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Public Work - Summer Road Work

Public Works crews and sub-contractors are busy repairing over 3.5 miles of township roads this summer.

Projects include total reconstruction with curb and storm sewer replacement, base repairs with surface leveling and overlay, and base overlay of severely failed areas following the harsh winter of 2014-15.

Please respect Road Closed signs and posted detours.

"Give us A Brake" when you see us in these areas:

- Anne Drive - installation of storm sewer system, curb replacement and road re-paving with new base and wearing course.
- Portions of; Applebutter Road, Haring Road, Gordon Road and Sawmill Road. Base failure spot repairs, milling and road re-paving with new base and wearing course.
- Reconstruction of portions of Old Durham Road, Sladek Road and Silo Hill Road at Owls Nest Park.
- Emergency "patch paving" of a portion of Applebutter Road and Groveland Road. These two roads had catastrophic areas of failure that required more than patching repair. These areas were not planned for or the work budgeted for in 2015. Groveland Road had to be milled in place and stabilized until the paving could be scheduled and completed. Both of these roads will be evaluated for major repairs in the 2016 budget.

Plumstead Township Public Works – Parks Department

Preparations are underway to construct a new maintenance and equipment storage facility for the Parks Department. The site is on Gordon Road adjacent to Hanusey Park. The pole barn type building will house the various pieces of equipment that have become a part of the overall Public works fleet need to care for all of the township owned and maintained park areas. Construction should be complete by September.



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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

SAVE THE DATE

My Place Smoked Meats Annual Sportsman Show (sponsors PPVFC).....	8/22
Movie Night @ Hanusey Park (Big Hero 6).....	8/29
Blood Drive @ Township Bldg.....	9/25
Veteran's Honor Flight (Washington D.C. trip)	10/5
Police Explorers BINGO at PVFC	10/17
EAC Tire Recycling Program.....	October
Veteran's Day Celebration @ Veterans Park.....	11/7
Annual Tree Lighting (Festival of Lights)	December
Discover Plumstead Scavenger Hunt.....	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

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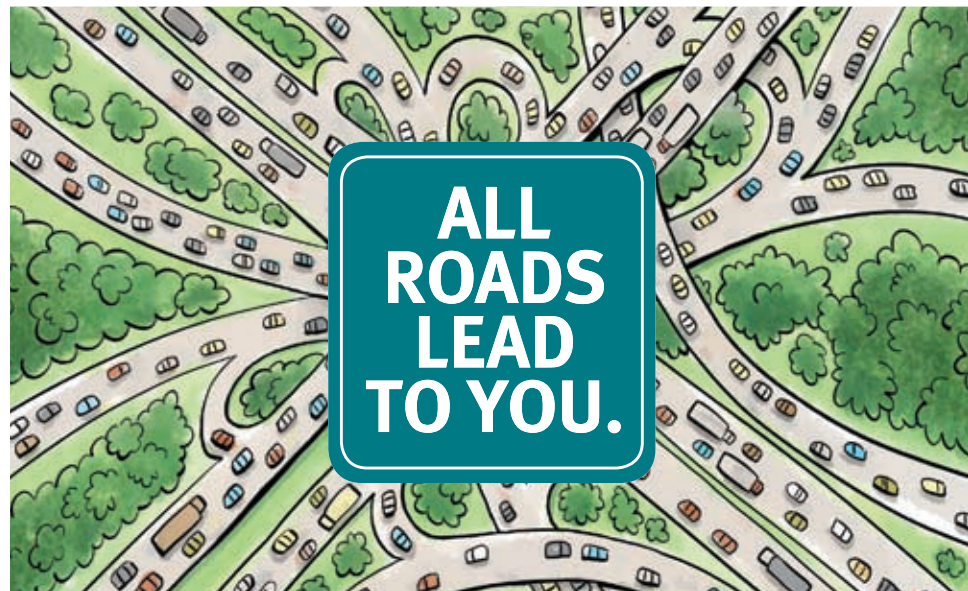
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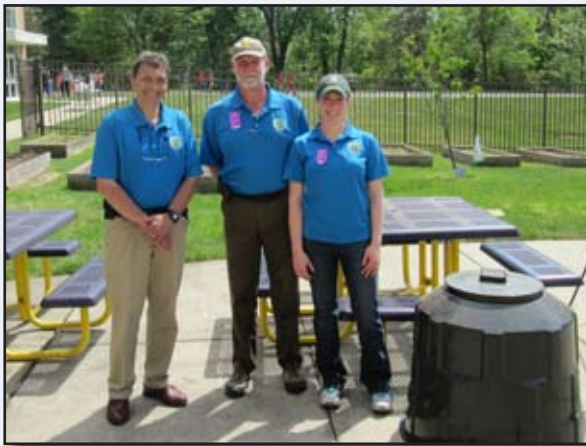
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PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP POLICE EXPLORERS 5708 COMMUNITY SERVICE

Plumstead Township Police Explorers 5708 have been busy doing community service work again. This time we took on a project of clean-up, repair and beautification of a local community roadside picnic area that had been abandoned for many years. As you can see from the pictures it was overgrown and we put a lot of sweat into revitalizing this area. We hope that this area on Route 313 in Plumstead Township will be utilized by the community. We would especially like to thank the Second Baptist Church of Doylestown for letting us take on this project which is on their property. They were more than accommodating and we hope that they will also benefit from this revitalization. We would also like to thank Teague Lumber for donating the lumber to rebuild the picnic tables and TrueValue Hardware for donating the hardware.



GROVELAND STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT COMPOSTING



Back in May, the 5th graders at Groveland Elementary School got a visit from members of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and learned all about composting. The students learned about the natural decomposition that takes place in the woods right behind their school and got to see examples of insects that help turn food scraps and leaves into good compost material. The students even brought in materials from home to add to their school compost pile, which will eventually be used in their school garden. Want to learn more about composting? Ask a 5th (soon-to-be 6th) grader at Groveland Elementary School!



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SWIMMING POOL REMINDER



Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law Prohibits Discharging Chlorinated Water to Storm Sewers

As pools across Pennsylvania will soon close for the season, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reminding private and public pool owners, as well as pool management companies, that pool and chlorinated wastewater must be handled responsibly.

The department says pool owners and professional pool cleaners should dispose of old water correctly and neutralize wastewater that contains harmful chemicals such as chlorine. Most importantly, every effort should be made to ensure the wastewater is going into the sanitary sewer system where permitted and not into storm sewer systems.

When chlorinated water is drained from a swimming pool into a storm sewer, it quickly makes its way to a stream or other body of water where aquatic life is damaged or killed.

Discharging swimming pool water Pennsylvania's waterways without a permit violates the Clean Streams Law. Property owners and pool companies that violate this law may be prosecuted and penalized for damages.

If the local municipality grants permission, all wastewater - including pool backwash water, neutralized pool cleaning wastewater and standing water - should be discharged to the local sanitary sewer system. If sanitary sewers cannot be accessed, the wastewater should be hauled off site for disposal at an approved treatment facility.

Questions on how to handle pool wastewater may also be directed to any of DEP's regional offices. Contact information is available through the "Regional Resources" link on DEP's home page.

HANUSEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL INFORMATION



The community center now has a refrigerator, microwave and large coffee pot for your use.

If you are looking for a place to book your next event, why not consider the community center at Hanusey Park? The center has a large room for your event, along with a kitchen area equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, large coffee pot, tables, chairs and three bathrooms (men's, woman's & family). The outside area has a playground for smaller children.

We have six 72" round and three 60" rectangular tables and eighty chairs.

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If you are interested in booking the building, please call Debbie at the Administrative building to check availability (215) 766-8914.



SAVE THE DATE



Tire Recycling Program – the EAC is in the process of organizing a tire-recycling program for Plumstead Township residents. It will take place sometime in September or October 2015. Keep an eye out on the Township Facebook page, website and roadside sandwich boards for information.

The Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company Reminds Residents:

Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Location matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Campaign, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!"

The Plumstead Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting a Fire Prevention open house Sunday October 18, 2015 from 1pm – 4pm. There will be fire safety demonstrations for children and adults, entertainment, food, and door prizes to help promote this year's theme of "Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Month, October, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.

"In a fire, seconds count," said Chief DuBree. "Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out."

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, three out of five fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

This year's Fire Prevention Campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Call the fire department from outside the home.

Please join us Sunday October 18, 2015 from 1pm – 4pm for fire safety demonstrations for children and adults, entertainment, food, and door prizes. Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom. Also keep an eye out for our fall newsletter full of more safety tips and ways you can help your volunteer fire company.

To find out more about Fire Prevention programs and activities in Plumsteadville, please visit our website pvfc2420.org and or our Facebook page.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...INFORMATION FROM OUR PARK & REC DEPARTMENT

August 29 at dusk, BIG HERO 6 was voted as the Movie of Choice during our Egg Hunt this spring. Grab blankets, Lawn chairs, to watch our Movie under the Stars event on Saturday August 29th at dusk. The event will be held at Hanusey Community Park with a rain date of Sunday August 30th. Families of all ages welcome.

Coming in the Winter of 2015! Plumstead Park and Recreation is planning the first annual festival of lights for our community to welcome in the Holiday Season (Annual Tree Lighting). The new event is planned to be held at the new Veterans Park on Rte. 611. Currently the event is in the planning stage, with a tree lighting, some crafts and a visit from Santa. Stay tuned for details or attend a Park and Rec. meeting to become involved.

Discover Plumstead an Amazing Scavenger Hunt is back in the planning stage! Plumstead Park and Recreation is in the planning stages of hosting its third scavenger hunt. This event is a way to learn about hidden treasures of Plumstead Township. Years past we have learned about our one room school houses, the Quaker Meeting house and the infamous Doan's Brothers and activities to play at our parks. We can't tell you where you'd travel in this year's event but we can share attendees that will learn a little bit of history and have a whole lot of fun. The event is scheduled to be held either in the Fall of 2015 or Spring of 2016. If interested in being a part of the planning, please contact Donna DeStefano at ddestefano@findaway.com



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PLUMSTEAD VETERANS' COMMITTEE

As we recover from our July, 2015 "Heat wave", the plants at the Plumstead Veterans Park have taken hold and are growing well. The Committee members hope you have had an opportunity to visit the Park with your family and friends.

As a reminder, this year is the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. Most of the WWII Veterans are in their 90s and some are Centenarians. If you see one of them, thank them for the sacrifice that they and their fallen comrades made for OUR freedom. They will stand a little taller and so will you. We are losing these folks at a rate of over 1,000 per day.

Many of our Township's Vets have taken part in local observances of Memorial Day and the 4th of July. On October 5th, Honor Flight Bucks County (in conjunction with Honor Flight Philadelphia) will take WWII and Korea Veterans to Washington, D.C to tour our Nation's various monuments. If you or someone you know who would like to assist as a Volunteer for the Welcome Home when they return to PARX Casino following the trip contact Bucks County's Recorder of Deeds, Joseph Szafran's staff (215-348-6209). They are coordinating this free trip for the Veterans.

The Township's Veterans Committee is in process of planning this year's Veterans Day Observance which will occur in the Veterans' Park on November 7, 2015 at 9:00 AM. New members are welcome to join the committee. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM at the Township Building. For more information, contact the Committee at PlumsteadVets@yahoo.com , or contact the Township Office.

Congratulations to Jim McComb on the completion of his second book. His first book "More than names on a Wall" presented the biographies of those Bucks County residents who gave all in Vietnam. Jim will speak about the new book on September 18, 2015, 7PM at Doylestown's American Legion Post 210, 315 North Street, Doylestown. Jim currently serves both as Commander of VFW Post 175 and VFW District Commander.

In October, 2015, Doylestown's Albert R Atkinson, Jr, American Legion Post 210 will host their third Veteran's Information Expo. Information for Veterans and their families will be available. Members of the Veteran support community including representatives from the Bucks County VA office, and local Veterans groups will be in attendance. Additional information will be available on Post 210's website including a calendar of local Veteran group meetings (VFW, DAV, Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America). The Post's website is www.doylestownpost210.org.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for November 7th, Veterans Day Observance at Vet's Park.

Jerry Fox, for Plumstead Township Veterans Committee

Background Check Clarifications Now Law

by State Rep. Marguerite Quinn

Clarifications to the state's new law regarding background clearances for employees and volunteers who have direct and routine contact with children are now law.

House Bill 1276 was signed into law last week, bringing clarifications to Act 153 of 2014, which requires additional and periodic background checks for both employees and volunteers who are directly involved with children. The changes take effect immediately.

Under the new law, volunteers must obtain the clearances if they have direct volunteer contact, meaning that they have care, supervision, guidance or control and routine interaction with children. Also, all employees and adult volunteers subject to the background check clearances will be required to recertify all of those clearances every five years, instead of every three years.

The measure also makes clarifications with respect to the cost, portability and recertification of the two main clearances – the Department of Human Services child abuse clearance and the state police criminal background check. The two \$10 fees are waived for volunteers and are reduced to \$8 each for employees.

Additionally, the deadline for new volunteers to obtain their clearances has been moved from July 1 to Aug. 25. All other deadlines remain the same: Dec. 31, 2015, for existing employees; and July 1, 2016, for existing volunteers. New prospective employees must obtain them before starting employment.

More information about Act 153 and the other new laws resulting from the child protection package are available at www.KeepKidsSafe.pa.gov.

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ReadyBucks will be used to notify all subscribers before and during a major emergency. It also will deliver alerts of significance that are selected by residents, such as weather, health, crime and other community notifications. Subscribers to Bucks County's previous notification system, ReadyNotifyPA, have received instructions about how to register on ReadyBucks. The success of the Ready Bucks system relies on having the latest contact information so that public safety officials can send crucial information in an emergency.

The new ReadyBucks notification system incorporates greater technological capabilities and flexibilities. All Bucks County residents, businesses and organizations are encouraged to register as soon as possible at www.BucksCounty.org/ReadyBucks to receive ongoing emergency alerts.



Presenting military honors to veterans from across the district is truly one of the most rewarding parts of my job as your Congressional representative.

This summer, I recognized nearly a dozen veterans and their families for their service to our nation by presenting them service medals earned during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and Operation Iraqi Freedom – from World War II Victory Medals to Purple Hearts.

Every military member and veteran deserves to have their service recognized and appreciated. While their service came during different conflicts in our nation's history and their stories differ, what remains constant is their love of country and commitment to its defense. This ceremony provided a chance to give each veteran the distinction they earned but were lost or not received.

My Langhorne District Office includes Military and Veteran's Affairs caseworkers who are available to assist Bucks and Montgomery county veterans and families with military records, federal agencies requests, VA benefits and more. If you, or anyone you know, are in need of assistance with any federal agency, please don't hesitate to contact my staff at 1717 Langhorne-Newtown Rd., Suite 400, Langhorne or by phone at 215-579-8102.

Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick

Proposal Would Protect Health Care Policyholders Against Multiple Co-pays

by Senator Chuck McIlhinney (R-Bucks)

The healthcare landscape has changed dramatically in recent years due to health insurance mandates and other provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act. To better protect health plan policyholders, the state Senate and House of Representatives recently approved a bill I authored that will prevent insurance companies from shifting an even greater share of the financial burden onto consumers.

Most health plans include provisions that require patients to pay co-pays for certain medical services. Unfortunately, some insurance policies require patients to pay multiple copayments for a single visit or deplete more than one covered visit for services provided on a given date. In most cases, these provisions lead to patients paying a larger share of the financial burden for their care.

In light of the skyrocketing cost of health care and insurance, consumers cannot afford to shoulder increased cost for medically necessary care. The use of multiple copayments is a loophole exploited by insurance companies that can restrict access to critical services and sometimes leads to copayments exceeding the reimbursement paid by the insurance company.

Senate Bill 487 would protect consumers against paying multiple copayments for physical therapy, chiropractic and occupational therapy services. The bill allows the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance to develop regulations relating to multiple copayments. Violators would be subjected to penalties prescribed in the Unfair Insurance Practices Act.

Passing this legislation will help close an expensive loophole in current law and reestablish the obligation of health plans to cover the expense of medical services. Both the House and Senate have unanimously passed bills to address this problem, and I am hopeful we can get this bill to the governor's desk to be signed into law in the near future.



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When your Trick or Treater has selected their costume:

- Make sure that the costume fits well.
- Avoid loose fitting masks / apply makeup instead.
- Use reflective tape on costumes.
- Any costume accessories such as: swords, knives, etc should be short, soft & flexible.

If you are expecting Trick or Treaters:

- Make sure your home is well lit.
- Remove any/all obstacles from your lawn, driveway, steps or porches.
- Keep any lit candles away from doorsteps, landings or anywhere a costume may come into contact with the flame.
- Make sure that you have plenty of candy.

When Trick or Treating:

- Travel in groups, accompanied by an adult if possible.
- Always carry a flashlight.
- Set a curfew for your children.
- Walk – don't run!
- Stay on sidewalks, don't walk across people's lawns and stay out of backyards.
- Respect people's property.
- Be aware of your surroundings & always look both ways before crossing the street.
- Visit only familiar neighborhoods & homes.
- Don't stop at dark houses.
- Don't enter any house – unless you know the people.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Never eat candy until it's inspected (once you get home).
- Have Fun!

Always report anything suspicious to any adult right away or to the Plumstead Police Department Non-emergency number (215) 766-8741 or 9-1-1.

Police Department welcomes a new officer!



Officer Dan Sullivan was sworn in by Judge Gambardella at the July 28th Board of Supervisors meeting. To watch the swearing in were Dan's parents, Bruce & Diane and his sister Casey.

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