



Plumstead Township

NEWSLETTER



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Arbor Day Celebration

The rain stopped just minutes before the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) held a tree-planting event in honor of Arbor Day. Members of the community, EAC, Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) helped plant 3 Kousa Dogwoods and 2 Cherokee hybrid Dogwoods at Jennifer Schweitzer Park. Look for the beautiful flowering trees the next time you play on the playground, play softball or go for a stroll along the path.



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The EAC would like to thank: the weather for cooperating, everyone who came out to help plant the trees; Harris Nowotarski of DCNR; and the Plumstead Township Public Works Department and Shan-Gri-La Farm for their assistance with the planting. The trees were purchased from Highland Hill Farm.

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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 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: Brittney Walsh
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 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 Park6/28
- Camp Plumstead..... 7/15 - 7/19
- Summer Blood Drive7/26
- Theatre Camp at Hanusey Park 7/29 - 8/2
- Law Enforcement Night August
- Movie Night at Hanusey Park8/23
- Fall Blood Drive9/27
- Coffee with a Cop.....October
- Election Day.....11/5
- Pack the Patrol Car Food DriveNovember
- Annual Tree Lighting at Hanusey Park.....12/6
- Shop with a Cop December
- Winter Blood Drive.....12/20



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Committees



From the Township EAC

Re-Program Your Shopping and Help Our Environment

Old habits die hard, but if we change how we think and how we shop, we can do our Township and the Earth a lot of good. Here are just a few adjustments we can make together:

Purchase used products -- or rent -- when you can. Use local thrift stores, rental centers and yard sales to find what you need. Avoiding new products cuts down on the energy and materials used to produce them and saves you cash. For occasionally used items, such as tools and recreational gear, it's usually the better option. See a neighbor using a tool that you need? Walk across the street and ask if you can borrow it.

Save fuel. Make a list and buy the most you can on a single shopping trip. Buy from local merchants whenever possible. When you do, you conserve energy and reduce gases associated with shipping goods long distances. When it comes to food, buy it in-season. Same reasoning -- out-of-season food has to be shipped a long way from other parts of the world.

Avoid plastic. An estimated 8 million tons of non-biodegradable plastic reach our oceans each year -- that's equal to 5 grocery bags per every foot of coastline around the globe!! The biggest offenders are thin-mil, single-use shopping bags. Get some heavy-duty bags that you can reuse. Making a salad? Buy your produce whole, not pre-cut and bagged in plastic. Recycle the bags you can't avoid. Use the drop-off boxes at supermarkets such as our local Giant, where bags are collected for recycling into composite products such as outdoor decking and benches.

Recycle your packaging. If you buy big items in large containers, keep the packaging for moving and household storage rather than purchasing new containers. If you ship items, many boxes can be recycled easily -- peel off the old shipping label or cover it with a new one. Finally, try to purchase items packaged with and made from recycled material. Look for the emblem.

Veteran's Committee

As we all spring into the warmer seasons of the year, the Plumstead Township's Veterans' Committee is springing into action. Soon the Township's Veterans Park will be ablaze with floral color. 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 Plumstead Township Veterans Day observance, which will be held on Saturday, November 9th this year, is an intergenerational event as local children and families have the opportunity to meet and greet Veterans who have served in the defense of America and who continue to serve our country.

Participants in the outdoor ceremony include scouts, Cadets from the Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps, local Veterans and Veterans organizations, and local Police and Fire & Rescue personnel. Following the ceremony, Plumstead Christian School, Living Hope Community Church (Dublin) and the Township will host a community breakfast. Save the Date and come out for a moving tribute to all those who have served.

The Veterans' Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM in the Township's Administration Building on Stump Road. All Township residents are invited to attend and participate in the Committee's meetings.

This year's Veterans Day observance will occur on Saturday, November 9, 2019 beginning at 9:00AM.

Dave Brauer
Plumstead Township Veterans Committee

Reminder: New building Security

**In an effort to increase
building security all visitors
to the Township building will
now need to be let into the
office by staff.**

Committees



ARBOR DAY



Whereas, In 1872. J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees and reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, therefore I Brian Trymbiski as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Plumstead, PA do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019

In the Township of Plumstead, PA, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees and gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 23rd day of April 2019

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors



Committees

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

SUMMER CAMP

CAMP PLUMSTEAD

DATES: Monday, July 15 - Friday, July 19

TIME: 8:30am-11:30am

LOCATION: Hanusey Park

AGES: 6 – 12 years old

must be 6yo by the start of camp

Open to Plumstead Township residents.

FEE: \$55

THEATRE PERFORMANCE CAMP

DATES: Monday, July 29 – Friday, August 2

TIME: 9am-12pm *2pm on final day for performance

LOCATION: Hanusey Park's Community Building

AGES: 10 – 15 years old

FEE: \$180

CHECK WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION!



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Departments

Code Enforcement Department

Do I need a permit for my project?

This is a question that many of our residents, contractors and business owners ask the staff. Now that spring has arrived and the weather is more favorable for summer projects to begin, Plumstead Township has put together a list of projects that require a Building Permit, a Zoning Permit or both. Residential projects require Contractor PA License and Expiration date as well as their Certificate of Liability Insurance with Plumstead Township as the Holder. Keep in mind any permits needing electrical work must be reviewed, stamped and approved by a Third Party Electrical Underwriter and turned in with your project plans. Incomplete permit submissions will NOT be accepted and fees paid upfront so be sure to review all requirements needed to turn in your permit applications. Permit applications can be downloaded from our website at Plumstead.org. Please be advised that if your project is not identified on the list below you are still responsible for checking with Plumstead Township before doing any work. Please feel free to call or email our Building Inspector Phil Neas who has daily hours at the Township 215-766-8914 X207; Codeenf@plumstead.gov, or our Zoning Officer Jesse Hill Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings 215-755-8914 X257 Zoningofficer@plumstead.gov with any questions.

Residential Projects:

Sheds - over 120 square - Zoning & Building Permits , 2 sets of Site Plans and Shed Brochure

Pools both Above Ground and In-Ground Pools - Zoning and Building Permits and Electric Approval

Fence - Zoning Permit only with 2 Sets of Site Plan

Decks - Zoning and Building Electric Approval if having Electric and 2 sets of Site Plans

Basements - Building only with Secondary Means of Egress Required - 2 Sets of Site Plans

Additions - Zoning and Building Permits, Electrical Approval, 2 Sets of Site Plans

Garages and Pole Buildings - Zoning and Building Permits, Electric if needed ,2 Site Plans

Roof Replacement - Building Permit Only

Electrical Project- Building Permit and Approved Electrical Plans Only

Commercial Projects:

Change of Use - Zoning and Building Permits

Building Fit Out - Building Permit Only , Electric Plans Approved, 2 Site Plans

Addition - Building and Zoning Permits, Electric Plans Approved, 2 Site Plans

Plumstead Township Police

Coffee with a Cop

Plumstead Township Police hosted their first Coffee with a Cop of 2019 on Friday, April 19th at Altomonte's. The event was another success with residents getting the chance to meet and talk with the officers. Plumstead Township Police would like to thank Altomonte's for once again being a gracious host for this event and supplying the coffee and baked goods. Coffee with a Cop is hosted multiple times throughout the year and we hope to see you at the next one!



Departments

Public Works Department



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 2018 reports will be posted on the Township website www.plumstead.org prior to July 1, 2019.

Choose the DEPARTMENTS tab and then the WATER DEPARTMENT selection box.

Click on the FORMS and DOCUMENTS tab and look for the WATER DEPARTMENT information box which should be at the top of the page which pops up.

The reports are listed by system under "2018 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 and 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.

DRIVEWAY PIPE CARE and MAINTENANCE

There are thousands of individual driveway storm pipes in place across the Township providing 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 runoff 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.

TREES

Dead/dying/diseased trees along Township roads have become a concern, and a priority, many resulting from years of drought, invasive insect infestation and major storms. This has created an increased public risk from trees falling on roads, homes, sidewalks, and park trails.

Township officials and private tree-care companies are scrambling to remove huge numbers of dead or damaged trees that are considered the most likely to put the public in danger. The Township and homeowners are being forced to wait for weeks to get a tree on their property taken down because of the overwhelming number of trees slated for removal and the busyness of tree experts.

Township responsibility for tree removal is in parks and on Township-owned land. Trees along Township roads, even though they are in the legal right-of-way, are the responsibility of individual property owners. The Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code stipulates the Township can remove brush and trees at its discretion to provide for clear and unimpeded travel on the roads but has no obligation to pay for the removal.

When necessary, the Township certified arborist will evaluate trees that are of a concern near or close to the road and the property owner will be notified of their obligation to remove the tree.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to make our roads safer.



Upcoming scheduled road projects



ROADS	Year(s)
In house paving - various as needed	2020-2024
Silo Hill Rd (at GTR)/Connector A - base repair/mill and pave (SUB-C)	2020
Old Durham Road - install box culvert (emergency access and snow plowing)	2020
Summer Hill streets - ultra thin wearing course Phase 2	2020
Estates of Brookside - ultra thin	2020
Meetinghouse Road - base repair/mill and pave	2020-2021
Cross Keys Drive & Airport Boulevard - base repair/mill and pave (SUB-C)	2022
Meetinghouse Estates - ultra thin wearing course	2021
Annual routine seal coat maintenance	2021 & 2023
Windtree - ultra thin wearing course	2021
Landis Greene - ultra thin wearing course	2022
Patriots Ridge Drive - base repair/mill and pave (SUB-C)	2023
Timberly Farms - ultra thin	2023
Country Greene - ultra thin	2024
Durham Ridge - ultra thin	2025

Projections are made on current evaluated information and history.

All road work is subject to review with the preparation of the annual township budget and are subject to change or elimination.

Departments

Water Department

Water Loss, Leak Detection and Water Theft

“Unaccounted for” water is a major source of lost revenue for public utilities. This problem results in higher electric costs and chemical treatment bills. Plumstead Township continually monitors water loss by calculating the amount of water pumped from the wells that supply the system and the amount of water used by customers.

There are two primary causes of water loss; system leaks and theft. Plumstead Township routinely performs leak detection on its distribution system. Most leaks within our system are found within the structure of fire hydrants. Hydrants must then be taken out of service, dismantled and repaired. Leak detection is performed with an electronic amplifier and correlator – a high frequency sound and listening device.

A larger and more uncontrollable loss source is theft from fire hydrants. There are many sources of this type of theft. The most important thing to remember is Township staff, or fire/emergency services vehicles are the only authorized person’s allowed to remove water from a fire hydrant.

If you see someone opening or removing water from a hydrant, please collect vehicle/subject information and call the Plumstead Township Police Department (215-766-8740) or Public Works (215-766-0189) immediately.

Below is leak information and estimated loss values. As you can see, depending on the leak size, your customer usage charges could see a substantial increase.

PIPE LEAK SIZE	GALLONS LOST	
	PER DAY	PER MONTH
○	360	11,160
○	3,096	95,976
○	8,424	261,144
○	14,952	463,512

Water Billing

Plumstead Township water customers should look for “new” bills (invoices for consumption) when the second quarter 2019 billing cycle invoices come out on or around July 1, 2019.

Due to continued concerns with the delivery of postcard size mailings via the USPS, software and automated machinery have been put in place so that the new invoices on standard letter size paper will be mailed out in window envelopes clearly marked “Water Bill Enclosed”.

If you don’t receive your invoice by July 15, please contact Pam at Public Works: 215-766-0189.

Water Rate Increase

At their public meeting on April 9, the Board of Supervisors approved an increase to the base rate for all public water customers. The new quarterly base rate is \$99.29 (up from \$86.34) and is for up to 5,000 gallons of water used. Rates for gallons used over 5,000 remain unchanged.

This is the first time the base rate has been changed since 2015, and was recommended by Township staff to cover increasing costs related to the testing, monitoring and maintenance of the water systems in the Township.

The Board of Supervisors remains committed to providing clean, safe drinking water to all its customers.

Water Payment Drop Box

Just a reminder the water payment drop box in our parking lot has been relocated. When you come into the driveway, follow the arrows. It is now located on the drivers side (before the parking spaces).



Events and Other Information

2020 Census

April 1, 2020 is Census Day, the United States population count that occurs once every decade. The goal is to count everyone once & only once. These answers can only be used to produce vital statistics; federal laws protect census responses so resident data will always be kept confidential.

The US Census influences how more than \$800 billion in federal funding is distributed across the country to support programs impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care & public policy. It also determines how to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts to accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the House of Representatives.

Despite the many benefits of an accurate census, undercounts do happen, especially among the youngest population. For example, during the 2010 Census, an estimated 5% of kids under the age of five were not counted, that's 1 million children.

For more information about the 2020 Census visit:
www.2020census.gov

Food Pantry in Need of Donations

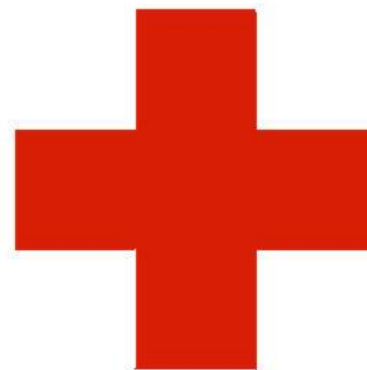
Reminder: Summer is just around the corner & school will be out soon.. Please remember that there are those in our own community who are still struggling. Please consider donating to the local food pantry.

The following are items that the Food Pantry needs:

- Protein: Canned meats, beans & peanut butter
- Grains: Pasta, rice, quinoa, oatmeal & cereal
- Dairy: Powder Milk & dry parmesan cheese
- Prepared meals: Pasta sauce, stews, baked beans, mac & cheese & soup
- Fruits: Canned fruit & fruit juice
- Vegetables: Carrots, potatoes, yams & tomatoes
- Baking Goods: Cake mix, flour & sugar
- Breakfast items: cereal, oatmeal, granola & fruit bars
- Other items: Olive, canola & vegetable oil, lemon juice, vinegar, spices, condiments, salad dressing & healthy snacks

All items can be dropped off in the box in the Township lobby (5186 Stump Road) & we will deliver them to the pantry in Doylestown.

Thank you!



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Events and Other Information

Hanusey Park Maintenance

REMINDER: For the health and safety visitors to the Park please clean up after your dog with the bags provided (or bring your own) and dispose of it in the trash receptacles or take it with you. Public Works staff continues to find dog waste on the grass and sports fields, and even bags of waste in the flower beds. The park is for everyone to enjoy so please be mindful of all park regulations!

RESTROOMS: Due to recent minor vandalism in the bathrooms, the Township is considering restricting access to limited daytime hours only. Parents, coaches and visitors please help us monitor the bathrooms, and if you see something please contact the Police Department at (215) 766-8741.

Infrastructure Investments for Plumstead Township

Senator Santarsiero & State Representative Ullman announce infrastructure investments for Plumstead Township. The \$607,175 in funds will improve essential pedestrian safety such as sidewalks, ADA compliant features, signalization at the intersection of Stump Road & Route 611. The Plumstead project was fully funded through the commonwealth's Multimodal transportation Fund.

For more information please feel free to contact Senator Santarsiero www.senatorstevesantarsiero.com & State Representative Ullman www.pahouse.com/ullman.

Canine Courtesy: Be a good Neighbor

Our Code Enforcement Department wants to remind all pet owners that we have local ordinances in place that address barking dogs & animal waste:

Barking Dogs: To keep the Township from "going to the dogs", residents are reminded of several regulations regarding domesticated animals, especially canines. It is illegal to allow a dog to bark continuously for 10 minutes or more. This is considered "disturbing the peace" and can result in a summary offense citation. If convicted, the dog's owners face a fine of \$250, plus court costs for violation. Repeat offenders, defined as having a second conviction within six months, are subject to an additional \$250 fine. (Ord. 98-11-17-1).

Animal Waste: No person, having possession, custody or control of any animal, shall knowingly or negligently permit any dog or other animal to commit any nuisance, (i.e. defecation) upon any gutter, street, driveway, alley, curb or sidewalk in the Township or upon the grounds of any public park or public area or upon any private property other than the property of the owner of such animal. Any person having possession, custody or control of any dog or other animal which commits a nuisance in any area other than the private property of the owner of such dog or other animal, shall be required to immediately remove any feces from such surface and either: carry same away for disposal in a toilet, or place same in a non-leaking container for deposit in a trash or litter receptacle. (Ord. 01-7-10-2).

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