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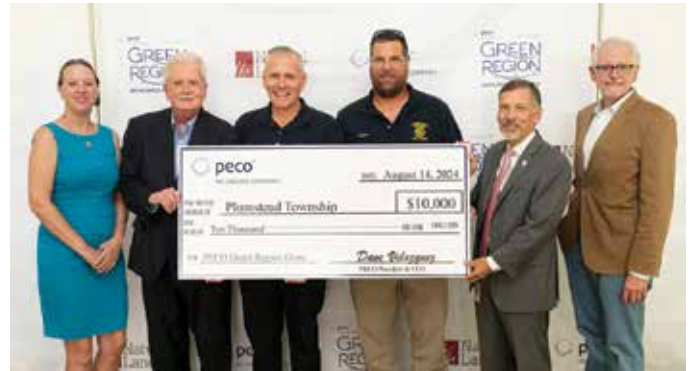
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Winter 2024

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION FOR USE BY ALL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Plumstead Township adopted a Trail Plan in 2017. Since then, we have been working to connect neighboring communities, trail segments, parks, and shopping centers through the construction of new trails on Township property and Township easements as well as make the Township a more walkable community. Over the past few years, as part of the annual budget preparation, the Board of Supervisors has discussed efforts to construct a new segment or repair existing trails each year.

A new trail has been installed in the Township wooded open space connecting Timberly Farms and Country Greene. It will provide interconnection to seven communities (Timberly Farm, Country Greene, Plumstead Preserve, Lexington Farms, Plumstead Woods, Windtree and Holly Ridge), to Jennifer Schweitzer Park, and to the Plumstead Square Shopping Center which leads to the Plumsteadville Village.



has been installing sidewalks along Rt. 611 to provide walkability from Kellers Church Road down to Old Easton Road, providing the ability to walk to the Plumstead Shopping Center and Plumstead Christian School. The trail at Durham Ridge/Plumstead Chase site was installed along the township water tank and connects to the large park and sports fields at Plumstead Chase.

The Country Greene/Timberly trail is partially funded by a competitive grant program that PECO provides for municipalities to use in their efforts to improve municipal open space for the entire Township. Other funds being used are from fees paid by developers to the Township specifically dedicated to being used for Parks & Recreation for the benefit of the entire community.

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 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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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

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.

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 Telephone: 215-766-3785
 Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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State Representative - Shelby Labs
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Meetings:

The Board of Supervisors meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each Month at 7PM (except where otherwise noted).
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.

SAVE THE DATE

1. Annual Tree Lighting..... 12/6 (Rain date 12/7)
2. Blood Drive at Hanusey..... 12/16
3. Santa Ride - PVFC 12/21 (Rain Date 12/22)
4. Santa Ride - PPVFC..... 12/22
5. Blood Drive 4/2/25
6. Memorial Day Observance at Veterans Park 5/24/25
7. Blood Drive 6/4/25

PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Road Tips

In winter, the Public Works appreciates our township resident's awareness of and cooperation with the following items:

- **SNOW CLEARING** – Avoid plowing ice and snow into the roads from driveways and walkways. It just slows our crews down, and they will likely have to push it back where you don't want it. Let's work together to make snow cleanup easier for everyone.
- **ORNAMENTAL STRUCTURES** such as flower beds, bridges, mailboxes and lawn decorations must be located outside the township right-of-way, which extends out 16.5 feet from the center of the road. Keeping such items out of our right-of-way will eliminate related safety issues to motorists, blockage of roadside drainage swales and damage to your property.
- **MAILBOXES** – Almost all mailboxes are located inside the township right-of-way. Municipalities are tolerant of this intrusion into road workspace, understanding that mailboxes must be accessible for efficient mail delivery and pick up. However, when they are installed in the right-of-way, these structures can become vulnerable to being hit by snowplows during routine snow clearing efforts. Our road staff are aware of the location of your mailboxes and do their best to avoid hitting or damaging them. Sometimes though, mailboxes that hang exceptionally far out into the road or that are poorly marked and difficult to see are at risk of being struck in the dark or when falling snow makes visibility poor. Residents must accept this risk when they install a roadside mailbox and understand that they are liable for the cost of any related repairs or replacement. Plumstead Township does not pay for damaged mailboxes or other structures located in the roadside right-of-way struck by snow discharge during snow removal.
- **DOWNED TREES** – When a downed tree or other large object is obstructing a township road, please contact the Public Works. If the obstruction is on a State Road, please only contact PennDOT. Please call these numbers **ONLY** if the tree or limb is obstructing the road. Trees on private property cannot be removed by Public Works and are the responsibility of the property owner. If the downed tree or limb is threatening the safe operation of power lines, please call 911.

Have you seen this sign? →

Residents along **ALL TOWNSHIP MAINTAINED ROADS** are reminded that parking during a winter storm is limited based on the provisions set forth in **Ordinance #2003-03**. Parking is prohibited following the accumulation of one inch or more of snow or ice. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance are subject to towing and storage costs.



SNOW SHOVELING TIPS

- After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway or sidewalk only to have it plowed in?
- Public Works suggests that you wait until the street is cleared before you shovel the last five feet of your driveway or your sidewalk.
- Always clear an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below) to give the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it gets to your driveway. This way you won't have to do the same job twice.
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 <p>Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p>	 <p>Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.</p>	 <p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p>
 <p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p>	 <p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p>	 <p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>
 <p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p>		 <p>Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.</p>



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Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Portable generators are a temporary solution to power appliances. It's important to know that portable generators emit carbon monoxide (CO), a poisonous, deadly gas. Use these tips to avoid CO exposure:

- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas at least 20 feet (7 metres) from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 20-foot (7 metre) distance from the generator to the building
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.



Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

FACT

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CANDIDATE: AHMED ELKADOUSY

Ahmed Elkadousy is a 2020 graduate of the Reading Police Academy earning the academy's Physical Fitness Award and has worked as a police officer prior to coming to Plumstead Township. Ahmed immigrated to the United States from Egypt when he was about thirteen years old and is fluent in Arabic. He had worked many years in his family's restaurant, then pursued his interest in law enforcement. He has attended Alvernia University,



majoring in Criminal Justice. He has worked as a part-time officer with the Northampton Borough Police Department, and previously held full-time positions with the Upper Macungie Police Department and the Freemansburg Borough Police Department.



CANDIDATE: SEAN CUNNINGHAM

Sean Cunningham is a resident of Southampton Township, Bucks County and is a 2019 graduate of the Montgomery County Police Academy. Sean is also a graduate of the MaST Community Charter School in Philadelphia and a Community College of Philadelphia graduate, majoring in Criminal Justice. After graduating from the police academy, Sean began his law enforcement career with the Septa Transit Police Department as a full-time officer and has worked with Septa from 2019 until today. Sean is coming to Plumstead



Township with a solid law enforcement career and great recommendations from his co-workers.



CANDIDATE: JUNIOR RIVAS - BRETON

Junior Rivas-Breton graduated high school in Warwick Rhode Island where he excelled in baseball and track, ranking as the #2 pitcher in the state and #7 in the state in the 200 and 400 meter sprints. Junior moved to the Philadelphia area and graduated from the Temple University Police Academy. After graduating the police academy, Junior worked with the Tullytown Borough Police Department as



a sworn officer from December 2022 to August of 2023. Junior then became an officer with the Bristol Township Police Department from August 2023 to February of 2024. Junior is multi-lingual, speaking Spanish and Portuguese and comes to the department with experience and a positive attitude.

POLICE EXPLORERS



Explorers Post 5708 is a program affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, designed for young adults of the Central Bucks Community between the ages of 14-20 interested in any aspect of criminal justice.

The program is designed to provide cadets with an authentic experience in law enforcement. They will gain a greater understanding of the law enforcement profession, as well as community service through education and practical application.

In 2015 the Joseph E. Hanusey III Memorial Scholarship fund was established to honor Joe's contributions to the law enforcement Explorers Program, as well as his goal to serve as a law enforcement professional. The purpose of the scholarship is to

assist cadets of the program interested in pursuing post-secondary education.

If you are interested in becoming a cadet or would like more information, please visit the Facebook page Plumstead Township Police Explorer's Post 5708 or email Sferri@plumstead.gov.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Plumstead Township Police

Presents



Shop with a Cop!



Plumstead Township Police Department is preparing for their **SHOP WITH A COP!**

SHOP WITH A COP is a national program pairing police officers with children to afford them a better Christmas. This program is geared toward Plumstead Township children at the elementary school level. These children are faced with life challenges such as a parent losing a job, homelessness, military deployment, economic shortcomings, and other hardships.

SHOP WITH A COP is funded through generous donations in our community from private sponsors, local businesses, and residents.

Each child is allotted a monetary gift card to purchase gifts for themselves and family members to allow for an enjoyable holiday.

Our program has grown from 75 children in 2017, to 120 children in 2021, 150 in 2022 and 2023 and with the hope to grow even more this year! All this would not be possible without the overwhelming support and generosity of our community.

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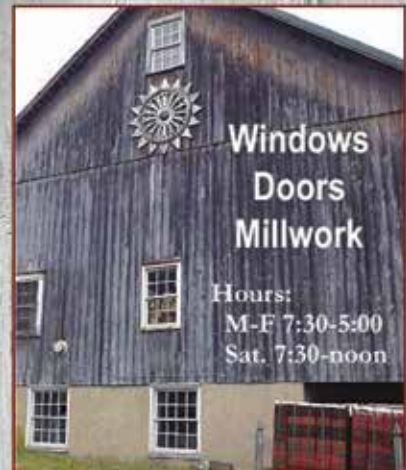
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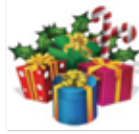
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 5186 Stump Road



Questions on donations or volunteering?

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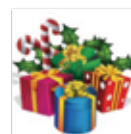
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VETERANS COMMITTEE



September 14, 2024, was a very warm day for mid-September. The sun was bright and there was no shade on the bridge on Burnt House Hill Road. But that didn't stop the Plumstead Township Veterans Committee from executing the fifth bridge dedication to Plumstead residents who lost their lives serving our country.

This dedication was for Sergeant Leonard Frank Skoniecki Jr., US Marine Corps, a resident of Gardenville who lost his life on September 21, 1968 while serving as a door gunner on a CH-46 helicopter. The helicopter had just completed a routine resupply mission in the northern part of South Vietnam when it was hit by hostile fire as it was ascending from the landing zone. All five personnel on board were killed. Leonard had been in Vietnam for 449 days. A normal tour at that time would have been 390 days so it appears that Leonard extended his time to continue to serve our country.

Assisting the Veterans Committee were Scott Albert on bagpipes, a color guard from the Doylestown American Legion, Alan Blead was our Chaplain for the invocation and benediction, Dave Gale sang the National Anthem, Young Marines Sergeant Major Susan Suber conducted the opening ceremonies, Spencer Productions sang patriotic songs, State Representative Shelby Labs and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick presented Skoniecki family members with citations. The signs for the bridge were unveiled by students of the Operation Eternal Gratitude club of Central Bucks High School East. Representing the Skoniecki family were Leonard's nephew Brian, his son Brian Jr., and his granddaughter Sophie.



Videos of all completed bridge dedications can be seen on our Facebook page, Plumstead Township Veterans Committee.



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THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THE PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION CONCERT



Plumstead Township Parks and Recreation would like to thank The Fred Beans Automotive Group for sponsoring our September 13th Concert in the Park featuring Barefoot Bobby and the Breakers. Your commitment to our community and dedication to enhancing the quality of life for our residents through events like these is truly commendable. Thanks to your sponsorship, families and friends from all corners of Plumstead Township have the opportunity to come together, enjoy live music, and create cherished memories under the summer sky. Your contribution not only enriches our events but also strengthens our community spirit. Once again, thank you for your continued invaluable support. We are honored to have the Fred Beans Automotive Group as a partner in our mission to provide exceptional recreational experiences for all.



SPONSORSHIP

Plumstead Township Parks and Recreation is looking for partners to sponsor our 2025 events. We currently offer several sponsor levels for most of our events. If you are interested in partnering with us to help make these free events possible for our Plumstead community or have ideas for new events, please contact Duane Freed via email (dfreed@plumstead.gov)

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6:25 Dance Performance by Stars Studios
6:40 Choir singing by Tohickon Middle School choir
7:00 Santa arrives and Tree Lighting

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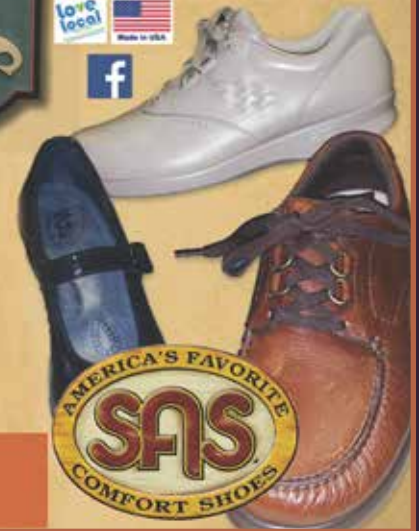


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PLUMSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Plumstead Historical Society (PHS) is preparing to help Plumstead Township celebrate its 300th anniversary in 2025. Our goal is to help people appreciate where we live by learning more about its interesting past. We plan to have our museum open for spring and summer visits on Saturday mornings and by arrangement for groups. On display will be photos of Plumstead's historic sites and people as well as artifacts like Lenape relics and historical documents. In addition a documentary video of Plumstead's history will be shown. We also plan on a traveling display table at Parks and Rec events.

Look for a historical tour brochure highlighting cultural and historic township locations. In March the Bucks County Herald will run stories of Plumstead's history in its "Heralding History" section. Finally, Mercer Tile is creating a commemorative tile with a select number available for purchase.

For more information and future meeting topics visit www.plumsteadhistoricalsociety.org

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION

HOW PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP PRESERVES LAND IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Did you know that new developments in Plumstead Township often result in large tracts of permanently preserved open space? In Plumstead Township, if you want to develop a tract of land more than 50 acres in size in the R-1 Rural Residential Zoning District, you have the option of the Use B2 Land Preservation Subdivision.

This option allows the developer to reduce lot size from the R-1 minimum of 60,000 square foot down to a 20,000 square foot minimum, as long as the total number of residential lots yielded does not exceed the same number that would have permitted under the 60,000 square foot minimum. In return, the developer is required to preserve at least 60 percent of the tract under development as permanent open space, restricted from any further development.

Historically, developers in Plumstead Township have preferred to cluster the same number of homes in one smaller area of the tract to reduce infrastructure costs, noting that most homebuyers prefer smaller more manageable lots anyhow. Plumstead Township encourages this approach as a means of permanently preserving more land. The result is a rare WIN-WIN-WIN for developers, new homeowners and Plumstead Township residents.

If you turn onto Curly Hill road from Route 413, after the first right hand curve you will encounter an unchanged scenic view of large tracts of permanently preserved land on both sides of the new community, resulting from new developments at different times in our history. That is the result of so called "Cluster Zoning" at work in Plumstead Township.



PETS

Plumstead Township has several great parks available for the community to enjoy. All of our parks are pet friendly, but we need your help to keep them this way. Please remember that your pets should always be on a leash, and you are responsible for cleaning up after them and properly disposing of the waste. Please do not leave the bags lying along the trails or throw them in the woods for someone else to clean up.



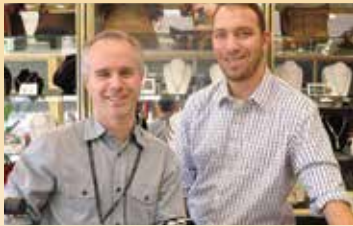
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