



Plumstead Township

NEWSLETTER



Camp Plumstead

Another successful year for Camp Plumstead is behind us. 85 campers, ages 4-12, joined us at Hanusey Park for five fun themed days and activities. Our campers enjoyed sports ranging from kickball to capture the flag to hula hoop races, water activities and sponge races, and numerous arts and crafts.

Plumstead Township would like to give a special thank you to the Park and Recreation Committee, Public Works Department, and our counselors and high school volunteers for making this possible.

We hope to see everyone next year!



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Plumstead Township Information

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

Police Department

Office: 215-766-8741 • Dispatch: 215-766-8740 • Fax: 215-766-8509
 For EMERGENCY Dial 911
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM or by appointment

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
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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 Dan Hilferty
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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

- Movie Night at Hanusey Park8/24
- Tax Collector at Township (4-6pm)8/31
- Yoga with the Y at Hanusey Park..... 9/10 – 10/29
- Blood Drive at Township Building9/28
- BC Tour of Honor Trip (WWII & Korea Vets) 10/1
- Coffee with a Cop at Altomonte's 10/3
- Tax Collector at Township (4-6pm) 10/31
- Election Day 11/6
- Veterans Day Celebration at Veterans Park 11/10
- Tree Lighting December
- Blood Drive at Township Building 12/21

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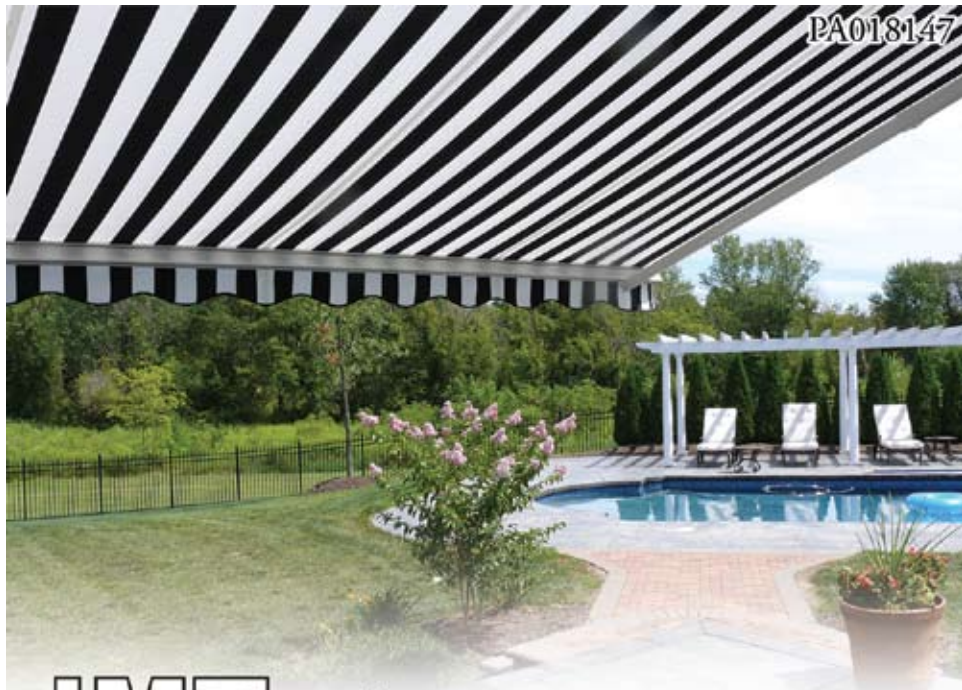
**Plumstead Township
 American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Friday, September 28, 2018
 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Township Building, 5186 Stump Road

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Public Works



DRIVEWAY PIPE CARE and MAINTENANCE

There are thousands of individual driveway storm pipes in place across the township that serve to provide access to individual homes and businesses. The responsibility for the maintenance and care of these driveway pipes is the sole responsibility of the property owner where they are located. The function of the pipe to provide access to the property and convey storm run-off are equally important.

The pipes vary in size and type – typically they are constructed of concrete, galvanized metal or plastic. It is important to annually inspect the pipes for maintenance or replacement needs. Also, it is an important responsibility of the homeowner to perform routine maintenance, especially when heavy rains are in the forecast and especially during fall leaf and summer grass cutting seasons when the presence of this natural debris is more prevalent.

Making sure that there are no clogs, or clearing a clog during a high storm event will help eliminate flooding of the travelled portion of the road and ponding of water that can cause hazardous road conditions.

Replacement and/or new driveway installations require that a Road Opening permit be obtained through the Public Works office. This permit assures proper sizing of the pipe to current conditions and to assure the installation is accurate.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works office at 215-766-0189.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT NOTICE REMINDER

Plumstead Township is required to complete an annual Consumer Confidence Report for all water system customers. The report gives basic information on the system operations and test results as collected throughout the year.

The reports are available online at the township website: www.plumstead.org

Choose the DEPARTMENTS tab and then the WATER DEPARTMENT selection box, and then the FORMS and DOCUMENTS tab and look for the WATER DEPARTMENT information box.

The reports are listed by system under “2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report” – look for your system name as follows:

- NORTHERN SYSTEM; residents of Landis Greene, Cabin Run, Plumsteadville Village, Plumstead Woods, Timberly Farms, Plumstead Preserve, Country Greene, and Windtree
- DURHAM RIDGE; residents of Durham Ridge, North Branch, Plumstead Chase, Garden Village
- SUMMER HILL; residents of Summer Hill and Summer Meadow
- PATRIOTS RIDGE; residents of Patriots Ridge and Carriage Hill

Printed copies will be mailed upon request by calling the Public Works office at 215-766-0189.

YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM – LEAVES and LIMBS

Important reminders regarding our leaf pick up program and the yard waste program.

Leaf pick up within the developments (curbed streets) across the township will be completed through the use of the leaf loader which has stream lined the pick-up process, increased worker safety and reduce overall costs.

We will continue to follow the same schedule that has been in place in the past. The schedule provides for pick-up in each of the three predetermined zones, three times from October through November/December. Please look for the complete schedule to be posted on the township website around October 1st.

Limb pick up is the last Monday of each month, September through May. No pick ups in June, July or August.

GUIDELINES - LEAVES:

- Development/curbed street residents will place all leaves over the face of the curb into the street. Piles should be limited to no wider than a typical parked car. The pickup equipment draws the leaves into the front machine and the leaves are discharged into a dump truck.
- Leaf-vac operations require leaves to be **within 5 feet** of the curb. Crews will not perform excessive raking of yards. Leaves will be left behind and can be moved out for the next pick up by the property owner.

GUIDELINES - LIMBS:

- The program was put in place in 2004, it was meant to provide a resource for basic trimming and pruning maintenance disposal.
- We will no longer be taking the piles of **hard, dead**, wood.
- The program was not meant to be a source for clearing downed wood from lots or for complete tree removal following storms or tree disease. This type of work should be carried out either by the property owners themselves or by a contractor.
- The hard, dry, dead wood is like steel bars. Running this type of branches through the chipper is extremely hard on the blades, the pieces shatter, and pose a danger to our employees.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Old Easton Road

Preparations continue for the replacement of the Old Easton Road bridge over Pine Run and repaving of Old Easton Road from Landisville Road to Signature Drive. This project will be put out to bid in fall of 2018 with a projected start date of March 1, 2019. The project is anticipated to take 6-9 months.

Police Department

Traffic Safety Information

Traffic Enforcement: Due to the increase in speeding vehicle complaints throughout the township, the Board of Supervisors requested engineering studies be made on several Township owned roadways where no speed limits were established. As a result engineering studies were conducted on the following roads and established speed limits will be posted in the near future.

Moyer Road: 35mph.

Tollgate Road: 35mph.

Township Line Road: Engineering study not yet complete.

In addition to speed limits being established on the above mentioned Township roads, PENNDOT has approved a section of state-owned roadway within Plumstead Township, where trucks usage of brake retarders is now prohibited. This section of roadway is on Ferry Road, between Swamp Road (SR313) & Silo Hill Road, and on Point Pleasant Pike at Silo Hill Road to Durham Road, (SR413). (See Ordinance 2018-02)

Driving Safely in Neighborhoods

For twenty three million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. The greatest risk is not riding the bus, but approaching or leaving the bus. Here are some great tips when driving in a neighborhood.

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.
- Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws. Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:
 - Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
 - Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their vehicles and wait until the red lights stop flashing, and the extended stop sign is withdrawn before they can start driving again.

New Fireworks Law Passed in PA

House Bill 542 was signed into law on October 30, 2017. Under the new law, the Fireworks Act of 1939 was repealed and replaced in its entirety. The questions and answers below highlight the most noteworthy changes.

Q: Which fireworks are Pennsylvania residents now allowed to purchase and use?

Consumers can now purchase and use "Class C" or "consumer-grade" fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman Candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. The expansion includes those fireworks that were previously only available to out-of-state residents.

"Display fireworks," which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

Q: Who can purchase fireworks?

Anyone 18 years of age or older can purchase them.

Q: What are the restrictions on where they can be used?

- They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.
- They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Also, it is recommended that you check with your local municipality, as you may also be subject to applicable local ordinances.

Q: Where can the fireworks be purchased?

They can be purchased at any licensed facility, including temporary ones. The licenses are issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Examples of temporary facilities include tents or other structures found in parking lots. These temporary structures can sell fireworks between the dates of June 15-July 8, and December 21-January 2 each year.

Source: Pennsylvania State Police (www.psp.pa.gov)

Zoning Department

Zoning / Building / Fire Marshall Department (hours):

Zoning Department (Jesse Hill x257)

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings only 8:30-12:30pm.

Building Department (Phil Neas x207)

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 – 3:30pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – morning only

Fire Marshall (Dan Jenkins x257)

Wednesday only - mornings only

Committees

EAC Plant Native Plants

Native plants are those that occur naturally in a region in which they evolved. Unfortunately, a lot of plants chosen for landscaping purposes are not native to this area and can outcompete native species resulting in damaged habitats and ecosystems. The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) advises everyone to use native plants...and here's why:

- **Low Maintenance:** Native plants require less maintenance (e.g. water and soil amendments) because they are adapted to our climate.
- **Wildlife:** Native plants provide the vital habitat and food to native species of wildlife (e.g. birds, bees, butterflies) that co-evolved with them
- **Water Conservation:** Native plants require less water because they are adapted to local environmental conditions (that in turn saves you time and money!)
- **Help the Climate:** Native plants, especially long-living trees, grow large and are effective at providing shade and storing the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide

Want to know which plants are native to our area? Take a look at the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources website: <http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/LandscapingwithNativePlants/>

Want to know which native plants attract which types of birds? Check out this Audubon website: <https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>

Happy planting!

Your Litter Can Have A Longer Life Expectancy Than You!

If you litter along Pennsylvania roadways, the items you discard may have a longer life expectancy than you do. The average American will live approximately 78 years according to the National Center for Health Statistics report on life expectancy. However, some items people leave along roadsides can last from months to millions of years.

According to the Pennsylvania Resources Council Inc., the following is an example of how long litter takes to decompose:

• Banana/orange Peel	2-5 weeks
• Cotton rag	1-5 months
• Cigarette butt	1-5 years
• Wool clothing	1-5 years
• Plastic-coated paper	5 years
• Plastic bag	10-20 years
• Painted wooden stake	13 years
• Plastic film container	20-30 years
• Nylon fabric	30-40 years
• Leather	up to 50 years
• Rubber boot sole	50-80 years
• Aluminum can	200-500 years
• Plastic 6-pack cover	450 years
• Glass bottle	1 million years
• Rope	3-14 months
• Bamboo pole	1-3 years
• Tin can	100 years
• Newspaper	3-6 months
• Carry-out food bag	4-8 months
• Napkins	1-3 weeks
• Plastic beverage containers	100 years
• Carry-out tray	3-9 months

"The fact of the matter is that for every piece of litter discarded along Pennsylvania's highways, it could have a longer life expectancy than the average American," PennDOT District Executive Lester Toaso said. "Litter negatively impacts our ecology and the beauty of the state."

Committees

Committee Openings:

The Township has a few openings in our committees. If you are interested in the Park & Rec, Veteran's, Agricultural, Historic Advisory, Village, Trail or Tree Board; please visit our website and fill out the committee application and send it to the Township Managers attention.

Thank you!

<http://plumstead.org/geninfo/committees.pdf>

Plumstead Township Veterans Day Observance

An invitation to Residents, local Veterans & their Families:

Plumstead Township's Veterans' Committee is currently planning the annual Veterans Day observance to be held at the Township's Veterans Park, at 5775 Easton Road, Plumsteadville, PA. The Park provides a lesson in our Nation's history. Storyboards, one for each branch of our military, visually present a timeline of how our country was founded and defended.

The Veterans Day observance is an intergenerational event as local children and families have the opportunity to meet and greet local Veterans from all branches of the Armed Services. This year the Observance will be held on **Saturday, November 10, 2018**, beginning at **9:00 AM**. All are encouraged to attend. After the brief ceremony, a buffet breakfast will be served.

For those interested, the Veterans' Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Township's Administration Building on Stump Road. All Township residents are invited to attend and participate in the Committee's meetings and if you are a Plumstead Veteran and would like to join the committee, please contact the committee chairman.

David Brauer
Chairman, Veterans Committee
Plumstead Township, PA
Cell: 215-500-9317

Plumstead Historical Society

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

Trivia Question – The Keller Glove was established in the early 20th century and was one of the major employers in Plumstead. What this building is used for today?



Answer- It's Malmark Bellcraftsmen building.

Upcoming Winter 2018 Meetings dates

9/17, 10/15, 11/19 & No meeting in December

Meetings held 3rd Monday of every month except August and December. We have great programs and speakers every month. Check our website or Facebook for Program Subjects.

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.

Events

Electronics Recycling Event a Success!



Saturday, June 30 provided us with plenty of sunshine and soaring temperatures as we once again gave residents an opportunity to clean out their basements and garages, and protect the environment.

Residents dropped off everything from old gaming systems, to dehumidifiers, household appliances, a dorm room refrigerator, and those old bulky televisions that predate the flat screen. We even recycled one of those colorful iMacs introduced to households in the later 90s!

Collecting the items was PAR Recycle Works, a nonprofit organization that provides transitional employment to individuals returning from incarceration. They deconstruct electronics and destroy data, providing funding to pay their employees, while providing training for long-term employment.



Last year the Township collected 7,000 lbs. of materials that didn't end up in a landfill, and this year we topped that and collected 12,450 lbs. of electronic waste!

We hope to be able to make this an annual event, so watch for a 2019 date in our newsletter, on our website and Facebook page.

Special thanks to Tovah Karl, EAC chair and student Rishi Vaidyanath for volunteering to assist residents as they arrived at Hanusey Park.

Annual Tree Lighting

Annual Township Tree Lighting will be the beginning of December; we are still finalizing the details. Please watch our website, facebook and sandwich boards for all the details.



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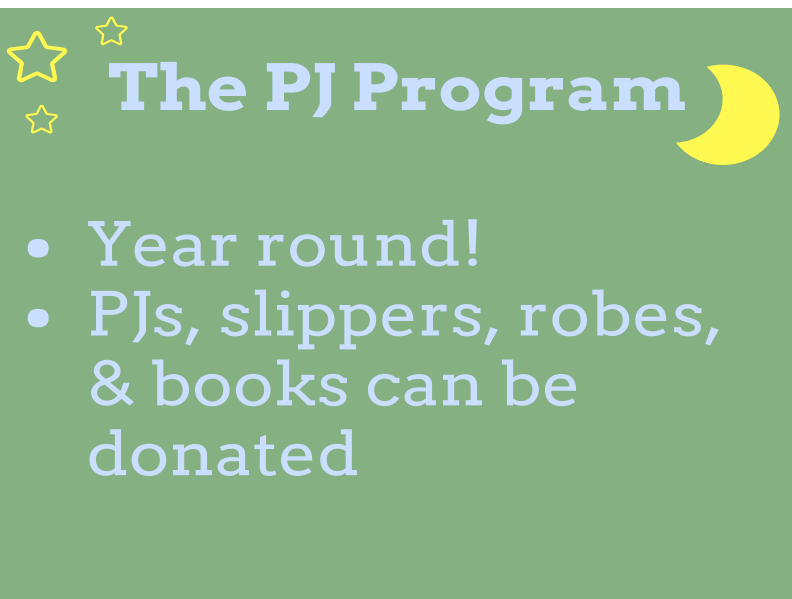
Events

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:

The PJ Program & The Giving Tree

The PJ Program icon features three yellow stars and a yellow crescent moon on a green background.

The PJ Program

- Year round!
- PJs, slippers, robes, & books can be donated

The Giving Tree icon features two gift boxes on a light blue background.

The Giving Tree

- 11/1/18 - 12/16/18
- Hats, mittens, gloves, & scarves can be donated



Plumstead Township also accepts donations year round for the food pantry!

All donations must be *new*
All donations will stay local



Stop by the Township building to drop off your donations!
Thank you in advance for your support.

Hanusey Park Community Center



We still have rental availability for the Hanusey Park Community Center. If you are interested please call Debbie at the Township to check date availability (215) 766-8914.

Rental application can be found on the website at:
<http://plumstead.org/geninfo/facilitycommunitybldg.pdf>

Pictures can also be found on the website's Park & Rec page at the bottom:

<http://plumstead.org/recabout.html>

Township Seal Explained



Did you ever see the Township seal featured on our website's home page? Did you ever wonder how it was derived and what it means?

In 1991, local artist Carol Barany designed a seal for the Township, and it was placed on all Police and Public Works vehicles. The seal is composed of seven items, each symbolizing something pertinent to the Township.

The year 1725 represents the year Plumstead Township was founded. We're approaching 300 years old!

The white arrow heads remind us of the Native American heritage of our area.

The corn stalks and the wheat recognize the agricultural component of the Township, and its farming history.

The original state emblem is what was in place when the Township was founded.

The black hat acknowledges most of the early Township settlers were Quakers.

The wagon wheel honors a Plumstead family who were wheelwrights.

The small white schoolhouse symbolizes the twelve (12) one-room school houses used at one time for educating the children of the Township. Our public meeting room is one of those schoolhouses. The others are private residences with most having signs on their properties identifying the schoolhouse.

ADVERTISE IN THE PLUMSTEAD NEWSLETTER!

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Path for Redistricting Legislation Takes Many Turns

By Rep. Marguerite Quinn (R-Bucks)

As you may know, the status of House Bill 722 -- legislation that seeks to reform the state's redistricting process and ensure fair legislative districts at both the state and federal levels -- has taken many different twists and turns. I am a co-sponsor of the original draft of the legislation, which seeks to implement a citizens' commission to redraw the lines after the U.S. Census every 10 years. This would apply to districts for Congress, state Senate and state House.

During the spring legislation session, the original proposal was altered dramatically in the House State Government Committee. Additionally, the Senate's own version, Senate Bill 22, was amended in that chamber to include provisions that would establish -- for the first time -- judicial district boundaries.

Now that Senate Bill 22 passed the Senate and was referred to a committee in the House, the bill has become the subject of 700-plus amendments. Some of those are very well intentioned and seek to improve the overall bill, while others are designed to stop the bill in its tracks.

Currently, House leaders are working to have many of the lesser substantive amendments withdrawn. If that effort is successful and a vote can be called up on this important legislative reform, I'm looking forward to a responsible bill being debated in the House.

Please note that such a monumental reform must follow a very strict set of procedures to ensure that the letter of the law is adhered.

Because legislation of this nature amends the state Constitution, identical language must pass both chambers in two consecutive sessions before it goes to the voters for final approval. We can pass legislation this fall and early again in the new 2019-20 session, which begins Jan. 1, 2019.

Part of the process also requires the Department of State to advertise such proposed amendments in newspapers throughout the state. Because the department has not communicated an actual deadline for the publishing of such advertisements, I am not aware of an actual deadline for the publishing of these advertisements.

Of course, though, I would like to vote on it as quickly as possible so that the voters can have the ultimate decision, as early as fall 2019.

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Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company to Bolster Fire Prevention Efforts with FM Global Grant

PLUMSTEADVILLE, Pa. — The **Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company** has received a US \$2,500 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers.

FM Global representatives presented the award to Captain Jessica Clymer at the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company located on 5064 Stump Road in Plumsteadville. The award will be used to assist with fire prevention activities in the community to help educate the community and reduce the number of fires. With the grant we are able to purchase a Sparky the Fire Dog Costume to be able to teach fire safety to children. This is perfect to be able to communicate to children on their level and can be used in the schools, local community events, station tours and many more opportunities. We also will be able to purchase fire prevention materials to give out during school visits, our open house and during station tours.

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