

Plumstead Township

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Summer 2023

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

On March 6th, 2023, Corporal Michael Johnson was awarded "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" by the members of Albert R. Atkinson Jr., American Legion Post 210 for his dedication and commitment to the Plumstead community. Corporal Johnson has worked tirelessly with the Plumstead Township Department since 2009. Before coming to Plumstead Township, Corporal Johnson worked for the Doylestown Township Police Department, beginning in 1980.



Corporal Johnson is a true leader in policing and an advocate in our community, driving many community engagement efforts throughout the year. The Plumstead Township Police Department takes part in "Coffee with a Cop" events held at local establishments, led by Corporal Johnson. In addition, each year the Plumstead Township Police Department hosts a Law Enforcement Night, bringing the police department and community together. Residents from throughout the community have the opportunity to interact with officers, see the equipment used by police, look through specialty vehicles and speak with other government service providers.

During the holiday season, Corporal Johnson spearheads our annual food drive, known as "Pack the Patrol Car". Each year, Corporal Johnson works with our local food bank and shopping outlets to coordinate a day of food donations for the food bank. Shoppers donate non-perishable food items, filling a patrol car (or large trailer brought to the location). Corporal Johnson's efforts have directly led to the feeding of hundreds of families who are in need in our area. As the year ends, Corporal Johnson brings together officers from surrounding police agencies to take part in the annual "Shop with a Cop" event. In coordination with the Central Bucks School District, Corporal Johnson

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

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5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA 18947
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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.

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

State Senator Steven Santarsiero:
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Township Manager: Angela P. Benner
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Zoning Officer: Keystone Municipal Services - Jesse Hill
Fire Marshal: Jeff Gouldley

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.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

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invites financially struggling families to shop with police officers, picking out gifts for themselves and for their family so that they may better enjoy the holiday season.

Corporal Johnson spends both his on-duty and off-duty time proving his dedication to the Plumstead Community, working to make these and all of our events successful. His dedication to service reaches beyond the Plumstead Community. Michael is a life-long resident of Quakertown Borough and has served as a member of Borough Council since 2008 where he leads the Health, Safety and Welfare Committee. Michael volunteers his "free time" at numerous community events hosted by Quakertown Borough. In addition, Michael is a member of the Board of Trustees of the St. Luke's Hospital - Quakertown and Upper Bucks Campuses. It is with tireless dedication that Michael Johnson serves his community. His roles as police officer, community policing professional, elected official and hospital trustee take his time and energy. Above all else, Michael is a dedicated husband and father, balancing his professional and personal life to prosper in both.



Departments

Building Code Department

Welcome to building season. If you have any questions regarding building permits, building setbacks, residential and commercial projects, stormwater management, building / fire marshal inspections, etc. please feel free to call or email the Township's Code Department.

Building Inspector	Phil Neas	codeenf@plumstead.gov	x207
Zoning Officer	Jesse Hill	zoning@plumstead.gov	x257
Fire Marshall	Jeff Gouldey	jpgouldey@plumstead.gov	x215

EMS

Board Members needed for Point Pleasant EMS:

Point Pleasant Plumsteadville EMS is your local ambulance service that will respond to your call to 911 for emergency medical help. We are based at 5205 Stump Road, across the street from the Plumstead Township municipal building and police department. We are composed of a combination of career and volunteer staff. Most are career persons, but we do encourage volunteers to join to help with both emergency and non-emergency positions.

Although we need your financial support, we'd like to talk about something different.

Our present management team consists of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics (Medics) on the emergency side, and mostly volunteers on the administrative side. It is more the administrative side we need help with.

Our Board of Directors has a few vacancies that we would like to fill. EMS administration is not a big area for the younger persons who are truly needed to do the emergency work. That leaves a large opportunity for those less inclined to deal with emergency situations but still have a desire to serve the community. Two of the current Board members are retirees and they are glad to give their time to the squad. If you have some experience in managing a company or organization – or not! – and would like to join our management team, we'd like to hear from you. You can email us at treasurer@medic124.org.

And one additional reminder: we do offer American Heart Association CPR and First Aid courses. These are run when requested. If you have a need for training in these areas, whether for yourself, family or organization, we are here to help with that.

Thank you for your support. May you have a safe and enjoyable year.




	
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Police

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

35 YEARS



WADE (MIKE) JONES
POLICE OFFICER

- Father of two sons with a 45-year and-counting marriage to a wife that has lived all the good days and bad days with me.
- Our sons are both college graduates.
- We have had an opportunity to engage in our religion and enjoy its gifts.
- I enjoy Phillies/Eagles games, Nascar racing, going to the gym and quite morning cups of coffee on the front porch in the sun.
- A career police officer with an emphasis on compassion and understanding. Every time I enter Plumstead Township on my way to work, I am convinced that the entire township and its contents are in my backyard, and I try to serve as if it is mine. On my way out of the township at the end of my tour I search the events of the day. If I helped someone then I feel as if my day is complete. My 35 years of service to the Plumstead township community have provided many opportunities to use my skills to help make a citizens' day as good as possible and maintain the quality of the community. I look forward to my final 3 years and the service I can provide in that time.

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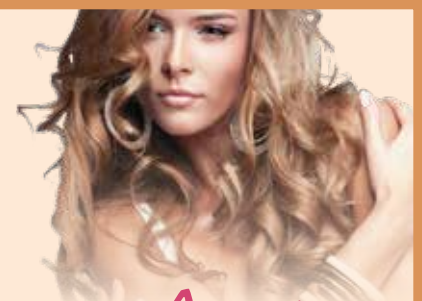
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Public Works

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

10 YEARS



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- 2010 Graduate from Pennridge High School and during my time in high school, I met my now wife (Dayna). We have 4 crazy, energetic, brave, strong, and beautiful children. Jackson is 8 and plays ice hockey, baseball, and basketball. Avery, who is 5 she, plays soccer, lacrosse, swim, and dance. Brynneleigh is 3 is playing Quick ball, swim, and dance. Lastly, Tatum is 18 months, and he does whatever he can to keep up with his siblings, including floor hockey with his big brother or makeup with his big sisters.
- My hobbies are simple and include anything family related! Our days are spent at the ball field or ice rink with some sporting event. Our family vacations are typically to a lake where we can go water skiing.
- There are many reasons why I enjoy working at the township. A few being the variety of projects we get involved with. I Specifically enjoy the water repairs like curb stop repairs, valves, meters leaks, water taps, etc.
- Getting up and going to work is easy when you enjoy working with the people you work with. They are all hardworking and dedicated employees that Plumstead is fortunate to have.
- Looking forward to seeing what the next 10 years has in store!

Taxes Remains Unchanged for the 2023

The Board of Supervisors passed the 2023 budget at the end of 2022, keeping taxes unchanged for the 5th year in a row despite significant inflationary pressures. The 2023 budget continues to prioritize providing emergency services. Half of the main General Fund is spent on law enforcement. The Board also increased funding to Point Pleasant EMS to assist them in paying wages to be more competitive in the market, introduced funding to Dublin Volunteer Fire, who is responsible for a portion of the township and established a new fund dedicated to assisting Plumstead Volunteer Fire, Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire and Point Pleasant EMS with capital equipment purchases. Other highlights include:

- Spending over \$1m to connect our water system in the southeast portion of the township to North Wales Water Authority, bringing better-quality water to the residents of Carriage Hill and Patriot's Ridge.
- Spending over \$1m on our township roads and another \$1m on equipment for our Public Works department to be used on maintenance of Township Roads and in our Parks.
- Increased funding for open space preservation.

The Township has been able to maintain tax rates while increasing our investments in emergency services and infrastructure due to aggressive debt service management in 2020 that reduced overall debt service payments by almost \$1m. Allocating resources wisely for the health, safety and welfare of the community is a crucial step in maintaining accustomed service levels that will enhance the quality of life currently enjoyed by our residents.

To view the 2023 budget visit Plumstead.org/finabout.html

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Tennis	May - July	13. Concert in the Park	
3. Multi-Sport Camp	June - August	(Seven Wonders/Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band)	7/28
4. Blood Drive	6/7	14. Concert in the Park (Big Baby/Rock Music)	8/18
5. Movie in the Park	6/16	15. Electronic Recycling Event	8/19
6. Camp Plumstead	6/19 - 6/23	16. Theatre Camp	8/7 - 8/11
7. Dance Camp (Princess)	7/10 - 7/14	17. Touch a Truck Event	September
8. Trenton Thunder Game	7/15	18. Blood Drive	9/21
9. Dance Camp (Frozen)	7/17 - 7/21	19. Trick or Treat	10/21
10. Dance Camp (Under the Sea)	7/24 - 7/28	20. Veteran's Day Event	11/11
11. Dance Camp (Moana)	7/31 - 8/4	21. Annual Tree Lighting	12/1
12. Dance Camp (Encanto)	8/7 - 8/11	22. Blood Drive	12/18



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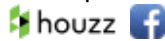
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Land Preservation & Educational Committee

Conservation Easements Can Provide Significant Tax Savings

Purchasing land conservation easements has been an important tool for the Township in its efforts to preserve land, manage growth and protect Plumstead's rural character, but it is not the only way to ensure that farmland, woodlands, and wetlands will be there for future generations. Donating conservation easements has become increasingly popular in recent years, and for good reason: because it can provide significant federal tax benefits. In fact, by donating a conservation easement a property owner can take a deduction equal to 50% — or in some cases, 100% — of their adjusted gross income for the year of the donation and up to 15 years thereafter.



For example, a landowner who earns \$100,000 per year and who donated a conservation easement appraised at \$1 million could take a \$50,000 deduction (50% of his or her income) the year of the donation and the next 15 years, thereby realizing deductions totaling \$800,000. (Note that the total deduction cannot exceed the total amount of the donation.) If the landowner qualifies as a farmer (someone receiving over 50% of their income from farming) the allowable deduction can rise to 100% of their adjusted gross income, and the deduction would be \$100,000 per year for 10 years, or a total deduction of \$1 million (the total appraised value of the donated conservation easement in our example).

To qualify for these federal tax benefits, a donated conservation easement must be for a property that contributes to the protection of natural, agricultural, or historic resources and the easement must be held by a public agency such as the Township and/or a land trust.

A conservation easement will limit certain uses of the property to protect its conservation values, but it allows the landowner and future owners to continue to enjoy and use the property in ways that do not hinder the conservation values. Most important, perhaps, a conservation easement provides a property owner with the peace of mind that his/her land will be protected and contribute forever to Plumstead's rural character.

For additional information about the benefits and requirements of federal conservation easement tax incentives, see the Land Trust Alliance brochure at the following link on the Township website: <https://www.plumstead.org/planning/coneasmttaxincentive.pdf>

Plumstead Township's Land Preservation and Educational Advisory Committee also can provide additional information about the process and the required steps to donate a conservation easement. To contact the committee, please contact the Township Manager.

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<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>

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JAMES MCCOMB | CHAIRMAN

Jim was born and raised in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. He attended Philadelphia public schools. Immediately after graduation from Frankford High School, Jim entered the US Marine Corps. He served four years on active duty spending fifteen months overseas including one year in Vietnam. After leaving active duty, he attended Lyons Technical Institute where he earned an associate degree in Specialized Technology. That did not satisfy his academic appetite, so he continued his education, while working full time, at LaSalle University where he earned a BS in Physics and an MBA. Jim started his working career as an Inspector and then transitioned to Engineering and then to Business Development for a company that designed and manufactured Telemetry Data Systems for missile and aircraft flight test. After that company downsized, he found a new job as a Program Manager for Precision Guided Weapons Systems for the Air Force and Navy. Jim retired as a Senior Program Manager. Jim has various professional affiliations and certifications including Project Management Professional (PMP). He graduated the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Officials (PSATS) Municipal Government Academy (PMGA). He is a certified ISO Quality Management Auditor and is a Life Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Jim's hobbies include reading, studying, and doing housework. His volunteer activities include membership in local veterans' service organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion where he is a Past Commander of both organizations. Jim also volunteers with Meals on Wheels of Central Bucks and the Plumstead Veterans Committee. He is currently working on a second edition of his book, More Than Names on A Wall, with hopes of publication later this year. His most prominent current activity is the dedication of five Plumstead bridges in honor of those Plumstead residents who lost their lives in service to our country.

"I have been actively involved in community service for the past 20 years and I believe that local government is an extension of that service. Supervisor Dan Hilferty got me interested in the Board of Supervisors".



DANIEL HILFERTY | VICE CHAIRMAN

Dan was born in the west Oak Lane section of Philadelphia and attended early primary school and then his family moved to Wyndmoor in Springfield Township where he completed primary school and attended high school. Following the completion of high school, he enlisted in the US Army serving 3 years active duty and 2-years in reserve attaining the rank of E5. Dan's Military Occupation Specialty included Morse Intercept Operator. After completing active duty, he attended the Pennsylvania State University and received a degree in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation, he started what would be a 30-year career at IBM where he held various positions which included engineering, project management, sales, and customer executive relations. After his IBM career, he and his wife purchased a newly built home in the Timberly Farms development in Plumstead Township. His involvement with the sewer treatment plant designed to handle their development, led him into contact with local government. After a resolution of the issues, he decided to remain involved and run for supervisor in 2010. Outside of being a supervisor, Dan is married with two children and three grandchildren and in retirement focuses on veterans' affairs. He is a member of the American Legion Post 210 in Doylestown and has been a guardian on the Bucks County Tour of Honor, escorting World War II, and Korean War veterans to Washington to honor their service. He is the Board of Supervisors liaison to the Plumstead Township Veterans committee and stated that early on in his supervisor career the board offered the opportunity to help guide the design and construction of the Plumstead Township Veterans Park which was completed in 2014.

KENNETH LICHTENSTEIN | ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Ken was born and raised in Philly, the Northwest corner, the Mount Airy area. He went to public school in Philadelphia attending Central High school (226th graduating class). During his high school and college years, Ken helped manage the family business in Philadelphia, along with his father, that his grandfather started in 1926. The business was called Rodeo Ben making and selling custom and ready-made western wear. His grandfather designed the Wrangler jean line for Blue Bell and custom clothes for celebrities like Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. Ken got his undergraduate degree from Drexel University, and obtained two graduate degrees, an MSW from Bryn Mawr College and an MBA from Wharton at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ken started and ran several counseling centers in his twenties. He married Paula, 40+ years ago, and they have two children. In his thirties they moved out of the Philly area and were transferred up the East Coast, then to Chicago, by his employers. Ken worked at GE, Monsanto, and Allstate in organization development, helping managers and teams be more effective and efficient. After Paula retired as an RN they decided to move back to the Delaware Valley to be closer to family, including his now 101-year-old mother. Ken has been active with the Scouts BSA for the past 30+ years, with a focus on fundraising and helping Scouts obtain Eagle rank. He holds a General Class amateur radio License and has maintained his Social Work License in Pennsylvania and does executive coaching part time, both paid and pro bono. Ken currently, and for the last several years, has been on the board of directors of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO), representing Townships throughout the County. He has volunteered several times in Emergency Services both in the Chicago area and currently as a member of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Association and is the board liaison to Plumstead's Emergency Management Committee. Ken helped restart Plumstead's Land Preservation Education and Advisory Committee, and is their board liaison, as well as the liaison to the Environmental Advisory Council. Ken feels honored to be on the Plumstead Board of Supervisors because it presents an opportunity to contribute to the well-being of his Township neighbors. He believes that one can make a positive difference at the local level.



PETER BUSILLO | MEMBER

Pete is a Bucks County native and a former naval officer who transitioned into financial accounting. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends and doing jiu jitsu. He enjoys his role as an elected official and serving the residents of the community.

GREGORY BANKOS | ASSISTANT TREASURER

Greg was born in New York City, in Manhattan. He was given up for adoption and adopted 7 days after birth. He grew up in York PA and attended catholic grade school and High School. After high school, he went to Penn State and got a BS in Management Information Systems which led his to work in various types of IT jobs. Greg said that he enjoys golf and has recently found his birth family via DNA testing, Greg, (pictured on the left with his birth brother), has recently been busy spending time getting to know his family. Greg became interested in local government after having been involved in the local community, coaching youth football and baseball, as well as being on the boards of both organizations for the better part of 10 years. As his son got older, he hung up his whistle and got involved in the local political club. He saw an opportunity to run in 2021 when an incumbent dropped out of the race. The community was so vocal against the proposal for Stump Rd./611 and he thought he could make an impact, so he discussed running for office with his family. After getting approval, he put his name on the ballot.



ANGELA BENNER | TOWNSHIP MANAGER

"My first local government job was actually when I was 16... I was a lifeguard for Perkasie Borough's Menlo Pool for 4 years."



Angela was born in Perkasie and graduated from Penridge High School. She attended Delaware Valley University and graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Business Administration. Prior to working in local government, she worked for a local bank (first savings bank of Perkasie) in commercial lending and then in 2007 started as a park & recreation coordinator at New Britain Township. She worked her way up to the Assistant to the Manager and then was the manager in Dublin Borough from 2017-2019. In December 2019, she stated her career as the manager in Plumstead Township. Angela served as the Executive Director for the Bucks County Association of Township Officials from 2017 to 2019. Currently, she is an executive board member of the Delaware Valley Health Trust (which has over 160 municipal members, a position she has held since 2019. She is a member of the Bucks County Solid Waste Committee and has held that position since 2018. She is an executive member of the Bucks County Consortium of Managers having previously served as their president and coordinator. She is also a member of the Association of PA Municipal Management and holds various certificates for Municipal Leadership from Penn State. Angela is very proud of envisioning and creating Veterans Park in New Britain Township and her commitment to expanding professional affiliation and certifications. When not working, Angela enjoys going to her family cabin at Lake Wallenpaupack, spoiling her 7 nephews and nieces, attending Phillies games, playing bingo, and doing anything outdoors. Angela became interested in working for local government after applying for the parks & recreation coordinator position because she enjoyed planning events, and after working at New Britain Township in that position for a few years, she started to take on more responsibilities in different roles at the township and found her passion for local government. She enjoys that every day is different and that there is never a shortage of work. She likes seeing how the work at the local level comes to life, including park development, pedestrian improvements, land development, infrastructure improvements, and more.

SHERRY LABS | TAX COLLECTOR

Sherry grew up in Plumstead Township and attended school in the Central Bucks School District. She started her career in the Bucks County Treasurer's office and after having children became increasingly interested in being part of making a difference for future generations. Sherry helped in the schools when she could and participated in various ways to be part of the community. Sherry was elected Tax Collector in 1997 and since becoming Collector, has served as Secretary, Vice President and President for the Bucks County Tax Collector's Association and Vice President of the PA State Tax Collectors' Association. Sherry is currently the President of the PA State Tax Collectors' Association, representing all the Tax Collectors in Pennsylvania. Sherry is a Certified Pennsylvania Tax Collector and obtains yearly continuing education credits to maintain that status. Sherry has held the Tax Collectors' Association position for 10 years and is re-elected by peers, annually. She was instrumental in passing legislation that would establish continuing education requirements for Tax Collectors and travels around the state speaking to Tax Collector groups regarding the position of Tax Collector, the laws that govern the office and best practices. When Sherry is not working, she enjoys working out, going to the beach, and spending time with her family.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

RESIDENT SURVEY FINDINGS REPORT & PRESENTATION ARE LIVE!

Plumstead Township hired ETC Institute, a 3rd party firm, to randomly survey township residents and gather feedback for future planning efforts, programs, and services. The results of the survey can be found on our dedicated portal at www.plumsteadforward.com



The next steps include

- Workshop Preparation
- Identifying Community Issues
- Forming Teams & Building Capacity

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Veterans

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.

Two more Plumstead bridge dedications planned

"I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me". – Lee Greenwood

With this thought in mind, the Plumstead Township Veterans Committee embarked on a program to dedicate township bridges in memory of those Plumstead residents who lost their lives serving our country, defending the freedoms we enjoy today.

In the Winter 2022 edition of the Plumstead Township newsletter, we stated that there will be two more bridge dedications in addition to those listed. The Plumstead veterans to be honored on these latest dedications will be Edward Berger Keller and Albert LeRoy Angeny.



Private Edward Berger Keller was born on October 25, 1925, the son of Edward and Ester (nee Berger) Keller. He had three sisters, Flora, Ruth, and Janette. The family lived on Applebutter Road.

Edward attended Western Brick school near Doylestown and was employed by Frank Meyers, plumber prior to his induction into the Army.

Edward was drafted and inducted into the Army on October 10, 1950. He received his basic training at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He left the United States, bound for Korea, in March 1951. He arrived in Japan on April 1, 1951 and from there was sent to Korea to serve as a Light Weapons Infantryman with E Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division..

Edward was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy at Hill 486 near Yongchon, South Korea on April 16, 1951. He was 25 years old. It appears that he was in country for only about two weeks. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.

Edward's remains were recovered and he is laid to rest with his parents in Doylestown Cemetery.

Albert LeRoy Angeny was born on September 10, 1921, the son of Clarence and Margaret Angeny, He had three sisters, Grace, Dorris, and Faye, and one brother, David.

Leroy graduated Doylestown High School in the class of 1939. He then worked for Angeny Brothers Construction in Danboro until he enlisted in the US Navy on April 19, 1942 to serve his country. He served on the USS Ommaney Bay, an escort carrier, as an Electricians Mate (EM2/C).



On January 4, 1945, the Ommaney Bay was struck by a Japanese kamikaze warplane and the ship sustained heavy damage. Ninety-five sailors lost their lives that day, LeRoy was one of them.

LeRoy's parents visited him in Chicago before he shipped off to the Pacific theater. That was the last time they saw their son. LeRoy was lost at sea and is memorialized at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines and has a memorial grave in the Doylestown Cemetery.

LeRoy is honored with a Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Expeditionary Medal, American Campaign Medal, Navy and Marine Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

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The Master Gardeners at Penn State Extension set up a creative table and engaged with the community about soil health and composting. The Township's Park & Recreation Committee also had a table and shared upcoming summer events and gave out t- shirts and hats.

Some of Plumsteads local car dealerships including Fred Beans, Faulkner Honda of Doylestown, and the Thompson Organization, set up vehicle displays and shared information with the community about electric and hybrid vehicles. Red Line E-Bikes, LLC from Chalfont also set up a display and had various bikes to check out! PECO was also in attendance and shared information related to rebates.



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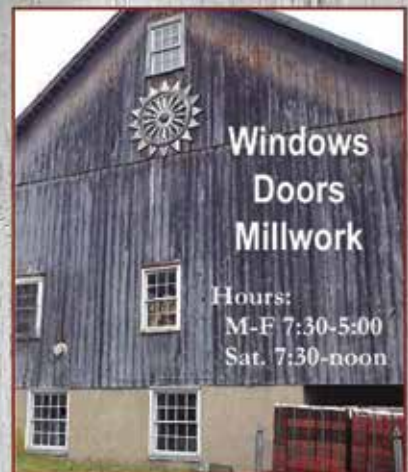
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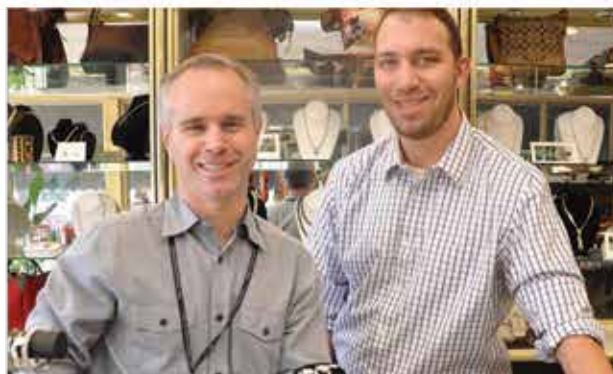
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