



Plumstead Township

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Spring 2022

Welcome Greg Bankos, Plumstead Township's newly elected Supervisor!

In the 2021 general election, Greg Bankos won the support and votes from the citizens of Plumstead Township and was elected to the Board of Supervisors. On January 3rd, 2022, he was sworn into office at the Reorganization meeting of the Board of Supervisors.



Greg Bankos is our newly elected Supervisor and is a 21-year resident of Plumstead and a 30-year resident of Bucks County. Greg is a graduate of Penn State University and said he bleeds blue and white. He and his wife got married on a Penn State bye week and have been married for 22 years. They have a son Patrick and two dogs, Chloe, and Buster. Greg's favorite past time is golf, which is also his favorite vacation spot (the golf course). Greg was both a coach and a board member for the Plumstead Baseball and Lenape Valley football teams. A fun fact about Greg is that he was an all-state tube player in high school!

Greg Bankos was accompanied by his wife Jennifer and sworn in by Judge Gambardella at the Plumstead Township Reorganization Meeting on January 3, 2022.

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 Telephone: 215-766-8914 • Fax: 215-766-9831
 www.plumstead.org
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Police Department
 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA 18947
 Office: 215-766-8741 • Dispatch: 215-766-8740
 Fax: 215-766-8509
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 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM or by appointment

Public Works Department
 Floyd S. Bryan Public Works Center
 5119 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA 18947
 Office: 215-766-0189 • Fax: 215-766-1439
 Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Tax Collector - Sherry Labs
 6162 German Road, P.O. Box 433, Plumstead, PA 18949
 Telephone: 215-766-3785
 Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

State Representative - Shelby Labs
 Silo Hill Professional Building, 1032 N. Easton Road, Doylestown, PA
 Telephone: 215-489-2126
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 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

Board of Supervisors:

Chairman Dan Hilferty
Vice Chairman Jim McComb
Asst. Secretary Ken Lichtenstein
Asst. Treasurer Greg Bankos
Member Pete Busillo

Administrative Staff

Township Manager: Angela P. Benner
Assistant to Township Manager & AP: Debbie DiAngelo
Assistant to Township Manager & RTK: Andrea Susten
Director of Public Works: Alan Bleam
PW Administrative Assistant & Water Billing: Pam Gravel
Chief of Police: David Mettin
Police Dept. Administrative Assistant: Brittney Walsh
Police Clerk: Sarah Ferri
Finance: Jane Faunce
Accounts Receivable: Virginia Bowling
Code Enforcement: Keystone Municipal Services - Phil Neas
Zoning Officer: Kelsey Harris
Zoning Clerk: Kathleen Power

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 Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

BLAZE OF GLORY 5K 3/26

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE 4/6

ANNUAL EGG HUNT
 4/9 (rain date 4/10)

COFFEE WITH A COP
 4/26

MEMORIAL DAY
 Observance at Veterans Park
 5/28 (rain date 5/29)

MOVIE IN THE PARK June

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE 6/8

CAMP PLUMSTEAD 6/13 - 6/17

THEATRE CAMP 6/20 - 6/24

MULTI-SPORT CAMP
 (9 weeks to choose from)
 6/27 - 8/22

DANCE CAMP
 (6 weeks to choose from)
 7/11 - 8/19

SUMMER CONCERT(S)
 July - August

MOVIE IN THE PARK September

FALL BLOOD DRIVE 9/22

HALLOWEEN/TRICK OR TREAT
 10/22 (rain date 10/23)

TREE LIGHTING/WINTER FESTIVAL
 12/3 (rain date 12/4)

Committees

DID YOU KNOW THAT PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP HAS A WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE?

Plumstead Township established a Workplace Safety Committee in 2007. Working under the guidance of the Township Manager, the committee is comprised of a mixture of management and non-management employees who meet monthly to discuss an array of safety issues. The current Workplace Safety Committee is comprised of 6 members, including the Director of Public Works and the Chief of Police.

The Township's Committee is certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. In fact, by having the committee certified the Township is able to receive a discount on its workers' compensation premium, i.e. fewer claims equals a lower contribution rate (premium).

Some of the functions and responsibilities of the Committee are: Discuss employee safety concerns; Perform hazard detection surveys; Review accidents and near misses; Increase safety awareness to all employees; Communicate safety concerns, ideas, and suggestions to Township Manager; Maintain and communicate meeting minutes; Address safety concerns noted in building hazard inspections; Receive annual training in workplace safety procedures.

EAC

TREE PLANTING

Unfortunately, five Ash trees died at Timberly Farms because of the Emerald Ash Borer. The trees therefore had to be removed so that they did not become a safety hazard.

Members of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) came to the rescue and replaced the dead trees with five London Plane trees. These trees can grow to be 60-70 feet tall and will provide much needed shade and habitat.

The EAC would like to thank the Plumstead Township Public Works Department and Shan-Gri-La for their assistance with the planting. The trees were purchased from Coles Nursery.

Interested in helping the EAC? You can contact us at PlumsteadTwpEAC@gmail.com






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Committees

PLUMSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Upcoming Spring 2022 Meetings Dates

April 18 • May 16 • June 20 • July 18

Meetings held 3rd Monday of every month except August and December. Meetings are held at the Plumstead Township building 5186 Stump Rd Plumsteadville.

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 **\$30 for individuals** or **\$40 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

Trivia Question – Where was this picture taken?



Answer - If you said San Francisco CA you would be wrong, this is a picture of the Phila & Easton Railway Trolley on Old Easton Road just above Point Pleasant Pike and Danboro.

P.O. Box 1725, Plumsteadville, PA 18949 • info@plumsteadhistoricalsociety.org
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Committees

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Resolution 2021-23 proclaimed November 6, 2021 as Veterans Appreciation Day in Plumstead. To honor this event, the Plumstead Veterans Committee coordinated a Veterans Day celebration held at Veterans Park and Plumstead Christian School. This year marked the 25th anniversary of this event.



The Master of Ceremonies for the outdoor portion of the celebration was Dan Hilferty. The day began with a flag raising performed by members of the Civil Air Patrol and Spartan Young Marines. A Pastor from Living Hope Community Church gave the invocation. A member of the Civil Air Patrol squadron then led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone then moved into Plumstead Christian School for the indoor portion of the celebration.

As veterans entered the building, they were given pins denoting their veteran status. Opening remarks were given by Colonel Marlana Parker and were followed by an excellent rendition of our national anthem by Dave Gale. State Representative Shelby Labs spoke about the meaning of Veterans Day and her long association with Plumstead. Ollie Groman introduced the main speaker, Jim McComb who presented a Veterans Day tribute to all veterans and supporters in attendance. Following the presentation was

the benediction by Reverend Tom Gramling of Christ Community Church in Plumstead. The program portion was concluded by Amy Wilfert singing God Bless the USA. Amy has been singing at these celebrations for more than 20 years.

After the program, a delicious breakfast was served by members of the Living Hope Community Church who have been supporting our Veterans Day events for 25 years. The celebration concluded after the breakfast.

The Veterans Committee will commemorate Memorial Day 2022 with an official observance. Watch for further details on this event. We did try to observe Memorial Day in 2021 but were hampered by bad weather that weekend so we could not conduct the ceremony.

If you are a veteran living in Plumstead, the Veterans Committee would like to know about you. Please send your name, e-mail address, branch of service and years served to Jim McComb (Plumstead Supervisor and Chair of the Veterans Committee) at jmccomb@plumstead.gov. We are trying to compile a list of all veterans in our township so we can see how we may be able to better serve you.

Pictured below are some of Plumstead's veterans who attended the Veterans Day celebration.

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- Competition Dance Team Auditions- May
- Around The World Showcase- June
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Parks & Recreation - Events

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

APR 09 ANNUAL EGG HUNT

MAY TOUCH A TRUCK
Event details coming soon

JUNE MOVIE IN THE PARK
Event details coming soon

JUN 13 CAMP PLUMSTEAD
6/13 - 6/17/22

JUN 20 THEATRE CAMP
6/20 - 6/24/22

JUN 27 MULTI-SPORT CAMP
6/27 - 8/22 (9 weeks to choose from)

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP
Camp details coming soon

SUMMER YOGA IN THE PARK
Event details coming soon

SUMMER ARCHERY
Event details coming soon

SUMMER SUMMER CONCERT
Event details coming soon

SEPTEMBER MOVIE IN THE PARK
Event details coming soon

OCT 22 HALLOWEEN EVENT
Trick or Treat Event (Rain Date 10/23)

DEC 03 TREE LIGHTING
Tree lighting / Winter Festival (Rain date 12/4)

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Egg Hunt



HANUSEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

Are you looking for a venue to host your next party? The township has a community building at Hanusey Park available for rent year-round (4757 Gordon Road).



We have rented the building for numerous occasions:

birthdays, family reunions, baby/bridal showers, baptisms/communions, graduations, company meetings, Girl Scout Bridging Ceremonies, picnics, blood drives and more...

The rental form can be found on our website at:

<https://www.plumstead.org/geninfo/facility-communitybldg.pdf>

Pictures can also be found on our website under the Park & Rec section (at the bottom of the page):

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

If you are interested in booking the venue, please call Duane Freed in our Public Works Department (215) 766-8914 x208.





Multi-Sport Camp at Plumstead Township

Camp Information:
 Week 1: 6/27-7/1
 Week 2: 7/5-7/8
 Week 3: 7/11-7/15
 Week 4: 7/18-7/22
 Week 5: 7/25-7/29
 Week 6: 8/1-8/5
 Week 7: 8/8-8/12
 Week 8: 8/15-8/19
 Week 9: 8/22-8/26

Location:
 Joseph E. Hannusey III Community Park
 4757 Gordon Rd Doylestown, PA 18902

Ages: 5-12
 Full Day Camp starts: 9:00am Camp Ends: 4:00
 Half Day Camp starts: 9:00am Camp Ends: 12:00
 Before and After Care 8:00am to 5:00pm

Online Registration:
 To Register: www.otathletics.com
 Select Location
 Click on Register
 Click Camp; Plumstead TWP

Activities Include:
 Basketball
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 Soccer
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 Volleyball
 Baseball/Wiffleball
 Scavenger Hunts
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6/13-17/2022
 8:30am-11:30am
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Ages 6 -12
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Departments

Plumstead Township Police Department

IDENTITY THEFT

What to Know, What to Do

Identity Theft and Fraud is on the rise. Officers respond to calls for internet and telephone scams each day. Many times, residents "catch on" to the scam, but once in a while, people become victimized, losing money and compromising the security of their identifying information. If you feel that you have been a victim of Identity Theft, please contact the Plumstead Township Police Department to report it. Also, follow the below steps to report the theft and get a personal recovery plan.

Go to IdentityTheft.gov and Click – "Get Started"

There, you will find advice for handling tax, medical and over thirty types of identity theft.

Call the companies where you know the fraud occurred to report the fraud.

Place a Fraud Alert and obtain your Credit Reports from:

Experian.com/help

TransUnion.com/credit-help

Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

Remember, do not give out your personal information or credit card information over the phone to someone that you do not know.

A fraud alert lasts one year. It will make it harder for someone to open an account in your name.

Coffee with a Cop

The Plumstead Township Police Department is hard at work setting up our next Coffee with a Cop event! Please keep an eye on the department's Facebook page for the date, time and location of our next event. Come out and meet your local police officers and staff of the department, discuss topics important to you ... and have a cup of coffee with a Cop!



PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

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Annual Tenant Registration

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The **Annual Tenant Registration** is separate from a change of tenant registration. Should a change in tenant occur during the upcoming year, a new Tenant/Lessee Registration and Moving Permit are required within fifteen (15) days of the arrival of the residential tenant/lessees. The Moving Permit Inspection fee is \$50.00. Find more information at www.plumstead.org.

Plumstead Volunteer Fire Department

A Message from your volunteer firefighters, neighbors, and friends at the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company

This year The Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company has established a Capital Campaign Committee focused on raising money to pay down \$2 million in debt to purchase two new fire engines and refurbish both Station 20 and Station 24.

Additionally, new safety requirements and inflation have exponentially increased the cost of fire engines. Our new fire trucks will cost \$1.37 million and be delivered in 2023. Rebuilding Station 20, on Easton Road, will cost \$1.2 million, and we hope construction will be completed by the end of the year. Initial estimates to renovate Station 24, on Stump Road, were \$1.6 million.

With volunteers becoming fewer in the fire service, it has become increasingly difficult to fundraise for the company. We are all volunteers; none of us are paid. The amount of money we receive from the Township is not nearly enough to sustain the increasing needs of the company.

A successful campaign needs community support! We need your help so we can continue to help others. Whether you have experience working on a Capital Campaign or have other skills you believe would benefit the campaign, please email us at capitaldrive@pvfc2420.org.

Thank you for your support!

Fire Safety During Winter Storms

Winter storms can happen almost anywhere, and they can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during, and after a storm to help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way, you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home, and test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow, this will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also, have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors and others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors, and kept away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room and when you go to bed
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PVFC at [Battalion24@pvfc2420.org](mailto: Battalion24@pvfc2420.org).



LOVE YOUR DOG? - LICENSE YOUR DOG

Just a reminder, all dogs three months or older must be licensed in the state of PA each year. You can purchase an annual or lifetime license.

All dogs and nonferal cats, three months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies.

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DEPARTMENTS

BUILDING CODE DEPARTMENT

Checklist for Residential and Commercial Building Permits

All contractor Certificate of Liability Insurance with Plumstead Township as the holder and PA license and with the expiration date is required.

Stormwater Management

All projects adding up 100 square feet or more of impervious area will require Stormwater Management. This process requires a Stormwater Management Application (\$50) along with a Professional Services Agreement (\$500) for the Township Engineer to review. Payment is due up front, and 3 copies of plans and two separate checks are required. Additionally, electrical approval is needed from a third-party electrical inspection agency review of the plans. (Electrical approval is not needed for service panels).

Third Party Electrical Agencies that we see often in our Township:

Code Inspections

603 Horsham Road Horsham PA | 215-672-9400

American Inspection Agency

342 Miller Road Sinking Spring PA 19608

Middle Department

1542 Bristol Pike Bensalem PA | 215-244-1919

Grill Inspections

752 Sycamore Drive Southampton PA | 215-694-6525

United Inspection Agency

180 S Main Street Ambler PA | 215-542-9977

Setbacks Requirements

Houses depend on the location within the Township as every Zoning District has a unique set of minimum yard setbacks.

Pools can only be in the rear of the yard and must maintain a 10-foot setback from the rear and side property line to the edge of the pool decking.

Fences are not required to be setback from the property line. Be sure to know where your property line is located!

If you need a copy of your plot plan, we may have it on file which can be requested by filling out a Right-to-Know form on the Township website, www.plumstead.org/righttoknow.html.

Generators and Pole Barns must maintain a 10- foot minimum from rear and sides of the house.

Residential Projects

Sheds - 120 square feet or less, require a Zoning Permit, 2 sets of site plans and a copy of the shed brochure. If the shed is over 120 square feet, a Building Permit will also be required.

Pools - Above ground pool and inground pools require zoning, building permits, fence, and electrical approval of plans. If over 1000 square feet of impervious is introduced, Stormwater Management is required.

Fence - Zoning permit submission only with 2 sets of site plans.

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Commercial Projects

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New Business - First a zoning permit must be approved and after approval, a building permit and plans can be submitted. New businesses must also supply the Township with the emergency contact information form for both the fire and Police departments. Additionally, the installation of a Knox Box will be required.

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