

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

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Tidings

HWP Earth Day Festival

April 25th • 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Harriet Wetherill Park
2642 Butler Pike

*Music, Kids Activities,
Guided Hikes, Food Trucks,
Vendors, and Park Clean Up*

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, a 10 x 10 space is \$25.
Sponsorship opportunity - contact Jessica Brennan @ Jbrennan@plymouthtownship.org



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Plymouth Township Day
East Plymouth Valley Park
May 30, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Community booths, amusements,
food, vendors and more!

Performances in the Park
GPCC Band Shell
Every Wednesday, June 24 – August 5
Concerts 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Movies start at dusk!

*Sponsorships available!
See page 23 inside for
details!*

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**PLYMOUTH MEETING
FAMILY MEDICINE**

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Plymouth Township News

Calling 9-1-1 from a Cell Phone

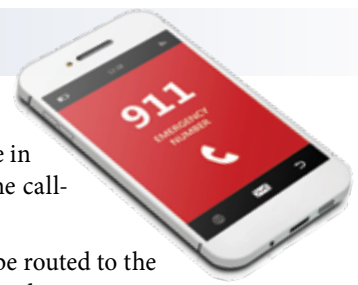
The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety asks that anyone who calls 9-1-1 from a cellular phone in communities near the County border immediately state that “I’m calling from Montgomery County” when the call-taker answers the phone.

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.

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 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.



Grant Corner

East Plymouth Valley Park (EPV)

We are happy to announce that Plymouth Township was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$50,000, by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) under the Keystone Communities Program. The grant will be used to renovate the concession stand at EPV. Both the Plymouth Little League and the PW Spartans organizations are working with the Township to plan an efficient new concession area. We hope to have the project underway this summer and be completed as soon as possible. Look for updates to in our future publications.

Fully Accessible Playground at EPV

Through the PROS Plan process, we heard the community’s request for a fully accessible playground. The Township had already planned to improve the playground at East Plymouth Valley Park, with community support and grant funding this type of playground is possible. East Plymouth Valley Park is the perfect location because it is the home to our youth organizations. We would like to capitalize on the incredible youth participation at this park by updating the playground and adding a place where everyone can play together. What a great opportunity to highlight Plymouth’s exceptional parks. Look for more information on the Plymouth Township website. If you are interested in being a supporter, please contact Karen Franck at the GPCC.

Harriet Wetherill Park (HWP) Nature Center

Work on the courtyard back entrance to the nature center is wrapping up. The entrance now allows easy and safe access to the building and contains a fire pit for HWP programs. This project was made possible by the PA Department of Community & Economic Development through a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant. Supplies to further improve the court yard were purchased through a grant from the Lowes Charitable Education Foundation. Look for new and exciting programs to come in 2020.



Plymouth Township News



Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS)

The PROS plan has been completed. The Plan offers opportunities for people to connect to nature and live active, healthy lifestyles by providing a long-term vision and implementation plan for parks, programs, facilities, open space and trails in our community.

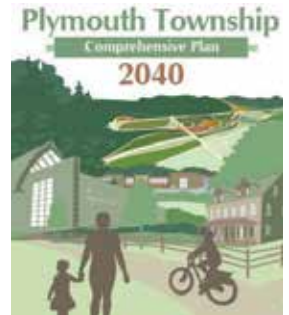
The plan was partially funded by a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It can be viewed at www.plymouthtownship.org.

Plymouth2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

Following more than two years of planning, the Plymouth Township Council unanimously adopted its 216-page comprehensive plan.

Plymouth2040 covers a wide-range of topics, including sustainability, transportation, the need for additional housing, and land development trends. It is consistent with Montco2040 and neighboring municipalities' comprehensive plans.

The entire plan is available for viewing online at www.plymouthtownship.org. Hard copies of the plan are also available for review at the Plymouth Township municipal building and Greater Plymouth Community Center.



Veterans Ceremony

The second annual Veterans Ceremony was held on November 13th. Almost 50 veterans attended the recognition. Thank you to our guest speakers, Joe Lawrence, former police chief of Plymouth Township and Naomi Winchester from The Valley Forge Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. A special thanks to Caroline Borio, Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Senior for her beautiful rendition of the National Anthem and to Warrior Watch for their participation. .



Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Our 3rd Annual Tree Lighting was held on December 3rd. We were overjoyed by the amount of people that came out in the inclement weather to join us in this festive event. A special thanks to PWS Instrumental Ensemble, Plymouth Elementary 3rd grade Spirit Team and Plymouth Meeting Friends School for their musical performance.



Harriet Wetherill Park Gets New Trees

Members of the Tree Planting Team from left to right: Plymouth Township Council Chairman, Chris Manero; Parks Board Members Neil Clark and Bryan Renneisen; EAB Board Members Debbie Livezey and Bill Sabey; Plymouth Township Council Vice Chair Karen Bramblett and John McGonagle from the Building and Grounds Department.



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Township Recognitions

Plymouth Township Welcomes Deputy Fire Marshals

In preparation for the retirement of Plymouth Township's long-time fire marshal, the Township Council welcomed two deputy fire marshals, Christopher Heleniak and Michael Sturm. Then Vice Chairman, Chris Manero swore them into their new posts.

Heleniak and Sturm helped to fill out the fire marshal's office following the retirement of Fire Marshal Andy Mount on Oct. 1. According to the resolution that was read during the meeting, Mount "answered unlimited calls" during work and non-work hours throughout his tenure, which began on Jan. 26, 1998. Mr. Mount also served as emergency management coordinator.

"It's been a pleasure working with you," Councilwoman Lenore Bruno said to Andy. "You did a great job."

Michael Matusheski was sworn in as fire marshal prior to Mount's departure to ensure a "smooth transition."



2019 Council Vice Chairman, Chris Manero, congratulates Christopher Heleniak (left) and Michael Sturm. (right)



Fire Marshal, Andy Mount (center) is recognized for his years of service.

Plymouth Township Council presented commendations to players and coaches from Plymouth Township Little League softball teams. The governing body recognized the minors division, which features athletes ages 8 to 10 years old. Among the season's achievements, the girls earned two victories in sectionals. The Council also honored the Little League softball division - which features players ages 10 to 12 years old - for winning a divisional championship, as well as two victories in sectionals.

2019 Council Vice Chairman Chris Manero commended the teams for hosting the state championship.

"You really did a great job representing Plymouth Township with the utmost pride," Manero said.

Plymouth Council recognizes the minors division of the Little League's Softball Team.



Plymouth Council recognizes the Little League's Softball Team.

Township Recognitions

Environmental Advisory Board Chairman Bill Sabey presented Plymouth Township Council with an award recognizing the Township's commitment to clean energy. When Plymouth Township adopted its Ready for 100 renewable energy resolution in April, it was the sixth municipality in Montgomery County to do so. At present, 21 municipalities in southeastern Pennsylvania have adopted similar resolutions pledging to reduce energy usage and incorporate more renewable energy in coming years. "We've really got a lot of momentum in Montgomery County," Sabey said.



Plymouth Environmental Advisory Board recognizes the Township Council for its renewable energy efforts.



Council recognizes Doris Blide for 20 years of service.



Council recognizes Jim Schultz for 30 years of service.

The first place winner of the Schuylkill Action Network Street art contest for Montgomery County was a student from Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School. The purpose of the contest was to educate the public that our storm drains are connected to the Schuylkill River.



BOOKMOBILE STOPS

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 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Place One Apartments. The materials available include books, CDs, DVDs, videos & magazines for all ages.



Environmental Advisory Board

The Environmental Board consists of seven resident volunteers who advise the Council on environmental issues.

In 2019 the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) worked on the following projects:

- Contributed to Spotted Lantern Fly awareness with an article in the spring newsletter.
- Provided input to the Plymouth Township Comprehensive plan to include a section on sustainability.
- Provided a proposal to the Parks & Trails plan to include future plans for a Plymouth circuit trail, a Power Line trail, and a Plymouth Road trail. The latter two will connect with the Cross County Trail.
- Presented the Ready for 100 Renewable Energy resolution 2019-16 which was adopted on April 8, 2019. With this the Township commits to transitioning to 100% clean, renewable electricity by 2035, to clean renewable energy sources for transportation and heat by 2050, and transition Township vehicles to renewable energy by 2030 where feasible.

For 2020, we are looking for volunteers to assist us with these projects:

- An Energy Transition task force to help develop a plan to transition to renewable energy sources for electricity by 2035 and heat and transportation by 2050. In addition to residents, representatives of business, schools, churches and institutions are important members to producing a plan that represents the input of our community stakeholders.
- A Zero Waste task force to help evaluate and propose practices to reduce waste and increase recycling in the Township.

For more information and to volunteer to assist with these projects, please email eab@plymouthtownship.org or leave a message on the EAB voice mailbox at 610-233-0552.

The EAB meets at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the municipal building. We welcome your attendance and interest. To apply for future positions, please contact your district council member. Please review our content on plymouthtownship.org under Citizen Boards.



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Plymouth Township Approves New Police Contract

With more than three months left in the Plymouth Township Police Department contract, the Plymouth Township Council unanimously approved a new three-year contract.

The new agreement, which took effect on Jan. 1, 2020 and continues through Dec. 31, 2022, calls for “across the board” salary increases of 3.5 percent for each of the three years.

Vice Chairman Chris Manero said he, the administration and the Plymouth Township Council were pleased to “come to an agreement expeditiously.” The challenge, he said, is finding ways to fairly compensate employees, while being “fiscally responsible to the municipality.”

Thanks to the township and police representatives’ effective negotiations, “both of those goals are accomplished,” Manero said, adding that he “looks forward to a continued strong relationship” under the direction of Police Chief John Myrsiades.

Councilwoman Karen Bramblett said the agreement “reflects the respect” that the Plymouth Township Council has for its police officers and their sacrifices.

“You officers do put your lives on the line for us,” Bramblett said. “And we really do appreciate it.”

At the opening of the Council meeting Manero gave the floor to Chief Myrsiades, who began by honoring fallen police officer Brad Fox on the upcoming seven-year anniversary of his murder. In doing so, Myrsiades underlined the dangers ever-present in the line of duty. K9 officer Fox, a Plymouth Township police officer of five years, was ambushed and murdered on Sept. 13, 2012 as he pursued a suspect on foot.

“All those who knew Brad still mourn every day,” Myrsiades said. “Officer Fox is a true hero. He is unforgettable.”



Officer Brad Fox and K9 Officer Nick



Chris Manero with Lt. Wagner and Officer Lacy

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.

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As the weather and temperatures warm up, take steps to ensure fire safety outdoors.

- Barbecue grills should be kept on the ground level and at least 15 feet from any structure. On balconies or decks, or under any roof, covering or tent are not places for grilling to be done.
- Fire pits, chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and any other open flame devices require a burn permit issued by the Township. If you want to use any of these, you must contact the Fire Marshal's Office for more information on the requirements and application to obtain a burn permit.
- Never leave grills, fire pits, or other open flame devices unattended.
- Supervise children and keep them at least 3 feet away from grills and any open flame devices.
- Fireworks are a great for celebrations, but only to watch. Leave fireworks to the professionals. Too many people suffer serious injuries from handling fireworks, and mishandled fireworks can cause devastating fires.

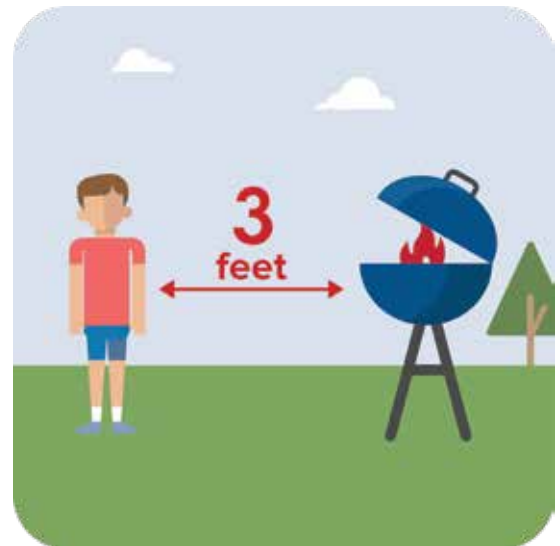
Spring cleaning is a good time to check on your safety equipment too.

- Change the batteries in smoke and CO detectors. Put NEW batteries in the smoke and CO detectors. Take the old batteries and use them in radios, toys, or other things.
- Replace smoke detectors after 10 years. The detectors have a lifespan, and for best operation, it is recommended that they be replaced every 10 years.
- Check fire extinguishers. Ensure the gauge shows the indicator is in the green. If the indicator is in or near the red areas, replace the fire extinguisher. For dry chemical extinguishers, turn it over and back again to loosen up and move the powder around inside. Make sure the pin is still in the handle so that the fire extinguisher does not accidentally go off.
- Replace fire extinguishers after 10 years. Fire extinguishers that are rechargeable should be inspected and recharged every 10 years. Extinguishers that are not rechargeable need to be replaced with new ones.

The nice weather provides an excellent time to get outside. Why not practice your home escape plan. Does everyone in your house know which way to get out of the house? How about a second route in case the normal route is blocked by fire? Where will everyone meet once you get out? If you don't have an escape plan, then it is time to get one, and PRACTICE IT. That's right – everyone in the house should actually practice it.

If you have any questions about smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, home fire escape plans, or any other safety concerns, please feel free to contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 610-277-4311.

Do you want a fire safety presentation for your group, class, organization, or employees? Contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 610-277-4311. The Fire Marshal's Office, along with the Harmonville and Plymouth Fire Companies, will work with you to provide an educational and fun presentation while learning about fire safety.



Safety is up to all of us!

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 another very busy year for the Harmonville Fire Company No.1. We responded to a total of 596 emergencies of which 14 were working fires and 10 were major vehicle rescues where we needed to place the "Jaws of Life" into service. Harmonville held multiple trainings in which just under 1,000 man hours were devoted. 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 a total of 59 events during the year totaling 850 man hours of dedicated time. Our members love to be hands on and teach 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 15 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 10th 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 and will be held starting the Thursday before Easter.

Our new rescue truck arrived just before Christmas! A seven-person committee met multiple times throughout the last year and a half as a group to complete the overall design and specs of the new rescue truck.

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 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.



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Plymouth Ambulance

Plymouth Community Ambulance Association (PCAA) is proud to announce the recent delivery of three new, 2019 E450 Horton Ambulances. These units will replace some of our older models. These new units bring a fresh new look to our fleet with a brand new graphic design. The ambulance was manufactured by Horton Emergency Vehicles and purchased through VCI Emergency Vehicles in Berlin NJ. These units will bring state of the art technology to the citizens and visitors of Plymouth Township.

PCAA proudly participates in a nationally-recognized voluntary statewide initiative that is sponsored by the PA Department of Health, Bureau of EMS and the PA Emergency Health Services Council EMS for Children. The PA Prepared for Pediatrics program is for EMS agencies who wish to improve their capabilities to deliver care to pediatric

patients. This is a multi-phase program consisting of five levels, basic-expert. PCAA is currently recognized at the highest expert level phase. PCAA is always looking for ways to improve and expand our care to the pediatric patient and will be implementing the Handtevy Pediatric System into all of our units. The Handtevy system is the leading software solution designed to give our clinical team's rapid access to lifesaving pediatric medication dosing information and allow for real-time documenting. The Handtevy system utilizes application-based software in combination with specially customized pediatric response bags allowing for the most

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Plymouth Fire Company

OPERATIONS:

Plymouth Fire Company is very proud to be a part of the Township's Emergency Services providing fire and rescue services to the residents and visitors of Plymouth Township since 1906. During the 2019 year we responded to 562 emergencies and provided equipment and staff for 50 special events.



- 562 Total responses
- 173 Building fires/appliance fires
- 57 Outside/vehicle/electrical fires
- 58 Vehicle Crashes/rescues
- 43 Natural gas incidents

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

This past December, we helped Santa with a few events. We participated in the annual Plymouth Ambulance Toy Drive for St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Our annual Breakfast with Santa was a day spent with wonderful families and good food. Thank you to everyone that came to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Our annual escort of Santa and Mrs. Claus through the Township on December 21st was filled with meeting excited children. Santa had a special visit into the sleigh by one of our two week old neighbors and proud momma.

Saturday afternoon, May 16th we will have a housing and dedication ceremony for our newest piece of fire apparatus. Planning is underway now and more information will be posted on our website. The general public are all welcome to attend and tour our station. Food and refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

LADIES AUXILIARY:

The Auxiliary sponsors fundraising events to bring our community together. A popular event is the restaurant fundraisers we organize. Our annual Trivia Night is on March 6, 2020. Enjoy trivia? Get some friends together and compete in **friendly competition** at the firehouse. More information is available on the fire company website page and on the fire company Facebook page (Plymouth Fire Company No. 1 –Montco 43) in the Events section. We hope to see you at some events!



BUILDING PROJECTS:

In our continuing efforts to keep our members safe and healthy, we have obtained a federal grant to purchase a vehicle exhaust capture system. This will attach to the exhaust pipes in the fire station and automatically detach as the truck leaves the station. This system will turn on when the vehicle is running and evacuate the exhaust directly outside, providing a "clean air" condition throughout the entire building.



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 the direct line is 484-614-7578.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME:

We are always looking to add more people to our ranks of firefighters, fire police, or administrative members. If you would like to serve your community by becoming a member, email us at PlymouthFireCo@gmail.com.

accurate and timely treatment of the pediatric patient.

Our yearly Membership and Equipment Drive help with offsetting the enormous costs of this expensive life-saving equipment. So please contribute when you see our mailing each year. Your donation may help save a loved one.

PCAA is constantly looking for EMT's and Paramedics. We are at crucial time in our Country where all ambulance services have shortages of first responders. It's time, now more than ever, to encourage our youth to seek training or become involved with their local emergency services. Volunteering is just one avenue. However, with our busy society it becomes more difficult to do the time for free. We here at PCAA can offer our young and older community citizens education and ride along tours of our organization. Send them in to

talk to us about career opportunities on how to become a volunteer or even maybe seek a career in the Emergency Medical Services at Plymouth Community Ambulance Association.

Plymouth Ambulance hosts numerous classes on CPR, First Aid and AED use along with Stop the Bleed classes. These are all classes to help the average community member help render aid prior to Paramedics and EMT's arriving at an incident.

If you have any questions about classes, large or small, training, demonstrations, standbys at events or a career as a Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic, email Train@medic308.org and we will be glad to assist you.



Police News

New Officer Hired

We are proud to announce that lifelong Montgomery County resident Kyle Lowery was hired during the January Reorganization meeting. Officer Lowery is a 2018 graduate of Widener University, having earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Officer Lowery has also completed his required Act 120 Certification, and began his field training program immediately.

Kyle was issued badge #200 by Chief Myrsiades during the ceremony. Kyle is the first hire from a testing process that began with 600 applicants.

We wish Kyle a long, safe and successful career in service to the Plymouth Township Community!



*Chief John C. Myrsiades
with newly appointed
Officer Kyle Lowery*

Officer of the Year – Michael Watts

Officer Michael Watts was chosen as Officer of the Year for the Plymouth Township Police Department. During the August Council Meeting, Officer Watts received public recognition by Plymouth Township Council for this award. Mike, along with his K-9 Partner Major, are very proactive and efficient in the performance of their duties.

We thank Officer Watts for the outstanding performance of his duties as a police officer and his commitment to the Plymouth Township community.



*Officer Michael Watts
with his family*

Town Hall Meetings with Chief Myrsiades

Chief John Myrsiades conducted a series of four Town Hall style meetings in September and October of 2019. Chief Myrsiades met with the residents of Plymouth Township, business owners and guests of Plymouth Township, to share his views on the current state of law enforcement and his vision for the Plymouth Township Police Department moving forward. The Chief is especially interested in gathering community input and listening to any ideas or concerns that our citizens may have.

On January 15, 2020, Chief John C. Myrsiades began hosting a series of group focused Community Conversations. These meetings are a follow-up to the Town Hall meetings held in 2019.

We invite anyone who may be interested in the topics of discussion to attend any, or all, of these sessions.

Each of the sessions will be held at the Greater Plymouth Community Center (2910 Jolly Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462).



Each session topic, date and time are listed below.

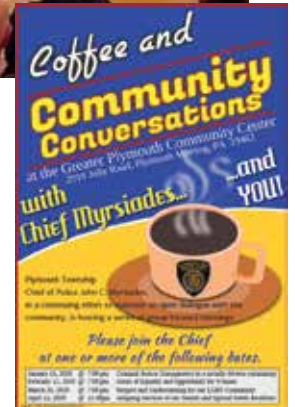
March 25, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respect and Understanding for our
LGBT Community.

April 22, 2020 @ 12:30 p.m.

Adapting Services to our Seniors and
Special Needs Residents.

We look forward to meeting you there!



Life Saving Award

During the August Township Council Meeting, officers of the Plymouth Township Police Department, along with medics from Plymouth Ambulance, were honored for saving the life of one of our own, Detective Andrew Moretti.

On the morning of Monday, May 6, 2019, Detective Andy Moretti experienced a medical episode while walking into the Police Department from his vehicle. Officer Jeff Conrad observed Detective Moretti, unresponsive, on the ground. Officer Conrad radioed for assistance and immediately began life saving measures. Additional officers responded to assist, along with medics from Plymouth Ambulance. Thanks to their early intervention, Detective Moretti survived this event and has recently returned to work.



*Lt. Mabry, Officer Watts, Officer Ransom, Detective Moretti,
Officer Conrad and Sergeant Schwartz*

2020 COP Camp Program

In 2020, the Plymouth Township Police Department will be hosting our popular C.O.P. Camp Summer Program. Each year a group of local children, aged 9 to 11 years old, get to spend 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.

This year's camp will take place from Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19, 2020. The camp runs from 9 am to 1 pm at the Plymouth Township Police Department (700 Belvoir Road).

Beginning the week of March 1, 2020, applications to our 22nd Annual C.O.P. Camp summer program will be available online and at our station.



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

Summer Safety Tips

Going on vacation? Consider letting the police know and file a vacation notice. Officers will check your residence while you're 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.

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.

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 there is a list of phone numbers (neighbors, friends, family) that

they can call if they should become frightened or in the event of an emergency. Be sure 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 agreed upon route.

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



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Finance and Administration - 2020 Budget

GENERAL FUND

Revenue and Transfers In:

Real Estate Tax	\$2,762,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	700,000
Earned Income Tax	7,590,000
Mercantile Tax	2,580,000
Business Privilege Tax	5,150,000
Local Services Tax	1,190,000
Solid Waste Tax	1,280,000
Other Taxes	432,300
Fire Services Fee	1,212,000
License & Permits	1,087,040
Fines & Forfeitures	137,400
Interest	85,000
Revenue from Other Govts.	1,048,034
Charges for Services	592,400
Miscellaneous Revenue	408,310
Transfers from Other Funds	268,466
	<u>26,522,950</u>

Beginning Fund Balance 10,300,000

Total Available \$36,822,950

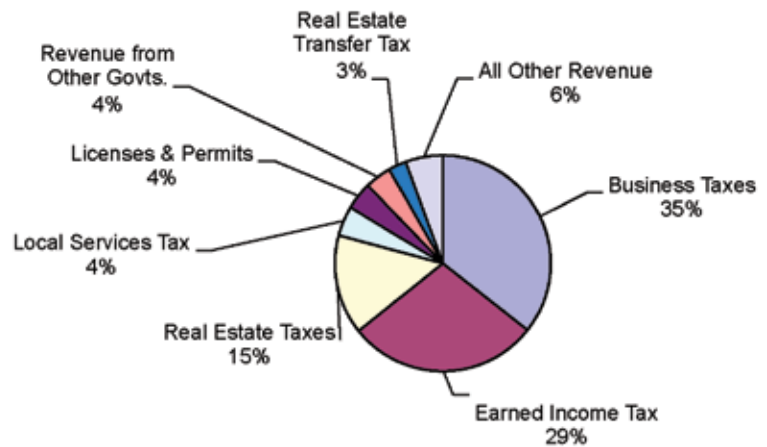
Expenditures and Transfers Out:

General Government	\$2,048,119
Public Safety	9,805,278
Code Department	1,077,437
Sanitation	1,152,100
Highways, Roads & Streets	1,203,600
Buildings & Grounds / Parks	1,123,585
Recreation Programs	1,164,216
Employer Payroll Taxes	940,000
Insurance	772,748
Employee Benefits	6,697,094
	<u>25,984,177</u>

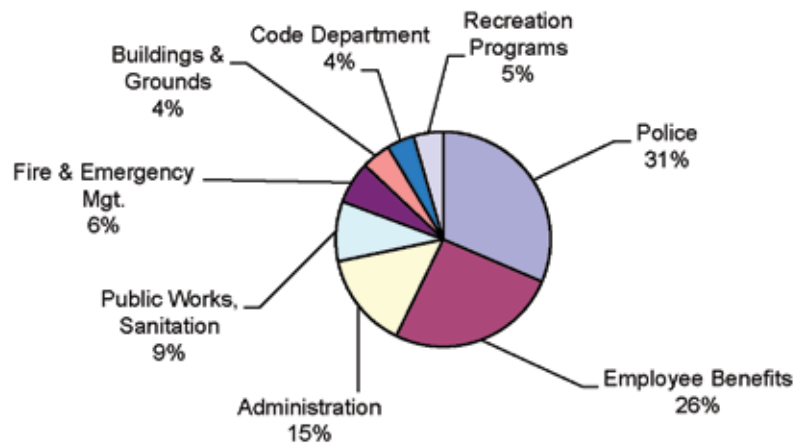
Designated for Future Expenditures 10,838,773

Total Accounted For \$36,822,950

2020 Budgeted Revenue



2020 Budgeted Expenditures



OTHER FUNDS - BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Sewer Fund	\$5,213,269
Community Center Fund	2,803,096
Highway Aid Fund	498,500
Capital Funds	3,714,376

* the complete 2020 budget document can be found online at
www.plymouthtownship.org

Plymouth Township 2019 Annual Report

Township Manager

The greatest change in the administration of the Township came in June 2019, when John C. Myrsiades was promoted to Chief of Police. John is the seventh chief, and only the second chief to have served in every rank during his 31 year career with the Plymouth Township Police Department. John has many innovative ideas for the department and the community. Within the department he is promoting a cultural shift towards community policing, and for the community he held 4 town hall meetings in the Fall of 2019 and is continuing with group focused meetings in 2020. In an effort to make it easier for anyone who wants to become a police officer, Council changed the ordinance that required candidates to complete the police academy before taking the Civil Service Test. This change, along with accepting more applicants for the interview phase and adjusting the weights for written and oral scores, are efforts to become a more diverse department.

After a 21 year career as Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator, Andy Mount retired in October. Michael Matusheski was sworn in as our new Fire Marshal and appointed by Governor Wolf as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Mike has an impressive resume which includes volunteer service at the Plymouth Ambulance, Harmonville and Norriton Fire Companies and, as an instructor for the Pennsylvania State and Montgomery County Fire Academies. We welcome Mike and his fresh ideas for the Fire Marshal's Office.

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 2020 Budget Ordinance includes a .16 mil increase of the Fire Services Fee to assist in covering the cost of fire apparatus, fire company payrolls, and fire station expenses. The appropriation to the fire companies also covers a new program to reward the active volunteers with a small stipend per call, training or special service event. Both fire companies signed an agreement to place Plymouth Township as a lienholder on the titles to all their vehicles, thus preserving the taxpayers' investment in the apparatus. The Township is now holding the titles for safekeeping.

In December 2019, Council adopted the Plymouth 2040 Comprehensive Plan, after 2+ years of meetings and community outreach. The Plan is available at www.plymouthtownship.org.

The Township's Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast was renewed for another ten years. Our agreement with Verizon is being worked on now.

The Township accepted dedication of Fulton Street to engineer and construct more parking spaces and also accepted dedication of that portion of Lafayette Street that is situated in Plymouth Township.

The decision was made not to sell the sanitary sewer system. Council also decided to make some major renovations to the 50 year old municipal building, public works garage and campus including environmental remediation, ADA accessibility, HVAC, electrical, a new roof and energy efficiencies.

The addition of a full time IT person has enabled the Township's website and social media accounts to be maintained on a daily basis. Also as of August, the Regular Council meetings held in the auditorium are being recorded and put on the website via YouTube, making it

convenient for residents to stay in touch with what's going on in the community.

Major projects for the year included the Community Center roof replacement, the Harriet Wetherill Park courtyard and tree planting projects, LED lighting at the Community Center, Alan Wood Park basketball improvements, and repairs to the Township Building cooling tower and boiler.

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 you 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.

In advance of the annual street paving project many storm inlets were repaired and upgraded. Others throughout the Township were also repaired or replaced if needed.

The Annual Street Paving was completed this year on Oakwood Drive, Azalea Terrace, Knoll Road, Runnymede Drive, Meredith Lane, Oxford Road, Weymouth Road, Henley Road, Cambridge Road, and Brighton Road.

Many water mains throughout the Township were replaced in 2019 and will continue in 2020 as part of Aqua PA infrastructure improvements.

PECO Energy has also replaced many old bare steel gas mains throughout the Township. They will continue in 2020.

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

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

Short lines were again painted this year on all traffic signals and non-signalized areas.

The mulch/compost delivery program delivered 345 yards of mulch/compost to 81 residents. Mulch was also free of charge at our community mulch pile.

In 2018 Plymouth Township was awarded a Recycling 902 grant in the amount of \$173,000 for a new highway swaploader truck with a single man leaf collection unit and an additional container to aid in many recycling programs. This truck is finally near completion and will also be utilized for mulch and compost recycling and snow plow operations.

Plymouth Township continues to be one of the best recyclers in Pennsylvania. Single Stream Recycling will top out at around 1,200 ton.

Plymouth Township 2019 Annual Report

Yard waste has exceeded the 1,000 ton mark again, thus diverting this material from entering the trash stream. In 2019 Plymouth Township recycled almost half of the solid waste it collected.

Development & Zoning

In 2019, there were two land developments and two subdivisions filed within the Township. The new land developments included two new stand-alone restaurants at the Plymouth Meeting Mall, as well as a new self-storage facility at 100 Lee Drive.

The two subdivisions consisted of a new single family residential parcel at 3116 Jolly Road, as well as five new single family residential parcels, along a newly created private road, off of Fairfield Road.

2019 also featured the beginning of construction of two new single family homes at 135 Pleasant Road, 79 new single family homes at the intersections of Plymouth/Johnson/North Gravers Roads, a new single family home at 1927 Hollowell Road, and a new Colonial Middle School at 716 Belvoir Road.

There were 1,532 building permits, 108 Use and Occupancy permits, and 11 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits issued. The Zoning Hearing Board heard 23 appeals.

Police Department

In 2019, the Plymouth Township Police Department experienced several personnel changes, most notably within the command staff of the department. The biggest change was with the promotion of Deputy Chief John Myrsiades to the position of Chief of Police in June. Chief Myrsiades, who was also recognized in 2019 for 30 years of service, became the seventh Police Chief in the history of the Plymouth Township Police Department. Chief Myrsiades replaced the former Chief, Joseph Lawrence, who retired in June after 32 years of service.

Chief Myrsiades immediately began to initiate the major philosophical differences in his command style, most notably in how the department interacts with its citizens and the public in general. This process began with a series of four town hall style meetings he held with the community. In these settings the community and the police got to know each other outside of responding to calls for service. The meetings also gave the community a forum to ask questions and voice their concerns. This new partnership has already shown positive results and has led to more community meetings being scheduled for early 2020.

Another significant change also occurred with the retirement of Lieutenant Karen Mabry in July after 30 years of service with the Department.

Some additional structural changes took place in the chain of command within the department. The position of Deputy Chief was eliminated after the promotion of Chief Myrsiades. The position of Administrative Lieutenant was created to replace the Deputy Chief position with Lieutenant Jeffrey O'Brien being named to this position. Sergeants Brian Wagner and Douglas Copestick were promoted to the rank of Patrol Lieutenant. Officer Joseph DiDonato, Detective Anthony Costello and Detective Christopher Schwartz were all promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant in 2019 as well. Finally, two new officers were hired in 2019. These new officers, Benjamin Brunner and Jonathan Marinelli, were welcome additions to the patrol division.

In 2019 the Department maintained a high level of training for our police officers. Everyone received De-Escalation training, training to familiarize our officers with the LGBTQ Community and Anti-Bias

training from the Anti-Defamation League. Some of our officers were trained to be Crisis Intervention Specialists to assist our Department in dealing with individuals who may be mentally ill. Many of our supervisors attended leadership and supervision training. Additionally, other officers were trained in the response to active shooters and the proper use of force. Chief Myrsiades has made training a top priority of his command and this will be a point of emphasis as the department moves forward.

Finally, the Department received over \$31,000 in grant money to help us combat Aggressive Driving, Underage Drinking, Teen Driver Safety, and Heavy Truck Enforcement throughout the Township.

Parks & Recreation

The department completed the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, which was partially funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This two year plan compiled information from various organizations, committees and individuals who participated in consultant led workshops, many of which were joint work sessions with the Township Comprehensive Plan meetings. We look forward to moving ahead with the ideas in the plan over the next ten to fifteen years. This Plan can be viewed online at www.plymouthtownship.org.

Nine new environmental learning family programs were successfully run at Harriet Wetherill Park and the butterfly garden was greatly improved through volunteerism and new part-time staff. A new HWP Facebook page was created for promotions and education. Please look for more exciting programs next year. DCED and Lowes grants were secured to create the courtyard for the Nature Center area and the work was completed in early 2020. Park clean-ups were conducted with four local organizations.

The GPCC continued its pass promotions including GPCC Birthday and fall 10% off sales promotions with good success. Other promotions included family swim specials, college pass special, summer student promotion, and cyber Monday deals.

The fitness department added semi-private personal training in the fall. More value was added to the annual and monthly passes by offering additional land aerobic classes at no charge. Class participation continues to grow. Silversneaker land and water class participation has increased dramatically and we created new Silver Socials which were well attended and enjoyed by many seniors.

The aquatics department worked as a team to create a new format for the 2020 group and private swim lesson programs. The water slide resurfacing project was completed during shut down week. Both the aquatics and programming staff worked to create improvements in the swim party packages.

MLK Day of Service was held on January 21 with a good volunteer participation to make chemo bag covers with Lisa's Army, to assemble troop donations, and to make dog and cat toys. A few other special events included the 3rd annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, 2nd annual Veterans Ceremony, Plymouth Township Day, Performances in the Park and a community yard sale. A new Kids Zone program for preschoolers and their parents was offered in the winter, spring and fall. The programming department expanded the youth summer basketball program and began Friday night out programs in the park. We look to follow up on this success in 2020.

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 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.

2020 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 10, 2020
- Memorial Day
Monday, May 25, 2020
- Flag Day
Sunday, June 14, 2020
Observed on Monday,
June 15th
- Independence Day
Saturday, July 4, 2020
Observed Monday, July 6th
- Labor Day
Monday, September 7, 2020
- General Election Day
Tuesday, November 3, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26, 2020
- Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27, 2020
- Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 2020

Public Works

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

Each year over 1,000 tons of yard waste is collected. All of this material is composted and processed into mulch with our tub grinder 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 p.m. 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 2 through April 10, 2020
 - ▲ **Fall** – September 8 through October 16, 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.
- Collection may be delayed until Monday or Tuesday of the following week.
- Residents should comply with the following:
 - ▲ This program is not for removal and chipping of entire large trees.
 - ▲ 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.

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.

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 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!

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 your 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.



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.

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 (sewer 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.

Call Before You Dig

Did you ever wonder what those fluorescent painted markings in the street were? These painted lines are color-coded surface markings for the location of underground utility lines.

Before you begin any excavation over four inches deep, property owners are required by state law to notify utilities by calling the Pennsylvania One Call System at 1-800-242-1776 or **simply call 811**. The call will notify involved utilities, so they can mark their lines to avoid accidental damage. There is no cost to residential property owners for this service.

The ID colors are as follows:

- Red - Electric
- Yellow - Gas and Oil
- Orange - Communications
- Blue - Water
- Green - Sewers and Drain Lines
- White - Proposed Excavation
- Pink - Temporary Survey Markings



Parks and Recreation



GPCC Birthday Party Event!

Wednesday, April 8

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

(held in gym) D.J. and inflatable

**FREE
ENTRY!**

Pool Party

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with water inflatable



Spring Pass Discount!

10 % off Pass Discount – March 28th

On Saturday, March 28th 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!

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



*Pavers at the Service and
Devotion Monument*



Bricks at HWP



Trees



Benches

Parks and Recreation

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! Details can be found in our Spring/Summer program guide.

SPRING	
April 11	Egg-plover's Egg Hunt
April 25	Earth Day Fest
May 3	Kids Nature Photography
May 5	HWP Playground Playdate
SUMMER	
June 5	Full Moon Yoga
June 12	Kids Night Out at Harriet Wetherill Park
June 20	Summer Solstice Celebration
August 11	Perseid Meteor Shower



Community Yard Sale

The Yard Sale will be held in the Community Center parking lot next to the playground. Spread the word! If you are interested in selling your household items, please contact Barb Griffis at bgriffis@plymouthtownship.org.

Saturday, June 6 • 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Price: \$15 per space

Kids Zone (ages 5 and under)

Indoor play area with safe, age appropriate equipment for your child's enjoyment. No need to RSVP, just come on by. Shoes are not allowed in the play area. Socks strongly encouraged. Parents are required to stay. Program runs through May 29, 2020.

Thursdays & Fridays • 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Price: Free to Pass Holders

\$5 Res/ \$7 Non-Res

Spring Break Activity Days

April 6 to April 10

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.

Kids Friday Night Out Series

Drop your child off on Friday nights throughout the spring from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for fun filled nights of crafts, sports and cooking. Begins April 17. Prices vary.

Family Fridays! (held outside)

Come join us for Family Fridays. Free "Kid's Zone" offers arts and crafts, games, inflatables, and more. Enjoy music and as well as delicious food and special merchant stands.

Interested in participating as a vendor looking to sell or fundraise? For more info contact Malcolm at msmith@plymouthtownship.org or call 610-313-8680.

When: Friday, July 17 &
Friday, August 28

Location: GPCC

Cost: Free to attend

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Silver Socials *Free to SilverSneaker and Silver & Fit members*

Thinking Ahead: Documents and Considerations to Avoid Elder Care Crisis

Thursday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m.

Eating Healthy on a Budget

Thursday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m.

Nova Care Rehabilitation: Fall Risks in the Aging Adult

Thursday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m.

Silver Health Fair Social

Thursday, 4/23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come out to the 2020 Silver Health Fair Social. This event is for all SilverSneakers and Silver & Fit members at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. Topics will include vaccines, stress reduction, heart health, physical therapy, vision screenings, hand massages, nutrition and much more. Refreshments and giveaways will be included. Please sign up at front desk. This year's attendees are:

Roxborough Memorial Hospital School of Nursing
Good Shepard Penn Partners Physical Therapy
Woodland Creek Alzheimer's Special Care Center
Skippack Eye Care
Brandywine Living at Senior Suites

Social Security Seminar

Thursday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m.

Talk Saves Lives: A Community Education Program

Thursday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m.

Silver Social BBQ Bingo

Thursday, June 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It's time for some Grillin' and Chillin'! Silver Sneakers and Silver & Fit members join us for our 7th annual Silver Social BBQ Bingo! 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! Planning to attend? Sign up at the front desk.

2020 Performances in the Park begin in June

FREE!

Concerts 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Movies start at dusk

June 24	Movie: Toy Story 4
July 1	Concert: Kate Says (www.facebook.com/KateSaysMusic)
July 8	Movie: Aladdin (2019)
July 15	Concert: The Beat Tells (www.thebeattells.com)
July 22	Movie: Frozen 2
July 29	Concert: Shot of Southern (www.shotofsouthern.com)
August 5	Movie: Secret Life of Pets 2



Plymouth Township Day

May 30th 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

East Plymouth Valley Park

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*

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 15 through August 21**

Monthly billing available

Location: GPCC

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

Playground Camp (Ages 6-12)

A six week program beginning June 22 through July 31

Location: Plymouth Elementary

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



Teen Camp (Ages 12-15) June 22 through August 14

Sign up weekly. Location: GPCC

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

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.



Fitness

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



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 3.1 miles (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, 4/6 – 6/1 • 6:40 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Price: \$144 Pass Holders / \$159 Non-Pass Holders



Premium Training Classes Do you need that extra push and challenge to get you to your next fitness level? Your results are waiting for you with Premium Training Classes. 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. Classes start soon, so grab a friend and sign up today! Register online or call 610-277-4312. Ages 18+years

Boot Camp A variety of exercises to burn fat, build muscle, increase endurance, and push you to the limit. High intensity class!

Mondays, 3/16 – 4/6 • 6:00 a.m. to 6:55 a.m.

Mondays, 3/16 – 4/6 • 6:30 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

Wednesdays, 3/18 – 4/8 • 6:00 a.m. to 6:55 a.m.

Price: \$34 PH/\$42 NPH

Walk in: \$13 PH/\$15 NPH

Weekend Rally 90-minute mix of intense cardio and multifaceted resistance training designed to build cardiovascular endurance and muscular strength.

Saturdays, 3/21 – 4/11 • 7:05 a.m. to 8:35 a.m.

Price: \$48 PH/\$60 NPH • Walk in: \$17 PH/\$20 NPH

Dryland Conditioning for Swimmers

Combine your morning swim workouts with a bit of land training geared to focus on functional strength training for large muscle group movements, core, and shoulder stability.

Thursdays, 3/19 – 4/9 • 6:00 a.m. to 6:55 a.m.

Price: \$34 PH/\$42 NPH

Weight Training for Weight Loss

Keep your metabolism elevated for longer periods of time by incorporating weights into your fitness routine.

Thursdays, 3/19 to 4/9 • 6:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.

Price: \$34 PH/\$42 NPH • Walk in: \$13 PH/\$15 NPH

Personal Training (one-on-one and partner training) 30 and 60 minute sessions available.

First time training client special: Three 30-minute sessions for \$84 PH/\$100 NPH

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

A more affordable way to enjoy the benefits of a trainer. If interested please stop in the Fitness Center, call 610-277-4906, or email mbevan@plymouthtownship.org or ebaus0@plymouthtownship.org.

Remember! Basic Land Aerobic Classes are included with annual and one month passes! Look for our spring and summer schedule coming out soon!

Aquatics

Swim Lessons

Summer will be here before you know it, now is the best time to learn to swim – Sign-up early and classes will fill!

Swim Lessons are better than ever at the GPCC. We've made big improvements to our Learn to Swim Program this year. Check it out - **Four Week Sessions** with **Longer Class Times** require less of a week-to-week commitment and allow for more repetition and reinforcement of the swimming skills. The **Reduced Price** per session make lessons at GPCC more accessible than ever! For the first time ever, **Make-up Classes** for both group and private lessons are offered at the end of each session and we still offer instruction year round for all ages & skill levels with low student to instructor ratios.

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. We will continue to offer traditional classroom Lifeguard Training as well, don't miss out!

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 Spring/Summer Program Guide for dates and times!

Calling all Camp Directors & Counselors! -

GPCC Summer Camp/Group Swim

Having a tough time coming up with things to do with your Camp or Day Care this summer? Come to the GPCC for a discounted open swim in our awesome Leisure Pool. Our Leisure Pool features: Two Story Water Slide, Spray Features Area with Funny Fish Fountain & Rain Drop Waterfall, Fish Slide for Small Children, & Beach style entry area for younger Campers. At GPCC you'll never have to worry about: mosquito bites and bee stings, getting into a cold pool, sunburn, or rainy days!

For additional information or to make a reservation please contact Aquatics management at (610) 313-4060.

Now Hiring Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, & Aerobics Instructors

The Greater Plymouth Community Center needs your help. We are currently hiring lifeguards (day time & opening shifts), swim instructors, and aerobics instructors. We offer competitive pay, annual increases, and flexible schedules - a great opportunity for seniors, stay at home parents, and students. Be a part of our team, stop in to pick up an application or find one on our website. No certification? No worries, sign-up for one of our Lifeguard Training Courses.

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 6-7:00 a.m., Tuesday & Thursday evening 6-7:00 p.m., Price \$10/Walk-in – **No Membership Required!**

Small Group Training - with Coach Dick Shoulberg

A one and a half hour age group training for individuals who wish to improve technique, increase speed, and build endurance. Mon/Wed/Fri, 1/3 – 5/22, 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 p.m., Sunday 8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

March - \$230 Res/\$276 NR

April - \$210 Res/\$252 NR

Walk-ins available based upon availability and coach approval.

Spring fun is all wet at the Community Center

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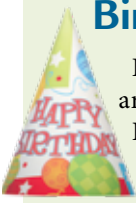
Swim, float, & splash in the leisure pool while watching classic episodes on a huge screen.

Bring your favorite float. But, for safety, no 'water wings' please. The slide will be open but the spray features will be OFF during the video. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the videos begin at dusk.

Friday, 3/20 • 6:00 p.m. – End of Video

Parks and Recreation

Birthday Parties



Let us do the work for your next birthday party! Various packages are 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

The Community Center again hosted a volunteer day of service on January 20th with our biggest turnout ever. 115 volunteers came out to make cards for cancer patients with Lisa's Army, dog and cat toys for various animal charities, sleeping mats for the homeless with Angels in motion and a troop donation with the USO.



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
- Ensures children's safety, manages children's behavior and acts 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

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

Fitness Specialist/Personal Trainer

- B.S. Exercise Science or personal training certification preferred

Fitness Attendant

- Oversees Fitness Center
- Must be 18 or over

Stop by or go online to fill out an application.

Just a Reminder...Keep our parks beautiful

1. Pets are permitted but must be leashed at all times.
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In order to expedite your call, please remember to dial the department responsible for your request or information.

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

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police	610-279-1901
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Plymouth Ambulance	610-277-2776
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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** (Public Session) 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, April, May, July, September, October & November
- **Civil Service Commission** 2nd Thursday
- **Planning Agency** 1st Wednesday
- **Zoning Hearing Board** 3rd Monday
- **Environmental Advisory Board** 3rd Tuesday

Plymouth Township Voting Locations

Primary Election Day Tuesday, April 28, 2020 • **General Election Day** Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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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