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PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP IS UPDATING ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The Township's Comprehensive Plan (last updated in 2011) is an official document that serves as a guide to land use decision making. Please join us for our first workshop meeting where we will discuss topics identified in the community survey as the top areas of importance. This is an opportunity for you to help guide Plumstead Township in the future.



Workshop 1A
 Thurs. Sept 28, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
 PVFC – Station 24

Topics to be covered:

- Transportation
- Sustainability
- Planning for Growth
- Communication

Workshop 1B
 Thurs. Oct. 26, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
 PVFC – Station 24

Topics to be covered:

- Land Preservation
- Parks & Recreation
- Township Services
- Housing



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- Dec 10:Brunch With Santa
- Dec 12:Dinner with Santa
- Dec 31:NYE Dance Party

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 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.

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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.



1. Blood Drive 9/21
2. Trick or Treat (rain date 10/22)..... 10/21
3. Bucks County Hazardous Waste Collection 10/28
4. Tax Collector at the Twp Bldg 10/31
5. Veteran's Day Event 11/11
6. Annual Tree Lighting at Hanusey Park (inclement weather 12/2)..... 12/1
7. Blood Drive 12/18

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Justin Alan Bickhardt is a 2009 graduate of the Temple University Police Academy and has nine years of full-time experience with the Morrisville Borough Police Department where he earned several Commendations for his service. In addition to other certifications, Justin is a certified NRA Patrol Rifle Instructor, Pennsylvania State Police Firearms Instructor and NTOA Active Shooter Instructor. He has been a member of the South Central Bucks County SWAT Team since 2015 and served as the Morrisville Borough Police Department's IT Administrator.

Prior to becoming a police officer, Justin served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom deployed in Mosul, Iraq. There, he served as a Team Leader conducting multiple patrols of high value areas as well as raids on high value targets and weapons caches. From 2006 through 2009, Justin served in the U.S. Army Reserve, trained as an Infantry Soldier and Interrogator.

Justin is married to his wife Lillian and they and their children live in Milford New Jersey.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

A new school year is upon us and along with parents and students waking up early, packing lunches and helping young ones with homework, there's another big responsibility that we all have - bus stop safety! For the safety of our students, motorists must stop for a school bus that is engaged in picking up students. Pennsylvania has enacted strict laws to help stop motorists from disregarding flashing lights and stop arms on a school bus.



- Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.
- If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.
- Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT continued

Veterans of Foreign Wars honors Corporal Mike Johnson

The Doylestown Post 175 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States honored Corporal Mike Johnson, of the Plumstead Police Department, as their Law Enforcement Officer of the Year at their May 8, 2023 meeting. Corporal Johnson had previously been honored by the American Legion in March 2023 and this was chronicled in the Summer 2023 edition of the Plumstead Township newsletter.

Law enforcement in our township has multiple aspects, the first, of course, is the preservation of law and order in our community. Equally important is building trust in the community, i.e. community policing. Corporal Johnson excels in both aspects. Mike maintains an active patrol presence, leads a squad of officers and is an instructor in the Taser device.

On the community relations side, Corporal Johnson initiated and leads the following efforts of which we are all familiar: Law Enforcement night, Coffee with a Cop, Pack the Patrol Car, and Shop with a Cop.



From his work as a police officer in Plumstead Township to his activities in organizing and leading community relations efforts, his service on the Quakertown Borough Council and as a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital, Mike Johnson has excelled in every aspect and is certainly deserving of the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year distinction.

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.



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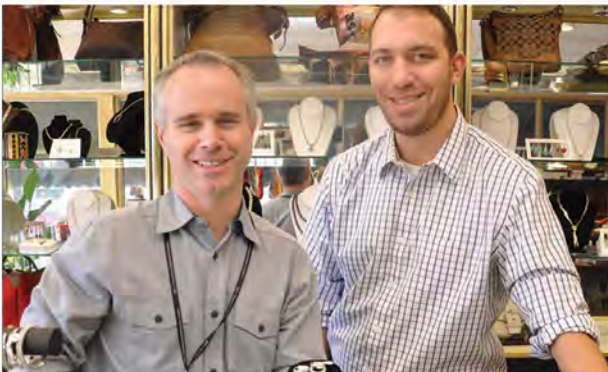
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VETERANS COMMITTEE

Plumstead Memorial Day Observance, May 27, 2023

All gave some, some gave all.



As the sun shone brightly at Veterans Park on Saturday, May 27, 2023, the Plumstead Township Veterans Committee gathered to hold the second Memorial Day observance in remembrance of all who lost their lives defending the freedoms we enjoy today. Special emphasis was given to the six Plumstead residents who were casualties of conflicts.

The program began with Plumstead resident Scott Albert who played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. Next was an introduction by Supervisor Dan Hilferty followed by the Invocation delivered by Alan Bleam, Director of Public Works. Our National Anthem was sung by Spencer Productions. The flag was lowered to half staff by the Doylestown Composite Squadron 907, Civil Air Patrol. Taps was played by Kate Gutkind, Plumstead resident and Music Education major at Kutztown University. Committee member Aaron Gottshall spoke about remembering our POW's and MIA's. Committee member Ollie Groman discussed the history of Memorial Day and mentioned the six Plumstead residents who lost their lives serving our country.

Committee member Jim McComb spoke about Albert LeRoy Angeny of Danboro, a sailor who was lost at sea when his ship was hit by a Kamikaze bomber in World War II. A bridge was dedicated to LeRoy in May.

Aaron Gottshall spoke about Edward Berger Keller who lost his life serving our country in the Korean War. A bridge will be dedicated to Edward in July 2023. Aaron also spoke about Clifford Dale VanArtsdalen of Plumsteadville, a soldier who lost his life in the Vietnam War. Clifford will have a bridge dedicated to him at a future date.

Committee member Michelle Harvey spoke about William James Erkes Jr., a soldier who lost his life in the Vietnam War. A bridge in Bedminster was dedicated to William in May. Michelle also spoke about Leonard Frank Skoniecki Jr of Gardenville, a Marine who lost his life in the Vietnam War. Leonard will have a bridge dedicated to him at a future date.

Jim McComb spoke about Frank Elton Hilde of Danboro, a soldier who lost his life in the Vietnam War. Frank distinguished himself such that he was awarded the Bronze Star with V for valor. Frank will have a bridge dedicated to him in July 2023.

The program concluded with a musical tribute by Spencer Productions and the Benediction by Alan Bleam.

CALLING ALL PLUMSTEAD VETERANS

The Plumstead Veterans Committee is still trying to identify all veterans residing in our township. The 2020 US Census counts 521 veterans living in Plumstead. To date we have identified only 61 veterans. We would like to know our veterans so we can pass along information that may be pertinent to them and to provide any assistance that they may need. If you are a veteran living in Plumstead, please send your name, branch of service, years served and your e-mail address to Jim McComb at jmccomb@plumstead.gov. If you do not have e-mail, please call Jim at 267-281-8738 or call the Township office at 215-766-8914. Our e-mail list will never be given to anyone else.



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IN MEMORY OF ALBERT LEROY ANGENY

A rainy day never is good for an outdoor event but the rain on May 20, 2023 did not stop the Plumstead Veterans Committee from dedicating a bridge in memory of Albert LeRoy Angeny. LeRoy, as he was called, was profiled, in detail, in an earlier newsletter. In short, he was an Electrician's Mate, 2nd Class serving aboard the USS Ommaney Bay. The ship was hit by a kamikaze bomber on January 4, 1945 and sustained heavy damage. LeRoy was one of 95 sailors who were lost at sea.

The bridge dedicated to LeRoy is located on Bergstrom Road between Landisville Road and Nottingham Way. Resolution 2023-10 was passed to authorize the dedication.



The ceremony began with Scott Albert playing Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. An honor guard from the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. Post 210 American Legion presented the colors. Alan Bleam, Plumstead Township Director of Public Works offered the invocation. Dave Gale sang the National Anthem. A flag line was set up by the Warriors Watch Riders. Supervisor Dan Hilferty presented the introduction and briefly discussed the Plumstead bridge dedication program. State Representative Shelby Labs presented a PA House Resolution to Doris Bleam, LeRoy's Sister. Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick presented a US House resolution to Doris along with a flag flown over the US Capitol. The signs were unveiled to the accompaniment of the Navy service song, Anchors Aweigh. Spencer Productions sang America the Beautiful and the event closed with the benediction by Alan Bleam.

It is said that a person has not died as long as there is one left in whom his memory remains. Every time we cross that bridge, we will see the name of LeRoy Angeny and think of him. He will not be forgotten.

There are four more bridge dedications to be done. The next one will be for Edward Berger Keller and that one will occur on July 15, 2023.

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After completing a home energy audit, it is important to fully understand what federal and utility incentives can be utilized to help offset the costs involved in possible upgrades. The following guides can serve as useful tools in maximizing the savings that may be available to you:

- Energy Financial Incentives for Pennsylvania Residents: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/Energy/EnergyEfficiencyandConservation/Pages/Incentives-Fact-Sheet-PA-PUC-Electric-Choice.aspx>.
- Energy Star: <https://www.energystar.gov/products/ask-the-experts/the-tax-credits-for-energy-efficient-upgrades-are-back>.
- PECO Rebates and Discounts: <https://www.peco.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/RebatesDiscounts.aspx>. Therefore, as you explore these potential upgrades your home, remember that the cleanest and cheapest energy is the energy you do not use.

Sewage Management Program

Plumstead Township passed 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 on-lot sewage disposal 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.

This program began 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.

If you have questions about the program please contact Andrea at #215.766.8914 ext. 205 or via email at asusten@plumstead.gov.



Please note: Septic systems vary. Diagram is not to scale.

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End of summer

POOL CLOSING TIPS

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-  Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge to a stream
-  If lowering the water level of the pool, let it drain to a lawn to prevent it from running off into a storm sewer
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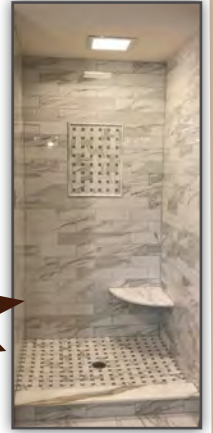
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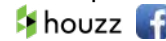
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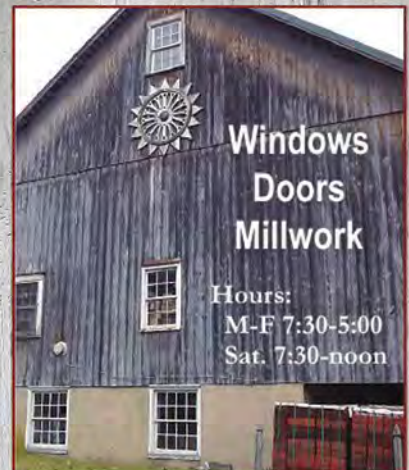
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Parks and Recreation Event

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Recognition in all promotions of sponsored event	X	X	
Banner or sign on display during event (provided by your company)	X	X	X
Free exhibit at event (provide your own table/setup)	X	X	X

Sponsorship Opportunities	Event Sponsor	Event Co-Sponsor	Community Sponsor	In-Kind
Annual Egg Hunt				
Movie in the Park				
Concert in the Park				
Trick or Treat Event	NA	NA		
Annual Tree Lighting	NA	NA		

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Volunteers Clean Up Hanusey Park



On June 10th a local group of volunteers spent the morning performing a trash pick-up at Hanusey Park. We would like to thank them for helping us keep our parks clean and commend them for their efforts and willingness to volunteer! This volunteer group is affiliated to Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter of Sewa USA, a part of the Sewa International which is engaged in disaster response, education, women empowerment, family welfare and volunteer development worldwide. With Sewa International's mission to promote volunteerism in the community in mind, middle and high school students from Bucks/Montgomery counties (with active participation by their parents also) participate in LEAD (*Leadership Development through Community Engagement*) program to learn about and participate in volunteering in local communities. Activities include but are not limited to involvement in local community events such as 5K runs, tree planting, park/road clean up, helping senior citizens, supporting non-profit organizations and food pantry drive etc.

<https://sewausa.org/Pennsylvania>

OCT
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You are invited to hand out candy at our Halloween Event on 10/21. Event is FREE. Just bring your candy and table. Set-up begins at 4:30PM. Registration is required & deadline is 10/13!! Email your RSVP or questions to dfreed@plumstead.gov

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Trick or Treat (Halloween) Event. Event set-up begins at 4:30PM and event starts at 5:00PM. Kids will walk along the path and collect candy from our local businesses.. (Raindate 10/22)

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Come join us for the Annual Tree Lighting at Hanusey Park. Event begins at dusk. Come get your picture taken with Santa & Mrs. Claus. (Inclement weather date 12/2)

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 October 17, 2023 – History of the Mount Moriah Cemetery
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