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Spring 2025

ANNUAL GIVING TREE EVENT

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our event this year!

Our Annual Giving Tree event came to a close on December 8, 2024. The donated items were packed up before Christmas and delivered to Bucks County Children and Youth to be distributed to local children & families before the holiday season.

This year was our BEST YEAR EVER!! We received hats, mittens, scarves (both homemade and store bought), gloves, jackets/coats, pjs, & books.

We also received a \$1000 donation this year from one particular family. This family purchased winter coats in a variety of sizes so the children will not be cold this winter.

We can't begin to thank everyone who donated to our event – NO donation is too small. This event would not be possible each year, without the support from our community.

Thank you again to everyone who donated to this event.



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Meetings:

The Board of Supervisors meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 7PM.
The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd & 4th 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.
The Parks & Recreation Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month
 All meetings are held at the Township Building unless otherwise noted on the Township calendar.

SAVE THE DATE

1. Winter Social 1/30 - 2/20
2. Coffee with a Cop Spring (Date TBD)
3. Blood Drive 4/2
4. Annual Egg Hunt 4/12
5. Movie in the Park 5/2
6. Community Yard Sale 5/17
7. Memorial Day Observance at Veterans Park 5/24
8. Summer Camps June - Aug
9. Blood Drive 6/4
10. Concert - Back to the 70's Band 6/13
11. Camp Plumstead 6/23-6/27
12. Concert - Alex Buono Band 6/27
13. Concert - Barefoot Bobby & the Breakers..... 7/11
14. Iron Pigs Game 7/19
15. Concert - Galena Brass..... 7/25
16. Concert - Highway Run..... 8/8
17. Community Day & Movie Night 9/6
18. Trick or Treat..... 10/25
19. Annual Tree Lighting 12/5

PUBLIC WORKS

ROAD HAZARD

While there are currently no enforcement regulations regarding the placement of household refuse cans in the travel lanes of public roads, there remains a serious safety concern.

As shown in the accompanying photos refuse cans placed for collection in the travel lane of our roads can cause a hazard by "forcing" motor vehicles to avoid hitting the containers and cross the centerline of the road, subsequently ending up in a head-on collision situation with vehicles travelling in the opposite direction.

Please be a good neighbor and keep trash cans in your driveway, behind the edge of the travel lane. If your trash hauler is placing them in the road following emptying, please call the hauler and alert them to the problem.

Thank you for your cooperation in improving safety and reducing risk along the township roads.



ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN



Storm Drains are metal grate inlets that can be seen along roads, and in parking lots around the township. Storm drains collect rainwater that is carried into a network of underground pipes. In almost all locations in Plumstead the stormwater is carried to a stormwater management basin, but in some locations the water is discharged straight to local streams and eventually rivers - water bodies often used for drinking water by downstream communities you may visit!

As storm drains are repaired and upgraded during paving operations, markers are added or are a part of the manufacturing of the drainage structure. These markers remind citizens not to dump anything in the storm drains, because they drain to local waterways.

Dumping pollutants into drains as a means of disposal can be costly for our township to clean up. They cause pollution and long-term damage to stormwater infrastructure.

Please don't dump ANY waste into storm drains.

Regularly remove yard debris and trash clogging your storm drain inlets. Sweep grass clippings and yard waste off of driveways and sidewalks.

Pick up pet waste and discard it with your refuse hauler.

Use less fertilizer on your lawn—get a soil test to determine what kind of fertilizer and how much you really need. Keep fertilizer off sidewalks and driveways.

Clean up automotive fluid spills promptly and fix leaking autos. Recycle used oil (many auto service centers will accept oil) and wash your car at a commercial car wash.

Do not drain swimming pools into the street or a storm drain. First, let the pool sit for 2 weeks without treating so chlorine dissipates into the atmosphere. If draining into a yard, release the water very slowly so that it filters into the ground and doesn't run off into a stream or into the street.

Absorb more stormwater naturally on your property by planting rain gardens, installing rain barrels, and reducing impervious (paved) surfaces.

Stormwater runoff flows across impervious surfaces like roads and driveways, picking up pollutants like animal waste, chemicals, gas, and oil along the way, and carrying them into our local streams.

The first and easiest step to cleaning up stormwater runoff is to stop dumping any waste directly into storm drains.

Teach children these habits to promote a lifetime of good environmental stewardship!



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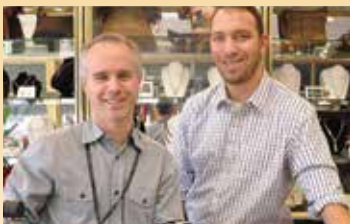
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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



The Environmental Advisory Council, made up of 7 citizen volunteers, held several environmentally friendly events recently. We distributed reusable bags, held a tree planting and a roadside cleanup, which netted an entire gas grill along with several bags of cans and bottles. Plans for 2025 also include looking at water conservation, native plantings and a stream cleanup. The EAC advises the Board of Supervisors on protection,



conservation and use of natural resources, and educates residents on the importance of environmental protection. Look for opportunities to join the EAC in environmentally responsible events on the township calendar! We meet on the first Tuesday of every month, the public is welcome!

Thank you to the Reusable Bag sponsors!

Café Soul, Plumsteadville Inn, Rite Aid, Plumsteadville Family Practice, Plumsteadville Grange Farm Market
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Plumstead residents can stop by the township building lobby to pick up a reusable bag!





Upcoming Events:

Saturday, April 26 is the next EAC road clean up and tree planting. All are welcome to join us in recognition of Earth Day and Arbor Day!

Wednesday, April 2, 6PM, Delaware Valley University and the Bucks County Foodshed Alliance host bestselling author Dr. Doug Tallamy, with "Nature's Best Hope". He will discuss simple steps we can take to reverse declining biodiversity, pollinators and seed dispersers. Receptions before and after feature information tables of sponsor organizations and refreshments from Bucks County Farms. For more information: <https://bucksfoodshed.org/natures-best-hope-event/>

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Many of us consider Plumstead somewhat rural, a quality most residents wish to preserve. Township supervisors agree on maintaining our semi-rural charm. Unlike big cities that have all paid services, small communities like ours rely on neighbors supporting each other, as volunteers, in a number of capacities.

In An Emergency:

If 911 is called, one of our volunteer fire companies would respond. If that happens, someone in need can count on a specially trained neighbor from one of our volunteer fire companies to drop everything and help day or night. In addition, there are a cadre of members that support those at the scene. The 911 call center can also call one of our two ambulance squads, which relies on a small group of volunteers assisting, in addition their primary professional staff.

Helping neighbors when all is calm:

We also have Township Committees, which are also 100% volunteer, that help in various needed capacities. Here is a partial list of our volunteer committees.

Environmental Advisory Committee – Help keep our Township environmentally healthy for us all

Historical Advisory Committee - Preserve our history, historical artifacts, and buildings

Land Preservation Education & Advisory Committee – Educate & help residents preserve their land

Park and Recreation Committee - Assist with Township sponsored park events

Veterans Advisory Committee - Recognize and support the veterans in our community

Planning Commission - Help plan for the Township's future

Zoning Hearing Board - Help maintain the zoning in our Township

If you are interested, to find out more:

To inquire about volunteering for one of our fire companies, contact them directly at:

Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company
president@PVFC2420.org, (215) 766-8250

Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company
president@engine41.com, (215) 297-5167

Though there are limits on the number of committee members, you are welcome to visit any of their meetings. They are all open to interested residents. If you'd like to find out more, including the process of volunteering on these committees, visit our website for all the information.

Explore the Township website at:

<https://www.plumstead.org/departments.html>

Communicate your interest to volunteer:

<https://www.plumstead.org/geninfo/statementofinterest.pdf>

Please remember, our community thrives when we're committed to it working well. Volunteering is an excellent way to ensure that happens.

Our local fire companies are looking for new volunteers.
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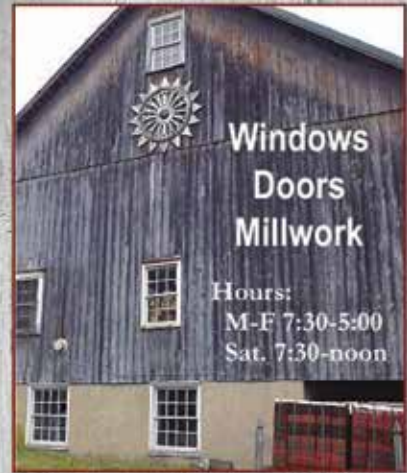
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PACK THE PATROL CAR FOOD DRIVE

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Community! We are deeply grateful for the incredible support shown during our Pack the Patrol Car food drive On Saturday November 23rd. Thanks to your generosity, we collected a remarkable amount of food donations and raised over \$800.00 in cash, which has been distributed to The Bucks County Housing Group and St. John's Baptist Food Pantry to support those in need. A special thank-you to Fred Beans Doylestown for providing two box trucks for the drive and to Dunkin' Donuts of Plumsteadville for fueling us with boxes of Joe. This event would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our amazing volunteers: Plumstead Township Police Department Plumstead Volunteer Fire Company Plumstead Explorer's Post 5708 Our incredible family and friends Thank you for coming together to make a difference in our community!



SHOP WITH A COP

The Plumstead Township Police Department proudly hosted its annual "Shop with a Cop" event on December 4th, 2024, bringing holiday cheer and fostering meaningful connections between law enforcement and the community.

This year's event was a heartwarming success, thanks to the collaborative efforts of over 35 dedicated police officers, tireless volunteers, and generous donors. Together, they brightened the holidays for over 120 elementary school students from Groveland and Gayman Schools.

A special thank you goes out to Randall and his team at Hatfield Walmart, who went above and beyond to host the event, ensuring an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. Additional gratitude goes to Hickory Stick Ice Cream for treating the children to sweet delights on their way out and to Jersey Girl Hot Sauce for helping us extend our appreciation to our amazing volunteers.



Chief David Mettin of the Plumstead Township Police Department shared, "Shop with a Cop' is one of the most rewarding events we host each year. It's a privilege to connect with our youngest community members and show them the heart of law enforcement. This tradition not only brings joy but also strengthens the bond between our officers and the families we serve."

The success of this event highlights the incredible spirit of generosity within our community. Together, we've made a lasting impact and created memories that will be cherished for years to come.

The Plumstead Township Police Department extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event a success. Here's to building an even stronger community, one act of kindness at a time.

For more information about the "Shop with a Cop" event or to learn how you can get involved in future initiatives, please contact the Plumstead Township Police Department at sferri@plumstead.gov.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

TOM RUTECKI

Tom Rutecki, Celebrating 20 years with the Plumstead Police Department, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve a community that values partnership and cooperation. The relationships I've built here remind me every day why I love this job—it's truly a team effort. I have been proudly married to my wife, Jen, for 24 years. We have two children, Julianna and Jackson, as well as two dogs. Outside of work, I enjoy archery, hunting, staying active at the gym, and watching sports. I love being outdoors and cheering on my kids as they compete in their sporting events. Most importantly, I cherish spending quality time with my family.



OFFICER STACIE ARNOSKY



Officer Stacie Arnosky joined the Plumstead Township Police Department in 2005 after earning her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Alvernia University. With 20 years of dedicated service, she has become a vital member of the department.

In addition to her patrol duties, Officer Arnosky collaborates with other agencies to identify individuals using facial recognition technology. She also serves as the department's CLEAN compliance officer, assistant evidence custodian, and, as of February 1, 2025, has been reassigned as one of the department's detectives.

We celebrate her accomplishments and wish her many more years of success in her career!



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VETERANS COMMITTEE

VETERANS BRIDGE



In 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the Veterans Committee idea of dedicating Plumstead bridges to residents who lost their lives serving our country. At that time we had identified five such residents: LeRoy Angeny US Navy World War II; Edward Keller US Army, Korean War; Frank Hilte, US Army Vietnam War; Clifford VanArtsdalen, US Army Vietnam War; and Leonard Skoniecki US Marine Corps, Vietnam War.

As we were conducting these bridge dedications, we came across a sixth Plumstead resident who lost his life in the Vietnam War. David Comber served with the 11th Infantry Brigade of the famed Americal Division in

Quang Tri province in South Vietnam. He lost his life on February 15, 1971 when his platoon was ambushed by a unit of the North Vietnamese army. The bridge on Tollgate Road over Hickory Run was dedicated in David's honor on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Assisting the Veterans Committee on this dedication were Scott Albert on bagpipes, a color guard from the Doylestown American Legion, Alan Bleam was our Chaplain for the invocation and benediction, Dave Gale sang the National Anthem, Spencer Productions sang patriotic songs, State Representative Shelby Labs and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick presented the Comber 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 Comber family was David's cousin Rob Comber, who traveled from West Virginia for this event. Also attending the dedication was David's childhood friend from Philadelphia, Harry DeLorenzo.



The Veterans Committee have now fulfilled their initial objective of dedicating bridges. In the future, we may learn of other residents who are worthy of dedications, and we will endeavor to honor them appropriately.

Thanks to everyone who participated and/or attended these bridge dedications.

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

SERGEANT RUTECKI

The two largest veterans service organizations in America have public safety programs where they recognize outstanding first responders in our communities. Locally, the Doylestown Post 175 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Albert R. Atkinson Jr. Post 210 American Legion have each nominated Sergeant Thomas Rutecki for their Law Enforcement Officer of the Year honors.

Sergeant Rutecki has been a full-time officer with the Plumstead Police Department since 2005. In addition to his law enforcement duties, Sergeant Rutecki is an integral part of Plumstead Township's Police Explorers Program which teaches local youths about law enforcement and community service.

On January 2, 2024, then Officer Rutecki was dispatched on a report of a 15-year-old suicidal female. He located the female on the Route 313 overpass at Route 611. His calm demeanor in talking with the female caused her to hesitate whereby Officer Rutecki was then able to grab her and prevent her from jumping, thus ending the incident. The teen now acknowledges that Officer Rutecki's actions that night have contributed greatly to turning her life around.



Sergeant Rutecki was endorsed for the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award by the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors, State Representative Shelby Labs, Chief David Mettin and the Plumstead Township Veterans Committee.

VETERANS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

"The Plumstead Township Veterans Committee is looking for information on any Plumstead resident who has served in the armed forces - any time, any place. The purpose is to recognize those who have sacrificed part of their lives in service to our country. We would like the name, branch of service, time served, and conflict if applicable.

Please forward any information to Jim McComb at jmccomb@plumstead.gov. Questions can be directed to Jim at 267-281-8738."

VETERANS DAY

"Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A veteran doesn't have that problem." – Ronald Reagan. To remember and recognize our veterans for their sacrifices defending the freedoms we enjoy today, sadly comes but once each year on Veterans Day, November 11th. Plumstead Township proudly honors our veterans each year around Veterans Day.

The 2024 celebration was held on Saturday, November 9th. The day begins with a flag raising and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at Veterans Park.

The audience then proceeds indoors to the gymnasium of Plumstead Christian School. There is a special presentation for veterans and non-veterans. This year's presentation was a video on all the events of the Plumstead Township Veterans Committee during the previous year. The video began with the 2023 Veterans Day celebration, followed by the Memorial Day observance and then through the three bridge dedications for Plumstead residents who lost their lives serving our country.

This excellent video, by Kathy Albert, can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XMHMczaz0Q&t=130s>

To understand the impact of this day, here's a quote from a veteran who attended this year's event. "Until today, I have never before felt honored for being a veteran."

If you have not attended one of these events, please consider doing so this year.



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PARK & RECREATION 2025

EVENTS

- Annual Egg Hunt: Saturday April 12, 2:00pm (4/13 rain date)
- Summer Movie in the Park: May 2
- Community Yard/Craft Sale: May 17
- Concert(s) in the park: 7:00-9:00
 - June 13- Back to the 70's Band
 - June 27-Alex Buono Band
 - July 11 Barefoot Bobby & the Breakers
 - July 25 Galena Brass
 - August 8 Highway Run
- Iron Pigs game "Lets break the record for largest group" July 19
- Community Day and Movie Night: September 6
- Trick or Treat Event: Oct. 25 (10/26 rain date)
- Annual Tree Lighting: December 5 (12/6 rain date)



CAMPS AND PROGRAMS

- Camp Plumstead: June 23-27
- OT Athletics Sports Camp: June 16-20, June 30-July 3, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25, July 28-August 1, August 4-8, August 11-15, August 18-22, August 25-29
- Eagles Flag football: July 21-25
- Soccer Shots: March 15-April 19, May 3-June 14, July 12-August 16, September 6-November 8
- Action Karate: March 1-April 1
- BCTA Tennis: May 31-June 28, July 7-August 6
- Shooting Stars Archery: Summer Camp June 23-27, July 21-25, August 11-15 and weekly sessions February 17-March 27, March 31- May 8, May 12- June 19, June 23- August 14
- Social Club with Coach Julie: Jan.30-Feb.20, March 6-20, April 10-24, May 1-22, July 10-31, September 11-25, October 2-30

HANUSEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Are you looking for an inexpensive venue for your next event? The Hanusey Park Community Center just might fit the bill.

We rent the building out seven days a week with only one event per day.

Rental form can be found on our website: <http://plumstead.org/publicworks/facilityuse.pdf>

If you are interested or have any questions, please call the township (215) 766-8914 x208 and speak to Duane Freed.



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)



"CALL BEFORE YOU DIG"

Residents are reminded of their responsibility to notify the Pennsylvania One Call System prior to any type of excavation work around your home. No matter how big or small, shallow or deep, Pennsylvania state law requires that you call 8-1-1, at least three working days prior to the digging taking place. The call is toll free, there is no charge to you for the service and the call center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year. You may place the dig notification call, or, if you have hired a contractor ask them to call. Once they call, they will be given a serial number for reference. Request this number from your contractor and keep it on file until the job is complete.

Once the utility is marked, you (or your contractor) are responsible for exercising caution in the area that is marked. Just because the painted line (or flag) is in a specific spot does not mean the utility is directly below that mark. By law, there is an 18" tolerance zone to each side of the mark.

The color code markings used are as follows:

- ⌘ white - proposed excavation area
- ⌘ pink - temporary survey markings
- ⌘ red - electric power lines, cables, conduits and lighting
- ⌘ yellow - gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials
- ⌘ orange - communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduits
- ⌘ blue - potable water
- ⌘ purple - reclaimed water, irrigation or slurry lines
- ⌘ green - sewer and drain lines

For more information visit: www.pa1call.org or call Public Works at 215-766-0189.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

BIKE SAFETY

With the coming of spring, days are lengthening and our opportunity for outdoor activities increases. One popular activity is bicycling. Plumstead is a popular location to cycle. There are walking/biking paths that connect neighborhoods and surround our parks. Plumstead has miles of quiet back country roads where riders can travel with limited motor vehicle conflict.

While biking is a great recreational activity there are some rules that should be followed. First are the laws. Pennsylvania law governs what a bicycle can and cannot do on the road and how motorists must interact with them. The following link will take you to a brief discussion of the PA laws:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/traveling-in-pa/riding-a-bike/bicycle-safety-and-pennsylvania-laws.htm>

Some of the highlights of the law are:

Pennsylvania's Vehicle Code considers "pedalcycles" as vehicles and provides that every person riding a pedalcycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and responsibilities applicable to a driver of a vehicle...

Motor vehicles must allow 4 feet of distance when overtaking a bicycle and travel at a careful and prudent speed. It is the motorist's responsibility to provide this distance, not that of the cyclist.

Motor vehicles may also overtake a bicycle in a no-passing zone to avoid excessive delays, but this must be done with

due care and while providing the required 4 feet of clearance.

For the most part motorists and cyclists exist happily but when it comes to passing a cyclist on the road conflicts can be deadly. A motorist must slow down and pass the cyclist with caution, our roads are narrow requiring that the motorist cross into the opposite lane to pass.

The cyclist using walking/biking paths must use caution while overtaking pedestrians, slow down, announce your intention to pass, then pass on the left when possible. Beware that many walkers and runners wear earbuds which may impede their hearing. It is a good practice to treat anyone being overtaken as hearing impaired. Extreme caution must be taken when overtaking young children. Young children are unpredictable, a good practice is to slow down to a walking pace or walk the bike while young children are present.

Safety is the first consideration while cycling. Safety features such as a helmet are required for children under the age of 12 and are recommended for all riders. Lights, both front and rear, are strongly recommended while riding on the road, as are bright clothing, the more visual you are on the road the better.

Cycling is a great recreational past-time for all ages and a great way to enjoy the outdoors.

Be safe and enjoy the ride.

PLUMSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Q: What is old and new at the same time?

A: Our new museum with antique artifacts housed in an 1889 chapel!

Some interesting displays are a replica one-room schoolhouse with desks from the original Plumsteadville school, a large collection of Lenape arrowheads and stone tools, and an intricately woven blanket from 1840. A video of Plumstead's unique history titled "History Lives On" will be shown along with walls of historic photos of local places and people like the dapper gentleman in an elegant carriage shown below. Discover who he is and how he changed Plumstead at our museum. Also, with our new space we are eager for any historic artifact donations. Not sure it's historic or relevant? Contact us!



The Plumstead Historical Society Museum will be open by this summer with Saturday morning hours and by appointment. Monthly meetings are free and are held on the 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. Topics range from local to national history. Upcoming topics include underground railway quilts, the Lenape tribes and the Johnstown flood.

For monthly topics and open hours find us on Facebook or visit our website www.plumsteadhistoricalsociety.org



PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION

CONSERVATION EASEMENT FACTS

- A conservation easement is a legal agreement a property owner enters into with an easement holder to restrict the type and amount of development on their property. Easements are individually tailored to the property and owner's needs.
- The goal of a conservation easement is to preserve Plumstead Township's farmland and/or natural, scenic or historic areas.
- Any property with significant conservation values can be protected by an easement. The easement can prohibit subdivision or be written to allow for limited construction. No matter how restrictive the easement is, the property owners continue to retain use of their land. Portions of a property such as land around a dwelling are usually exempt from any easement restrictions to allow for the limited expansion and continued use of the existing structures without violating the conservation easement.
- A conservation easement lasts forever and is recorded like a deed. At any time, the property can be sold or passed to an heir.
- Plumstead Township can serve as an easement holder; however, the easement can be held by a land trust or other government agency, or even more than one entity.
- A property owner who grants a conservation easement to the Township does not have to allow public access. In rare cases, participation in county and/or state programs may require limited access.
- Substantial tax benefits are available for property owners for the donation of a conservation easement. Benefits can include a reduction in Federal and local taxes.
- The conservation easement process can be lengthy depending on your situation. In general, the process takes six to twelve months.

For more information about conservation easements and the process on how to apply and qualify, please contact the Plumstead Township Land Preservation and Education Advisory Committee by mail or the Assistant Township Manager, Steve Hicks by email at shicks@plumsted.gov



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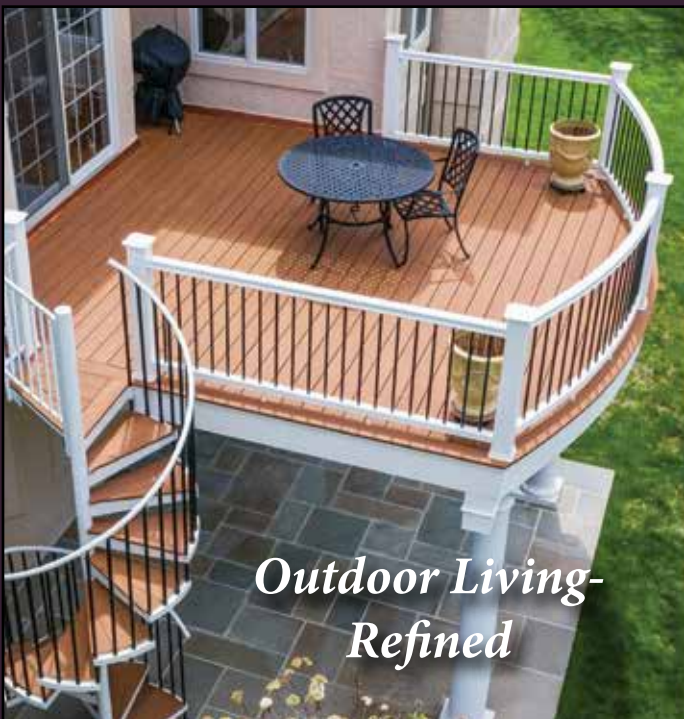
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