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Police Law Enforcement Nights

Our first "Law Enforcement Night" at Hanusey Park on August 21st was a huge success! The event featured our Police Department along with many surrounding departments and agencies.

Visitors were able to meet and speak with law enforcement officers from local, county and state agencies. They could explore the equipment used by these professionals including police cars, motorcycles, emergency service vehicles and a State Police helicopter.

There were also demonstrations by K9 Units. Mid-Atlantic AAA conducted a simulation of what being an impaired driver feels like. The Bucks County Sheriff's Department set up a Kids ID station where parents could obtain an ID card for their children who attended. Scruff McGruff, the Crime Dog, was also present for the event and met and had his photo taken with the children.

We would like to thank everyone involved with putting together and participating in Law Enforcement Night. Individuals volunteering their time and businesses donating food and give-away items made this event a success.

Special thanks to all the law enforcement agencies who attended this event. We look forward to planning our next one, and based on the feedback we received we expect it to be a welcomed event in our community.



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

Police Department

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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: 215-766-0189 • 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
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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 7:30pm. 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

- PJ & Giving Tree Donations 11/1 – 12/29/17
- Luminary Bag decorating at Hanusey Park 12/1/17
- Annual Tree Lighting at Veterans Park..... 12/10/17
- Blood Drive at Township Building 12/22/17
- 5K Race 3/17/18

REMINDER: Tax Collector Information...

The Township cannot accept your paid taxes; they must be given directly to the Tax Collector. The Tax Collector does NOT have an office at the Township building. Her physical address is 6162 German Road, Pipersville, PA 18947 (215) 766-3785. Office hours are Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am – 4:00pm, with additional hours at the Township building April 28, June 30, August & October 31, 2017 from 4 – 6pm.

She is closed all legal holidays and weekends and vacation schedule will be posted on her office door.

Please visit her website for additional information and in January for the 2018 schedule.

<https://plumsteadtaxcollector.wordpress.com/>



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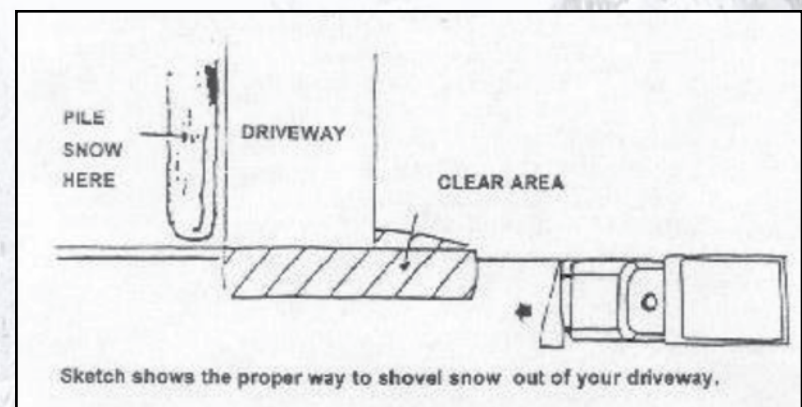
Have you seen this sign?

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

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 to the right) 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; this applies to businesses, residents and contractors hired to remove snow on private property.



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**).

Public Works

Attention Public Water Customers

Water customers serviced by one of the five individual systems located in the township are reminded of the following requirements:

- The device that allows us to electronically read your water meter is located on the outside of your home typically at the point where electric and telephone service enters your home. Access to this location must be maintained clear at all times. Please consider this when planting flowers, shrubbery and trees.
- In the front yard of your home, a 4" metal cap should be visible. This cap is threaded onto a pipe. (see photo) Inside the pipe is a "key" that allows Water Department employees to turn the water supply to your home on and off. Please be sure that this cap remains visible and accessible. In the event of a water line leak or break inside your home, access to this shutoff valve will be critical. Plumstead Township is responsible for the supply line from the water main in the street up to and including this valve. Homeowners are responsible for the water line between this valve and the water meter inside the home.
- The water meter itself is typically located in the basement or a utility closet. The meter is the property of Plumstead Township. All piping, fittings, and valves before and after the meter are the responsibility of the homeowner.



If you have questions regarding your water supply, water service, maintenance or billing, please contact Public Works at 215-766-0189

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION MARK YOUR CALENDER!

Plumstead Township makes every effort to reduce what ultimately enters landfills.

Our annual Christmas tree collection/recycling program will begin on Monday – January 8, 2018.

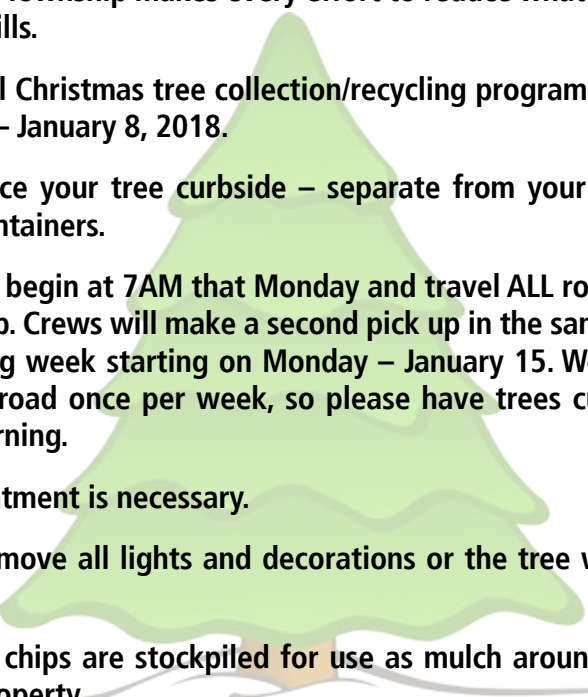
Please place your tree curbside – separate from your trash and recycling containers.

Crews will begin at 7AM that Monday and travel ALL roads within the township. Crews will make a second pick up in the same manner the following week starting on Monday – January 15. We will only travel each road once per week, so please have trees curbside by Monday morning.

NO appointment is necessary.

PLEASE remove all lights and decorations or the tree will not be taken.

The wood chips are stockpiled for use as mulch around trees on township property.



Emergency Services

2017 Mission Life Line Gold Plus Award:

This year Central Bucks EMS was recognized by the American Heart Association: Mission Life Line Gold Plus award. We have extraordinary staff providing important emergency care for those who have had a heart attack or stroke. This year that extraordinary care was recognized by the AHA: Mission Life line and we are proud to say that we continue to provide high quality care to the communities we serve.



Smoke Detectors

CB EMS would like to remind you that with summer coming to a close and winter upon us we like to remind our community to please be safe and check your smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide alarms. As heaters and stoves are lighting up for the first time please be sure that your annual maintenance was completed and you have had your chimneys checked and cleaned.



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.



Emergency Services

When Seconds Count...



After a snowfall, remember to clear a three-foot radius around fire hydrants near your home.



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Street Numbers:

REMINDER: To all of our residents and business... Please remember to keep your street number visible from the road for emergency responders.



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Committees

Luminary Bag Decorating Night

Join us Friday, December 1st at the Hanusey Park Community building 7-8PM to decorate luminary bags for our Annual Tree Lighting! Come decorate a complimentary bag to share messages of faith, hope, joy, or love this holiday season. You are then encouraged to bring your bag to the tree lighting on Sunday, December 10th to light Veterans Park. Don't be discouraged if you cannot attend the decorating night, bags will be available at the tree lighting as well! Please register online at plumsteadparkandrec.org.



New Member of the Tree Board

Joyce Ely is a Plumstead Township resident with an A.A. in Environmental Science and nearing completion of a B.S. in Environmental Biology. She has been a PA DCNR Conservation Volunteer in Tyler State Park for five years; participating in invasive plant removal, erosion control, trail maintenance and tree vine removal projects. During the summer of 2015, Miss Ely was employed by the Penn State Extension-Bucks County to help implement the new Master Watershed Steward volunteer program. Duties included recruitment of volunteers, advertising and public relations. In 2016, she participated in qualitative and quantitative data collection for a "passive meadow restoration" in Tyler State park: a collaborative effort among P.E.C.O., Bucks County Community College and the PA DCNR. This past summer she founded the Neshaminy Creek Watershed Association, organizing a streamside cleanup and a native riparian zone tree planting along the Neshaminy Creek. She has recently completed the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's "Tree Tender" course and looks forward to applying for Tree Vitalize grants.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Plumstead Township will be hosting our Annual collection for the Bucks County Children and Youth again this fall.

The donations will be divided between two programs:

PJ Program and Giving Tree.

PJ Program: pj's, slippers, robes, books & hygiene products (runs yearlong) Second drop-off location is: Circa Classics – 5870 Easton Rd

Giving Tree: hats, mittens, gloves & scarves (runs from 11/1 – 12/29/17) (accepting donations anytime, but our lobby tree will not be up until around Thanksgiving)

All donations need to be New.
All donations will stay local.

Stop by the Township building any time and drop off your donations.

Thank you in advance for your support.



American Red Cross

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By State Rep. Marguerite C. Quinn (R-Bucks)

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This session, the General Assembly took a step in that direction when it passed legislation, which was signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf, to reform the pension systems while protecting employees who are currently in the system. Under current law, state workers and public school teachers are enrolled in defined benefit plans, which promise a certain level of retirement benefits to retirees. But when the anticipated investment return is below projection the taxpayers are responsible to make up the difference in the benefits owed to the retiree.

Decisions to underfund pensions when surpluses were realized during strong economic times set a trend of underfunding for several years. In hindsight, we should have been overfunding the pension systems during strong economic times to brace for dips in the markets.

Act 5 of 2017 will decrease the long-term debt, setting the state on a course toward solvent pension systems. The act honors the promises made to current workers and retirees while protecting the investments they've already made. Starting in 2019, new state employees and teachers will choose between one of three new retirement plans, similar to the 401(k)-style plans private sector workers rely on to fund their retirements.

Over time, this legislation will save taxpayers more than \$5 billion. An additional savings of up to \$3 billion is projected in terms of reduced costs and fees for investment management. The change will not provide us with relief from present obligations, so there will not be an immediate change in our tax bills.



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**Fourth and Fifth Graders Ski & Ride for FREE in Pennsylvania!
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White Haven, PA- September 2017- Fourth and fifth graders who want to ski or snowboard are fortunate especially if they live in or near Pennsylvania. For the fourteenth year, the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association (PSAA) is making skiing or snowboarding free through their Snowpass program for youths in those two grade levels.

The Snowpass allows fourth and fifth graders to hit the slopes free, up to three times at each participating resort, when accompanied by a paying adult. Additionally, fourth and fifth graders can take advantage of a beginner lift, lesson, and rental package free and 50% off a beginner lift, lesson and rental package for the accompanying adult.

“We have found that fourth and fifth graders are at the ideal age to learn a new sport with ease and to excel rapidly,” said PSAA Executive Director Linda Irvin. Through the Snowpass Program an on-mountain experience, students can see the lessons of their 4th & 5th grade science studies in action (such as water resources at work, geology structure, and the physics of lift mechanics).”

Skiing and snowboarding offers families the opportunity to exercise outside together during the winter months. A ninety pound youth can burn between two and three hundred calories per hour skiing and / or snowboarding depending on their activity level. Skiing and snowboarding are listed among the activities included in the President’s Challenge organized by the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition. Children and adults can earn points toward a Presidential Active Lifestyle Award by skiing and snowboarding. Nineteen ski/snowboard resorts across Pennsylvania belong to the Snowpass program.

The Snowpass is not restricted to residents of Pennsylvania. Any fourth or fifth grade student can participate by completing a simple application and providing a report card or other document verifying they are currently in the fourth or fifth grade. A photo of the student is also required. You can apply online at www.skipa.com or download an application and apply by mail. There is a nominal administration! processing fee of \$35 prior to December 1 and \$40 after. Quantities are limited. Snowpasses are issued on a first come, first serve basis. Details of the program including rules and black-out dates can be found on the website www.skipa.com, The site lists all resorts in Pennsylvania and answers most frequently asked questions.

For additional information contact:
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- Internet Predators
- Sexual Exploitation
- Exposure to Pornography
- Identity Theft
- Cyber Bullying

How can you protect your children?

- Learn as much about your children's internet friends
- Set the computer in a common room (like the kitchen)
- Make sure your child knows that they can talk to you about anything

For the Complete article, please visit the county's website:

<http://www.buckscounty.org/government/RowOfficers/DistrictAttorney/ParentalInternetAwareness>

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