

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Fall 2019

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA



Findings

NEW CHIEF OF POLICE



Chief John C. Myrsiades with his wife, Bobbi Jo

We are proud to announce that former Deputy Chief John C. Myrsiades has been promoted to the rank of Chief of Police.

Following a unanimous vote by Plymouth Township Council, District Justice Frank Bernhardt administered the oath of office to Chief Myrsiades during the June 10, 2019 Council Meeting. Chief Myrsiades was joined by his wife, Bobbi Jo, and his three children, along with many co-workers and well-wishers.

Chief Myrsiades is the 7th Chief of Police to serve the Plymouth Township Police Department. Since joining the Plymouth Township Police Department in January of 1989, Chief Myrsiades has served in every rank within the department.

Congratulations Chief Myrsiades! We look forward to your leadership for many years to come.

Chief Myrsiades will be holding community outreach meetings this fall. Come and listen to his new ideas! We'll be sure to get the word out on where and when the meetings will be held once the details are finalized.

READY FOR 100



On April 8, 2019, Plymouth Council adopted Resolution 2019-16 dubbed the "Ready for 100 Renewable Energy Resolution". This resolution was brought to Council by the Township's Environmental Advisory Board and imparts a vision for a 100% clean renewable energy future.

The Township has demonstrated a commitment to reducing its energy usage by implementing energy efficiency improvements in multiple areas, including: Municipal building energy efficiency improvements, resulting in reduced energy usage and energy costs; Lighting and energy system improvements at the Community Center, resulting in reduced energy usage and energy costs; LED traffic lights throughout the Township; and transitioning to LED streetlights, all resulting in reduced energy usage and energy costs.

Going forward, Plymouth Township will join other leading towns and cities in the National Ready for 100 Movement, to transition to 100% clean, renewable energy for all, and complete this transition to: 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035; 100% clean renewable energy when replacing heating system and transportation equipment by 2050; and as vehicles are replaced, priority will also be given to transitioning the Plymouth Township fleet to 100% renewable energy sources by 2030 where feasible.



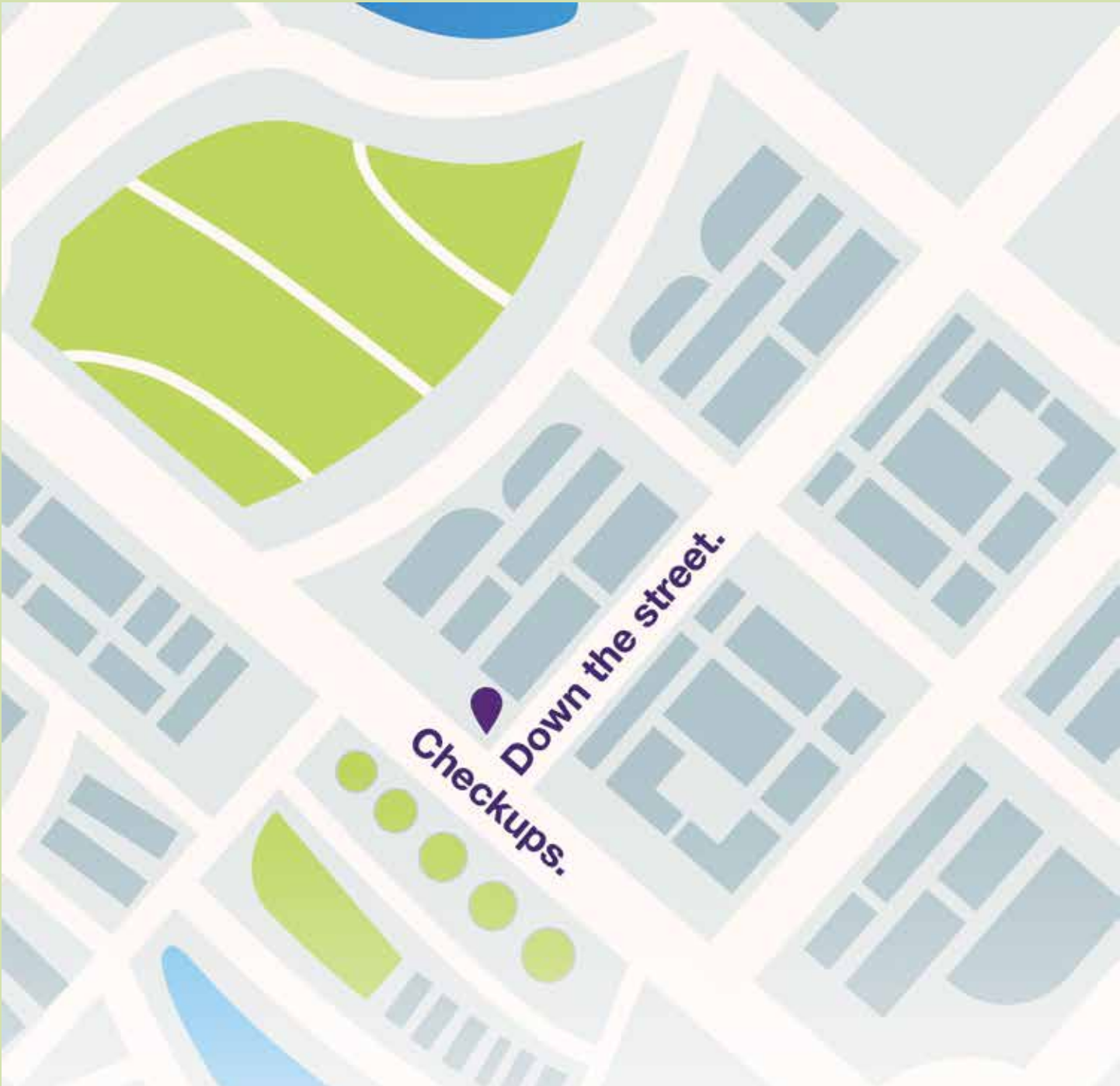
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Wednesday, November 13
2:00 p.m.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony
Wednesday, December 4
6:00 p.m.

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 **Where you and life meet, is where you'll find us.**

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**PLYMOUTH MEETING
FAMILY MEDICINE**

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Plymouth Township News

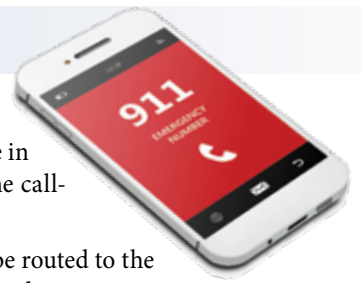
Calling 9-1-1 from a Cell Phone

The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety asks that anyone who calls 9-1-1 from a cellular phone in communities near the County border immediately state that “I’m calling from Montgomery County” when the call-taker answers the phone.

If the nearest cell tower to where the call is placed is across the border in a neighboring county, the call will be routed to the 9-1-1 centers in Philadelphia, Bucks, Berks, Chester or Delaware counties, depending on where the tower is located.

The neighboring 9-1-1 centers will transfer the call to Montgomery County, but the time it takes to figure out the actual location, transfer the call and then supply the information about the incident again, could make a difference in saving someone’s life.

Stating “I’m calling from Montgomery County” at the outset will greatly reduce any delay in getting people the help they need. Cell phone calls to 9-1-1 do not give your address or location, so be sure to give that information as well.



GPCC Pass Promotion

10% off Annual Passes and Renewals Saturday, October 19th Only!

If you have been on the fence about purchasing or renewing a pass at the GPCC, now is the time! Enjoy 10% off from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All passes must be purchased in person. For pass prices visit www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org.

Please remember to pick up after your dog.

Dog owners are reminded of the following sections of the Township’s General Laws:

Section 4-42. Defecation by dogs – Deemed a nuisance. Defecation by a dog in the gutter, street, public sidewalk, or other area within the right-of-way line of any public street, or upon the floor or stairway of any building or place frequented by the public or used in common by tenants, or upon the outside walkways, driveways, alleys, curbs, or stairways of any building abutting on a public street or park, or upon the grounds of any park or public area, or upon any private property other than the property of the owner of such animal, shall be deemed to be the commission of a nuisance.

Section 4-43. Responsibility of owner to remove. The owner of a dog or the person having custody or control of such dog at the time the animal commits a nuisance by defecating in any area other than on the private property of the owner of that animal shall be required to immediately remove the excrement from the surface of the ground and to dispose thereof either in a toilet or by placing the same in a non-leaking container and depositing that container in a trash or litter receptacle.

Section 4-44. Penalty for failure of owner to remove. The failure of the owner of a dog or of the person having custody or control of that animal to abate the nuisance described herein as required hereby shall be a summary offense, punishable as prescribed in section 1-9 (a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day) of the Plymouth Township Code.



Grant Corner

Harriet Wetherill Park (HWP) Nature Center

The bid process has begun for the courtyard back entrance to the nature center. The project was partially funded by the a Department of Community and Economic Development grant through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation program. The entrance will allow easy and safe access to the building and we hope to have it completed by the end of the year.

Through a Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation grant, we were able to purchase materials and supplies to further improve the courtyard and nature center to accommodate our programs. Look for more exciting programs this fall and in 2020.



Plymouth Township News



Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update



Thank you to those who gave their input for the long-range vision of Plymouth Township. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to attend the Open House in December. Your input is so important in choosing the best ways to improve the parks, programs, facilities and trails in the community. Your ideas are now being drafted. The Plan should be completed by the end of the year and then goes to Plymouth Township Council and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for approval.

Thank you to everyone who has provided valuable input during the comprehensive planning process so far. The draft Plymouth2040 Comprehensive Plan is expected to be available for public review and comment in September. Please visit the Township website at <http://www.plymouthtownship.org> for more

information and updates.

If you have questions or comments about the Plymouth2040 Comprehensive Plan, please contact Marley Bice, AICP at mbice@montcopa.org or 610-278-3740.

Find us on Facebook! Search for Plymouth2040 and tag us #Plymouth2040

Veterans Ceremony

Wednesday, November 13, 2:00 p.m.

Area veterans are invited to join us at the Plymouth Township Service and Devotion Monument (ceremony held indoors if it rains). Retired Police Chief Joe Lawrence will be our guest speaker. Please RSVP to Lori Fisher at 610-277-4061 or lfisher@plymouthtownship.org. Your name will be included in the event program. Light refreshments will be served.



Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 p.m.

Plymouth Township invites you to the third annual tree lighting ceremony. It will kick off at 6:00 p.m. at the Service and Devotion Monument located at the corner of Walton Road and Germantown Pike. The evening will feature a mini concert and complimentary hot chocolate and cookies. Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance so bring your smile and cameras.

An advertisement for Plymouth Township Service & Devotion bricks and pavers. It features a photograph of a brick wall under construction, a framed certificate of appreciation, and the following text:

**Plymouth Township
Service & Devotion**

**Bricks and pavers are available
for purchase to honor a loved
one, special event or to support
the project.**

Questions? Please contact Susan Vacchiano, 610-313-8683

Plymouth Township Welcomes New Employees

The Plymouth Township Council unanimously approved the hiring of a new police officer, a new fire marshal and a new fire police officer.

“We’re going to welcome some new members to the Plymouth Township family,” Township Council Chair Marty Higgins said before the new employees were sworn in.

Lifelong Plymouth Township resident Jonathan Marinelli, 25, was sworn in as a police officer. Marinelli, a 2011 Plymouth Whitemarsh High School graduate, received his Act 120 certification from Temple University and holds an Associate’s degree from Montgomery County Community College, where he graduated with honors.

Michael Matusheski was sworn in as fire marshal and Tanya Zekovitch was sworn in as fire police.

“So there’s a smooth transition, we wanted to go ahead and hire a new fire marshal,” Higgins said.

In other business, the Council voted unanimously to sell two used police vehicles to Montgomery County for \$1. The vehicles will be used in the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course training. With the donations, Police Chief Joseph Lawrence said the vehicle donations would allow the department to send additional officers to classes.



Michael Matusheski with Council Members



Tanya Zekovitch with Council Members



Chief Lawrence welcoming Officer Jonathan Marinelli

Township Recognitions

Plymouth Township Police Dispatcher Karen Bowman was recognized for 20 years of service during the April 2019 Council Meeting. Thank you to Dispatcher Bowman for her hard work and dedication to the citizens of Plymouth Township and the officers of the Plymouth Township Police Department.



Karen Bowman with members of Plymouth Township Council



Council recognizes Public Works Department for National Public Works Week



Plymouth Township recognizes police for National Police Week.

Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library

Free Public Library Service in Plymouth Township

Plymouth Township is one of 33 municipalities served by the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, Branches, and Bookmobiles. Library Cards and Online Accounts are free to Plymouth residents. Bookmobiles bring the library to Plymouth residents weekly.

BOOKMOBILE STOPS

Meet us at one of our Plymouth Township bookmobile stops:

GREATER PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER

2910 Jolly Road
Every Tuesday 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM

PLACE ONE APARTMENTS

777 West Germantown Pike
Every Tuesday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

We also have many other bookmobile stops in nearby communities. For a complete schedule, visit our website: <http://mnl.mclinc.org/>.

Books and More on the Bookmobiles

Browse our bookmobile collection. We have a little of everything that you would see in a bricks and mortar library branch. We have books, audio books, movies, and music for both children and adults. Don't see what you are looking for on the bookmobile? You can also request items from the other 35 public library locations in the Montgomery County Library District.

Your requested items are delivered to the bookmobile. We will text, call, or email you when they are ready for pickup.

E-Books, E-Magazines, and E-Newspapers

Your library card also gives you access to our online resources. You can read thousands of books, magazines, and newspapers on any web-enabled device. Ask us how!

Did you Know?

Currently, the Bookmobile and Outreach Services Department operates four different bookmobiles on regularly scheduled routes. When one is in the shop for maintenance, another bookmobile or a library cargo van will cover the route.

Homebound Library Outreach

Are you, or is someone you know, temporarily or permanently homebound? If you can't travel to a library or bookmobile, we offer the "Books by Mail" program. This is a free-of-charge library delivery service. We mail a courier bag to you with your requested items, a return mailing label, and pre-paid return postage.

Contact Us

Email: bookmobiles@mclinc.org

Phone: (610) 278-5100 Ext. 7



The Classic Extension Branch Bookmobile



The New Extension Branch Bookmobile



*The Books Go Round (Children's) Bookmobile
The Words on Wheels (Seniors) Bookmobile*



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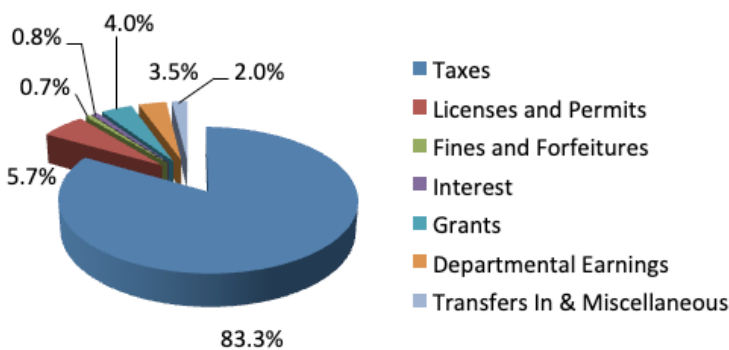
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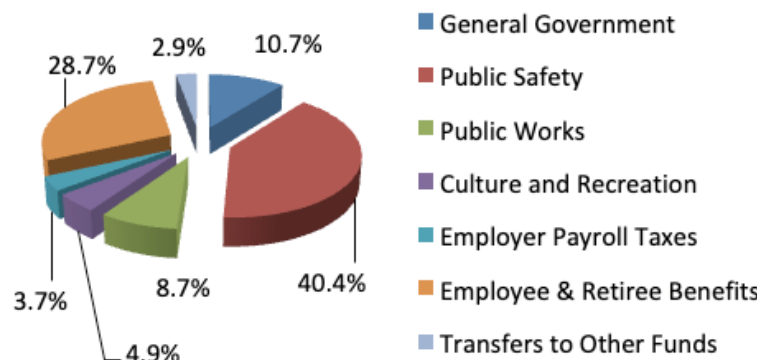
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP – GENERAL FUND – STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| | Actual 2018 | Actual 2017 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue & Transfers In: | | |
| Taxes | \$21,339,066 | \$20,084,202 |
| Licenses and Permits | 1,462,991 | 1,400,617 |
| Fines and Forfeitures | 186,232 | 201,443 |
| Interest | 208,411 | 113,482 |
| Grants | 1,022,321 | 987,295 |
| Departmental Earnings | 903,984 | 847,973 |
| Transfers In & Miscellaneous | 502,557 | 535,627 |
| Total Revenue & Transfers In | \$25,625,562 | \$24,170,639 |
| Expenditures & Transfers Out: | | |
| General Government | \$2,587,611 | \$2,826,620 |
| Public Safety | 9,760,137 | 9,519,000 |
| Public Works | 2,103,541 | 2,078,576 |
| Culture and Recreation | 1,177,401 | 1,235,416 |
| Employer Payroll Taxes | 897,943 | 889,016 |
| Employee & Retiree Benefits | 6,942,095 | 6,740,890 |
| Transfers to Other Funds | 700,000 | 700,000 |
| Total Expenditures & Transfers Out | \$24,168,728 | \$23,989,518 |
| Difference: Revenue & Transfers In Less Expenditures and Transfers Out | \$1,456,835 | \$181,121 |
| Beginning Fund Balance - Jan. 1 | 8,900,041 | 8,718,920 |
| Ending Fund Balance - Dec. 31 | \$10,356,876 | \$8,900,041 |

2018 Revenue



2018 Expenditures



Harmonville Fire Company



Good day from the officers and members of the Harmonville Fire Company No. 1. The Harmonville Fire Company proudly protects and serves the residents and businesses of Plymouth Township, surrounding communities and parts of the Pennsylvania Turnpike since 1924. We operate out of two stations located in Plymouth Township, our main station which is located at 2100 Butler Pike and our substation located at 904 Germantown Pike. With these two locations, our members are always ready to respond at a moment's notice.

The first half of 2019 has been steady for us. We have responded to over 250 calls for service and attended 35 training sessions. Members have attended multiple special services ranging from meetings and fire prevention activities including Plymouth Township Day to summer camps to discuss fire prevention.

A new piece of apparatus is coming to our fleet! Rescue 44, a 2000 New Lexington Rescue truck is being replaced with a 2019 Pierce Rescue truck, which will be arriving this fall. The truck committee and the membership have put in a lot of time and effort to design the best vehicle for us to help serve you and our community. Stay tuned for more information about our new truck on our social media pages.

Being a volunteer organization, we are always looking for new members to join our firehouse family. There are many roles that we fill. Our Firefighting/Rescue Operations train in saving lives and protecting property to keep the community we serve safe! This role has various job duties including forcible entry, fire extinguishment, search and rescue, and driving and operating the apparatus. Our Junior Firefighter program is for 14-17 years old who are interested in joining the Fire Company. The Fire Police Unit helps keep our firefighters, as well as the public, safe at emergency scenes by providing traffic and crowd control. Our administrative group keeps the company running, from meetings within the company to meetings with Plymouth Township Council. They are the ones who are "behind the scenes" making sure we can be the best we can be! If you are interested in joining to help out in any way you can, you can stop by either station during the day Monday through Friday, stop by our main station Monday nights (our drill night) between 6:30 – 10:00, or visit our website, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, leave us a message and someone will be in touch with you.

Lastly, our biggest fundraiser of the year is approaching, our Annual Christmas Tree Sale! The sale will begin at the end of November. Besides selling trees, our members hand make wreaths and sprays and have other items for sale such as tree bags and stands. And while we are on the Christmas topic, don't forget to keep an eye and an ear out for Santa Claus whom we escort around town during our tree sales. When the time gets closer, we will announce it on our social media pages.

-  www.hfc44.com
-  www.facebook.com/harmonvillefirecompany
-  [harmonvillefire](https://www.instagram.com/harmonvillefire)
-  [@harmonvillefire](https://twitter.com/harmonvillefire)



Ladder arch for Rolling Thunder



Crews at a vehicle rescue



Tower 44 assisting Lower Providence Fire Co. on a 3 alarm fire

Plymouth Ambulance



Plymouth Community Ambulance Association (PCAA) has been providing emergency medical assistance to the residents and visitors of Plymouth Township since 1963. PCAA responds to approximately 15,000 emergency calls annually, making PCAA the busiest ambulance squad in Montgomery County. PCAA has grown since its inception in 1963, when it started out with only one ambulance. PCAA now operates a fleet of 12 advanced life support equipped ambulances, three supervisory sport utility vehicles, one F250 utility pickup which is used to pull rehabilitation trailers and a Polaris off road six-wheeled all terrain ambulance.

PCAA is headquartered at 902 Germantown Pike and operates three satellite stations to provide rapid response throughout the coverage territory. The coverage territory has also grown over time with other ambulance services going out of business. In 2000 PCAA acquired the Norristown area formerly covered by Montgomery Hospital Paramedics. In 2002 after 43 years of service West Norriton Ambulance folded and PCAA began coverage of this area. In 2014



Lower Frederick Regional Ambulance approached PCAA to discuss a merger and this area was acquired. As of today PCAA provides emergency medical service to the following areas: Plymouth Township, East Norriton Township, West Norriton Township, Municipality of Norristown, Lower Frederick Township, Schwenksville Borough, and partial areas in Worcester Township, Perkiomen Township, Upper Frederick Township, Upper Salford Township and Limerick Township, along with long stretches of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Northeast extension and Blue Route.

PCAA provides specialized medical support to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department Bomb Disposal Team and Montgomery
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Plymouth Fire Company



OPERATIONS:

Plymouth Fire Company is very proud to be a part of the Emergency Services providing Fire and Rescue services to the residents and visitors of Plymouth Township since 1906.

With heavy rainfall presenting unique challenges with the Plymouth Creek and Schuylkill River, we have trained and certified our firefighters in Swift Water Rescue and Emergency Boat Operations to develop our Water Rescue Team.



–Montco 43). Other events include restaurant fundraisers. These events can be found on the same informational pages, as well as our sign at the station. We hope to see you there!

TRAINING:

Our firefighters continue to improve their knowledge beyond their initial certification through our weekly training night. Our training committee develops our weekly training and drills to challenge our firefighters. This enables us to increase our knowledge and skills to safely mitigate an incident.



COMMUNITY EVENTS:

We participate in public functions throughout the year that include fire prevention activities in schools, summer camp visits, Plymouth Township Day, safety days at multiple businesses, and the Plymouth Ambulance Toy Drive. For the holidays we host a Breakfast with Santa and also provide an escort for Santa through town. We are partnered with Central Montco Technical High School Public Safety program to supply some classroom instruction and equipment displays. We have a partnership with SafeKids of CHOP for free car seat inspections at our station three times per week.

HALL RENTALS:

Our banquet hall is available to rent for functions such as parties, business meetings, and luncheons. For more information on renting the hall, visit plymouthfireco.com or contact our hall rental direct line at 484-614-7578.

LADIES AUXILIARY: The Auxiliary sponsors fundraising events to bring our community together. We will host our annual Trivia Night on March 6, 2020. Enjoy trivia? Get some friends together and compete in friendly competition at the firehouse. More information on this event will be available in the new year. Updated information will be available on the fire company website page and on the Events section of the fire company Facebook page (Plymouth Fire Company No. 1

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Scott Martz and Nick Gehman graduated from Plymouth Whitemarsh High School in June of 2019. During their senior year they both enrolled in classes at the Montgomery County Fire Academy. After completing 188 hours of training consuming their nights and weekends, Scott graduated the Fire Academy on June 10th as a Pennsylvania State Certified Firefighter Level I. Nick will be completing the curriculum and graduating from the Fire Academy in spring of 2020.

We are certainly proud of both these new Firefighters, and we are also proud to share the next phase of their lives. Nick will be attending Penn State University to major in Criminology, and Scott will be entering the United States Marine Corps, beginning with a 13 week boot camp in Parris Island, SC.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME:

We are always looking to add more people to our ranks. The company has many positions available in our firefighting, fire police, and administrative ranks. If you would like to serve your community by becoming a member of Plymouth Fire Company, there are members present Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. If you are unable to make it during those hours, please feel free to email us at PlymouthFireCo@gmail.com.



Code Red is the name of the Township's emergency notification system. Residents can go to the Township website at www.plymouthtownship.org and click the Code Red logo on the homepage or text 'PLYMOUTHHTWP' to 99411 from your mobile device. You will be linked to the Code Red's site where you can enter additional phone numbers and email addresses to receive emergency and community service announcements from the Township, such as evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, mosquito spraying notices and missing child reports, to name a few.

Zoning and Planning Office



Anyone interested in conducting a “no-impact” home-based business, must apply for a Zoning Use & Occupancy Permit with the Township as well as meet the following requirements:

1. The business activity shall be compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residential uses.
2. The business shall employ no employees other than family members residing in the dwelling.
3. There shall be no display or sale of retail goods and no stockpiling or inventory of a substantial nature.
4. There shall be no outside appearance of a business use, including, but not limited to, parking, signs or lights.
5. The business activity may not use any equipment or process which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical or electronic interference, including interference with radio or television reception, which is detectable in the neighborhood.
6. The business activity may not generate any solid waste or sewage discharge in volume or type which is not normally associated with residential use in the neighborhood.
7. The business activity shall be conducted only within the dwelling and may not occupy more than 25% of the habitable floor area.
8. Involves no customer, client, or patient traffic, whether vehicular or pedestrian.
9. Delivery and/or pickup of items from the business must not be in excess of those normally associated with residential use.
10. The business may not involve any illegal activity.

Application forms can be obtained at the Township building or on the Township website.

Any questions, please call 610-233-0554.

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County Major Incident Response Team. The members of these specialized teams are highly experienced providers that train alongside the bomb technicians and police officers.

PCAA's EMS personnel deliver high quality and professional Emergency Medical Service to the residents of Plymouth Township. When 911 is activated, a series of events takes place and the result is professional help at your side in minutes during times of crisis. In order to maintain this state of readiness, our emergency medical technicians and paramedics undergo recurrent physician level educational lectures and hands-on training. Full time providers recently completed a bi-annual skills review. This training serves to refresh the knowledge of each provider as well as provide the opportunity to hone and perfect their skills with simulated real-world situations. All of this is done in an ongoing effort to provide the best EMS care possible to this community.

Along with receiving ongoing training many of our providers are instructors that are committed to furthering the medical education of township residents. PCAA offers training in CPR, AED, and first aid. If you or your business is interested in receiving this highly valuable training please contact us via phone at 610-277-2776 ext. 6 or at our website www.medic308.org and one of our training staff will be happy to get this setup.

PCAA is launching a new endeavor in effort to provide patients with the best care possible. When responding to a medical emergency we rely greatly on attaining a patient's past medical history, current medications, medical and environmental allergies and specific demographic information. This information is usually the last thing on the mind of a patient or family members when experiencing an emergency. In an effort to have this information easily accessible to our responders PCAA will be offering printable patient medical information cards. We ask that you print these cards out, fill in the needed information and keep them easily accessible. We recommend keeping these cards on or inside your refrigerator. Our providers are trained to look for the cards in this location and you can help them by advising them you have a card and where it is located. Again these cards are printable and available on our website www.medic308.org. If you are unable to print one, feel free to stop at our station located at 902 Germantown Pike and pick some up.

As a reminder we at Plymouth Community Ambulance offer certified car seat inspections. Please call a week or two in advance to schedule your inspection. You should bring your child safety seat, the vehicle the seat is being installed in, and the owner's manuals for both. Our certified safety technician will go over the proper installation of your safety seat. They will answer questions on what type and how long a child should ride in each style of safety seat. They will advise on best practices for where in the vehicle the child seat should be located. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact us during normal business hours at 610-277-2776.

Police News

Cocoa with a Cop

On Sunday, February 10, 2019, Mission BBQ hosted the Plymouth Township Police Department for our annual Cocoa with a Cop event. The event was once again well attended by local residents. We were grateful to have the opportunity to meet with our residents in an informal setting and discuss community issues.



Local residents and members of the Plymouth Township Police Department

IKEA and PTPA Shredding Event

In June 2019 IKEA hosted the Plymouth Township Police Association for their annual Shredding Day event. Residents of the Plymouth Township area were able to drop off their sensitive documents to our Police Association volunteers, who then had the documents quickly and safely shredded. In addition to providing the location and shredding truck, IKEA treated each person dropping off documents for disposal to a coupon for a free IKEA ice cream cone!



Members of the Plymouth Township Police Association at IKEA for our Shredding Day Event

Remember to keep sensitive documents safe when still needed, and to properly dispose of those documents when they are no longer needed. Look for us at the next Shredding Day Event!

2019 COP Camp Program

In June of 2019 the Plymouth Township Police Department hosted their popular C.O.P. Camp Program. Each year a group of local children, aged 9 to 11 years old, spend one week learning about the work of a law enforcement officer, while participating in hands on activities, including forensic crime scene processing, SWAT tactics, criminal investigation, bike safety and more! This year's program featured the cadets conducting an investigation throughout the week, culminating in the identification and arrest of the suspect who struck the chicken as he crossed the road. Congratulations to our cadets for solving this crime!

This program is made possible through the support of Plymouth Township Council, Chief John Myrsiades and the kindness of our incredible business community, including the Plymouth Township Police Association, EVB Towing, Chick-Fil-A, Wawa, Bimbo Bakeries, Target, Rocco's Brick Oven Pizza, Weis Market, Corropolese Bakery and Deli, KONA ICE and Philly Pretzel Factory. We thank you for your continued support of this program.



COP Camp Cadets following the successful investigation and arrest of Detective Capperella

Look for information regarding the 2020 COP Camp Program in the first quarter of 2020.



2019 Plymouth Township Police COP Camp Graduates, with Chief Myrsiades, Council Chair Higgins and Vice Chair Manero

Police News

School Zone Driving Safety Tips

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.
- When entering a school zone, be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.
- Never change lanes while driving in a school zone.
- Never make U-Turns while driving in a school zone.
- Never text while driving in a school zone.
- Avoid using a cell phone, unless it is completely hands-free, while driving in a school zone.
- Unless licensed to do so, never use handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children at school.

Riding Your Bike to School

- Check with the school to make sure your child is allowed to ride their bicycle to school. Some schools do not allow students to ride bicycles to school until they reach a specific grade.
- Make sure your child always wears a bicycle helmet! Failure to wear one could result in a traffic citation. Furthermore, in the event of an accident, helmets reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- Obey the rules of the road; the rules are the same for all vehicles, including bicycles.
- Always stay on the right-hand side of the road and ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Be sure your child knows and uses all of the appropriate hand signals.
- Choose the safest route between home and school and practice it with children until they can demonstrate traffic safety awareness.
- If possible, try to ride with someone else. There is safety in numbers.



Walking to School

- Leave early enough to arrive at school at least 10 minutes prior to the start of school.
- Use the same route every day and never use shortcuts.
- Go straight home after school. Do not go anywhere else without permission.
- Always use public sidewalks and streets when walking to school.
- Demonstrate traffic safety awareness and pick the safest route between your home and the school and practice walking it with your children.
- Try and walk to school with other students. There is safety in numbers.
- Teach your children to recognize and obey traffic signals, signs, and pavement markings.
- Only cross streets at designated crosswalks, street corners and traffic controlled intersections.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street and never enter streets from between obstacles like parked cars, shrubbery, signs, etc.
- Always walk and never run across intersections.
- Avoid talking to strangers. Teach your children to get distance between themselves and anyone who tries to approach or make contact with them.
- If a stranger does approach your child, make sure they know to immediately report the incident to you or a teacher.
- Teach your children to never get into a vehicle with anyone, even if they know them, without your permission.



School Bus Safety

- Make a habit of arriving at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus.
- Make sure your child stays out of the street and avoids excessive horseplay while waiting for the school bus.
- Be sure the bus comes to a complete stop before getting on or off.
- When riding the bus, make sure your child understands they must remain seated and keep their head and arms inside the bus at all times.
- Do not shout or distract the driver.
- Do not walk in the driver's "blind spot" — this is the area from the front of the bus to about 10 feet in front of the bus.

Public Works

Is Your Trash Can Too Big?

More and more residents are using 60-90 gallon carts as their trash container. These carts are too large for our men to handle and are designed to be lifted mechanically. Trash cans should be no larger than 30 gallons and weigh no more than 50 pounds when loaded. An EMPTY 90 gallon cart weighs 40 pounds! As a guide, the round, blue recycle cans are approximately 30-gallon size. A trashcan of this size is preferable. Trash will be left curbside and tagged if it is deemed to be too heavy.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Plymouth Township will start recycling Christmas Trees on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. Residents are asked to put their used Christmas trees out for collection as yard waste on any Wednesday. The Public Works Department will collect the trees and chip them. For the safety of Township employees, residents must remove all ornaments, lights and stands. The wood chips are turned into mulch, which is free for the taking at the Public Works driveway, 700 Belvoir Road.



Plymouth Township Mailbox Replacement Policy

Plymouth Township has many operations that require various types of vehicles and equipment to work along the street and curb line. Snow plowing in particular requires operations to get as close to the curb as possible so that mail can be delivered. The Highway Department takes great care not to damage any property within the right-of-way; however, mailboxes occasionally are damaged. Most damage occurs by the weight of the snow that rolls off the blade. Many times mailboxes are old and leaning or not installed properly. Due to the time and cost associated with these repairs and replacements, we have established a new policy for mailbox repairs and new mailbox installation.

The Policy

The Public Works Department will no longer repair or replace damaged mailboxes or support posts. Instead, when the following two (2) criteria are met, it will provide reimbursement up to a maximum of \$100.00 (copies of receipts are needed):

1. It is determined that the Township operator damaged the mailbox while operating a snow plow while plowing snow; and
2. The mailbox had been properly installed (i.e., meeting US Postal Service installation guidelines) and maintained prior to the damage occurring.

If both criteria noted above are met, you may repair or replace the mailbox/post at your own cost, the Township will then reimburse you up to the maximum of \$100.00 (copies of receipts are needed).



2019 Solid Waste Holiday Collection Schedule

- If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday is observed on Monday.
- When a holiday falls on your recycle day during the week, recycling will be picked up on Wednesday of that week. Your trash will be picked up on your next scheduled trash day.

Collection of trash will be made on the next scheduled collection day when the collection day falls on the following Township holidays:

- General Election Day Tuesday, November 5, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28, 2019
- Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 29, 2019
- Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25, 2019
- New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2020
- Good Friday Friday, April 10, 2020
- Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2020

Public Works

Snow Plowing

When it snows, our goal is to have all Township and State roads cleared within 15-20 hours after the snow has stopped falling. In order for this to occur, however, it takes your cooperation. The public works crew plows 48 miles of Township roads and 17 miles of State roads. This translates into over 150 lane miles to clear. As you can see, this is not an easy task.

If you have off-street parking such as a driveway, please use it. Please stack cars closely in your driveway and refrain from parking on the street. This will help our crew to better clear and negotiate your street.

Please do not throw snow back into the street while shoveling or cleaning off cars. This slows and impedes our operations and the plows will have to clear it again. This also violates Ordinance #1540.

Section 20-1 of the Code of Ordinances was amended to add a new subsection (e) as follows:

- (e) It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, tenant, occupant of property, person in charge of property including motels, garden apartments, high-rise apartments, multi-family dwellings, hotels and commercial properties within the Township to throw, shovel, push or plow snow into, across, or upon any roads, streets, sidewalks or Township rights-of-way within the Township.

Section 20-2 of the Code of Ordinances was amended to read as follows:

- (a) In any case where the owner, agent, tenant, occupant of property or person in charge of property as described in Section 20-1(a-d), shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of such section within the time limit prescribed therein, the Township authorities may proceed immediately to cause such cleaning, clearing or removing of snow, ice, water, mud, dirt, debris or dangerous articles from the street, sidewalk or premises, and to collect the expenses thereof, with any additional amount allowed by law, from such owner, agent,

tenant, occupant of property or person in charge of property, as the case may be, which may be in addition to any fine or penalty imposed under other provisions of this Code.

- (b) In any case where the owner, agent, tenant, occupant of property or person in charge of property including motels, garden apartments, high-rise apartments, multi-family dwellings, hotels and commercial properties as described in Section 20-1(e), violates this section, said owner, agent, tenant, occupant of property or person in charge of property shall be liable to pay a fine of not more than three-hundred dollars (\$300) and not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for each and every offense. A person who receives a notice of violation of Section 20-1(e), may within 10 days of receipt of such notice, pay a reduced fine of seventy-five (\$75) dollars.

Ideally, don't shovel the end of your driveway until the plows have finished with your street. Remember, all plows are angled to discharge snow to the curb on the right. It is impossible to plow the streets without the plow being angled.

The plowing priority will be as follows: Primary roads will be cleared first, followed by secondary streets and finally residential streets and cul-de-sacs. Residential street plowing will not begin until the snow stops falling. The reason for this is because our main focus and priority is keeping the main roads passable and clear while the snow is falling. We cannot plow the residential neighborhoods while the snow is falling because the main roads would become dangerous and potentially impassable.

Remember, the public works crew will put in long hard hours clearing the streets.....so please be patient and courteous.



It's Time to Get Ready for Winter

- Use off-street parking when snow is predicted. When you park your car in the driveway, there is less snow to shovel.
- On-street parking, where no off-street parking is available, is only permitted on one side of the street. In an odd year parking is only permitted on the odd numbered side of the street; in even years, the even side of the street.
- Do not park near storm drains, so crews can clear snow and ice to avoid flooding from the melting runoff.
- When shoveling your driveway, pile snow to the right. This will prevent the plow from covering your driveway opening again.
- Property owners are required to clear their sidewalks at least 30 inches wide within 36 hours after the snow stops.
- Residents are reminded that it is unlawful to park or abandon a car on any street, any time within twelve hours after a snowfall of three inches or more, where off-street parking exists. Vehicles parked otherwise are subject to removal at the owner's expense.
- Any motor vehicle parked, stalled, incapable of moving under its own power, or left unattended upon any public street or highway in the Township at any time within twelve hours after a snowfall of three inches or more has occurred, may be removed or towed to another location by the Police Department.
- Do not shovel or plow snow into the street. The plows will just move it back onto your driveway or sidewalk.
- Think Safety! Never approach moving snow removal equipment. Just because you can see the driver does not mean he can see you. We try to keep our crews fresh and rested, but extended weather emergencies can mean long hours for Township employees. Please keep children and pets off the street during snow removal operations.

If there is a fire hydrant by your home, consider adopting it! You know where it is; if it is obscured by snow, fire companies responding to emergencies may not find it. Clearing the snow from the hydrant helps protect you and your neighbors.



Free Mulch

For a delivery charge of \$30.00, the Public Works Dept will deliver up to 1 dump truck load of mulch (approx. 5 yards) to your household. There is a 1 yard minimum.

Annually the Township collects over 1,000 tons of yard waste curbside from residents. The material is stockpiled so it will break down at the public works yard. This material, along with composted leaves, is processed by our tub grinder to make mulch.

Deliveries are every Friday throughout the year from March 1 to November 1. Anyone who would like a mulch delivery must come to the public works office in person to sign a release of liability and pay \$30.00 delivery charge. Payment is due by Wednesday for Friday delivery.

For more information, contact the Public Works office at 610-277-4103.



Yard Waste

- Yard waste is collected every Wednesday throughout the year.
- Yard waste consists of grass clippings, twigs/shrub trimmings and pruning, leaves, and garden waste (pinecones, weeds, dead plants). Rocks and logs are not considered yard waste.
- Place in biodegradable brown paper bags or in a designated Yard Waste container (trashcan). Please, no plastic bags. Brown bags can be purchased at Home Depot, Lowes and some grocery stores.
- Yard waste **will not** be collected in the blue recycling containers.

Note: All recyclables and yard waste are collected in a designated trash truck as part of our single stream recycling. So rest assured that although all recycle materials will be collected with a trash truck, they are still being recycled to protect our earth and reduce disposal costs.

Branch and Chip Program Collection

- The Township runs two Branch and Chip Collection Programs during the year.
 - **Fall** - September 3 through October 4, 2019
 - **Spring** – March 2 through April 9, 2020
- Residents **must** call the Public Works Department prior to NOON on Wednesday to schedule their pick up.
- Branches will be collected on Thursday and Friday, weather permitting.
- Residents should comply with the following:
 - Leave the branches as long as possible, a minimum of five feet in length.
 - Nothing over five inches in diameter can be chipped.
 - Branches should be placed at the curb in an orderly pile.
 - Please let us know if your branches have thorns so we can exercise caution when handling.

This does not include hedge and shrub clippings. If you want hedge and shrub clippings collected, please place at curb in biodegradable brown bag, in designated yard waste container or tied with biodegradable string on Wednesday for Yard Waste collection.



Leaf Collection

(Please refer to the map and tentative schedule.)

- Curbside leaf piles may extend along the entire length of the property.
- DO NOT mix limbs, brush and other debris with leaf piles. Mixed piles will not be collected.
- Leaves will not be collected with your regular trash collection. Trash with leaves co-mingled will not be collected.
- Adverse weather conditions may cause delays in leaf collection dates.
- Once the leaf collection machine has passed, it will not return until the next scheduled collection.
- Township employees and/or equipment are not permitted to enter private property to remove leaves.
- Property owners are encouraged to start their own compost piles.
- Residents can opt to place bagged leaves at the curb for collection with their yard waste on Wednesdays.



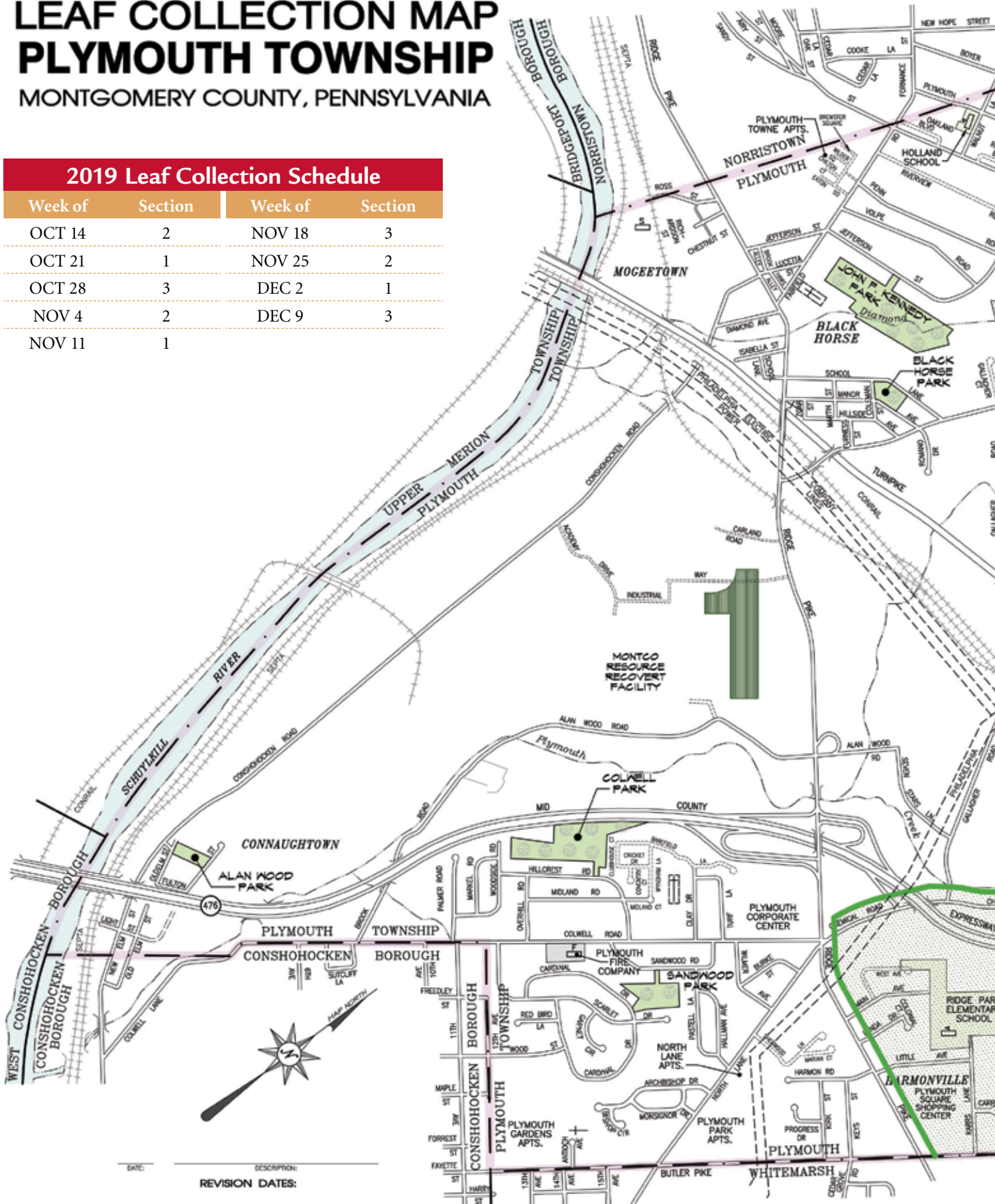
LEAF COLLECTION MAP

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

2019 Leaf Collection Schedule

| Week of | Section | Week of | Section |
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| OCT 14 | 2 | NOV 18 | 3 |
| OCT 21 | 1 | NOV 25 | 2 |
| OCT 28 | 3 | DEC 2 | 1 |
| NOV 4 | 2 | DEC 9 | 3 |
| NOV 11 | 1 | | |





Inspection Requirements for Selling your Home

Property Sale Sewer Inspection

The owner must have the sewer lateral inspected by a licensed Master Plumber, who is registered in the Township prior to the sale of a property. It is recommended that this process start once the property is listed for sale due to the time it will take for completion, but no later than once a property has an agreement of sale. The inspection should be completed before the property is transferred.

The Plumber must video the lateral from the house to the inlet of the main to make sure there is no water infiltration or illegal hook-ups (sump pumps or storm water inlets).

Then the Plumber will prepare a report stating what is found and provide a copy of the video to the Township.

If the lateral is found to be deficient, then a permit application must be submitted and approved, prior to repairs being made. Repairs should be completed prior to transfer of the property.

Once the repairs are made, the Plumber must submit a report stating that all deficiencies have been corrected.

If the repair cannot be made prior to settlement, then a Home Sale Affidavit signed by the buyer must be submitted to the Township before a Certificate of Adequacy will be issued.

Work must be completed no later than 30 days after settlement. This inspection is in addition to the curb & sidewalk inspection.

Certificate of Adequacy

All properties must have their sewer lateral, curb and sidewalk and house numbers inspected and a “certificate of adequacy” issued prior to resale and deed recordation with the County.

CURB AND SIDEWALK INSPECTION: Township staff will perform the inspection. Damaged curbing and sidewalk meeting the replacement guidelines must be repaired in compliance with Township specifications. Properties without a curb and sidewalk will not be required to install them.

HOUSE NUMBER: Township staff will perform the inspection. Numbers must be 4” high and visible from street.

SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION: The owner must have the sewer lateral inspected by a licensed Master Plumber who is registered in the Township. If a sewer lateral is found to be deficient, then the necessary repairs will need to be made prior to transfer.

There is a \$10 fee for the Certificate of Adequacy Application. Please allow at least three weeks for the curb, sidewalk, house number and sewer lateral inspection. Do not delay, request the inspection as soon as you list your property.

Condominiums are required to have their sewer lateral inspected and the disclosure statement signed prior to resale. Curb and sidewalk inspections are exempt for private communities.

Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the curb and sidewalk along their property. Please be sure to address tripping hazards and obstructions (including snow, ice, branches and other debris) to allow safe pedestrian passage.



Storm Water Regulations

Federal storm water regulations require Plymouth Township, as well as most other municipalities in “urbanized areas” across Pennsylvania, to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency’s storm water management program. One of the many requirements of the program is to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The program in Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Plymouth received its permit on January 15, 2004. The Township is in the process of implementing the storm water management protocols developed by the DEP.

Under the DEP program, Plymouth Township will implement the six required Best Management Practice (BMP) control measures, including Public Education, Public Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Run-off Control, Post Construction Storm Water Management, and Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Maintenance.

An important part of the Township’s compliance plan is to educate the public regarding the environmental impact of storm water run-off. The PA DEP maintains a website with comprehensive information on storm water education (www.dep.state.pa.us). The Plymouth Township website (www.plymouthtownship.org) also has information and links to other websites.

We also ask that residents report any suspected pollution incidents to the Township at 610-277-4103. This includes the dumping of wastewater, illicit liquids or solids into streams or storm sewers.

Please Keep Our Streams Clean



This is our Fish Tank



This is its lid.

Any Questions?

One would never dream about dumping garbage into a creek. But if waste runs down a storm drain that’s exactly what happens!

Township Continues To Battle Sewer Inflow and Infiltration

The Township is continuing its efforts to prevent unwanted storm water from entering the sanitary sewer system. We continue to inspect and repair manholes and sewer lines throughout the Township in an effort to remove as much storm water Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) from the system as possible.

The Township pays to have waste water treated, resulting in higher sewer rates for everyone. In addition, increased wet weather flows can overload pump stations and other facilities. This leads to sewer overflows, which can cause environmental and other health hazards, as well as costly property damage. It can also lead to expensive facility upgrades, which result in higher sewer rates.

Are you aware that it is illegal to have your sump pump or roof drains connected to the sanitary sewer system? Illegal connections put unnecessary rainwater into the Township’s sanitary sewer system.



What can you do to help? Make sure your sump pump and roof drains are not connected to the sanitary sewer system. Down spouts and sump pumps should be connected to the storm sewer system, or directly discharge to a lawn area where they can flow to the street. Keeping rainwater out of the sanitary sewer system will help keep rates from rising unnecessarily.

In addition, residents should check their sewer vents to make sure the vent cap is properly in place. The area around the vent should also be checked to ensure that it is graded to prevent runoff from entering the sanitary sewer system.

If you need help with suggestions on where to re-route your sump pump discharge or repair your sewer vent, please call the Plymouth Township Public Works Department at 610-277-4103.

Public Works

Trash Collection

Place trash at curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection, but no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the prior evening.

- Store in water-tight containers with handles and loose fitting lids. Do not place trash in paper bags, plastic bags or cardboard boxes.
- If the trash men spill trash, they will pick it up; if an improper container breaks or an animal tears up the trash, it is the property owner's responsibility to clean up.
- The trash men will not collect more than four containers. Trash containers should be no larger than 30 gallons nor weigh more than 50 pounds.
- Unacceptable items include refuse from the construction of buildings such as sand, earth, lumber, brick, stone, mortar, plaster, roofing materials, plumbing fixtures, etc., auto parts, hazardous wastes, household appliances, and yard waste.
- Large items such as furniture will be picked up on your second regular trash day of the week.
- Household appliances and scrap metal are collected separately from regular trash.

Recycling

Recyclables are collected once a week on your designated recycling day.



- Place items in the blue recycling container no later than 6:00 a.m.; additional containers may be used, but must be marked for recycling. Recycle stickers are available at the Township Building at no charge.
- **PLEASE DO NOT PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS. Place all recycling LOOSE in recycle can.**
- Large cardboard items may be placed next to the containers.
- Damaged containers can be exchanged at no cost; lost containers will be replaced at \$25.00 per container.
- Blue recycle containers are for single stream recycling ONLY. Yard waste or trash will not be accepted in this container.
- The following items are recyclable:
 - o Glass
 - o Aluminum and Bimetal Cans
 - o Paper and cardboard – No pizza boxes
 - o Plastic (#1 thru #7) No plastic bags

White Goods Collection Fee -Household Appliance & Scrap Metal Collection Fee: \$10

The Township has a separate collection for stoves, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, metal cabinets and all metal furniture, because these items are not accepted at the trash-to-steam plant.

These items are picked up once a month on the third Wednesday of the month. Residents desiring to have an appliance removed must call the Public Works Department by the second Friday of the month at (610) 277-4103 to get the \$10 disposal sticker and to be placed on the list. Items without stickers will not be collected. Once stickers are purchased, there are no refunds.

Dishwashers can be put out on your second regular trash day.

Television and Monitor Collection Fee Electronics and Universal Waste Drop-Off

Electronics are required by Law to be recycled under the Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010. They will not be accepted in regular trash.

The Township has an electronics (covered devices) and universal waste drop-off located at the Public Works Shed at no cost to Township residents. (Excluding televisions and monitors)

Televisions and monitors can be dropped off at the Public Works Shed for a fee of \$20 or we will pick televisions up curbside on the third Wednesday of the month for a fee of \$30. Residents desiring to have a television removed must call the Public Works Department by the second Friday of the month at (610) 277-4103 to get the \$30 disposal sticker and to be placed on the list. Items without stickers will not be collected. A disposal sticker is required for the televisions-only curbside collection. Once stickers are purchased, there are no refunds. All other covered devices must be brought to the Public Works Shed, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or taken to a Montgomery County sponsored Electronics Waste Collection site on a Saturday.

Call the Public Works Office 610-277-4103 for drop-off procedures, location information, or to get on the television disposal list.



Parks and Recreation

Plymouth Township Day

If you were able to get out to Plymouth Township Day on June 1, we hope you had a great time and got to meet the new addition to the Parks and Recreation family, PT Rec! Look for him at more events in the fall.

Thank you to our Plymouth Township Day Sponsors



Performances in the Park

The Parks and Recreation Department held another successful Performances in the Park series. We hope you enjoyed the movies and concerts. These special events would not have been possible without the generous sponsorships from businesses in and around the community. A special thanks to our sponsors, Becker Orthodontics and PECO.



If you are interested in becoming a sponsor next year for these special events, please contact Susan Vacchiano, svacchiano@plymouthtownship.org or 610-6313-8683.

Programs

All programs are at the GPCC unless otherwise noted. A complete list can be found in our program guide located online at www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org and mailed to homes in March, August and November. Our friendly front desk staff is happy to assist you with registration and any questions about our facility and programs. 610-277-4312 Registration is required for most programs.



Adult Programs

60's Motown, R&B and Soul Line Dancing (Ages 16+)

Low impact cardio dancing. Beginners through intermediate line dancing.

Tuesdays, 10/1 – 11/5 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mondays, 10/7 – 11/4 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Price \$53 Res/\$63 Non-Res



Parks and Recreation

Adult Programs continued

Senior Socials (Light refreshments provided)

Free to SilverSneaker and Silver & Fit Members

Thursday, 9/19 11:00 a.m.

Good Shepard Penn Partners presents “Arthritis in Aging Adults”

Thursday, 10/10 11:00 am

Medicare Educational Seminar by Jaffe Insurance Solutions, LLC

Thursday, 11/14 11:00 a.m.

Bright Star Care of Collegeville’s Home Care Seminar

Thursday, 11/21 11:00 a.m.

Good Shepard Penn Partners presents “Balance”

Thursday, 12/19 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Pot Luck!

SilverSneakers and Silver & Fit members come out to celebrate the holiday season. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share. Please sign up at the front desk.

Contact Matt McCoy with questions on Senior Socials - 610-277-4312 or mmcoy@plymouthtownship.org



Mark your Calendars for these events!



Saturday, 9/21 The Amazing HWP Race
 Sunday, 10/6 Minion Adventure
 Saturday, 10/12 Wild Neighbors
 Sunday, 10/20 Pumpkin Decorating and Scarecrow Building
 Tuesday, 10/22 Bat Night
 Saturday, 11/2 Wildlife Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, 11/3 “Frozen” Princess Party
 Wednesday, 11/6 Fall Leaves Hike
 Friday, 11/8 Cardboard Boat Regatta
 Friday, 11/22 Daddy/Daughter Dance
 Sunday, 12/1 Graham Cracker House Workshop
 Saturday, 12/7 Kids Gift Workshop



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Upcoming Programs/Events

For a full listing of all programs and events, please visit www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org or call 610-277-4312.

Family Special Events at Harriet Wetherill Park *Pre-registration required.*

Family Camp Out *(suggested ages 5 and up)*

Friday, 9/13 – 9/14 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Price: \$35/family of 4 or \$10.00/person

Planned activities include a campfire, S'mores, outdoor movie and light continental breakfast in the morning. Pack your own dinner for a picnic in the park. Must provide own tent, chair, sleeping materials and flashlights. For more information, contact Joanna Sharapan at 610-277-4312.

Campfire & Storyteller *(suggested ages 5 and up)*

Gather around the camp fire and listen to some tales. Fall favorite treats provided.

Friday, 10/11 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Price: \$35/family of 4 or \$10.00/person

Mystery Madness *(suggested ages 5 and up)*

Flashlight scavenger hunt, haunted walk and Halloween crafts. Snacks provided. Please bring a flashlight.

Saturday, 10/12 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Price: \$35/family of 4 or \$10/per person

Hayride/Pumpkin Pick *(All ages - Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.)*

Join Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation and Maple Acres Farm for a hayride and pumpkin pick.

Friday, 10/11 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10/12 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10/13 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Price: \$2/person per ride, plus cost of pumpkin if purchased



Trips

Own Your Own In New York City

(Ages: 4+ years)

Saturday, 11/2

Depart GPCC @ 7:30 a.m.

Depart NYC @ 6:00 p.m.

Price: \$42/person

Radio City Music Hall – Christmas Spectacular

(Ages 4+ years)

Friday, 12/13

Depart GPCC 7:30 a.m.,

Depart NYC @ 6:00 p.m.

\$130.00/person (Price includes bus transportation and orchestra level tickets to the 4:30 p.m. show.)

\$42.00/person (Price includes transportation only.)

Parks and Recreation

MLK Day of Service – Save the Date!

The Community Center will be hosting a volunteer day of service project on Martin Luther King Day, January 20, 2020. We will be doing a variety of projects including Chemo bag covers (in conjunction with Lisa's Army) a troop donation (in conjunction with the USO) and making sleeping mats for homeless (in conjunction with Integrate for Good). If you have interest in donating material, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Shawn Mazei at 610-277-6122.



Birthday Parties

Hold your next birthday party at the GPCC! Various packages are offered including pool, sports and crafts. New customized packages are now available. Book your party today. Space is limited.

After School Rendezvous (ASR)

Want a fun, safe place for your kids to come after school? A bus will pick your children up from school (CSD) and bring them to the GPCC where they will swim, play sports and more. ASR is held from afterschool to 6:00 PM. Half days included. Customize your schedule to meet your needs.



Fitness

Night of Fitness!

Thursday, 11/7 (Must register in advance)

6:15 pm to 9:00 pm

Price: \$10.00/person

Come sample our Premium Training classes for just \$10.00! This is a great opportunity to take a Cycling class, Body Weight Burn, Boot Camp and more! Try one or try them all. Each class will be about 20 minutes. Prizes, raffles and grab bags for everyone that registers by November 6th! Don't wait to register, space is limited. Energy snacks and water will be included.

The GPCC has everything you need to reach your fitness goals! Visit our website or our Program Guide for details on all of our fitness programs. If interested in personal training, please call 610-277-4906 or email mbevan@plymouthtownsip.org

Land Fitness Classes (adults and seniors)

We have expanded our aerobics class schedule to include the latest trends in group fitness. All classes are free to monthly and annual pass holders. Walk-in passes are also available.

Personal Training

30 and 60 minute sessions available; individual, partner, and sport teams. Please contact Mary Ann Bevan for more details at 610-277-4906. 60-minute aquatic personal training sessions are also available.

NEW! Semi-Private Personal Training (3 to 5 clients per hour with a trainer)

If the cost of a personal trainer is out of your budget, try our semi-private training sessions. Bring your own small group or we will arrange groups of 3 – 5 people to work out together under one trainer.

Premium Training Classes

Cycling & Core, Fit to Run, Fall Run Club, Body Weight Burn, Boot Camp and Weight Training for Weight Loss.

Senior Premium Training Classes

Core Balance for Active Older Adults, Weekend Rally

Beat the Holiday Bulge!

Check out our Holiday Fitness Class Schedule the week of December 23-31! Price: \$5.00 Pass Holders, \$13.00 Non Pass Holders



The Greater Plymouth Community Center is a participating location for SilverSneakers and Silver & Fit



Aquatics

Coached Swim Workouts @ the GPCC

Tired of the same old workout? We have you covered...try cross-training at the pool.

Masters Swim with Coach Bill Berardelli

Masters swim is perfect for triathlon training or those looking to get back into swim shape.

Tuesday mornings 6-7:00am • Tuesday & Thursday evening 6-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 10th - Dec. 19th

Price \$10/Walk-in – No Membership Required!

Small Group Training with Coach Dick Shoulberg

A one and one-half hour age group training for individuals who wish to improve technique, increase speed, and build endurance.

Mon/Wed/Fri 9/9-12/23, 6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Price: \$10/walk-in – No Membership Required!

Youth Swim Training with Coaches Dick Shoulberg & Caroline Boland

Youth Swim Training is an age group workout for participants who wish to improve technique, increase speed, and build endurance. This program is designed for experienced team swimmers looking for an advanced practice.

Monthly Sessions, Mon-Thurs 3:45 p.m. – 5:45 PM, Sunday 8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Prices vary per session and can be found online or in our program guide. This program sells out fast.

Year-Round Swim Lessons

Summer is over but swim lessons are never over at the GPCC where children and adults can learn to swim year-round.

Parents have trusted the Greater Plymouth Community Center to teach their children how to swim since we opened nearly 20 years ago. Our Aquatics Department staff is trained and experienced. Our facility is spacious, clean and safe. We invite you to become our next satisfied customer. Register for affordable group lessons online, over the phone, or in person.

Private registration start dates:

Fall I Saturday, September 7th and

Fall II Saturday, October 26th



**Fall Fun is All Wet at the
Community Center
Family Pool Parties
are sure bet events.**

Pool-O-Ween

Drenched in Halloween Fun - Community Center Pool-O-Ween Event is a Fall Family Favorite

The Greater Plymouth Community Center's aquatics staff is busy boiling up its popular seasonal brew of frights and fun for our annual Pool-O-Ween, Friday 10/25 at 7:30 p.m. The entire aquatics center is transformed into an eerie water playground with music by DJ Light & Sound. The lights are low, creepy creatures will be wandering and there will be glow necklaces for all. The event ends with a huge candy scramble – where bags of candy will be thrown into the pool for the children to gather up and take home.

Flick & Float

Swim, float, & splash in the leisure pool while watching a great kids' classic on a huge screen. Bring your favorite float. The slide will be open but the spray features will be off during the show. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the video begins at dusk on Friday, November 15th.

Neon Splash Party featuring Live DJ at Poolside

Neon Splash Party is a dance and swim soirée. A live DJ has bathers bouncing to the beat of current hits (family-friendly of course) and dance party favorites. Everyone gets a glow stick creating a funky neon light show in the pool as the sun goes down and the party heats up. Sunday, January 19th @ 4:00 p.m.

Sign Up Early

In past years, these popular events have sold out. Families can sign up ahead of time for one or all events online at www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org, by phone at 610-277-4312, or in person at 2910 Jolly Road in Plymouth Meeting. The price for individual admission is \$10, \$32 for a family of four. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Parks and Recreation

Aquatics continued

Holiday Swim & Give

Holiday Spirit Pool Party at Community Center - \$1 Admission with Toy Donation

Be sure to include our December pool party and toy collection event in your winter holiday plans. The GPCC has partnered with the Harmonville Fire Company for this very special evening of fun and holiday spirit. We'll have the leisure pool 'decked' for the season. Santa has already RSVP'd! Your toy donations will bring cheer to local children in need. The price of the event is \$1 plus a new unwrapped toy per person. If you wish to donate more than one toy they will be gladly accepted – a collection box will also be in the lobby. Friday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Lifeguard Training – Blended Learning

GPCC is excited to offer NEW American Red Cross Blended Learning Lifeguard Courses – Great for students, stay at home parents & retirees!

Blended Learning combines online learning with in-person skills sessions conducted by a Red Cross certified instructor. The blended learning online sessions offer students a variety of elements to learn program content including videos, lesson narration and special interactive features. This allows for individualized, self-paced learning. Once the online session has been successfully completed, students practice skills and are assessed by the instructor during the in-person skills sessions. Be sure to check our Fall & Winter Program Guide for dates and times!

Consider Working in Parks and Recreation!

Several positions available.

After School Counselors

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must be energetic and friendly
- After school to 6:00 pm
- Plans and directs group activities
- Ensures children's safety, manages children's behavior and acts as role model

Lifeguards and Water Fitness

Instructors

- Certification required - Certification Classes are available this fall. Once certified, you may apply for employment.
- Flexible work hours
- Daytime shifts available
- Open year round

Swim Instructors

Seeking individuals who can share their teaching, parenting and/or leadership backgrounds to instruct or assist instructors in youth swim lessons.

- Must be proficient in swimming
- Training (shadowing) and basic outlines provided
- Must enjoy working with kids
- Early evenings and weekend lesson times
- Flexible work schedule
- Permanent part-time or seasonal
- Call for details.
610-277-4312 Ext. 4315

Group Exercise Instructors

- Daytime, morning and weekend instructors needed for various adult and senior group fitness classes
- Must have current group exercise certification
- Prefer SilverSneaker certification or willing to obtain in three months.

Stop by or go online to fill out an application.

Park Projects

Thank you to Nick Maslij for completing his Eagle Scout project at East Plymouth Valley Park this spring. You may have noticed how great the pond looks. Nick and Scout Troop 117 cleaned up trash, cleared the trails and cut back a lot of the vegetation around the pond. Thanks to their efforts we had a very successful Fishing Derby in May. Get over to the park and check out Nick's hard work!



Butterfly Garden Care Days & Park Project Helpers

Help us keep our Butterfly Garden beautiful. We will be working on different projects including mulching, weeding, pruning and lots of other stuff. We will also work on projects at the bird blind (filling feeders, assembling feeders & houses). Individuals and organizations welcome. Please contact Joanna at 610-313-8681 or jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org.





Generator Safety

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to their portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations away from all doors, windows and vent openings.
- 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.
- 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 running.
- 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 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

! CO deaths associated with generators have spiked in recent years as generator sales have risen.



www.nfpa.org/education

Plymouth Township Directory



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DIRECT PHONE LINES

In order to expedite your call, please remember to dial the department responsible for your request or information.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Karen B. Weiss | Township Manager | 610-233-0608 |
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| Richard Carbo | Building & Grounds Director | 610-313-8684 |

EMERGENCY NUMBERS-Police, Fire, Rescue, Ambulance 9-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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| Police | 610-279-1901 |
| Plymouth Fire Co. | 610-233-0602 |
| Harmonville Fire Co. | 610-828-0836 |
| Plymouth Ambulance | 610-277-2776 |
| Sewer Emergency | Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm Nights, weekends and holidays |
| | 610-277-4105 610-279-1901 |

Public Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building, 700 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, unless otherwise noted. For specific meeting times, please call 610-277-4100.

- **Council Meeting** (Workshop) 1st Monday
- **Council Meeting** (Regular) 2nd Monday
- **Emergency Services Board** 3rd Thursday
- January, March, May, July, September & November
- **E. Norriton-Plymouth-Whitpain Joint Sewer Authority** 2nd Wednesday
- Meetings held at Sewer Plant. No meeting in July & December.
- **Historical Architectural Review Board** 2nd Wednesday
- Meetings held at Whitemarsh Township Building at 8:30 a.m.
- **Park, Recreation & Shade Tree Advisory Board** 4th Tuesday
- Meetings held at Greater Plymouth Community Center. Call 610-277-4312 to confirm.
- January, March, May, July, September & November
- **Civil Service Commission** 2nd Thursday
- **Planning Agency** 1st Wednesday
- **Zoning Hearing Board** 3rd Monday
- **Environmental Advisory Board** 3rd Tuesday

Plymouth Township Voting Locations

General Election Day Tuesday, November 5, 2019

If you have any questions, please call Plymouth Township or Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280.

| DISTRICT | LOCATION | | |
|----------|--|-------|---|
| 1 - 1 | Central Montco Tech School, 821 Plymouth Road | 3 - 1 | Greater Plymouth Community Center, 2910 Jolly Road |
| 1 - 2 | Central Montco Tech School, 821 Plymouth Road | | |
| 2 - 1 | Plymouth Community Ambulance Building, 902 Germantown Pike | 3 - 2 | Greater Plymouth Community Center, 2910 Jolly Road |
| 2 - 2 | Plymouth Township Municipal Building, 700 Belvoir Road | 3 - 3 | Church on the Mall, Plymouth Meeting Mall |
| | | 4 - 1 | Harmonville Fire Company, Station 1, 2100 Butler Pike |
| 2 - 3 | Harmonville Fire Company, Station 2, 904 Germantown Pike | 4 - 2 | Plymouth Fire Company, 1323 Colwell Lane |



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