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BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2022



PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

David A. Mettin - Chief of Police



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Plumstead Township Police Congratulate Corporal Patrick McKee on His Retirement

After serving the community for 29 years, Corporal Patrick McKee retired from serving and protecting our community. During his long career, Pat served as a Patrol Officer, Detective and Corporal. Patrick served as one of the Department's Firearms Instructors and armorer, training officers in the proper use and handling of all department lethal weapons. Throughout Corporal McKee's career, he had handled every type of call imaginable and received numerous cards and letters from the numerous surrounding police departments thanking him for his service and from our community.



During his retirement luncheon, Patrick was presented with a plaque from the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors, thanking him for his service. Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick and State Representative Shelby Labs spoke at the luncheon, congratulating Patrick on his long career and thanking him for his service.



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

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

Public Works Department
 Floyd S. Bryan Public Works Center
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 Office: 215-766-0189 • Fax: 215-766-1439
 Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 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.

Tax Collector - Sherry Labs
 6162 German Road, P.O. Box 433, Plumstead, PA 18949
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 Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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Meetings:

The Board of Supervisors meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month at 7PM (except where otherwise noted) and the Work Sessions will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month (as necessary).

The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7PM.

The Zoning Hearing Board meets at the call of the Chairman.

The Environmental Advisory Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM.

All meetings are held at the Township Building unless otherwise noted on the Township calendar.



UPCOMING EVENTS

09/22/22

10/03/22 (6:30-8pm)

10/22/22 (rain date 10/23/22)

11/12/22

12/02/22 (rain date 12/3/22)

Fall Blood Drive

PVFC Open House (Station 24)

Halloween/Trick or Treat at Hanusey Park

Veterans Day Celebration at Veterans Park

Tree Lighting/Winter Festival at Hanusey Park

Departments

Plumstead Township Officer Promoted to Corporal

On June 14, 2022, Jeffrey Moffett was sworn in to his position as Corporal for the Plumstead Township Police Department in front of a large crowd of his family, friends and coworkers.

Corporal Moffett is a graduate of Central Bucks West High School and the Temple University Police Academy. Corporal Moffett began his career in Law Enforcement in 2012, working as a police officer with the New Britain Borough Police Department. He then joined the Plumstead Township Police Department in 2013. He is a Field Training Officer for the Department and is also a Crash Investigator for the Bucks County District Attorneys' Office. Corporal Moffett successfully passed a written examination focused on leadership principles, vehicle code and crimes code violations and departmental policy. He then successfully completed a lengthy oral interview in front of a panel of veteran police executives.

We wish Jeff the best and congratulate him on his promotion.



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF PENNSYLVANIA

By Rep. Shelby Labs

I'm pleased to share my colleagues and I constructed and passed a sensible and bipartisan budget which supports core government services, prioritizes education, funds safe communities and cares for our most vulnerable, all while saving for our future and not raising taxes.

We added an additional \$2.1 billion to the Pennsylvania Rainy-Day Fund, bringing the total balance to a historic \$5 billion.

We remain committed to investing in our children's education. This budget holds record-high funding of \$15 billion into Pre K-12 education; increases in basic education by \$525 million, to \$7 billion; special education funding by \$100 million, to \$1.3 billion; and early childhood education funding by \$60 million, to \$302.3 million.

Another highlight of this budget is a once-in-a-generation reduction in the Corporate Net Income Tax to make Pennsylvania more competitive for jobs and community investment. Our small businesses will benefit from tax fairness and simplification measures to help them grow.

To stand up for the most vulnerable, we approved \$250 million in federal relief funds to assist long-term care providers. This includes nursing homes, assisted living facilities, personal care homes, and home and community-based services.

Funding for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs included \$143 million for the state veterans homes, a 26% increase in funding, \$445,000 to provide intervention services to prevent suicide among National Guard members, and \$500,000 to expand services provided to meet the needs of Pennsylvania veterans.

To protect our communities, we invested funds to allow the Pennsylvania State Police to hire 200 troopers, provide for technology for increased public and law enforcement safety.

My office is located at the Silo Hill Professional Building, 1032 N. Easton Road in Doylestown (Plumstead Township). Please call (215-489-2126) or stop by for assistance with all state related questions or concerns.

Vets

Memorial Day Observance in Plumstead

On Saturday, May 28, 2022, the Plumstead Veterans Committee conducted the first observance of Memorial Day. The event to remember and honor those who died in the service of our country, was held in Veterans Park. Many Plumstead residents participated in the observance.

The day started with the placement of Memorial wreaths at the flagpoles by the Spartan Young Marines and Doylestown Composite Squadron 907, Civil Air Patrol. Susan Suber, a Plumstead resident, is a Gunnery Sergeant in the Young Marines.

Supervisor Dan Hilferty delivered the introduction where he reminded the attendees about the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Veterans Day is for living veterans and Memorial Day is for those who gave their lives defending the freedoms we enjoy today.

The invocation was delivered by Alan Bleam, a Plumstead resident and Director of Public Works for the township.

Spencer Productions, led by Plumstead resident Kimberlee Arnott-Weidman, sang our National Anthem.

Initially the flags were at half-staff. The youth groups then raised each of the US, PA, and POW-MIA flags to full staff momentarily, and then lowered them again to half-staff for Memorial Day.

Kate Gutkind, a Plumstead resident and Music Education student at Kutztown University, played Taps.

Scott Albert, a Plumstead resident and son of Committee member Kathy Albert, played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes.

Marlena Parker, a Plumstead resident and Committee member, led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee member Ollie Groman, a Plumstead resident, spoke of the significance of this day for our POW-MIAs – those who went to serve our country and did not return. Committee member and Plumstead resident Michelle Harvey spoke about the origins of Memorial Day.

There are two Plumstead residents who lost their lives in Vietnam – Leonard Skoniecki and Clifford VanArtsdalen. Committee members Jessica Clymer and Dave Brauer spoke about Leonard and Clifford respectively.

The event concluded with Spencer Productions singing a medley of patriotic songs including God Bless America. Alan Bleam delivered the benediction and Supervisor and Committee member Jim McComb offered thanks to all who contributed to the day's events.

Other Committee members Kathy Albert, Jerry Fox, and John Murphy worked behind the scenes to ensure a successful event.



Plumstead Township



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Public Works

COUNTRY GREENE DEVELOPMENT

During paving preparations in the Country Greene development, Public Works crews excavated over 50 feet of the existing storm sewer to clear a blockage that could not be cleared manually or mechanically.

The blockage appeared to be an accumulation of natural elements (leaves and grass) with a calcification caused by unknown sources.

Crews removed and reset (reused) the concrete pipe. The work required the removal of five sections of curb because the pipe was underneath. Crews were deliberate in the removal of the curb, storing it until the pipe was reset. The crew then properly prepared the base area and reset each section of curb back to its original position, thereby saving a significant amount of money on completely replacing the curb.



CURB STOP RISER



This is a photograph of a "curb stop riser" that was installed when the Cabin Run development was built in the early 1990's, and alongside is a new riser. This component is typically located in the front yard of the home and sits over the customer service line from the water main to the home. It is directly over the shut-off valve installed for the purpose of turning the water supply off to the home. These valves are checked and operated any time we have a customer service call or have a non-payment for service issue. It is very important that this be in place, accessible, and in a working condition.



The riser on the left was removed from a front yard of the customers home, by hand digging, by Public Works crew members. This is often the case as there are so many other underground utilities in close proximity to this valve. Onsite inspections of infrastructure installations during development construction was not a priority in the early 1990's. In this case the builder backfilled around the riser and allowed soil to fill the pipe which eliminates any chance of public works being able to access the shut-off valve. The soil enhanced the deterioration of the component over the last 25+ years, disintegrating it.

As Public Works employees process through 199 customer meter upgrades in Cabin Run this summer, crews will check the condition and function of the curb stop and take corrective measures accordingly.

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 streamlined 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.

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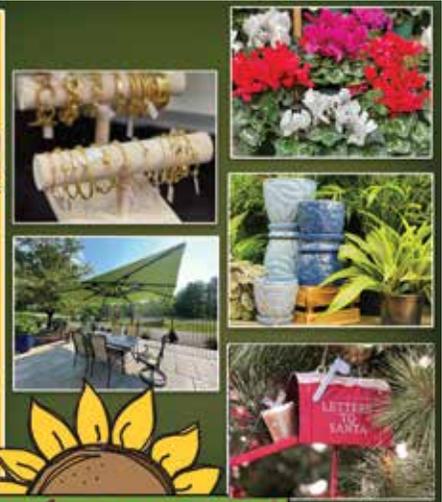
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Water Department

ANNUAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR)

Annual Water Quality Report Notice Reminder:

Plumstead Township is required to complete an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for all water system customers. The report gives basic information on the system and test results.

The 2021 reports will be available online at the Township website, under the Water Department & forms section by July 1 <https://www.plumstead.org/forms.html> Printed copies can be mailed upon request by calling the Public Works Department 215-766-0189.

RAIN BARREL

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.



YARD WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM – LEAVES AND LIMBS

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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.

Committees

COMPOSTING 101

- There are three main ingredients needed to make a successful compost pile.
 1. Brown plant material such as shredded dead leaves, small dried twigs, and branches broken up or any dead dried plant material.
 2. Green plant material such as freshly mowed grass clippings (from an untreated lawn), discarded fruits and vegetables, and freshly pulled weeds.
 3. Water which will provide the proper environment for composting.
- The brown material provides carbon, and the green material provides nitrogen. When these ingredients are mixed in equal amounts with water, you create the proper environment for bacteria, fungus, and earthworms to begin to break down this mixture into rich humus.
- Compost provides the necessary nutrients and beneficial microbes and fungal mycelium that improve soil fertility. It also provides beneficial microbial colonies that can suppress pathogens in the soil enhancing your gardens fertility.
- Remember to layer your compost pile with equal amounts of green and brown material. And keep your pile moist with water.
- Things to compost are grass clippings (from an untreated lawn), dried leaves, fruits, nuts, vegetables, coffee grounds, and wood chips. Also, small tree branches and twigs broken up, yard waste, such as pulled weeds.
- Do not compost meat or fish bones and scraps as they will smell and attract pests such as flies, rodents, and raccoons.
- Do not compost pet waste or human waste as this can pose a health hazard promoting parasites, bacteria, pathogens, germs, and viruses harmful to humans.
- Do not compost dairy products or fats, grease, lard, or oils, for the same reason, as they will attract pests and promote bacteria and pathogens harmful to humans.
- Do not compost plants that contain substances harmful to plants such as black walnut tree leaves or twigs.
- Avoid composting plant material that has been treated with insecticides, herbicides, or chemical fertilizers.
- Choose a shady dry location for your compost pile.
- Cover your pile with a tarp to keep your pile moist.
- When the bottom of the pile has been reduced to a dark rich soil color your compost is ready to add to your garden. This can take several months or years depending on the conditions of your compost pile.

Sources:

1. Wikipedia, Compost: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compost>
2. EPA, Composting At Home: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>



Parks & Recreation

TRICK OR TREAT EVENT



Saturday October 22 (raindate Oct. 23)
5 pm - while supplies last



CALLING ALL BUSINESSES & GROUPS!

You are invited to hand out candy or toys to our trick or treaters! There is no fee to participate (registration required), simply bring your own table (card table or 6' folding table) and supply of candy or toys! Trick or Treat begins at 5:00 (set up starts at 4:30). Trick or Treaters will walk along the walking path and collect candy and goodies from local businesses!

REGISTRATION CLOSES OCT 14

Email your RSVP or Questions to plumsteadparks@plumstead.gov

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

When your Trick or Treater has selected their costume:

- Make sure that the costume fits well & is not a trip hazard.
- Avoid loose fitting masks / apply makeup instead.
- For safety - use reflective tape on costumes.
- Any costume accessories such as, swords & knives should be soft & flexible.

If you are expecting Trick or Treaters:

- Make sure your home is well lit.
- Remove any/all obstacles from your lawn, driveway, steps or porches.
- Keep any lit candles away from doorsteps, landings or anywhere a costume may come into contact with the flame.
- Make sure that you have plenty of candy ☺

When Trick or Treating:

- Travel in groups, accompanied by an adult if possible.
- Always carry a flashlight / glow-stick.
- Set a curfew for your children.
- Walk – don't run!
- Respect people's property by staying on the sidewalks, don't walk across lawns.
- Don't stop at dark houses.
- Don't go in any backyards.
- Be aware of your surroundings & always look both ways before crossing the street.
- Visit only familiar neighborhoods & homes.
- Don't enter any house – unless you know the people.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Never eat candy until it's inspected (once you get home).
- Have Fun!

Always report anything suspicious to an adult right away or to the Plumstead Police Department Non-emergency number (215) 766-8741 or 9-1-1.



PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP'S SEWAGE MANAGEMENT PUMPING / HAULING PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN 2023

Plumstead Township adopted Ordinance No. 2021-05 known as the "Plumstead Township Sewage Management Ordinance". This Ordinance is a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requirement and requires that all sewage systems be pumped out by a licensed pumper/hauler selected by the property owner, at least once every three years. The three-year time shall begin when the system is approved as completed by the Bucks County Health Department.

The complete Ordinance can be viewed on the Township's website at www.plumstead.org under General Information – Ordinances & Resolutions. This Ordinance aims to promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Retaining a pumping schedule for your on-lot septic system is important as it protects your property value, the eco-system, and your health. Learn more about maintaining your septic system at www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/My-Water/SepticSystems.

This program will begin in January 2023. If you can provide the Township with documentation or a receipt from your hauler that your system was pumped between 2019 – 2022, your records will be updated, and the three-year time clock will begin from your last pumping date. Additionally, the Township will send a brightly colored post card in the mail to residents reminding them when it is your year to pump. If you are not sure when you are due for your pumping, please contact the Township.

Stay updated on the Township website for more information regarding the program.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM A SILENT KILLER

Take steps now to protect your family from the unseen danger of carbon monoxide. Install a carbon monoxide detector in your house and plan to check its battery every time you check your smoke detector batteries.

Carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless. If it builds up in your home it can cause illness or even death—more than 500 Americans are killed by carbon monoxide poisoning every year. Any heater that burns fuel, such as your furnace, gas water heater, or a portable butane or gas heater, can leak carbon monoxide and should be inspected every year.

In addition to having a working carbon monoxide detector in your house, you should never burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented properly. Never heat your house with a gas oven and never run a generator in an enclosed space (like your basement) or outside a window where the exhaust could blow indoors, even if the power goes out.

When you're driving, don't warm your car up in a closed garage. If your garage is attached to your house, close the door to the house even if you open the garage door while you warm up the car. And when it snows, be sure to clear any snow out of your car's tailpipe—if the pipe is blocked exhaust can back up inside your car.



Lightning Safety

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when storms strike!

Safety Tips

Outdoor Safety

- » If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- » Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- » Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- » Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- » There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- » If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.

Indoor Safety

Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You can use a cell or cordless phone.

Do not wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes.



FAST FACTS

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BICYCLE SAFETY

What Every Cyclist Must Know !



Doylestown's trails are some of the best in the region and are getting more popular all the time. Learning proper bicyclist rules for the trails will help everyone use them safely.



Bicycles Are Vehicles!

Bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of motor vehicles. (75 Pa.C.S. Sec.3501) Bicyclists must stop at stop signs, obey traffic signals, and yield to pedestrians.



It's The Law

Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes contains the laws which govern the operation of vehicles on Pennsylvania roads. In Pennsylvania, a bicycle is considered a vehicle and, as such, is governed by a general set of rules (common to all vehicles) and a specific set of rules (designed for bicycles).



Automobiles are not required to yield to bicycles being ridden across a crosswalk (at a trail crossing for example) as the **bicycle is treated as a vehicle**. A better choice is to dismount and walk your bike across; as a pedestrian you have the right-of-way!

Rules To Follow At Trail Crossings:

STOP Stop and yield right-of-way to vehicular traffic on the roadway approaches at trail crossings where posted (Remember! – Trail crossings are posted with stop signs for bicyclists). Consider dismounting and walking your bike; especially at traffic signals and trail crossings with flashing beacons.

YIELD Yield to pedestrians within the crosswalk. Pedestrians have the right-of-way on shared used trails. You must give an audible signal as you approach and pass a pedestrian.



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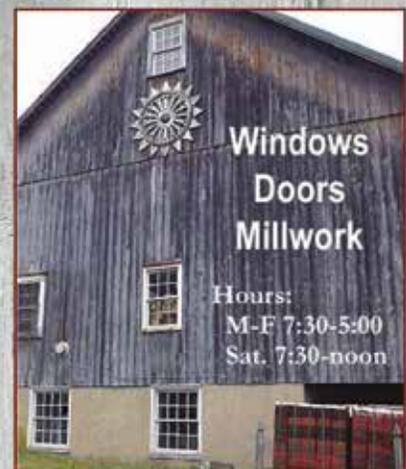
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