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Owls Nest Park Project Underway



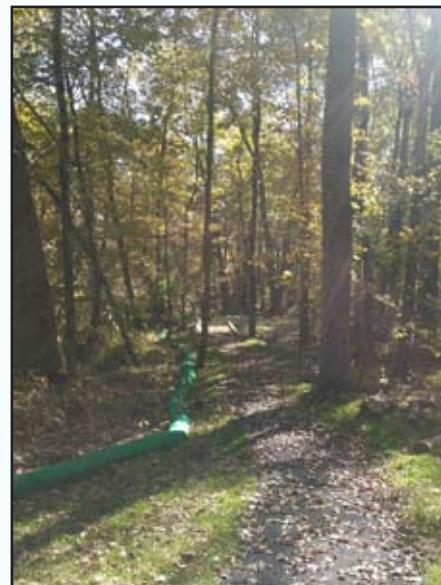
The park, which is located off of Route 611 and Curly Hill Road, is now officially closed while work is being completed on the planned improvements. The bid for this project was awarded to Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc. of Warrington and the dry days of late summer and early fall have kept the project on schedule to date. This project is funded in part by a grant awarded to the Township from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.



A survey of our residents as part of the Township's Comprehensive Plan showed that 70% of the respondents indicated that natural resources should be a high priority, and we believe this park will reflect the Township's commitment to this, as well. When completed the park will have an ADA compliant trail, boardwalks to take visitors over the protected wetlands and mowed trails that will take visitors to some of the meadows at the park. A picnic grove, outdoor education area with log benches and a kiosk, and a variety of educational signs to learn about nature and the environment will also be added. The park will feature a composting bathroom facility, as there is no public water or sewer at the park. The pond is also being repaired to ensure its viability for fish and wildlife. A highlight of the park will be a bridge that crosses the creek and will connect Groveland Elementary School to the park.



It is our hope that this park will provide a passive recreational experience for residents and visitors to the Township to enjoy and appreciate some of the natural beauty of Bucks County and Plumstead Township tucked away on these 26 acres.



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6162 German Road, P.O. Box 433, Plumstead, PA 18949
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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: Linda Barratt
Police Clerk: Jen Schmitt
Police Clerk: Kathy Luff
Finance: Jane Faunce
Accounts Receivable: Virginia Bowling
Code Enforcement: Keystone Municipal Services
Zoning Administrative Assistant
Receptionist: Maria Strycharski

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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

POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES A NEW OFFICER!



On July 28, 2015 the Board of Supervisors swore in new Patrol Officer Daniel Sullivan. Dan, a Montgomery County resident graduated from Hatboro-Horsham High School and Montgomery County Community College.

Dan went on to graduate from Montgomery County Police Academy before being hired by Allentown Police Department and then Plumstead Township Police Department. In the few months Dan's been with the Township, he said he enjoys being able to walk into businesses around town and have a friendly conversation with our residents. In his down time, Dan enjoys staying active and working out.

Welcome to Plumstead Dan!



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Those who give sometimes need a helping hand

On October 17th a group of volunteers and professional came together to install a new roof on the home of George Shaver. George a long time Plumstead township resident, US Army veteran and 50 year member and past chief of the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company was nominated for the "no roof left behind" <https://no-roofleftbehind.com/> program. The program sponsored by GAF and administered locally by Eiseman Construction is designed to assist those who have given of themselves to the community, who now require a little help themselves.

"No roof left behind" provides a new roof at no charge to a deserving individual who is nominated by his or her community and is supported by an online voting process.

GAF (www.gaf.com) provided all the material and Eiseman Construction (www.eiseman.biz) provided the professional help. Community members including friends, family, members of the United Veterans of Doylestown, Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company and retired roofing and construction professionals assisted in the effort. The work started at 8:00am and by 2:00pm the old roof had been removed, the new one was in place and the site cleaned up.



Township's Second Annual Giving Tree

After collecting over 100 items last year, the Township will be sponsoring a "Giving Tree" again this year. We are looking for donations of NEW hats, scarves & gloves for children. All donations will be placed on our tree in the Township lobby and will go to the Bucks County Children and Youth. All donations will be distributed to local kids. We hope this year will be as successful as last year. Thank you again for all your generosity!



PA Yellow Dot Program



Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizens in the "golden hour" of emergency care following a traffic accident when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need. ~ The program is a cooperative effort among the PA Department of Transportation, Health & Aging, PA State & Local Police, Turnpike Commission & First Responders. Visit our website under the NEWS section or www.yellowdot.pa.gov/

Welcome New Businesses in Plumstead Township!

Orchid Day Spa

807 N. Easton Road, Suite 102, Doylestown

The Hub Pub

5878 Easton Road, Suite A-100, Pipersville

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4351 Swamp Road, Doylestown

Tru-Mark Financial (Bank)

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IT'S THE LAW!

Under Section 4524 of the PA Motor Vehicle Code, you can be issued a traffic citation if your windshield, side or rear windows are obstructed by ice or snow.

Under Section 3720 you can be issued a citation between \$200 - \$1000 if ice or snow falls from the roof of your vehicle, causing death or serious bodily injury to another motorist or pedestrian.

SAVE THE DATE

- Annual Tree Lighting at Veterans Park..... 12/13/15
- Discover Plumstead – (Scavenger Hunt) Spring
- EAC – Tire Recycle..... Spring
- Blaze of Glory 5K run..... 3/19/16
(Formally Great Grizzly Run)
- Blood Drive (at Township building) 4/27/16
- My Place Smoked Meats..... 8/20/16
- 13th Annual Sportsman Show
(sponsors PPVFC)

TRASH & RECYCLING REMINDER

Attention residents please make sure your trash and recycling receptacles are covered to eliminate trash blowing around in the residential neighborhoods.

We have received complaints of people packing the containers and not securing the lids and/or contents.



Thank you!

PJ's For Kids



Plumstead Township & Circa Distinctive Consignments have partnered to sponsor "Pj's For Kids". This program will benefit the Bucks County Children & Youth. We collect and distribute new pj's & books to local children.

Visit Bucks County.com is celebrating their ten year anniversary, and in doing so they have picked 10 local charities to support. Pj's For Kids is one of them!!

The year, The Plumsteadville Inn has agreed to sponsor our program too.

When you are at the store, please keep these children in mind and pick up an extra pair of pj's or a book for them to read.

Please stop by any of the three locations & donate a new pair of pj's and/or books. All locations have a collection box.

Three drop-off locations:

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COMMUNITY SERVICE



Matt Michle, from Boy Scout Troop #6, made his Eagle Scout presentation to the Board of Supervisors for a Butterfly Garden in Landis Park.

The garden will host a variety of perennial plants (all sizes and colors) and ornamental grasses; all of which will be low maintenance and attract butterflies.

We look forward to seeing this completed.

Members of Girl Scout Troop #21850 making their presentation to the Board of Supervisors for the "little free library" to be installed at Hanusey Park.



The library is to promote literacy and the love of reading by building a free book exchange in the community.

Watch our Facebook page for more details to come...



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SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Just a reminder, it's the responsibility of the homeowner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise to remove and clear away all snow & ice from a path of at least 30 inches within 12 hours of when it has fallen. Depositing snow next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk or roadway is restricted. On street parking during snow & ice removal is also prohibited and subjected to towing.

Plumstead Historical Society

Upcoming Winter Meeting dates 2015/2016

- November 16th 2015 at 7:00pm. TBD
- December 2015 No meeting Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 2016!
- January 18th 2016 at 7:00pm. ~Show and Tell. Bring an antique/ Historical item from home.
- February 15th 2016 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. Please contact Don Morris at donbarbmor@hotmail.com. (Donations are tax-deductible).

Monthly meetings on the 3rd 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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2014 TOWNSHIP AUDIT SHOWS FINANCES CONTINUE TO BE STRONG

At the August 25 Board of Supervisors public meeting Township Manager, Carolyn McCreary presented a financial overview of the Township for the fiscal year ending 12/31/14 following the completion of the annual audit and issuance of the report. Ms. McCreary noted that the Township had received a clean opinion with no recommendations relating to the Township's operations or its internal controls that are in place.

She noted that expenditures in the General Fund totaled \$5.3 million with \$3.2 million being attributed to public safety and \$910,000 to Public Works. She noted that the fund balance is \$3.7 million which continues the trend of replenishing the reserves of the Township. She noted that while certain revenues have increased, the Township has continued on a path of prudent spending thus ensuring that recent increases in revenue over the last couple of years were able to be put into the Township's reserves. These reserves can be used for capital projects, infrastructure improvements and other capital initiatives proposed by the Board.

Ms. McCreary pointed out that while there is \$688,000 remaining in the Open Space Fund as of 12/31/14, as of August there is about \$275,000 remaining as a result of preserving the Long Farm. She stated that the Township has spent almost \$10 million since 2008 to preserve land in the Township using bond proceeds from voter-approved open space referendums.

In closing she advised the Board that she will be recommending a rate increase in the Water Fund, noting that it is important to not fall into a deficit situation as this would require a larger rate increase in a coming year. Ms. McCreary stated that she will also be recommending a policy to assign reserves to future major repairs/replacements of public water related infrastructure. She reminded the Board that only expenses relating to the Township's public water system are paid out of this fund.



Plumstead Baseball - a year in review...

Plumstead Baseball Association (PBA) continues to grow and build upon its roots of offering youth baseball participation to many Plumstead Township and area residents. Our 2015 season was filled with many exciting community-based successes:

PBA is now Little League

The 2015 season marked its first under our Little League Baseball charter. Our organization has been able to access many new benefits, including coaching and instructional resources, safety instruction, and entry into the competitive PA District 30 playoff structure - all leading toward a [possible berth in the Little League World Series in August. Our 9/10 yr old team reached the PA District 30 championship game, while the 11/12 yr old team finished in 4th place - a great showing for our players and program.

Plumstead Baseball's New Older Player home - Hanusey Park



Age 9/10 Plumstead District team



Age 11/12 Plumstead District Team

PBA welcomed the use of Hanusey Park in 2015, with two brand new 90 foot baseball fields to support our age 13 and older players. PBA participates in both competitive and recreational leagues to invite players of all skill levels. Hanusey Park also provides fields with lights, which invite the players, families and community to enjoy township youth baseball in the evening. PBA teams also

christened the new fields with two home runs hit by James Pello and John Graffeo, along with on-field success by our ITL and competitive teams, which added further excitement to the year.

Plumstead Township, Plumstead Baseball and community business - working together...

In 2015, PBA was extremely proud to enhance Allohaken Park, working with Plumstead Township Public Works and Business Community patrons. New dugout cover and two-tiered benches were designed by local architect Ralph Fey of Doylestown and GTA, Inc. Consulting Engineers, with installation support from Marvic Roofing Supply, Patterson Iron Works and Griff Marshall & Sons construction. New batting cage supports were provided by County Line Fence Company to further training and development of our older players. Additional work will involve brick borders for dugout and batting cages, compliments of Wehrungs Lumber and Home Center, and additional trees, compliments of Feeneys Nursery and Shan-Gri-La landscaping. This activity is testament to a strong community pulling together to support the youth of our township. PBA thanks all of those who support its baseball program.



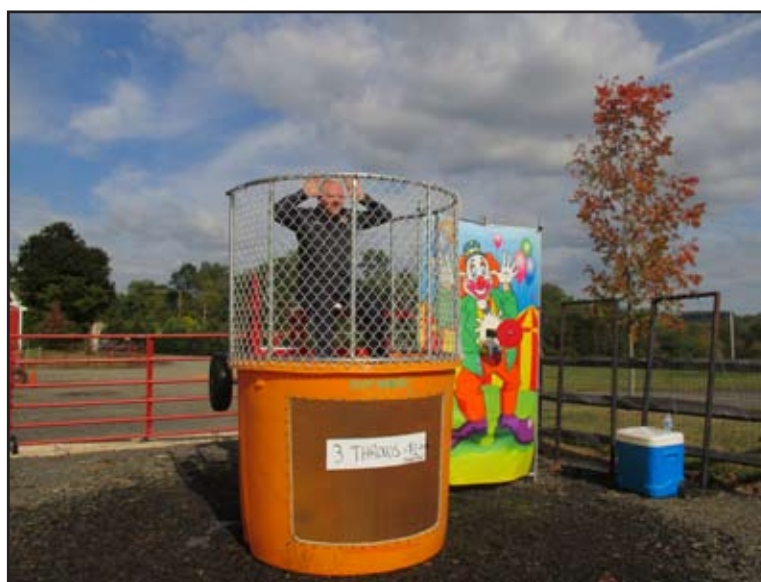
PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP POLICE EXPLORER'S POST 57-08 PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY EVENTS, FUNDRAISING AND AN AWARD CEREMONY

Plumstead Township Police Explorers 57-08 participated in National Safety Day at K-mart, a fund raising event at Hellericks Farm and held a recognition ceremony for those supporting us through a grant obtained through the Friends of the National Rifle Association (NRA) Foundation.

On September 26 the Explorers participated in a National Day of Safety at the K-mart store in Plumstead Township. Shown are Cadets Justin Hilton, Tommy Kirk and Todd Whalen. Cadets distributed literature and gave out information regarding gun safety, safe driving habits, bicycle safety and other information regarding safety in the community. The cadets also conducted child fingerprinting for identification purposes.

On the same weekend Police Explorers conducted a fundraiser at Hellerick's Farm. It was a beautiful day for "Dunking a Cop". As residents enjoyed the day at Hellericks choosing pumpkins, taking wagon rides, and other fun games they could also donate a dollar to dunk a Plumstead Officer. Shown is Officer Joseph Lastowka being taken down by his son, Andrew, while Officer Cliff Horn of Chalfont looks on with Cadet Brandon Totans. It was a very successful day with the generosity of Hellerick Farms matching our fundraising efforts of the day.

At our September 29th meeting we had the honor of recognizing Mr. John Kenderdine, the District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America which is a liaison with our program. Also, Mr. Frank Huttenback with the National Rifle Association. Both gentlemen were instrumental in helping us obtain a grant through the Friends of the National Rifle Associate Foundation in which we were able to purchase items to be used on the shooting range. Certificates of gratitude were presented. A picture was taken next to the monument at the Township Building which honors Officer Joseph E. Hanusey, who lost his life in the line of duty and whose badge number, 57-08, was adopted by our post.



Plumstead Township's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



Sunday, December 13, 2015 between 4 – 5 p.m. at Veterans Park

Please join your friends & neighbors for a fun filled evening, including lighting the tree, singing, simple refreshments and holiday fun...

Bring your camera for photos with Santa Claus.



Due to the high volume of traffic expected, parking will be available at Plumstead Christian School.



Please bring a non-perishable food item to help fill our local pantry.

Accepting donations for PJ'S For Kids (New pj's & books).

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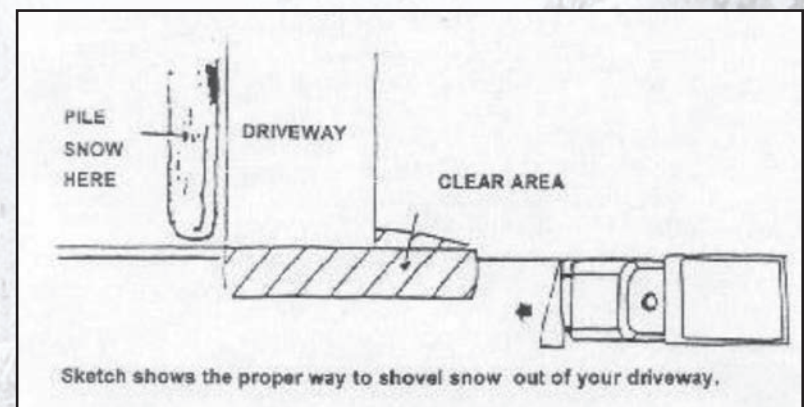
Each year, the township openly solicits local towing firms for a set cost to remove and store vehicles in violation of the ordinance. This information is posted on the township website for reference.

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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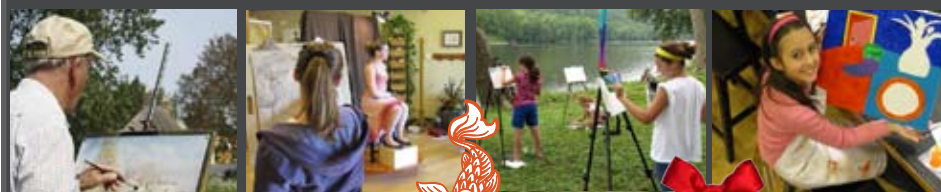
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