



# Plumstead Township

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## Plumstead Township Emergency Services

In 1924, Grim's Store in Point Pleasant caught fire. By the time neighboring fire companies responded, the store was destroyed. After this incident, members of the community realized they needed their own local fire company for protection, and thus the Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company was born.

A similar incident occurred in Plumstead Township in 1929 when fireworks caught a local barn on fire. Without a fire company of their own, Plumstead was forced to rely on neighboring fire companies to respond. Much like the fire at Grim's Store, by the time other fire companies reached the barn it was already destroyed. Concerned citizens reacted to this by forming the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company.

Since then, the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company and the Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company have been proudly serving our community.

In 1998, the Point Pleasant-Plumsteadville EMS was formed by the merger of two ambulance units from the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company and the Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company. The organization provides both Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) Emergency Medical Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In addition to our volunteer organizations, the Plumstead Township Police Department consists of 16 full-time police officers, 2 civilians (non-uniform) and a part-time crossing guard. In addition to daily duties, the Police Department provides numerous services to the community including house checks, free gun lock safety kits, a prescription drug take back program, D.A.R.E., and the Police Explorers program. For more information about the Plumstead Township Police Department please visit [www.plumstead.org/policeabout](http://www.plumstead.org/policeabout)

A special thank you to our officers and all the brave men and women who volunteer in our emergency service organizations.

For additional information about our Emergency Service Providers and volunteer inquiries please visit [www.plumstead.org/emergency](http://www.plumstead.org/emergency).



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## Contact Information

### Township Office

5186 Stump Road, P.O. Box 387, Plumsteadville, PA 18949-0387  
 Telephone: 215-766-8914 • Fax: 215-766-9831 • www.plumstead.org  
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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### Floyd S. Bryan Public Works Center

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### 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: 215-766-0189 • 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 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: Linda Barratt  
 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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 Stacey Mulholland, Vice Chair  
 Brian Trymbiski, Treasurer  
 Nick Lykon, Secretary  
 Frank Froio, Asst Secretary/  
 Treasurer

## 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 first 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

- Adult Fall Kickball League .....August
- Movie in the Park at Hanusey Park .....8/19  
 (rain date 8/20)
- Blood Drive at Township Building .....9/29 & 12/22
- Coffee with a Cop..... 10/4
- Election Day..... 11/7
- Veteran's Day Celebration at Veteran's Park.... 11/11
- Annual Tree Lighting..... 12/10

**Plumstead Township would like to thank everyone who participated in our electronics recycling event held on April 29th at Hanusey Park. We were able to collect over 7000 pounds of electronics.**

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# CAMP PLUMSTEAD

Camp Plumstead - Another successful year of Camp Plumstead in the books! 150 campers spent the week of July 17-21 participating in various outdoor games and crafts at Hanusey Park during special themed days. Our campers dressed in as many colors as they could one day, and they came in with the craziest hair styles another day. Superhero Day appeared to be a fan favorite with campers coming dressed as their favorite superheroes. Camp Plumstead wrapped up with the campers rocking their tie-dye shirts created on the first day of camp. We are already looking forward to next year's summer camp!





## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA – EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATES FULFILL SERVICE PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Jack Pierce and Darayus Gorimaar of Washington's Crossing Council Boy Scouts of America, Troop #41 have completed individual projects to benefit the community, visitors and passersby at Jennifer Schweitzer Park on Saturday, June 17th, 2017. Many hours of preparation work, including planning and design, making a formal presentation before the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting for final approval, communication and scheduling went into the projects from start to finish.

Jack's project was to build a tiered, decorative stone wall around the existing flagpole at the park within the parking lot. The project was completed by planting red, white and blue flowering plants within the wall area.

Darayus' project was to build a tiered, decorative stone wall around the sign board that identifies the park near Potters Lane. The project was also completed by planting red, white and blue flowering plants within the wall area.

The men requested and received reduced cost items or donated items from Stone Depot in Dublin, Wehrungs Home Center in Ottsville and Bromm's Lullaby Farm and Garden Center in Fountainville.

Troop #41 is chartered out of New Britain Baptist Church in New Britain, PA. The men were assisted by their parents and fellow scouts.

Plumstead Township congratulates and thanks Jack and Darayus for their hard work and a job well done.





# ADOPT - A ROAD PROGRAM

## Adopt-a-Road

Are you interested in keeping the township clean and beautiful?

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<http://www.plumstead.org/geninfo/aatr.pdf>



### What is a rain barrel?

Rain barrels, sometimes called "cisterns", are aboveground water storage vessels used to harvest water that runs off a roof. While the water captured by a rain barrel should not be consumed directly, it can be used to water plants, lawns, and even gardens!

### What are the benefits of a rain barrel?

Since rain barrels provide free water for personal use, they help to reduce water bills. Rain barrels also have the potential to reduce basement flooding by directing water away from house foundations. Along with that, rain barrels are beneficial for the environment. They help reduce water pollution by decreasing the amount of stormwater runoff in streams, rivers, and lakes.

### How do I care for my rain barrel?

Caring for your own rain barrel is fairly easy and definitely worth the benefits! During the spring and summer, regularly inspect your barrel and remove any debris that may have accumulated. It is recommended that your rain barrel is emptied about every five to seven days and that a mesh screen is placed in the lid of your rain barrel to prevent mosquitos from entering. If you notice any algae forming in your barrel, don't panic (this may happen if your rain barrel is exposed to direct sunlight), simply empty the barrel and rinse with a diluted bleach solution before continuing use. During the winter, make sure to disconnect and drain your rain barrel to avoid freezing and cracking.

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# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

What is stormwater management?

Stormwater management refers to the process of managing stormwater runoff.

What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when water (from rain or snowmelt) flows over the ground during and immediately following a rainfall event.

What are impervious surfaces?

Impervious surfaces are surfaces such as roads, driveways, and parking lots which do not allow liquid to pass through. When natural landscape is covered by impervious surfaces, stormwater runoff flows over these surfaces instead of soaking into the ground.

What is the significance of stormwater runoff and impervious surfaces?

If stormwater runoff is left unmanaged, this accumulated water can cause numerous detrimental problems, including flooding, erosion, damages to infrastructure, and water pollution.

What has Plumstead Township done in terms of stormwater management?

Since 2002, Plumstead Township has been continuously making efforts to manage stormwater comprehensively and has enacted a number of regulations to promote the health, safety, and welfare of all residents by minimizing the damages caused by stormwater runoff.

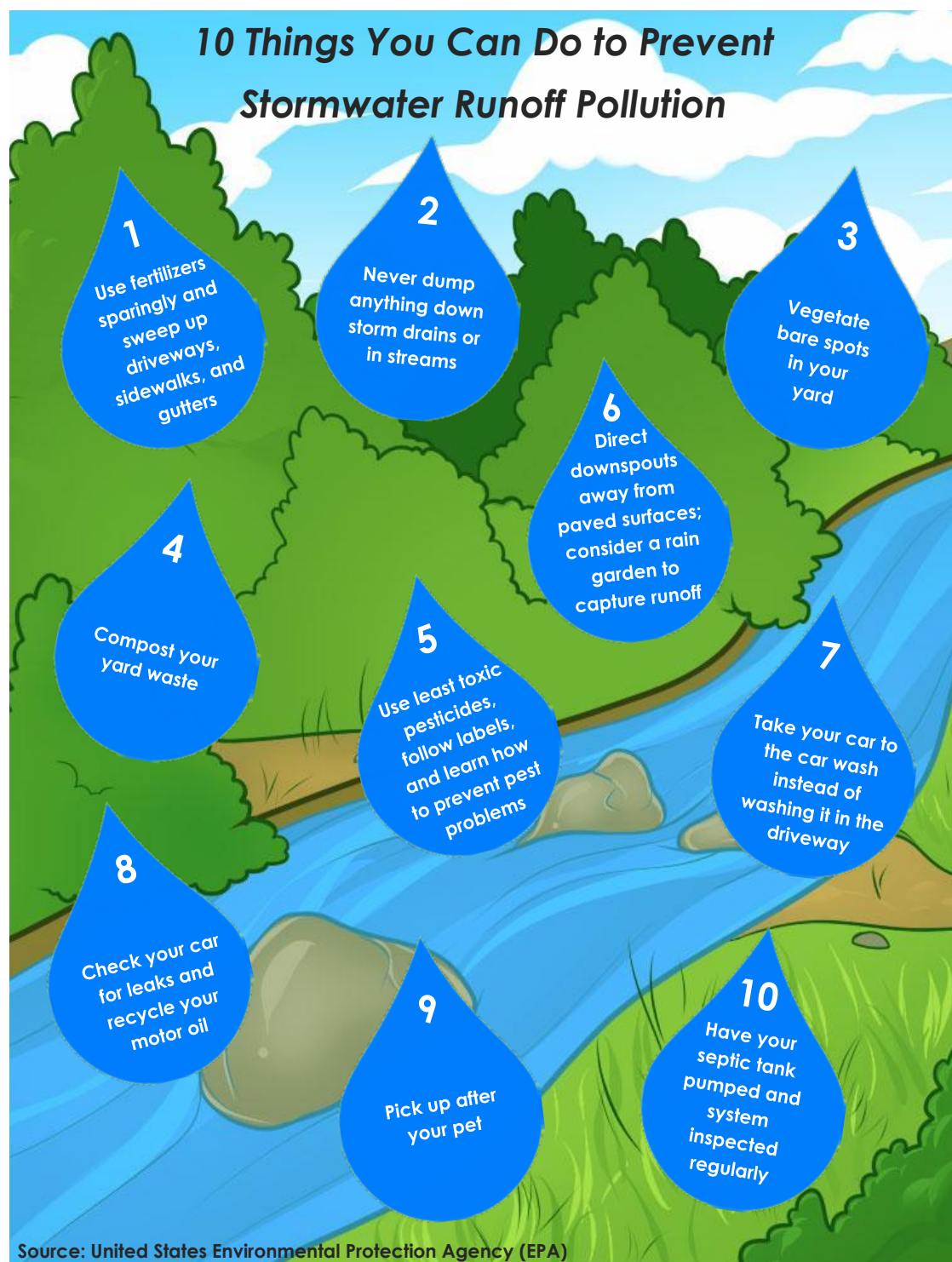
The regulations in Plumstead Township are based on stormwater management plans developed by Bucks County. The plans are required by Act 167, the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act of 1978, and are enacted to address the growing problems caused by stormwater runoff within the state.

Plumstead Township regulates stormwater through a stand-alone stormwater management ordinance which requires stormwater management facilities for all new developments. In 2007, the township was awarded a Growing Greener grant from the state to help manage flooding and erosion within the township. The grant was used to plant native wetland grasses and build infiltration trenches in basins in the Durham Ridge subdivision.

Plumstead Township has also recently made efforts to improve stormwater management in the Summer Meadow neighborhood. The streambank in Summer Meadow has been eroding from high rain events and residents mowing right up to the edge of the bank. In 2016 the township awarded a bid to JF Landscaping for stream bank stabilization that included seeded and mulched disturbed areas and installed slope protection walls.

Additionally, the township makes an effort to sweep the streets and remove debris, trash, and accumulated sediment in order to protect water quality.

For more information please visit [www.plumstead.org/stormwater](http://www.plumstead.org/stormwater)





## What is a Rain Garden?

A rain garden is a shallow hole that is planted with deep-rooted native plants and allows stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces (ex: driveways) to be absorbed.

What are the Benefits of a Rain Garden?

Installing a rain garden on your property helps the planet in many ways, such as:

- Preserving clean rainwater
- Creating habitat
- Preventing local flooding
- Preventing water pollution

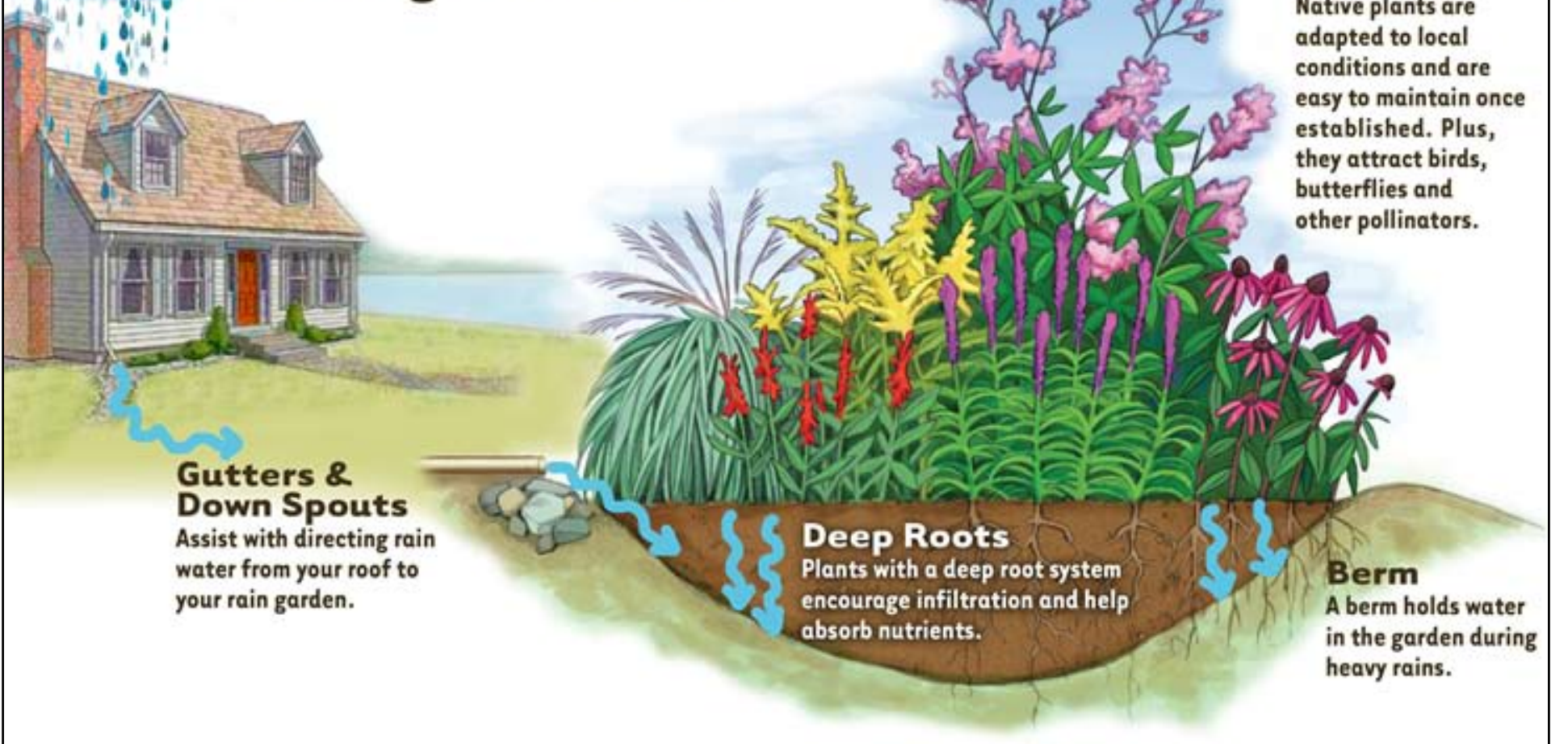
Other benefits of rain gardens include:

- Reducing or eliminating the need to water with municipal water
- Reducing garden maintenance
- Increasing garden enjoyment
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Before you make arrangements for fireworks displays please contact the Township office. And remember that pyrotechnics

## Plumsteadville Village Southside Renaissance Complete with Rite Aid Opening

Massive improvements over the past 18 months solidifies the southern gateway into Plumsteadville Village for Doylestown-area shoppers

Shoppers and residents of the Doylestown area are taking the opportunity to look north to a unique shopping and dining gem just up the hill on Rt. 611.

Plumsteadville Village has been going through a renaissance that continues with last week's opening of the new standalone Rite Aid store. With its village-inspired architecture and ample parking, the new Rite Aid store, located at 5707 Easton Road, solidifies the continuity of the southern-most gateway to Plumsteadville Village.

Other improvements in the past 18-24 months:

- Devil's Acre Tavern, opened by the creators of Maxwell's on Main in Doylestown, renovated the former Country Tavern at 5961 Easton Road. It features a new twist on German-American food.
- Veteran's Park, created in 2015 at 5775 Easton Road, was designed to follow a yellow ribbon, with five alcoves, each for a branch of our military. It also features two honor roll boards for local veterans.
- Plumstead Shopping Center, at 5790 Easton Road, was upgraded and redesigned in 2016, and added a new Dunkin Donuts. It will also welcome a new express Japanese restaurant in late 2017.
- Huntingdon Valley Bank, located at 5725 Easton Road, recently remodeled the front of the bank with their new corporate logo, and provides another traditional village façade.

These locations joined the other foundational elements of the Plumsteadville Village Southside:

- Malmark Bellcraftsmen, at 5712 Easton Road, is the #1 manufacturer of handbells and handchimes in the world. They offer daily tours of their amazing workshops.
- Fontaine and Sons, at 5703 Easton Road, continues their 35-year reputation of great auto repair at fair prices.
- Plumstead Christian School, at 5765 Old Easton Rd, recently upgraded the gymnasium and other facilities at their upper school in the Village.

Plumsteadville Village businesses continue to benefit from our close relationship with Plumstead Township. Kent Baird, from Gilmore & Associates, presented his company's vision for improvements to the Village area at a Board of Supervisors meeting on June 13, 2017. The upgrades, including new ideas for buildings, sidewalks, lighting, signage, and other elements, will improve the shopability of the village businesses, allowing for safe pedestrian crossing, while enabling traffic flow on busy State Route 611.

Plumsteadville Village is a unique shopping and dining gem in Bucks County, nestled close to the great destinations of Doylestown, Buckingham, New Hope, Lambertville, and Lahaska! Plumsteadville Village offers the service, quality, and hospitality that keeps visitors and residents coming back for more! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

Source: Doylestown Patch

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CRIMEWATCH Buck County is a recent addition to our list of programs with success attributable to the well-established partnership between law enforcement and your community. CRIMEWATCH Bucks County is the digital age version of the neighborhood town watch. CRIMEWATCH enables cutting edge, two-way communication between police and your community. You can learn more and sign up for free alerts by visiting <https://bucks.crimewatchpa.com/>, or by downloading the app for free from the Google Play or iTunes stores.

Push Out the Pusher, a program of the non-profit, Bucks County Crime Stoppers, was recently unveiled. Bucks County Crime Stoppers uses donations received as reward money in its efforts to get community members to provide information to law enforcement which leads to the arrest and convictions of local drug dealers. Tipsters can earn up to \$5000 in reward money. Dealers who are fueling the increasing opioid epidemic in Bucks County by selling potentially deadly drugs like heroin and fentanyl are the primary focus of this initiative. More information about Push Out the Pusher is available at [www.BucksCrimeStoppers.org](http://www.BucksCrimeStoppers.org).

These three programs emphasize the active role community members like you can have in making our communities safer. In addition, as Bucks County’s chief law enforcement officer, I take law enforcement’s primary responsibility in battling the Heroin/Opioid epidemic which plagues our communities today, very seriously. As a result I established a brand new county-wide six detective Drug Strike Force, who will directly combat this deadly scourge by taking drug dealers of the streets of Bucks County.

Working together we can win this battle. We can keep moving Bucks County forward and ensuring Bucks County remains a great place to live, work and raise our families.

## SUMMER MEADOW STREAMBANK PROJECT

Just a reminder you are not allowed to dump grass clippings in waterways. Recent photos below show that someone dumped their grass clipping in the streambank that was just completed. Residents should use their grass clippings in their gardens, bag them up for trash or use a mulching mower.





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