce, along with sponsor the Burpee Company, Worth and Company (a local Plumstead business), and Wachovia Bank, ask the Fire and EMS units in the Central bucks area to nominate one of their own to be recognized for outstanding service for the past year.

For 2010, Point Pleasant Plumsteadville

school Relay for Life, to name a few. Additionally, as a board member she recognizes that running an EMS unit requires a sound fiscal policy, and so in concert with the Board of Directors, has improved billing and business practices, has assisted in property improvements, and handles many other executive issues such as a insurance, payroll, and taking part in the interview process of prospective members. She also serves as a representative of the Squad on the Fireman's Relief Association of Plumstead Township.

An EMT since 2005, she manages to do all of these while running her duty shift as the EMT every Sunday night and every other Monday. She also actively participates in continuing education opportunities, and attends the PA State EMS conference each year, thus keeping both her emergency skills sharp and her executive duties in mind while attending.

And she does this while raising her son and daughter and dealing with her EMT husband, and her Paramedic partner.

So for the second time (the first was in 2006), we are proud to nominate Sue for this award in recognition for her outstanding efforts for our EMS unit, and for the Plumstead community.

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 drinking water if you have a private well.

- 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".

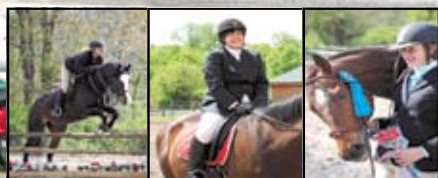


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ROAD RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

Public Works crews have completed reconstruction work on a one-half mile segment of **Moyer Road**, and a one-half mile segment of **Gayman Road**. Following several delays, the final paving was completed on October 25 and 26.

The scope of work consisted of cleaning and establishing the drainage ditches, milling and stockpiling of the existing asphalt road surface, installation of new structural base consisting of 4" ballast stone and re-spreading of the recycled material.

The new paved driving surface is a PA DOT approved flexible mix design which allows for traffic loading and any sub surface settling. Compared to more rigid hot-mix applications, the life cycle of this type of surface extends out to 20 years or more before re-paving is needed. Maintenance seal coat applications are applied as needed to seal out water infiltration. The initial seal coat application will be applied during the first year following the paving.

The process of recycling the old "oil and chip" road surface material **saved approximately \$17,200** in crushed stone purchases.

Overall, the project final costs are estimated to be \$178,500 for materials (stone, infrastructure and paving).

A cost **savings of approximately \$130,000** is realized utilizing Public Works labor and equipment versus out-sourcing the entire project.

We wish to thank the residents along both of the roads for their patience and cooperation during the 5 month project.



From the Desk of State Rep. Marguerite Quinn State Representative, 143rd Legislative District

If you live on a fixed income or you suffered significant losses last year, there are state programs that can help you and your family.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps individuals pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants. You do not need to have an unpaid bill to receive home heating energy assistance. You can receive this money without being in the Cash Assistance program -- a family of four with an annual income of up to \$35,280 can qualify for assistance.

The LIHEAP program will open on November 1, 2010. Applications are available at www.dpw.state.pa.us.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits Pennsylvania seniors who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with permanent disabilities.

Income eligibility limits for homeowners, excluding 50 percent of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits, are as follows:

- \$0 and \$8,000, up to \$650 rebate (Homeowners and renters)
- \$8,001 to \$15,000, up to \$500 rebate (Homeowners and renters)
- \$15,001 to \$18,000, up to \$300 rebate (Homeowners only)
- \$18,001 to \$35,000, up to \$250 rebate (Homeowners only)

If you have not applied for the 2009 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, applications will be accepted through December 31, 2010. Applications are available in my office.

To find out more about these programs or to receive assistance in applying for any state program, please contact my district office at (215) 489-2126 or visit my website, www.RepQuinn.net.

H1N1 Flu Facts to Help You Stay Healthy

As students head back to school, federal, state, and local officials are bracing for a fall and winter flu season that could, thanks to the H1N1 flu virus, be more severe than in most years.

Now is the time to learn some basic facts about the flu that could help you and your family stay healthy.

- **FACT:** The H1N1 flu is spread person-to-person, although how easily is not yet known.
- **FACT:** To stay healthy, wash your hands; avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth to prevent the spread of germs; get plenty of sleep; be physically active; manage your stress; drink plenty of fluids; and eat nutritious food. Avoid touching surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus, and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **FACT:** The symptoms are similar to those of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Diarrhea and vomiting may also occur.
- **FACT:** The illness may last a week or longer.
- **FACT:** If you get sick, stay home and minimize contact with others for seven days after your symptoms begin or until you have been symptom-free for 24 hours, whichever is longer. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue away.
- **FACT:** If your illness is severe or you are at high risk for flu complications, seek medical care. Antiviral drugs may be prescribed.

For more information about the H1N1 flu, log onto www.pandemicflu.state.pa.us or www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu.

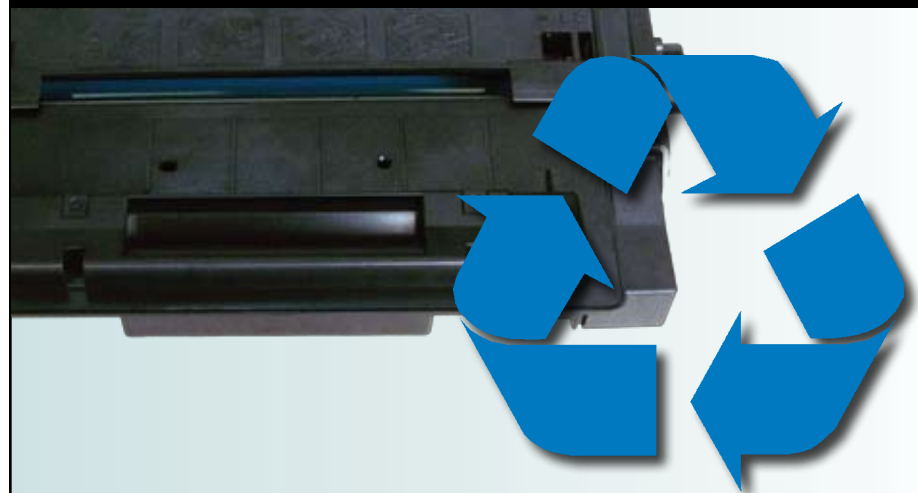


Plumstead Township is considering seeking bids for a single-trash hauler to be used by all Township residents. The hauler would collect regular waste as well as recyclables.

Since this matter is in the early stages of discussion, the Board of Supervisors is very interested in hearing your opinion.

Please email us at townadmin@plumstead.gov to share your thoughts. Please remember to include your property address.

RECYCLE YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGES



Just a reminder to all residents... Plumstead Township collects printer cartridges for recycling. We are working with Groveland Elementary School and encouraged by the EAC (Environmental Advisory Council) to recycle.

We have a drop off box in the lobby of the Township building and encourage residents to stop by and drop off your cartridges. A representative from Groveland will pick them up on a weekly basis.

By simply dropping off your cartridges, the Green Team at Groveland Elementary is able to raise money to fund some of their projects.

Please help them out and help the environment, too.



Have you seen this sign?

Residents along ALL township maintained roads are reminded that parking during winter storms 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.

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 when selling a home.

Winter Driving Tips

- Always wear your seat belt, drive at a reduced speed, and always drive defensively.
- Always turn on your headlights during inclement weather.
- Give yourself plenty of time to get to where you're going during the winter.
- Keep your gas tank full.
- Maintain at least twice the normal following distance when driving on snow or ice.
- Rear-end collisions account for most winter crashes.
- Periodically check the level of your windshield washing fluid and only use fluids containing an anti-freeze solvent. Keep an extra container of windshield fluid in the trunk.
- Clear snow and ice from your windows, mirrors, hood, headlights, taillights, and trunk before driving.
- Keep the following items in your vehicle during the winter: an ice scraper/snow brush, de-icer, small snow shovel, warning devices (flares or triangles), bag of salt or sand, flashlight, battery cables, tire chains, paper towels, and a blanket.
- Maintain a distance of at least six car lengths behind a snow plow.
- Do not pass a snow plow because the plow blades are wider than the truck.
- Car pool or use mass transit whenever possible during the winter. Fewer cars on the road make travel safer during a snowstorm and expedite snow plowing operations.
- Use extra care when driving on a bridge or elevated ramp during the winter because they freeze before roads do.

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To qualify, your refrigerator or freezer:

- must be empty and working at the time of pickup
- must be between 10 and 30 cu. ft. (this is usually indicated on the side of the refrigerator or freezer door)
- must be accessible with a clear, safe path for removal

To schedule a pickup, visit www.peco.com/SmartIdeas and click on PECO Smart Appliance Recycling, or call 1-888-5-PECO-SAVE (1-888-573-2672). PECO will arrange a pickup time and call you a few days in advance to remind you of the appointment.

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Your old appliances may be cleaning out your wallet.

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To find a complete list of qualifying appliances and submit your rebate form online, visit www.peco.com/SmartIdeas and click on PECO Smart Home Rebates. Whether you purchase(d) through a retail store or a contractor, be sure to submit a paid receipt. Once verified, you'll have your check in about six weeks – it's that easy!



Qualifying equipment purchased and installed on or after July 1, 2009 is eligible for rebates. Funds are limited, so act today!

Your home might not be as energy efficient as you think.

Learn why with the PECO Smart Home E-Audit. With this free online tool, we'll give you a detailed report of your home's actual energy use, and provide low-cost and no-cost tips for saving energy. Plus, we'll show you how you can save even more with our rebates and incentives. That's bad news for those energy-guzzling monsters.

To get started, visit www.peco.com/SmartIdeas. Click on PECO Smart Home E-Audit. You will need your account number and zip code.



That little old bulb sure can use a lot of energy.



Sometimes the little things can really add up. Did you know that changing to energy-efficient compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs could save you about \$44 a year? CFLs use up to 75 percent less energy, and last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs. With our award-winning PECO Smart Lighting Discounts, you'll find PECO discounted CFLs at more than 700 local stores. Our ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs come in a variety of sizes and color types and are available for just about any application. Visit www.peco.com/SmartIdeas and click on PECO Smart Lighting Discounts for tips on how to choose the right CFL for your lighting needs.

ENERGY STAR Special Recognition Award

When we launched the PECO Smart Lighting Discounts program in October of 2009, PECO customers responded by replacing their old, energy-guzzling incandescent light bulbs with PECO discounted CFLs – more than 2 million of them! Your overwhelming response got the attention of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), who honored PECO with an ENERGY STAR Special Recognition Award for the successful launch of the PECO Smart Lighting Discounts program. The award recognizes PECO and our customers for making a significant contribution toward advancing energy efficiency.



For eligibility and savings details, visit www.peco.com/SmartIdeas or call 1-888-5-PECO-SAVE (1-888-573-2672).

FRAUD ALERT!

Have a Safe Shopping Season

Tis the season... holiday shopping, sales, crowds and scams. This year, follow a few simple steps to help protect you from credit card fraud. Although it is not always possible to prevent fraud, you can make it more difficult for a scam artist to capture your account information by following these steps:

1. Shop with a credit card, not a debit card. The banks are pushing more consumers toward debit cards with a host of awards programs because they can charge merchants higher fees than on credit card-based transactions. However, if your debit card number is stolen, it might be somewhat more complicated to sort things out, especially if fraud causes overdrafts and bounced checks.

2. Keep track of your receipts. Shoppers (in store or online) should always save receipts and reconcile charges with the bank or credit card statements. A "green" alternative to online printing is simply to take a screen shot of your order details or save the page as an HTML file.

3. Avoid bargain basement shopping online. There is nothing wrong with wanting the best price but if you like to buy from the cheapest online store, whether you have ever shopped on the site or even know if it is a reputable site, consider using comparison-shopping sites such as pricegrabber.com and bizrate.com. If you have questions about a company, research the information online or contact your local consumer protection office.

4. Phone, Mail or E-mail banking scams. Beware of official-looking mail or e-mails from banking institutions that request you to provide account information (number, password, 3-digit security code) or your account will become invalid. Scammers know credit and debit card usage is high this time of year and may contact you under the guise that your account was compromised. Contact your bank directly, NOT a number the caller or mail provides, to determine if the company needs to update the account or if it was compromised.

Do Not:

- Lend your card(s) to anyone or leave cards / receipts lying around.
- Sign a blank receipt. When you sign a receipt, draw a line through any blank spaces above the total.
- Write your account number on a postcard, payment envelope or keep pin numbers in your wallet.
- Give out ANY personal information to an unknown person over the phone, online or by mail.

Report Losses and Fraud:

Report any questionable charges or lost cards promptly to the card issuer (you may also have to send a certified letter). By law, once you report the loss or theft, you have no further responsibility for unauthorized charges. However, some companies have a strict policy that the cardholder is liable for \$50.00, while other companies will waive the \$50.00 fee provided you report any unauthorized charges within two days of discovery. Be sure to review your cardholder agreement or contact the credit card company for specific details.

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www.crimesagainstolderadultsbucks.org

24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-490-8505



Interested in Serving?...

The Township has a number of advisory committee members whose terms will expire at the end of this year. These committees include Agricultural Advisory Committee, Environmental Advisory Council, Park & Recreation Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board.

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees should the opportunity arise please complete the attached 'Statement of Interest' and send it to the Township Office.

Plumstead Township has a number of Committees and Councils that are staffed by volunteers. At various times there is a need to find new members for these positions. In order to facilitate the finding of new members the Township maintains a human resources file of people that would be willing to serve the Township. If you would be interested, please fill out the following and present it to the Township Administrative Office by mail or fax.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Information: _____

Committee of Interest: _____

Pertinent Background Information: _____

Statement of Interest: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Pension Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Board |
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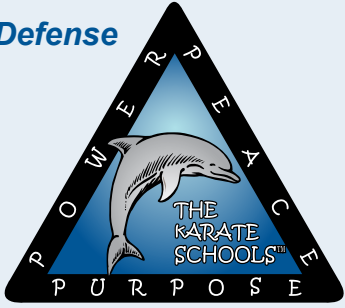
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