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The EAC's Arbor Day Celebration

Arbor Day, which is observed on the last Friday of every April, has been a national holiday for 145 years and celebrates the importance of trees. This year, in honor of Arbor Day, the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) organized the planting of 3 heritage river birch trees and 5 young dawn redwood trees at Owls Nest Park, located at 5367 Silo Hill Road. The birch trees were planted next to the outdoor education center, and the redwood trees were planted near the parking lot. Tom Ladson, a fire forester from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, was in attendance and recognized Plumstead Township as being a member of Tree City USA for 12 years.

The EAC would like to thank: everyone who came out to help plant the trees; the Plumstead Township Public Works Department and Shan-Gri-La Contractors, LLC for their assistance with the planting; and Highland Farms for donating the redwood trees.



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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 then contact the on-call Public Works personnel. For Police, Fire, or Medical Emergencies: 911

Administrative Staff

Township Manager: Carolyn McCreary
Assistant to Township Manager: Debbie DiAngelo
Director of Public Works: Alan Bleam
Administrative Assistant & Water Billing: Pam Gravel
Chief of Police: Duane Hasenauer
Police Dept. Administrative Assistant: 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

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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 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

- Police Explorer's – Concert at the Farm..... 5/13
- Primary Election 5/16
- Camp Plumstead at Hanusey Park..... 7/17 – 7/21
- Adult Kick Ball League (registration opens 7/17)..... Summer
- Tennis Program Summer
- Blood Drive at Township Building 7/28, 9/29 & 12/22
- Movie in the Park at Hanusey Park..... 8/19
(rain date 8/20)
- Election Day..... 11/7
- Veteran's Day Celebration at Veteran's Park..... 11/11
- Annual Tree Lighting..... 12/10

BUY LOCAL!

We would like to remind and encourage everyone to patronize the local merchants not only in our Township, but in neighboring municipalities as well. Please consider buying local before making that trip to the mall or completing an online purchase.

At this time of year we also see signs pop up along rural roads advertising local produce. Nothing beats freshly picked produce on your table, especially this time of year.



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WHAT IS THE EXPLORERS PROGRAM? AND, WHAT DO THEY DO?



On Oct. 30, 2012 the Plumstead Twp Police Department partnered with Boy Scouts of America's Explorer Division as a way to engage the youth of the Central Bucks Community to provide an insight into the role police departments serve within the community.

In creating this program the police department had two goals: 1) Engage our youth in an authentic and meaningful way which would promote leadership skills as well as create an understanding of confrontation and conflict resolution 2) Establish the program as a legacy program in honor of our fallen hero Ofc. Joseph E Hanusey III, who died on May 18, 2002 while serving his community.

The program runs throughout the year and is open to boys and girls of the Central Bucks community between the ages of 14 and 21. Cadets assume roles within the same hierarchy as any police department with a Chief, Lieutenant, sergeants and cadets (assigned to squads). Instruction is lead by the cadets and supplemented by officers with expertise in various areas. Cadets are introduced to the elements which make up traffic and criminal laws and apply their understanding of these topics to various scenario based training such as: traffic stops, DUI's, domestic incidents, assaults, courtroom procedures and many other situations. They are also educated on the use of force law enforcement officers must apply to

potential situations and are taught how to deploy those use of force options, including firearms training. In addition to first hand experiences, cadets are exposed to the wide array of job opportunities within the law enforcement community.

Our explorers program also engages the community in many different ways through community service through programs we initiate, as well as through other organizations seeking our assistance. There is an initial \$25 fee assessed by the Boy Scouts of America for joining, however the program (uniforms, training experiences, etc.) are free. And, for cadets who meet our minimum standards the annual renewal fee is paid for by the post.

Our program has also created a scholarship program in honor of Joe Hanusey, in which cadets who wish to attend a post secondary school may compete for scholarship money. The program is funded through our annual May fundraiser called "Concert at the Farm" held at Hellerick Family Farm.

Anyone interested in participating in our program or needing assistance with an event or community service project our explorer program may assist in please contact our police department for more information 215-766-8741





GOOGLE TRANSLATE APP

Plumstead Township has just added the Google Translate App to our website. The App is at the bottom left hand corner of each page.

This feature lets the user select a language, allowing all web based content to be translated to it.

We hope our residents and others in the community whose first language may not be English will find this helpful.



Plumsteadville Village Kicks Off Summer Food Drive

Village businesses are collecting food for the Bucks County Opportunity Council food program

With the summer months upon us, Plumsteadville Village residents' thoughts turn to picnics, beaches and mountain trips. Plumsteadville Village businesses hope they'll also think about helping others.

The Plumsteadville Village Business Alliance, in association with the Bucks County Opportunity Council, is running a Summer Food Drive to collect canned and packaged foods for area food pantries.

The Plumsteadville Village Summer Food Drive kicks off Memorial Day weekend, and runs through July 4th weekend.

Collection boxes will be located in Plumsteadville Village businesses, as well as the Plumstead Township building. Look for the complete list of participating businesses at the Plumsteadville Village website: www.PlumsteadvilleVillage.com.

In addition, residents can drop off food items at the Plumsteadville Grange Farmers Market every Saturday morning, from 9:00am to 12:30pm.

The Plumsteadville Village Business Alliance will also hold "pop-up donation sites" around the Village, such as tables and booths on weekends, with games, treats, and other surprises for families who bring donations. If your family or group is interested in hosting one of these fun events, please let us know!

Plumsteadville Village businesses encourage families to donate the kinds of foods that have the most impact at a pantry—such as peanut butter, canned tuna fish, and canned vegetables—rather than less nutritious snack items or even simply those foods from the back of the cabinet that rarely get eaten.

Please visit our website – www.PlumsteadvilleVillage.com for more information, or email us with any questions: info@plumsteadvillage.com.

EAC - TRASH DOESN'T BELONG ON OUR ROADS



7 people. 1.5 hours. 1 huge pile of trash! From left to right: Rishi and Bala Sreenivasan, Tovah Karl, Herb Hickmott, Tom Lurz, David Stakun and Nick Lykon (playing photographer and not pictured), participated in Plumstead Township's Adopt-A-Road Program and collected this garbage along the 0.85-mile stretch of Gordon Road between Saw Mill Road and Ferry Road. The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) would like to remind everyone that littering is illegal and just plain gross. Members of the EAC spend on average 12 man-hours a year cleaning up Gordon Road! We all deserve a litter-free environment. If you want to help keep our Township beautiful there are other roads in Plumstead Township that are available through the Adopt-A-Road Program. For more information, please go to: www.plumstead.org/geninfo/aatr.pdf or contact the EAC at: PlumsteadTwpEAC@gmail.com

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION

WATER SYSTEM NOTES

Calls come in to the Public Works office from time to time regarding water quality concerns and excess use issues.

Potable water is provided to customers from ground water wells across the township. Most notable is the high, naturally occurring, mineral content (hardness) that can cause a light discoloration and sediment build up. The township addresses this concern by flushing the system through fire hydrants at least annually.

From time to time, we receive calls about "cloudy" water. In most all cases, this is simply air in the water. If you fill a clear glass from your tap and see cloudiness, let the glass sit for several minutes and the air will dissipate. You will know it was air even if you were to take a spoon and quickly stir the water in the glass. The water should remain clear. Air can enter the home plumbing through malfunctioning equipment or leaks.

In almost every situation when we receive a call regarding low or no pressure it is likely caused by something within the home, a whole house filter, specialized water treatment equipment or malfunctioning water softener, in rare cases such as a fire or a water main break these are the likely cause.

Each of these appliances requires some level of service

on a regular basis. Malfunctions including filters not being changed at regular intervals are a common cause for quality issues and excessive use.

A malfunctioning water softener that was installed and had never been serviced was the recent cause for an extremely high water bill. Thousands of gallons of water went "down the drain" and had to be paid for by the customer. Please consult owner's manuals and reputable service companies for more information on the proper management of these appliances. Adding salt and allowing the unit to automatically backwash are not the only things that need to be done to a water softener.

Finally, you can check your water usage by simply monitoring the water meter in your home. At a quiet time when no use is occurring, stand at your water meter. The numbers/dial should not be moving. If it is, you may have a toilet leaking or other appliance allowing water to flow freely. You can read your own meter on a daily, weekly or monthly basis and calculate your usage to see if you believe it to be within a normal range.

We have a responsibility to provide clean, safe water, and we do. While we cannot offer specific advise, we hope that these few general topics will be seriously considered as a part of your normal home maintenance and care.



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- Stop mail & newspaper
- Set a light timer or two in your house
- Turn on the radio on low
- Fill out police "House Check" form (police will drive-by your house while you are on vacation)
- Ask a relative or close neighbor to check you house while you are gone
- Remember to make arrangements for pets
- Turn off the water to your washer machine (avoid leaks)



Don't:

- Post anything on Facebook about your vacation plans (great for robbers!)
- Post your vacation pictures on Facebook while you are on vacation (wait until you are safely back home to share your photos)
- Leave an outside light on (it's a great advertisement that you are away)

PLUMSTEAD PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS



CAMP PLUMSTEAD

Join us for sports, crafts, games and more summertime fun! Open to all Plumstead children who are entering K-6th grade (Fall 2017).

When: July 17-21 8:30-11:30am **Where:** Hanusey Park **Cost:** \$55

Registration and more info at www.plumsteadparkandrec.org

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Bring your blanket or chair and head over to Hanusey Park for a movie night!

MOVIE: "Sing"

DATE: 8/19 (raindate 8/20/17) (Sunset)



REAL ID



The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005 requires changes to state standards, procedures and requirements for the issuance of driver's licenses and ID cards, if they are to be accepted as identity documents by the federal government.

PA does not currently meet these federal standards due to the passage, by the PA General Assembly, of Act 38 of 2012, which bars the Governor and PennDot from participating in REAL ID.

PA has been granted an extension until June 6, 2017 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

While residents will not need an alternative from of federal approved identification for air travel until January 22, 2018, they will need a federally-approved form of identification to access federal buildings, nuclear power plants and military bases beginning June 7, 2017, unless another extension is granted by DHS.

For additional information on REAL ID please visit the Department of Homeland Security website:

<https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs>

SPECIALTY CAMPS FOR ALL AGES AND INTERESTS!

June 26-30: Nature Superhero Camp (Ages 5-8) Explore superhero qualities through themed crafts, puzzles, and outdoor games. Each day will include hands-on activities, discussion and a team activity.

July 5-7: Zombie Survival Camp (Ages 10-14) Learn proper protocol for building zombie-proof shelters, locating supply caches using GPS, signaling skills to communicate with other agents and tracking the undead's movements

July 24-28: Multi-Sports Camp (Ages 5-12) Experience different sports each day coached by a professional, international staff that is trained to encourage maximum participation, good sportsmanship and above all-FUN!

Plumstead Township is partnering with Doylestown Township for summer programming that will be held at our community building while theirs is undergoing construction.

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CRIMEWATCH



The Plumstead Township Police Department along with numerous other police departments in Bucks County will soon use Crimewatch technology tool.

Imagine a crime happens in your neighborhood — a home break-in across the street, perhaps. A criminal is on the loose, and you don't know until you read about it the next day on social media or in the news, or you could just be entirely unaware it happened. Before 2012, that was a problem for Matt Bloom.

Where I live, you didn't know what's going on around you," he said. "The police are too small to be able to share information. There's just too much information for police to share effectively with the public."

Bloom, a resident of Adams County in Central Pennsylvania, wanted to combat the problem, so he developed Crimewatch, a technology company that immediately, effectively disseminates police information to the public.

Users can sign up to receive mobile alerts to their smartphones, and not just texts. The alerts may include an image of the offender and details about the arrest including time and location. There's also a centralized website and mobile application where that information is available, and it automatically pushes to Facebook and other social media outlets.

Bensalem Police Department started using Crimewatch in December and within about a week, it already started paying dividends. In one high-profile sexual assault case, police were able to get information leading to an arrest after Crimewatch spread the notice to about 18,000 people.

The Plumstead Township Police Department along with 25 other police departments will soon be joining the fold.

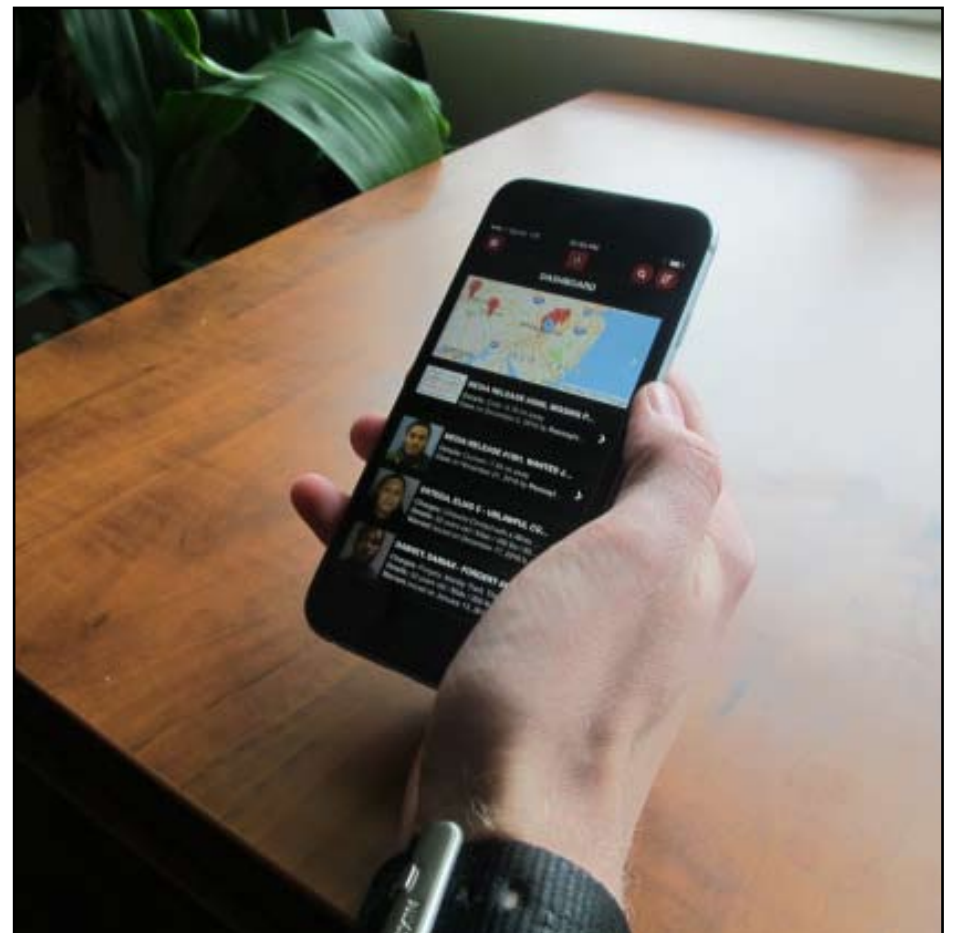
District Attorney Matt Weintraub secured an emergency management grant through the state that will ensure fund-

ing for Crimewatch in all departments across the county. When that goes live by the end of March, 120 departments in the state will be using the program, Bloom said.

Bucks County and Crimewatch tentatively worked out a three-year agreement, but law enforcement officials can evaluate and decide if it's something they want to keep after each year. For the first year, at least, it will cost the taxpayers nothing

The app uses location services to give information about crime or wanted criminals nearby. A criminal wanted by police across the country could pop up for his or her last known address was in Pipersville, for example.

It also works for residents who want to report crime. Anybody with information on an investigation can contact police directly through the app, and it keeps your identity secure. That way, tipsters don't have to fear backlash for identifying a criminal or assisting in an arrest. For information or to sign up for CRIMEWATCH, visit crimewatchpa.com.



Plumstead Historical Society

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



Trivia Question - Do you know the name of this famous Plumstead Township resident?

Answer - Aaron Kratz – He was the founder of the Plumsteadville Carriage and Wagon Works which was well known for its fine craftsmanship and his carriages were sold up and down the East Coast of the United States and even in to Canada. At that time it was the largest industry in the area.

Plumstead Historical Society – Upcoming Summer 2017 Meetings dates

6/19/17 – Meeting 7/16/17 Potluck Picnic August No Meeting 9/18/17 – Meeting

Meetings held 3rd Monday of every month except August and December. We have great programs and speakers every month. All are welcome; you don't have to be a member to attend! Feel free to bring family or friends to this and any event or meeting.

Do you want to be a member?

To join the Plumstead Historical Society it's just \$10 for individuals or \$15 for family mail to the P.O. Box 172, Plumsteadville, PA 18949.

Do you have historic items to donate?

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

Do you need a great gift idea?

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

If you should have any questions or an interesting story to share, please contact us at info@plumsteadhistoricalsociety.org

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Sportsman's Show – 2017

My Place Smoked Meats and The Point Pleasant Fire Co. will **NOT** be holding the Annual Sportsman Show in 2017. The committee is in the process of coming up with a re-structuring of the event for 2018. Thank you for your continued support and stay tuned for 2018!



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How do I get a Dog License?

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Doylestown, PA 18901

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For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717.787.3062

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