

Fun for the whole family!



Elmwood Park Zoo - Plymouth Township Take Over Day - July 21, 2019

All Plymouth Township Residents get in Free! License must be presented at entrance. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

New Program for Kids 5 and Under!

Safe, age appropriate indoor equipment has been selected for your child's enjoyment. No need to register, just come on by!

- Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- · Free to Child Pass Holders! 2 and under are free with adult pass holders.
- Not a pass holder? Pay only \$5/Res and \$7/Non (per child)





Harriet Wetherill Park

Spring is a great time to get out and walk the trails, enjoy the playground or sign up for one of our exciting new family fun programs. See the Spring/Summer Program Guide for a full listing.







Plymouth Township Day

June 1, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Community booths, amusements, food, vendors, games and more!

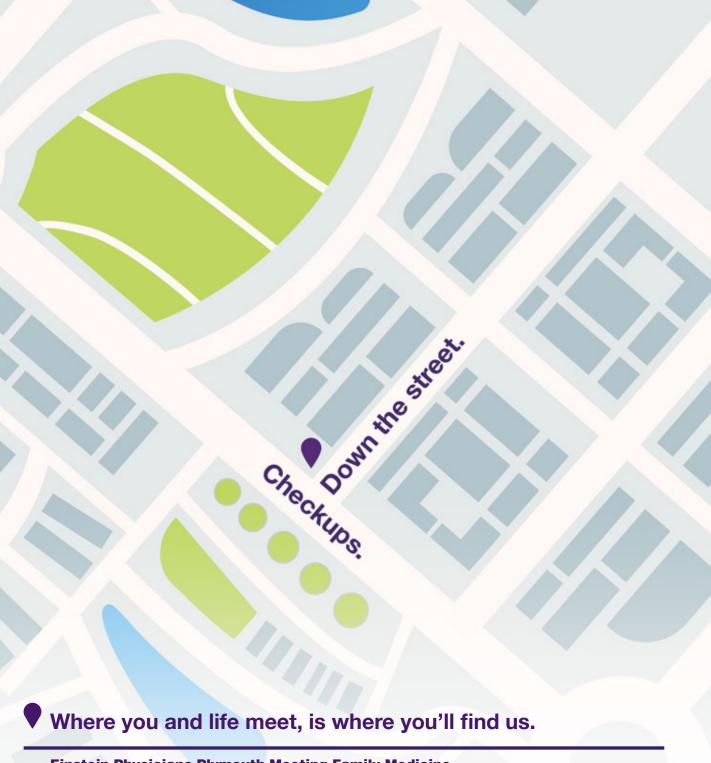
Performances in the Park

Every Wednesday, June 1-August 7 Concerts 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Movies start at dusk!

Sponsorships available! See page 19 inside for details!

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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.

57/10 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.

Using a landline to call 9-1-1 will result in the call automatically being routed to the proper call center.

Emergency Notification System



Code Red is name of the Township's emergency notification system. Residents can go to the Township website at www.plymouthtownship.org and click on the Code Red logo on the homepage. You'll be linked to 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.

- Grant Corner

Harriet Wetherill Park (HWP) Nature Center

Plymouth Township was fortunate to receive a Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation grant to further our progress creating a nature center at Harriet Wetherill Park. These funds will be used towards the purchase of materials and supplies to create an outdoor courtyard along with other building improvements. We will be excited to offer more innovative and enticing nature-themed programs when these improvements are completed. Funding from Lowe's, combined with other grant funds, will enable us to provide a unique gathering place for the community to hold environmental programs and events, family gatherings and celebrations, and more. We look forward to continuing this wonderful venture.

We are pleased to announce that Plymouth Township has been chosen to receive a Department of Community and Economic Development grant through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program. These funds will be used to complete our design and build a new courtyard back entrance to the nature center. This will allow easy and safe access to the building. We hope to coordinate these two grants together over a two-year period. Our next step will be creating the bids and specifications for the project construction.





Everyone enjoyed our fall family events at Harriet Wetherill Park. Please check out a few of our upcoming spring and summer events at HWP in the Parks and Recreation section of this publication. A full listing can be found in our Spring/Summer Program Guide.







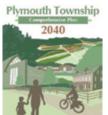
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Plymouth2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Thank you to the 64 individuals that came out to the Plymouth2040 Comprehensive Plan Open House on December 11! Your feedback on potential recommendations related to transportation, parks and open space, economic development, sustainability, and more is very valuable in understanding what you want to see happen in your community.

Open house attendees were asked to vote for their top three potential recommendations for each of four focus areas, as well as provide ideas for the ideal future of the Township on the "vision wall." Some themes that arose through public feedback were focused on traffic safety and intersection improvements, additional sidewalks and trails to connect parks

and neighborhoods, redevelopment of key waterfront sites, and encouraging sustainable practices.

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

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

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS)



The Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation Department continues to work closely with the Township Comprehensive Plan committee. On December 11, the department participated in the Plymouth2040 Open House and received more information on future directions desired for the parks, programs, facilities and trails in our community. The attendees were given current plans of park facilities and provided their top priorities for each park.

The attendees also provided their ideas for future programs and various needs such as trails, open spaces, and connecting the community. These important topics will be identified and addressed to move the department in a strategic direction over the next 10 years. These components will be compiled into the draft PROS Plan for public review this year. We are thankful for those who participated on Dec. 11 and welcome future input for the long-range vision of the Township.

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan is partially funded by a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. We join with them to plan exciting opportunities for the future of our community.

Please continue to look in our future publications to read about updates on these projects.

Holiday Tree Lighting

On Wednesday, November 28, Harmonville Fire Company lit the tree to kick off the second annual tree lighting ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Claus made an appearance and there was an inflatable snow globe to take great holiday pictures. Many thanks to all the volunteers including the Villanova baseball team, Holy Rosary choir, the Plymouth Whitemarsh small ensemble, Weis Market, Colonial Soccer, the Parks Board, Plymouth Township Police officers, Mark Lacy and Jeff Conrad, Cub Pack 216, Boy Scout Troop 216 and Mission BBQ. We could not have put on the great event without them.













Veterans Ceremony

This year the Township held its first Veterans Day ceremony and nearly 50 veterans attended including three World War II veterans, Nick DiDomenico, Casper Prestia and Daniel Paciello. Plymouth Township Council Vice-Chairman, Chris Manero welcomed the veterans and introduced our guest speaker Col. Howard Gartland, US Army, Retired who thanked all our veterans with a touching speech. After the ceremony, there was a small reception at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. If you are interested in participating next year, please contact the GPCC at 610-277-4312.









Township Recognitions

Youth League Recognitions



Girls 10U Blue Diamonds Plymouth Little League softball team went undefeated in winning the divisional championship on their home field at East Plymouth Valley Park after a 10-1-1 regular season record.



12U Wildcats Plymouth Little League softball team went undefeated in winning the divisional championship on their home field at East Plymouth Valley Park after an 11-1 regular season record.

Years of Service Recognitions



Karen Franck - 30 years



Mary Ann Bevan - 20 years



Deputy Chief John Myrsiades 30 years of service



Joseph Epright -20 years



Lt. Karen Mabry - 30 years



Anthony Costello - 20 years



Michael Capperella -20 years



Zip Rota – 20 years
Zip has served the Township for 20
years and has maintained a perfect
attendance record. Thank you for
your dedication throughout the years!

Plymouth Township News

Plymouth Township Council Recognizes Volunteer Firefighters

Two members of Plymouth Fire Co. No. 1 honored for 50 years of service.

The Plymouth Township Council recognized numerous members of the volunteer fire companies, including two men celebrating 50 years of service.

As a testament to the hard work that Plymouth Fire Co. No. 1 and Harmonville Fire Co. No. 1 volunteers undertake every day to keep the residents safe, many were battling a blaze in Whitemarsh Township and missed Monday night's Plymouth Township Council meeting for their recognition and plaque presentations.

Plymouth Fire Co. No. 1 members Edward Garbacz Jr. and Frank Heleniak were each recognized for 50 years of service.

As he read the resolution honoring Ed Garbacz, Councilman David Gannon acknowledged how hard of a job firefighting is, particularly because of the various training and certifications required.

"It's truly amazing when you reach 50 years of service," he said.

Councilwoman Lenore Bruno echoed Gannon's sentiments in reading the resolution for Frank Heleniak.

"I commend both gentlemen for your service," Bruno said. Thank you."

In addition to honoring Garbacz and Heleniak, the Council provided commendations to 23 volunteer firefighters from Harmonville Fire Co. No. 1 and Plymouth Fire Co. No. 1 for taking time out of their busy schedules to stay up-to-date on safety practices, training and certifications.

Councilwoman Karen Bramblett applauded firefighters' efforts to "keep themselves well-informed, well-prepared and well-experienced to meet any kind of emergency that comes up."



Fire officials accept recognitions on behalf of Plymouth Fire Co. No. 1



Harmonville Fire recognitions

Plymouth Fire Co. No. 1, which has served the Township since 1906, was awarded certificates of recognition for training and completion of State and National certifications for members Chuck Gallagher, Jake Gum, Steve Karwoski, Adam Lloyd, Truman Means, John Paplitskas, Dave Luthy, Daniel Smith, Erik DeLapp, Mark O'Neill, Andrew McIntyre, and Jon Drozd.

Harmonville Fire Co. No. 1, which has served the Township since 1924, was awarded certificates of recognition for training and completion of State and National certifications for members Justin Coogan, Aaron Voegtli, Andrew Phipps, Kyle Blundin, Michael Coogan, Daniel Staufenberg, Aaron Grewe, Geatano Carlomagno, David McGuigan, Joe Picard and Michael Olszewski.



Bookmobile

This is a free traveling library and all Montgomery County residents are eligible for a library card. The Bookmobile offers extended hours every Tuesday at the GPCC from 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Place One Apartments. The materials available include books, CDs, DVDs, videos & magazines for all ages.

Spotted Lanternfly Research and Management Update

Spotted lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive insect currently present in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Virginia. SLF is a planthopper native to Asia, and was first found in PA in 2014. It has a wide host-range, feeding on over 70+ plants, including grapevines, apples, ornamental plants, and deciduous trees. SLF use their piercing-

sucking mouthparts to feed on the phloem (plant sap), causing the plant to show signs of stress such as wilting, flagging, and yellowing. Heavy densities of SLF may result in plant death. While SLF can feed on a diverse group of plants, it's preferred hosts include tree-of-heaven, grapes (wild and cultivated), black walnut, silver maple, red maple, willows, and sycamore. In the grape industry, significant damage has been reported from this pest, ranging from reduced yield to vine death.

SLF nymphs hatch from overwintered egg masses in the early spring (May) and molt to adults in summer (late July). Both nymphs and adults feed heavily on plant sap as they grow and develop. Beginning in the fall (mid-September), female SLF lay eggs. Eggs are laid indiscriminately on a variety of places, usually on hard and smooth surfaces (i.e. trees, stones, outdoor furniture, sides of houses, campers, firewood, etc.). Both nymphs and adults are excellent jumpers and can quickly evade threats, but only adult SLF can fly. SLF do not bite, sting, or cause structural damage to homes.

To limit the spread of this insect, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has issued a SLF quarantine for Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Carbon, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill. All people traveling to and from these counties should be aware of SLF and check their belongings to make sure they do not spread this pest. To comply with the quarantine, businesses moving material within or in and out of the listed counties are required to have a SLF permit. This permit ensures that employees of the business are properly trained in identification of SLF and inspect their vehicle and material before moving. The owner or supervisor of the business is responsible for obtaining the permit, which can be found here: extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternflypermit-training. Early detection of this insect is crucial to limit its spread into the rest of

the state. If you think you see a spotted lanternfly, please kill it and report it immediately by going online to **extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly** or by calling 1-888-422-3359.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and USDA-APHIS are currently working to reduce the populations of SLF in Pennsylvania. Both agencies are using a systemic insecticide, dinotefuran, applied to tree-of-heaven to kill large numbers of SLF. This work is focused in areas which pose a high risk of

spread, including railways, rest stops, and along highways. Penn State, other universities, non-profits, and federal research agencies are actively working to understand the biology, behavior, and management of this pest across the different industries that it affects. From this research, we have developed several different

management options for SLF. Banding trees with sticky tape in the spring and scraping/ smashing eggs in the fall represent our two current non-chemical approaches to SLF management. While there are some parasitoids and predators that attack SLF in the U.S., this occurs at low rates and is unlikely to affect the SLF population. Currently, we are mostly reliant on chemical options to kill SLF and as such, have conducted several insecticide efficacy trials to find the best and safest products to use. Insecticide efficacy trials have been carried out for tree fruit, grapes, ornamental trees, and home-owner use. We have learned that most insecticides evaluated are successful at killing SLF nymphs and adults, including lower risk options such as insecticidal soap and neem oil. However, these products tend to have weak residual activity and continuous application is needed. Other effective insecticides include both contact and systemic options such as: dinotefuran, bifenthrin, imidacloprid, zeta-cypermethrin, carbaryl, phosmet, and thiamethoxam.

For ornamental trees, dinotefuran appears to be among the best product to use systemically, offering up to a few months of control. This can be applied using injection, bark banding, or a soil drench. Research is ongoing to identify the best timing and method of application. We currently recommend treating an ornamental tree systemically in the summer (beginning in mid-late July), when the tree is actively growing. For fruit trees and grapes, there are several 2(ee) label amendments that allow for the application of the insecticide for spotted lanternfly control or suppression. Results from our insecticide efficacy trials and current 2(ee) amendments can be found here: extension.psu. edu/spotted-lanternfly. Only use insecticides that are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to treat any insect on your property. All EPA-registered insecticides have an EPA registration number and a label for appropriate and legal use. Home remedies should not be used against spotted lanternfly

because they may be unsafe to humans, pets, and plants and could be illegal.

As research continues on SLF, we will work to make this information available to you as soon as possible. You can find the most up-to-date information on our website at **extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly**.

Note: This post was originally published in the January 2019 edition of Pesticide Highlights.



Harmonville Fire Company

Greetings from the officers and members of the Harmonville Fire Company No. 1. We hope that you had a happy and safe holiday season and a safe and enjoyable New Year! The Harmonville Fire Company proudly protects and serves the residents and businesses of Plymouth Township, surrounding communities and parts of the Pennsylvania Turnpike 24 hours a day, seven days a week since 1924. We operate out of two stations located in Plymouth Township, our main station at 2100 Butler Pike and our substation at 904 Germantown Pike. With these two locations, our members are ready to respond at a moment's notice.

This past year was yet another very busy year for the Harmonville Fire Company No.1. We responded to 588 emergencies in which 17 were working fires and 12 were major vehicle rescues where we needed to place the "Jaws of Life" into service. Harmonville held 68 trainings for 842 person-hours. The Harmonville Fire Company is proudly recognized by the Office of the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner to the 75% of all firefighters certified to the

Firefighter 1 standard. Harmonville is also proud of its Advanced Heavy Rescue Certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the State Fire Commissioner's Office. We also attended 59 events during the year totaling 850 person-hours of dedicated time. Our members love to be hands-on, teaching young children about fire safety and what to do in case their home was to ever be on fire. If anyone would like a tour, either individually or with a group of friends, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our yearly fund drive was sent out towards the end of last year and we would like to thank everyone who has donated to us. Our annual Christmas Tree Sale was another huge success. We sold out of trees in just 16 days! Also during our tree sale, we collected new/unwrapped toys. These toys were distributed to Bryn Mawr Hospital & St. Christopher's Hospital for Children as part of the Plymouth Ambulance 9th Annual Operation Christmas Kids Toy Run, The Help a Single Parent Foundation, and to A.I. Dupont Hospital for Children. Lastly, our annual Easter Flower Sale is approaching, starting the Thursday before Easter.

A rescue truck replacement committee was formed to build specifications for a new rescue vehicle about a year and a half ago. A seven-person committee met several times to complete the overall design and specs of the new rescue truck. Multiple vendors were brought in to review their products and after a long process, the committee chose Pierce Manufacturing to build the rescue truck. The committee still has a lot of work planned for 2019.

nights (our drill night) between 6:30-10:00, or visit our website, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Leave us a message and someone will



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Plymouth Ambulance

Cold Emergencies

be in touch with you.

Winter is upon us. Cold temperatures can become dangerous for people in our community who are not prepared or are unable to take care of themselves. Many times we find residents heating their homes or apartments by turning on the oven and keeping the oven door open. In addition, we sometimes see residents keeping an open flame on from the stove. As you know this can be dangerous in many ways. Let us all remember in these months when the temperatures become very cold to keep a close watch on our neighbors who may need extra help, especially the elderly and handicapped. Our homeless population also suffers. Make sure these folks are directed to a shelter when code blues are in effect around our area. Plymouth Ambulance as always is prepared to take care of and help our community in every way. Please remember to contribute to our fund drive. We depend on you just as much as you depend on us.

Can an AED be used on a pregnant woman?

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) can happen to anyone. SCA does not care if you are young, older, or even if you are pregnant. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention released a study, which tracked the causes of fatalities in pregnant women between 2011 and 2013;

Lastly, being a volunteer organization, we are always in need of new members to join our firehouse family. There are many roles that we fill, from Firefighting & Rescue Operations to Fire Police Operations, to Administrative Operations. We also have a Junior Firefighter program which is for 14-17 year olds who are interested in joining the Fire Company. If you or anyone you know would like to join our family, you can do so by stopping by either station during the day, Monday through Friday, stop by our main station Monday

cardiovascular disease took the number one spot at 15.5%.

When you think of a pregnant woman suffering an SCA a question might pop into your mind, can an AED be used on a pregnant woman? You may be concerned with harming the unborn child or maybe even doing more harm to the mother

Plymouth Fire Company

OPERATIONS: 2018 closed with Plymouth Fire Co responding to 604 incidents. We have entered into mutual aid agreements with adjacent fire departments to assist and provide resources

during extensive incidents. In September, we received delivery of a 2018 Pierce Telesquirt to replace our 1999 truck. This will serve as our primary fire attack truck.



As building construction has progressed, it presents new challenges and issues to firefighters. Through research, education and best practices, the fire service continues to progress and change the way we operate. The Plymouth Fire Company has taken on a Cancer Prevention initiative and has purchased new gear washing equipment, and items for on scene decontamination. In addition, we are pursuing a grant for the installation of a system to capture our diesel exhaust within our garage bays.

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, the Plymouth Ambulance Toy Drive. For the holidays, we host a Breakfast with Santa and provide an escort for Santa through town. We are partnered with Central Montco Technical High School for the Public Safety program, and we supply some classroom instruction and equipment displays.

TRAINING: Our firefighters continue to improve their knowledge beyond their initial certification through our weekly training night. As the Township continues its residential and commercial growth, our training committee develops our weekly training and drills to challenge our firefighters. This enables them to increase their knowledge and skills to safely mitigate an incident through their risk assessment, planning, and deployment.

LADIES AUXILIARY: The Auxiliary of Plymouth Fire Company holds fundraisers to bring the community together.

The profits go toward equipment for our fire company, essentially, helping the community as well.



Our annual Trivia nights have proven successful, usually scheduled for early spring. This year's trivia night will be held on March 8. It involves friendly competition, food, and fun. In addition, we hold restaurant fundraisers, in which the public can assist by visiting the restaurant that evening. Alerting the staff to the fundraisers provides a percentage of proceeds to go toward our fundraisers. Please be on the lookout on the firehouse sign, company website or Facebook page. We thank all who continue to support our endeavors.

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Firefighters Kirron Serany-Favors and Jason Davis Jr briefly returned to the fire station in January after completing their 13-week United States Marine Corps boot camp in Parris Island, NC.



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.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME: Our members are volunteers and enjoy providing a service to the residents and visitors of Plymouth Township. 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 AM to 3 PM, and every Tuesday night from 7PM to 10PM. If you are unable to make it during those hours, please feel free to email us at PlymouthFireCo@gmail.com.

than good. According to the American Heart Association, these worries should not be considered when trying to save the life of a mother experiencing SCA.

In 2015, the American Heart Association released a scientific article stating that responders attempting to treat a mother suffering a cardiac arrest should not be concerned about harming the fetus by doing chest compressions or by using an AED. The AHA stated that neither compressions nor an AED would harm the fetus. Not administering these life saving techniques will greatly decrease the chances for survival not only for the mother, but for her unborn child as well.

A few different precautions were recommended by the AHA if someone is in a situation where a mother is suffering from an SCA. First when calling 911 inform the operator that the victim is indeed pregnant, even if you are not completely sure. This will allow EMS responders to take special precautions, whether that is

sending additional EMS responders or transporting the victim to a hospital that can perform an emergency C – section if required.

The next step would be to start CPR, making sure to perform chest compressions the same as you would for a woman who is not pregnant. Make sure your compressions are hard and fast, and targeted at the center of the chest at a rate of at least 100 compressions a minute. When administering CPR in pregnant women the AHA has advised to keep the standard cycle of 30 compressions and 2 breaths. If then the pregnant woman is revived she should be placed on her left side to improve blood flow to the heart which in turn improves blood flow to the fetus.

So, if you ever find yourself in a situation in which you are attempting to save the life of a pregnant woman experiencing cardiac arrest do not hesitate to administer the same life saving techniques that would be used on someone who is not pregnant. More than one life could depend on it.

Public Works

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:

- Good Friday Friday, April 19, 2019
- Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2019
- Flag Day Friday, June 14, 2019
- Independence Day Thursday, July 4, 2019
- Labor Day Monday, September 2, 2019
- General Election Day Tuesday, November 5, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28, 2019
- Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 29, 2018
- Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Let's Continue To Do Our Recycling Duty

About 8 years ago before the recycle market turned upside down, Plymouth Township was receiving about \$12.00 for every ton of recycling. By the end of 2018, we were paying \$43.63 per ton, nearly a \$56 swing from 8 years ago. To put things into perspective, we pay \$57.08 per ton (2018 cost) at the Covanta trash to steam plant to discard trash. There is not much disposal cost separation between the two nowadays.

Plymouth Township is part of a seven Township/Borough Consortium for recycling. Springfield Twp., Abington Twp., Cheltenham Twp., Hatboro Borough, Upper Dublin Twp., Upper Moreland Twp., and



Plymouth Township make up the seven. All of us use public works employees to collect the recycling curbside and deliver it to our transfer station. The Recycle transfer facility is in Upper Dublin Township but is contracted and managed by J.P Mascaro & Sons. J.P. Mascaro & Sons processes all of the recycling at their new state of the art single stream recycle plant in Birdsboro, Pa. It is a very impressive facility.

It is not known what amount of residual is being landfilled or burned but if the recycle plant continues to receive unwanted (not recyclable) material or contaminated material this practice will endure. We would like to think and hope that if the recycling is not contaminated in any way that it is finding its way to a recycler who can convert this waste into a reusable material. However, the old adage was 'when in doubt RECYCLE IT' has clearly turned to when in doubt 'THROW IT OUT'!

Plymouth Township is doing its best to limit the amount of contamination or non-recycling in the recycle bin. We are able to monitor what is being recycled because we still use a rear loader and can see the recycling when we dump it. The biggest problem contaminating bins is plastic bags and food waste left in containers. We have done our best to educate residents and continue to tag bins for unwanted items and food contamination so that our material is clean and recyclable, and most importantly marketable. The bottom line, no plastic bags, clean all containers of food waste, and only recycle those items listed on our website. Despite all of the above, Plymouth Township still continues to be one of the top recyclers in Pennsylvania. In 2018, Plymouth Township collected a total of 9,226 tons of solid waste. 4,413 tons of this solid waste or 48% was recycling consisting of yard waste, leaf waste, electronics, whitegoods, chipped branches and the single stream recycling from the blue bins.

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 watertight 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.; and 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.
- The Township collects household appliances once per month. See the section on Household Appliance and Scrap Metal collection for details. For hazardous waste info call the Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 610-278-3618. Homeowners must dispose of other items on their own.

Recycling

- Recyclables are collected once a week on your designated recycling day.
- Place items in the blue recycling container and leave it at the curb 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.
- DO NOT PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS. ANY ITEMS IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. Items must be placed loose in the blue 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 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:
 - Glass
 - Aluminum and Bimetal Cans
 - Paper and cardboard
 - Plastic (#1 thru #7)



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.

Electronics Collection (Covered Device Act)

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

Television Disposal Fee

The Township has an electronics and universal waste drop-off located at the public works building at no cost (excluding televisions). Televisions can either be dropped off at the Publics Works Electronic Shed for a \$20 fee or for a \$30 service fee we will pick it up curbside on the third Wednesday of the month. Residents desiring to have a television removed must call the Public Works Department by the Friday before the collection date 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 curbside television collection only. Once stickers are purchased, there are no refunds.

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



Yard Waste

- Yard waste is collected every Wednesday.
- Yard waste should be put out before 6:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.
- Yard waste consists of grass clippings, twigs/shrub trimmings and pruning, leaves, and garden waste (pinecones, weeds, dead plants). **Rocks**, **dirt** 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.

Mulch Processing and Deliveries

In 2018, Plymouth Township Public Works Highway Department collected a total of 176 tons of chipped wood from our Branch and Chip program and 1,671 tons of curbside leaves. Our Sanitation Department, besides collecting trash and recycling, collected an additional 1,182 tons of yard waste on Wednesdays. All of this material, 3,029 tons in all, was then composted/processed into mulch by our Highway Department and made available to our community free of charge.

For a delivery charge of \$30, the Public Works Dept. will deliver up to one dump truck load (approx. 5 yards) to your household. There is a 1-yard minimum.

Deliveries are made every Friday from March through November. Anyone who would like a mulch delivery must come to the Public Works office in person to sign a release of liability and pay the \$30 delivery charge. If you would like delivery on Friday, you need to pay and sign the waiver before Wednesday at 4:00 PM the week of delivery.

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



Branch and Chip Program Collection

- The Township runs two Branch and Chip Collection Programs during the year.
 - Spring March 4 through April 12, 2019
 - Fall September 3 through October 11, 2019
- Residents must call the Public Works Department prior to NOON Wednesday of the week to schedule their pick up.
- Branches will be collected on Thursday and Friday, weather permitting.
- Collection may be delayed until Monday or Tuesday of the following week.
- 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.
 - Branches with thorns will not be collected.



Public Works

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 new 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 new permit on June 28, 2013. 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

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.

Where Does Your Sump Pump Flow?

Are you aware that it is illegal to have your sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer system? Illegal sump pump connections put unnecessary rain water into the Township's sanitary sewer system. The Township pays to have this water treated. This results in higher sewer rates for everyone. In addition, it 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 and taxes.

What can you do to help? Make sure you sump pump is not connected to the sanitary sewer system. Sump pumps should be connected to a pipe so it can discharge to a lawn area where it can infiltrate back into the ground. Keeping rainwater out of the sanitary sewer system will help keep rates from rising unnecessarily.

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

Please Keep Our Streams Clean This is our Fish Tank. 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! and Elimination, Construction Site Run-off Control, Post



New Inspection Requirements for Selling your Home

Property Sale Sewer Inspection

The owner must have the sewer lateral inspected by a licensed Master Plumber, that 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 hookups (sump pumps or storm water inlets).

Then the Plumber will prepare a report stating what is found and provide a copy of a video on CD or DVD that will be given 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.

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 the street.

SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION: See Property Sale Sewer Inspection article.

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.

Residents no longer need to register Deeds with the Township after they have been recorded by the County.

Finance and Administration - 2019 Budget

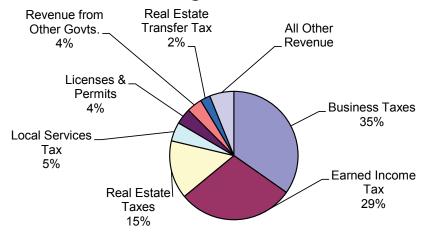
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GENERAL FUND

Revenue and Transfers In:

Real Estate Tax	\$2,727,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	625,000
Earned Income Tax	7,300,000
Mercantile Tax	2,460,000
Business Privilege Tax	4,540,000
Local Services Tax	1,190,000
Solid Waste Tax	1,210,000
Other Taxes	450,100
Fire Services Fee	932,000
License & Permits	1,004,700
Fines & Forfeitures	160,900
Interest	75,000
Revenue from Other Govts.	966,949
Charges for Services	557,900
Transfers from Other Funds	268,466
	24,930,138

2019 Budgeted Revenue



Beginning Fund Balance

Total Available \$33,830,138

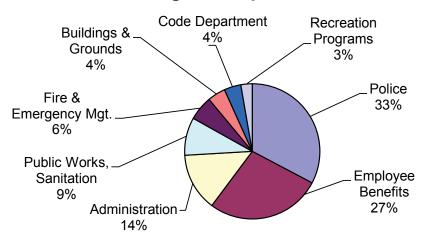
Expenditures and Transfers Out:

General Government	\$2,210,778
Public Safety	9,710,717
Code Department	1,013,938
Sanitation	1,103,100
Highways, Roads & Streets	1,174,730
Buildings & Grounds / Parks	768,644
Recreation Programs	684,372
Employer Payroll Taxes	949,000
Insurance	643,500
Employee Benefits	6,920,759
	25,179,538

Designated for Future Expenditures 8,650,600

Total Accounted For \$33,830,138

2019 Budgeted Expenditures



OTHER FUNDS - BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Sewer Fund	\$2,787,879
Community Center Fund	2,782,694
Highway Aid Fund	457,962
Capital Funds	6,293,966

^{*} the complete 2019 budget document can be found online at www.plymouthtownship.org

Plymouth Township 2018 Annual Report

Township Manager

"The Township prides itself on the diversity of its citizens and residents, and the harmonious relations which have been fostered in the Township by a widely practiced and recognized attitude of respect among all citizens of Plymouth Township." This statement is taken from Ordinance 1644, an ordinance Council adopted last April, to establish an official policy of non-discrimination in Plymouth Township, in all matters involving employment, housing and commercial property, and public accommodation. The ordinance established a volunteer, four member Human Relations Commission, whose duties and powers shall not exceed those of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission under the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. The Commission has met several times for training and is ready to assist when needed.

Chapter 14, Article IV of the Township's General Laws entitled "Fireworks" needed to be amended to comply with changes made when PA House Bill 542 was signed into law on October 30, 2017. Consumer grade or Class C fireworks include fire crackers, Roman Candles, bottle rockets and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. "A person must be at least 18 years of age to purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks. A person may not intentionally ignite or discharge consumer fireworks: on public or private property without the express permission of the owner, within a motor vehicle or building, or throw from a motor vehicle or building, or throw into a motor vehicle or building or at another person, while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or within 150 feet of an occupied structure." Display fireworks, which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive material, and professional -grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place. (Ordinance 1648)

We are so fortunate to have two volunteer fire companies to protect the Township 24/7/365. As with any volunteer organization, it is difficult to recruit and retain volunteers. Besides weekly training, almost 200 hours of training are required for a Firefighter I certificate, and that's just the beginning of training for a firefighter. In an effort to retain volunteers at Plymouth and Harmonville Fire Companies, the 2019 Budget Ordinance included a .06 mil increase of the Fire Services Fee to assist in covering the cost of fire apparatus and fire station expenses. The appropriation to the fire companies also covers 2 fire company daytime employees and a new program to reward the active volunteers with small stipend per call.

In 2018, township staff and resident committees continued their work on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, including a joint Open House that was well attended in November. I continue to attend meetings with the Montgomery County Planning Commission, transportation division, and their engineers for the reconstruction of Ridge Pike. Acquisition is almost complete and construction for the section between Manor Avenue and Chemical Road is scheduled to begin mid-2020. There are two bridges, one over the railroad

and another over the Turnpike, that need to be lengthened and widened, all the while remaining open to traffic.

Major projects for the year included the purchase of a computer server, the Greater Plymouth Community Center rooftop unit replacement, exterior improvements and tree plantings at Harriet Wetherill Park, renovations and paving at East Plymouth Valley Park, the installation LED lighting and anti-slip coating on the locker room floors at the Community Center. Annual projects included approximately two miles of street paving, short line painting at all traffic signals and non-signalized areas, and root control and cleaning in parts of the sanitary sewer system. The exploration of the possible sale of the sanitary sewer collection systems is continuing.

I am extremely grateful for the wonderful department directors and employees who are very talented and always professional in their daily work. And I would also like to thank Council and all of our citizen volunteers for their dedication and commitment to making Plymouth Township a terrific community. It is my pleasure working with and for you.

Public Works

The Public Works Department continued their efforts to upgrade, maintain and expand the Township's roadways, storm sewers, and other infrastructure throughout the year. Ongoing efforts to reduce Inflow and Infiltration in the sanitary sewer system continued. Red Zone Robotics has proven instrumental by televising and analyzing over 60 miles of sanitary sewer to better help the Public Works Department prioritize and maintain its infrastructure.

The annual street paving was completed this year on New Hope Street, Patriot Circle, Park Drive, Fairway Drive, Everturn Circle and Traverse Drive. This consisted of approximately 2 miles of paving.

The Public Works Department's efforts were enhanced by a major equipment upgrade, a trash truck with snow plow to serve the entire Township for trash and recycling and during snow plowing events.

Street name signs were completed in the Township on all streets meeting the 2018 deadline. All other signs have or will be replaced as well with high reflectivity materials.

Many water mains throughout the Township were replaced in 2018 and will continue in 2019 as part of Aqua PA's infrastructure improvements.

Peco Energy has also replaced many old bare steel gas mains throughout the Township. They will continue in 2019.

Electronics collection drop-off continues to grow in Plymouth Township. This new program collects televisions, electronics, computers, small appliances and rechargeable batteries to name a few.

Single Stream Recycling and the Yard Waste programs continue to improve. In 2018 Plymouth Township recycled almost half of the solid waste it collected. 48% of all solid waste collected by Public Works employees is recycled.

Continued routine operation of the Public Works Department, including trash, recycling, yard waste and white goods collection; chipper programs, leaf collection, electronics collection, mulch delivery and composting.

Development & Zoning

In 2018, Plymouth Township received a 902 Recycle grant in the amount of \$172,629.00 to help fund a new Swaploader highway truck with a single man leaf unit and dump body.

In 2018, there were six land developments and five subdivisions filed with the Township. The new land developments included a new warehouse at 1113 Ridge Pike, a new retaining wall at 800-820 Brook Road, 12 new townhomes at 2424 Butler Pike, a new hotel at 201 Plymouth Road, a new wireless facility at 700 Belvoir Road, and a brand new Colonial Middle School at 716 Belvoir Road.

The five subdivisions consisted of new single family residential parcels at 356 Fairfield Road, 1929 Johnson Road and 1927 Hallowell Road, and lot line changes at 2424 Butler Pike and 1100 Conshohocken Road.

2018 also featured the beginning of construction of 70 new apartment units at Plymouthtowne Apartments, twin dwellings at 1790 Butler Pike, a new hotel at 101 Lee Drive, and a new assisted living facility at 215 Plymouth Road.

There were 1,312 building permits, 162 Use and Occupancy permits, and 23 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits issued. The Zoning Hearing Board heard 24 appeals.

Police Department

In 2018, two Divisions of the Department underwent various personnel changes. In the Patrol Division, Sergeant Michael Haig retired after serving the Police Department for 30 years. Officer David Kirchenbauer resigned from his position in the Patrol Division and Officer Jeffrey McMahon was hired after serving with the Philadelphia Police Department. Officers Shaun Kozak and Gerry DeSantis transferred from Patrol to the Highway Patrol Unit. Officer Eric Ponzek transferred from the Patrol Division to the Detective Division to perform duties as a Detective.

Notable cases cleared in 2018 include the arrest of two subjects responsible for five residential and three commercial burglaries; the arrest of an investment broker who defrauded a Township resident for over one hundred thousand dollars; and the arrest of a subject under the Brad Fox Law who made a straw purchase of a gun.

The Department once again remained proactive with training our police officers. All members of the Patrol Division received reality based training for Active Shooters. This training combined role players and the use of simunitions in a school based setting. This valuable training allowed all stakeholders to be prepared in the event of an active threat. Officers also received specialized training for law enforcement in autism through the Ruttenberg Autism Center. Finally, the entire Department received training on Cultural Awareness and Diversity to remain sensitive to all members of our community.

In 2018, the Police Department obtained \$32,400 in grant monies. The specific grants included the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Grant (\$20,000), Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Grant Wave 1 (\$1,050), Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Grant Wave 2 (\$2,500), Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Grant Wave 3 (\$2,700), Buckle Up PA Teen Safety Grant (\$1,400), Buckle Up PA Thanksgiving CIOT (\$1,950) and Buckle Up PA May/June COIT (\$2,800).

The Police Department, as in years past, continues to provide the best possible service to all members of our community. We pledge to maintain a safe and harmonious community for all.

Parks and Recreation

Pass promotions continued in 2018 including GPCC Birthday and fall 10% off sales with good success. Several other pass promotions were offered including Splash and Slide, College Pass, Cyber Monday deal, and Christmas and New Year's Eve specials.

SilverSneakers enrollment increased in 2018 and due to this surge of participants, more morning fitness classes were offered. The added classes along with the senior social events have provided a place where seniors can gather to stay healthy and socialize.

Aquatics added and updated several programs including a Flick and Float Pool Party, Swim the World, Master Swim, Run 2 Yoga and a Hydro Fusion class. SilverSneaker splash classes attracted a large number of participants who also enjoyed some special themed classes including line dancing and karaoke. The staff instituted a larger scale campaign to advertise, recruit and bring on board new staff to join the team.

Several land fitness classes were added at various times, providing an added value to the annual and monthly passes. Aerobic attendance has increased and our customers are happy with the program.

General programming successfully expanded the Kids Friday Night Out Series with more programs each month. Camp GPCC remains extremely popular as the staff works hard every year to bring new fresh ideas to the program. A new Breakfast with the Character special event was sold out in its debut. Gym attendance and revenue has increased and pickle ball remains a popular sport.

MLK Day of Service was a success once again in making dog and cat toys and continuing to receive, compile and ship donations to the military. Our second annual Tree Lighting Ceremony had a great turnout despite the frigid temperature and all enjoyed our first Veterans Ceremony at the Service and Devotion Monument.

Technology and public image, and customer service committees were created among staff to provide ideas for progressive changes for new and state-of-the-art amenities, programs and services. Both committees have been very productive. The staff has participated in the overall Township Comprehensive Plan meetings and public work sessions and has worked with our consultants to create a new long range Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan.

Volunteerism has increased in the Butterfly Garden at Harriet Wetherill Park and four various park clean-ups were held with 50 plus volunteers. We began renting the pavilion at the new playground with numerous requests. Some one-week camps were moved to HWP and a new family camp-out program was held with a good turnout. DCED and Lowes grants were secured to create the courtyard for the Nature Center area.

Thank you to our staff for their devotion and enthusiasm in providing excellent programming and service to our patrons. A special thanks to our loyal patrons and those who donated, sponsored and volunteered. Your commitment is what helps to bring the community together. Wishing you a happy and prosperous 2019.













Fire Marshall's Office/Emergency Management

Spring is a great time to open the windows and clean out the house. It is also a good time to do a few things that will make it safer for you and your family.

Do you have smoke detectors in your home? If you do not, the Plymouth Township Fire Marshal's Office and the Harmonville and Plymouth Fire Companies are participants in the Channel 6 Save-A-Life program. We still have a limited supply of smoke detectors available. If you need new smoke detectors or if you wish to replace some units that are older than 10 years old, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office to arrange for delivery and or assistance.

Flammable liquids are frequently used in lawn mowers, power saws and edgers/trimmers. Be careful in the transportation, use and storage of such liquids like gasoline, kerosene and alcohol. Propane for barbeque grills should be stored outdoors and grills should be placed away from the home. Vinyl siding will melt very quickly when exposed to the heat from a propane fired grill and the exterior of the home can catch on fire very quickly thereafter.

Plymouth Township Council recently adopted Ordinance 1648 to amend the Code of Ordinances to comply with recently passed legislation by the Commonwealth concerning fireworks. While additional fireworks can now be sold, possessed and used, there are strict rules for their use. Legal use must be conducted in compliance with Commonwealth law and Plymouth Township Ordinance 1648 as follows:

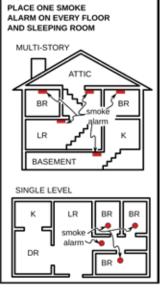
- 1. Only persons 18 years of age or older can purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks
- 2. You may not intentionally light or discharge a consumer firework:
 - Unless you have the permission of the property owner.
 - With the intent to throw from either a vehicle or building any firework.
 - Into a motor vehicle, building or other person.
 - If you are under the influence of alcohol, controlled substance or another drug.
 - Within 150 feet from any occupied structure.

An occupied structure is defined as any structure or place adapted for overnight accommodation of persons or for conducting business whether or not a person is actually present.

Failure to comply can result in injury, property damage and a fine up to \$100.00.

The Plymouth Township Fire Marshal's Office encourages you to allow professionals to use commercial grade fireworks and witness these displays from a safe distance.







Plymouth Township gratefully acknowledges the generosity and support of the businesses and individuals who have placed advertisements in our newsletter. Plymouth Township Tidings has been designed and printed at no cost to our taxpayers. We encourage you to patronize these businesses as they play a substantial role in the economic vitality of our community.



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Police News

Recognition Awards

During the September 2018 Council Meeting, three members of the Plymouth Township Police Department were recognized for completing 20 years of service. Officer Andrew Adams, Detective Joseph LaPenta and Officer Mark Solorio each received plaques from the Plymouth Township Council. They were publicly commended for the outstanding service each of them has provided to the citizens of Plymouth Township.



Officer Solorio, Officer Adams and Detective LaPenta



Officer Lacy, Officer Solorio and Detective Phillips at our Food Drive Event

Fall into Safety Event and Food Drive

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, the Plymouth Township Police Association teamed up with Lowe's and Giant Food Store at the Metroplex to help fill the cupboard at the Colonial Neighborhood Council Food Pantry. Visitors were treated to safety demonstrations and giveaways by members of the Harmonville and Plymouth Fire Companies, as well as medics from Plymouth Ambulance. Lowe's sponsored a moon bounce, provided food, smoke detectors and basket giveaways during the event. Members of the PTPA handed out bicycle helmets, safety lights and many other safety related items to children attending the event. As a result of the generosity of all who attended, along with large donations from Holy Rosary School and Colonial Middle School, the event collected over 5,000 pounds of food to help feed those in need during the holiday season.

Rules of the Road

- When jogging with others on the roadway, run in single file.
- Utilize sidewalks where available and practical.
- Always jog facing traffic.
- Use extreme caution when crossing streets and at intersections.

New Officer Hired

Jeffrey McMahon was officially appointed as a probationary patrol officer with the Plymouth Township Police Department. Officer McMahon comes to our agency after serving with the Philadelphia Police Department for 10 years. Jeffrey is married with two children. We congratulate Officer McMahon and wish him a long and successful career.

Plymouth Township Police Department appointed Benjamin Brunner to the position of probationary patrol officer. Officer Brunner attended Geneva College and Montgomery County Community College. A graduate of the Montgomery County Municipal Police Officers' Academy, Officer Brunner previously served as a part-time officer with Telford Borough.

Officer Anthony Costello was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Costello has previously served in the Patrol Division, the Highway Patrol Unit and the Detective Division. Sgt. Costello is assigned to supervise Squad B of the Patrol Division.



Chief Lawrence welcoming Officer Jeffrey McMahon



Officer Benjamin Brunner



Sergeant Anthony Costello

Keeping Children Safe

If children are home alone and are allowed to answer the phone, they should never tell the caller that they are home alone. Make sure that the child has a list of phone numbers (neighbors, friends, family) that they can call if they should become frightened or in the event of an emergency. Assure that they know how to call 911 and when it is appropriate to do so. Also, establish a schedule for the child to check in with mom or dad.

Establish house rules for use of the computer, especially the Internet. The computer can be a valuable learning tool, but is not a good babysitter. Make sure the child knows never to give out personal information on the computer.

Children should always be required to check in with a parent or trusted contact person before leaving the house and when returning home.

Teach your children that it is best to be in a group of friends when going places. When using public restrooms, go as a group. There is safety in numbers.

Parents should know the route the child will be taking to and from a given location. Remind the child never to take shortcuts or deviate from the route agreed upon.

Make sure that your children know never to talk to anyone that they do not know. They should be comfortable talking to you about things that may have happened that they are not sure how to handle or things that make them uncomfortable.



Thanksgiving meals were purchased and presented to families in need. Officer Subbio, Lieutenant O'Brien, Sergeant Wilhelm, Lieutenant Mabry

Holiday Joy of Giving Back Program

Each year the members of the Plymouth Township Police Association, in conjunction with our partners at Giant Food Stores, Weis Markets, Target, and new this year, Becker Orthodontics, give back to our local community during the Holiday Season. Again, in 2018 we were able to provide meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas to local families in need of assistance. In addition, presents were purchased for each child in our sponsored families.



K-9 Vilko, Officer Wells, Detective Ponzek and Detective Capperella with gifts for our local families.

Halloween 2018 - Operation Golden Ticket

As a special treat for Halloween this year, the Plymouth Township Police Association, along with the Plymouth Township Police Department, provided Trick or Treat bags to every student in our elementary schools. Over 1,500 bags were distributed to the schools. At each school one "Golden Ticket", taking the form of our K-9 Unit patch, was placed in one random bag. The recipient of each Golden Ticket was provided with a police escort to their school, along with a bag of police swag. Their class was also treated to breakfast treats provided by the Plymouth Township Police Association.

We are happy to announce that the winners were Caden Page, representing Plymouth Elementary, and Matthew Catania, representing Ridge Park Elementary. Everyone had a great time during these events!



Plymouth Elementary Golden Ticket Winner Caden Page and his family, with Plymouth Officers Lieutenant O'Brien, Officer Lacy, Officer DiDonato, Detective Ponzek and Sergeant Heger.



Ridge Park Elementary Golden Ticket Winner Matthew Catania and his family, with Plymouth Officers Detective Phillips, Officer Lacy, Officer DiDonato and Officer Epright.





(left)2018 C.O.P. Camp Graduates (right) Campers after capturing Detective Ponzek for the theft of Grandma's Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe

2019 C.O.P. Camp Program

Again, in 2019, the Plymouth Township Police Department will be hosting our popular C.O.P. Camp Program. Each year a group of local children, aged 9 to 11 years old, spends one week learning about the work of a law enforcement officer. The program has graduated hundreds of children since its inception. We are proud to note that many of our graduates have since gone on to obtain careers in Law Enforcement and other emergency services.

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This year's camp will be held from Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 21, 2019. The camp runs from 9 am to 1 pm at the Plymouth Township Police Department. Registration will begin in early March, with applications available at the Plymouth Township Police Department, and online.

Summer Safety Tips

- Going on vacation? Consider letting the police know and file a vacation notice. Officers will check your residence while you are away.
- One of the best ways to stay safe this summer is to wear a helmet and other safety gear when biking, skating and skateboarding, and when riding scooters, all-terrain vehicles, and horses. Studies on bicycle helmets have shown they can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- · Use layers of protection to prevent a swimming pool tragedy. This includes placing barriers completely around your pool to prevent access, using door and pool alarms, closely supervising your child and being prepared in case of an emergency.

Parks and Recreation

2019 Performances in the Park begin in June - FREE!

Concerts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Movies start at dusk			
June 26	Movie: The Lion King (1994)		
July 3	Concert: The Quake (Powerhouse, high energy party band)		
July 10	Movie: Hotel Transylvania 3		
July 17	Concert: Shot of Southern (Nashville in the northeast)		
July 24	Movie: The Incredibles 2		
July 31	Concert: Crunch Daddy's (Classic to modern rock hits)		
August 7	Movie: Beauty & The Beast (2017)		





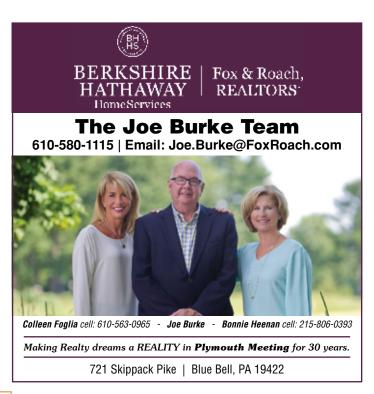
Plymouth Township Day

June 1st • 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Don't miss this fun filled family event! Amusements, Food, Community Booths, Games and more!

If you wish to host a Community Booth, contact Joanna Sharapan at 610-313-8681 or jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org.

Sponsorship opportunities available! Please contact Susan Vacchiano at 610-313-8683 or svacchiano@plymouthtownship.org.







Spring Pass Discount!

10% off Pass Discount - March 16th

On Saturday, March 16 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the GPCC will offer 10% off of new or renewed annual passes. New pass holders must sign up in person at the GPCC. If you are renewing your annual pass, you may sign up online if paying in full. If you wish to renew with EFT, please contact Dana Clewell at 610-277-4321. Stay tuned for more promotions!

Upcoming Programs/Events

A complete listing and description of all programs and special events are listed in our program guide, mailed to homes in March, August and November or found online at www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org.

Online registration is available or by phone at 610-277-4312.

Harriet Wetherill Park Programs (HWP)

Stay tuned for a variety of new programs at HWP this spring and summer! Please refer to our Spring/Summer program guide for details.

Spring HWP Programs

- Family Walking BINGO
- Eggs-plorers Adventure Egg Hunt
- Nature Photography for Youth

Summer HWP Programs

- Butterfly Club
- Dog Days of Summer Celebration
- Summer Solstice Celebration
- Perseid Meteor Shower Party

Community Yard Sale

The Yard Sale will be located in the Community Center parking lot by the playground. Spread the word! If you are interested in selling your household items please contact Joanna Sharapan at jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org

Saturday, 6/8 • 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Price: \$15/spot

Spring Break Activity Days

April 15 to April 19 • Ages K-8th

Looking for a fun place to send your kids during Spring Break? Send them to the GPCC. Each day will consist of a variety of games, sports, swimming and a project. Visit www. plymouthcommuitycenter.org or our Program Guide for details and prices.

Kids Friday Night Out Series - Ages 6-11

Drop your child off on Friday nights throughout spring and summer from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for fun filled nights of crafts, sports and cooking. Please see our program guide for details!



Trips

Own Your Own In New York City (Ages: 4+ years)

Saturday, 5/4

Depart GPCC @ 7:30 a.m. • Depart NYC @ 6:00 p.m.

Price: \$40/person

Silver Socials Free to SilverSneaker and Silver & Fit members

Seniors Helping Seniors

March 21, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ann Wright from Seniors Helping Seniors will be stopping by to give a presentation on 6 Wise and Funny Lessons on Aging! Light refreshments will be provided.

Health Fair

May 2, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Roxborough Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Plan to attend! Sign up at the front desk or give us a call!

- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Cardiac Education
- Wellness/Stress Management
- Stroke Prevention/ Education
- Safety Tips
- Vaccine/Drug Education
- Support Services/ Community Resources
- Give-Aways and Refreshments

Silver Social: BBQ BINGO!

June 13, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It's time for some Grillin' and Chillin'! SilverSneakers and Silver & Fit members are invited to join us at the 2nd annual Silver Social Bingo BBQ! Spend part of the afternoon at the GPCC for some Fun, Food and Prizes! It's a great opportunity to catch up with some friends and make some new ones.

Parks and Recreation

Summer Camp Programs

Registration has begun for our Summer Camps. Below is a brief description. Please refer to the Summer Camp Brochure for all the details.



Camp GPCC (Ages 6-12) June 17 through August 23 Monthly billing available. Location: GPCC

with a variety of activities including arts and crafts, sports, swimming and day trips.

A traditional day camp

Playground Camp (Ages 6-12)

A six week program beginning June 24 through August 2.

Location: Plymouth Elementary

Traditional playground activities including arts and crafts, sports and day trips. Held outdoors with minimal structure.



Specialty One-Week Camps: (Ages 5-16)

Location: Varies

One-week camps held throughout the summer including Sports, Theater, Science, Princess, Crafts, Cheerleading, Cooking and more.



Teen Camp (Ages 12-15) June 24 through August 16 Sign up weekly.

Location: GPCC

Exciting adventures including trips, swimming, athletic competitions, challenging projects and games.

Fitness

The Greater Plymouth Community Center is a participating location for SilverSneakers and Silver& Fit. All land aerobic classes are free with annual and one month passes!

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Run your first 5K with our Fit to Run class!

Ever think about running a 5k or just even losing weight, gaining muscle, and building endurance? Now is your chance to enjoy the fresh outside air, make new friends, and scratch running a 5k race off your bucket list! This 8 week program will not only help you build enough endurance to run 3.1miles (or 30 min straight) but also will help you look and feel better! This class is held outside rain or shine and will meet at the Band shell behind the Community Center. Running tech shirt included with the price of class! This is a beginner class, no previous running experience needed! (Must be in good health and slightly active) (Trainer: Ed)



Ages: 16+years

Mon/Tues/Thurs, 6:40 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. • 4/8 - 6/3 Price: \$144 Pass Holders/ \$159 Non-Pass Holders

Group Cycle

Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. • 3/19 - 4/9 Thursdays, 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. • 3/21 - 4/11 Price per day: \$29 PH/\$31 NPH

War of the Core

Fridays, 9:30 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. • 3/22 - 4/12 Price: \$32 PH/\$40 NPH

CoreSculpt

Mondays, 5:45 p.m. − 6:25 p.m. • 3/18 − 4/8 Price: \$32 PH/\$40 NPH

Women & Weights

Mondays, 7:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. • 3/18 - 4/8 Price: \$32 PH/\$40 NPH

Functional Strength for Older Seniors

Mondays/Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.-1:55 p.m. • 4/22-5/15 Price: \$64 PH/\$80 NPH

Core Balance for Active Older Adults

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 10:05 a.m.-11:00 a.m. • 4/23-5/16 Price: \$64 PH/\$80 NPH

Personal Training

30 and 60 minute sessions available. Individual, partner, and sport teams. Please contact Mary Ann for more details at 610-277-4906.



Small Group Training (SGT) is available at the GPCC!

Do you need that extra push and challenge to get you to your next fitness level? Your results are waiting for you with Small Group Training. You will work out in a team environment to motivate you along with our trainers who will keep you challenged and engaged with expert attention. There are several fun small group training programs to choose from. Classes start soon, so grab a friend and sign up today! Register online or call 610-277-4312. Can't commit to a session? Walk-in's are available \$10 PH/\$15/NPH.

		GROUP	EXERC	ISE CLAS	SSES		
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:30AM-7:15AM				Wake Up Workout (Lauren)			
8:00 AM-8:45 AM	Triple Threat <i>Belly, Bum, Thighs</i> (Megan)					Zumba (Sathya)	
9:00 AM-9:45 AM			Triple Threat Arms, Abs, Assets (Megan)		Full Body Shred (Sue A.)	Total Body Fitness (Sue A.)	Zumba (Sathya)
9:00AM-9:55AM	Senior Aerobics Mix w/chairs	SilverSneakers Circuit (Teri)		Chair Yoga (Louise)			
10:00 AM -10:45 AM		Total Body Fitness (Eileen)		Total Body Fitness (Eileen)			
10:00AM-10:55AM	Senior Aerobics Fit without Chairs (Teri)		Senior Aerobics Mix with chairs (Teri)		Senior Fitness (Gina)		Yoga Flow (Roseann)
11:00AM-11:55AM	SilverSneakers Classic (Teri)		SilverSneakers Classic (Teri)				
12:00 PM-12:25 PM	Chisled Express (Alice)						
12:00 PM-12:55 PM			Cardio Barre (Teri)				
12:30 PM-12:55 PM	Core & More (Alice)						
5:45 PM -6:25 PM	HardCORE (Lauren)		Metabolic Inferno (Marin)				
6:00 PM-6:55 PM		Cardio Combo (Marin)		Core Strong (Dorothy)			
6:30PM- 7:25 PM	Yoga Flow (Roseann)		Gentle Yoga (Roseann)				
7:00PM-7:55PM		Barre (Beth)		Zumba (Beth)			
7:30PM-8:15PM	Strong by Zumba (Robyn)						

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE, EMAILS AND FACEBOOK FOR ADDITIONAL CLASSES TO BE OFFERED THIS SPRING

Walk-in prices			
Residents	\$11	Non-Residents	\$13

ALL LAND AEROBIC CLASSES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF YOUR PASS!

Aquatics

Masters Swim

Whether you are training for a triathlon, swimming for health, or trying to improve form or endurance, Masters Swimming is for you. Coach Bill Berardelli has been swimming and coaching competitively for over 30 years and is here to help you achieve your goals.

Tuesday & Thursday mornings 6:00 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. and Tuesday evenings 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

\$10/walk-in and no membership required! We are an official U.S. Masters Club!

Our 1-on-1 Swim Lessons back for 2019

This year June 10 to June 22 we will have signups for 1-on-1 30 minute lessons that are a-la-carte style. Pick one or as many as you would like. These lessons can be used to tone up a certain skill prior to the next full swim session or before those summer camps and beach trips.

Swim and Give Program

We would like to give a big thank you to all those who donated and participated in our annual Holiday Swim & Give. Once again we partnered with the Harmonville Fire



Company and collected over 200 toys for local children in need. We can't thank you enough for your generosity!

Parks and Recreation

Swim Lessons

Group and Private Swim Lessons are available. Sign up now with our new convenient class schedule. Features include:

- Small class size for beginner level lessons, 4:1 ratio
- Instructors go through in-depth swim lesson training
- Swim evaluations available prior to every session to help place your child
- Multiple Lesson Discount
- FREE Coupon for family swim or practice
- · Weekend private swim lesson sign-ups

Flick n' Float Fridays

Swim, float, & splash in the leisure pool while watching great cartoons & kid's shows on a huge screen. Bring your favorite float. But, for safety, no 'water wings' please. Open swim begins at 6:00pm and videos will begin at dusk.

- Teen Titans Go! To the Movies Friday, 3/15 6:00 p.m. End of video
- Pixar Short Films Collection Volume 3- Friday, 4/12 •6:00 p.m. End of video
- \$10 per Person \$32 for a Family of 4

Birthday Parties at the GPCC!

Let us do the work for your next birthday party! Various packages offered including pool, sports and crafts. Also, we now offer Friday night birthday party packages including our new Video Game Party. You can find our Birthday Party Packages online at www.plymouthtownship.org.





MLK Day of Service

We would like to thank all of our volunteers, Ilera Healthcare, and Hedwig House Inc. who attended and donated their time to our MLK Day of Service project. We created scrolls to support Lisa's Army, made dog and cat toys to support All 4 Paws Rescue, and organized a troop donation to support the USO. We would also like to thank Tony's Pizza & Pasta, and Rocco's Brick Oven Pizzeria for providing pizza to all the volunteers.



Consider Working in Parks and Recreation!

Several positions available.

Summer Camp Counselors

- Must be 19 years of age or older
- Energetic and friendly
- Must work 9 weeks of summer camp
- Hours range from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Plans and directs group activities
- Ensures children's safety, manages children's behavior and acts as a role model

After School Counselors

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Energetic and friendly
- After school to 6:00 p.m.
- Plans and directs group activities
- Ensure children's safety, manage children's behavior and act as a role model

Lifeguards, Swim Instructors and Water Fitness Instructors

- Certification required
- Flexible work hours, day, evening and weekends
- · Open year round
- Competitive pay \$11-\$12/hour
- Certification Classes are available at the GPCC. Once certified, you may apply for employment. \$100 reimbursement if hired.

Group Exercise Instructors and Small Group Training Instructors

- Day and evening available
- Must have current group exercise certification with experience.

Stop by or go online to fill out an application.

Leave your Mark in the Park

A great way to remember a loved one, celebrate a joyous occasion or leave a permanent impression in one of our parks is to purchase a bench, tree or brick as a tribute. Benches and trees come with a personalized plaque. New bench and tree locations are available with the enhancement at Harriet Wetherill Park. For order forms, please visit our website, www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org or contact Susan Vacchiano at 610-313-8683 or svacchiano@plymouthtownship.org



Benches







Bricks at HWP

Pavers at the SDM

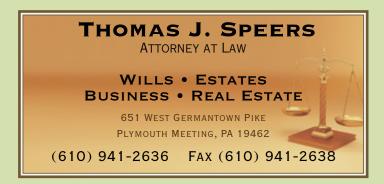
Just a Reminder...Keep our parks beautiful

- 1. Pets are permitted but must be leashed at all times.
- 2. Pet owners are reminded that by ordinance all pet waste is to be cleaned up immediately.
- 3. Mutt Mitts are available for your convenience.
- 4. Please place your trash in the bins provided and be sure to recycle.



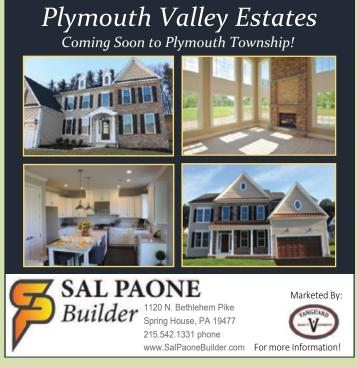












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610-277-4100 • 610-277-4313 fax

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

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

610-279-1901
610-233-0602
610-828-0836
610-277-2776

Sewer Emergency Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm 610-277-4105 Nights, weekends and holidays 610-279-1901

Plymouth Township Voting Locations

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

Primary Election Day Tuesday, May 21, 2019 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.

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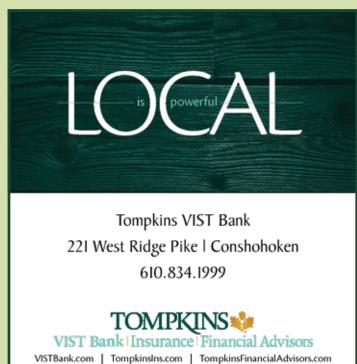


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