

Spring 2021

# PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

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# POLICE NEWS

## New Officers Hired

### Officer Andrew Murdock

The Plymouth Township Police Department hired Officer Andrew Murdock during the July Council Meeting.

Andrew Murdock, 32, was born and raised in Plymouth Township. After graduating from Plymouth Whitmarsh High School, Officer Murdock enlisted in the United States Navy, serving as a Corpsman from 2010 until 2015. During his service in the Navy, Officer Murdock served a combat tour in Afghanistan.

Andrew joined our agency after having served with the Philadelphia Police Department since 2016. Officer Murdock's hire by the Plymouth Township Police Department brings his story full circle, as Andrew was one of the original graduates of the Plymouth Township Police Department's C.O.P. Camp program for local children.

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



Newly hired Officer Andrew Murdock with Chief Myrsiades.



Newly hired Officer George Cornick with Chief Myrsiades.

### Officer George Cornick

The Plymouth Township Police Department hired a new officer during the February Council Meeting. Officer George Cornick is a lifelong resident of Delaware County, where he graduated from Ridley High School. He then graduated from Penn State University with a dual major in Security/Risk Analysis and Information Services and Technology.

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

## Officer of the Year

### Congratulations Officer Andrew Monaghan!

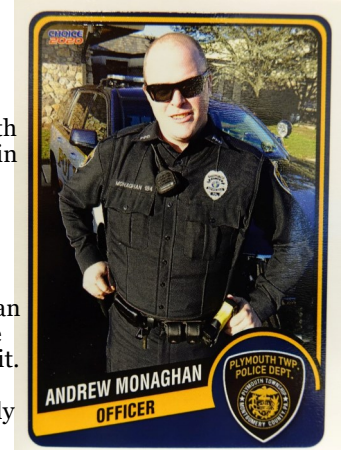
During the May Council Meeting, the Plymouth Township Council awarded Officer of the Year honors to Patrol Officer Andrew Monaghan.

Officer Monaghan is a graduate of Delaware Valley College, where he majored in Criminal Justice. Officer Monaghan joined the Plymouth Township Police Department in 2013, following his service in the United States Marine Corps.

In addition to his normal patrol duties, Officer Monaghan also serves as a member of the Department's Motor Cycle Unit. He is also an armorer and a Field Training Officer. Not only does Andrew Monaghan commit himself to excellence in the performance of his police duties, he is always willing to assist others when they are in need.

Officers nominated and chosen for Officer of the Year exemplify an excellence for meritorious service to the Plymouth Township Community. The officer shall have displayed a dedication to public service through exemplary job performance. Officers must display a commitment to continually advance their knowledge base and improve their existing skill set, display compassion and empathy to those they interact with, and display professionalism in all their duties while maintaining the utmost ethical standards.

We congratulate Officer Andrew Monaghan on having been chosen as the Plymouth Township Police Department Officer of the Year!



Officer of the Year was awarded to Officer Andrew Monaghan.



## Commendation of Merit

At the May Plymouth Township Council Meeting, Officer Donohue received a Commendation of Merit for her work while dealing with a suicidal subject.

On March 16, 2020 members of the Plymouth Township Police Department responded to Woodbrook Lane in reference to the report of a subject armed with a rifle who was threatening to commit suicide. The subject also threatened to commit self-harm if officers were observed in the area. Officer Holly Donohue, a trained crisis negotiator, responded and was able to make contact with the subject and establish a dialogue. She continued to communicate for the next ninety minutes, despite an initial lack of cooperation and having been disconnected several times.

Officer Donohue remained calm and resilient and was able to repeatedly re-establish communication with the subject, who eventually agreed to surrender to law enforcement without inflicting injury to herself or others.

Officer Holly Donohue joined the Plymouth Township Police Department in 2014. She graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, having earned a dual major in criminology/criminal justice and psychology. Prior to becoming a police officer, Holly worked as a behavior specialist, teaching children with autism and intellectual disabilities.



Plymouth Township Officer Holly Donohue with Chief Myrsiades

# POLICE NEWS

## Town Hall Meetings

Chief John Myrsiades conducted two Community Conversation meetings, one in January and one in February. These meetings were a follow up to his Town Hall Meetings, held in 2019. Each meeting was more focused in nature. The January meeting topic was "Criminal Justice Transparency in a Racially Diverse Community". The February meeting topic was "Issues of Equality and Opportunity for Women". Both sessions were well attended and featured a positive exchange of ideas and information.

When it is deemed safe, Chief Myrsiades will be hosting two additional meetings covering the topics of "Respect and Understanding for our LGBT Community" and "Adapting Services to our Seniors and Special Needs Residents".



Chief John C. Myrsiades during a Community Conversation presentation.

## New Police Vehicle Design

In July, the Plymouth Township Police Department unveiled their redesigned police vehicles. While the vehicle pays homage to our past with the vehicle color scheme, new, more modern graphics were added. Every vehicle will also include a decal in remembrance of our fallen Brother, Officer Brad Fox #178.



Redesigned Plymouth Township Police Vehicles.

## Donation

To begin National Police Week, the Plymouth Township Police Association donated \$1,000 to the Colonial Neighborhood Council. The donation will aid their mission of assisting area residents in need of food during the Covid-19 crisis.



PTPA President Chris Schwartz presenting a donation to Brian Coll of the Colonial Neighborhood Council.

## COVID Caravans

The stay at home orders from Pennsylvania Governor Wolf made things difficult for everyone. Our officers, along with members of the Plymouth Fire Company, Harmonville Fire Company, Plymouth Ambulance and EVB Towing, took to the streets to help bring a little joy into the lives of our local children and senior citizens. We were happy to be able to participate in dozens of Birthday Covid Caravans during the stay at home period. Thank you to all of the great people who contacted us and allowed our agency to participate in these parades.



Plymouth Officers brightening a child's day with a Birthday Covid Caravan.

## COVID-19 Response

During times of adversity, we can experience the best and worst in human nature. When the COVID-19 virus struck our area, followed shortly by a never before seen lockdown, we, just like most police agencies, were unsure what this pandemic would bring to our doorstep.

Fred Rogers (Mister Rogers) once told the following story. "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

Police officers, firefighters and medics are the obvious, visible, helpers. So many more have appeared in the community since this pandemic struck. We received hand sanitizer from Five Saints Distilling and Crazy Aarons Putty, and donations of sanitizing products and personal protective equipment from our local home improvement stores Lowes and Home Depot. Through the generosity of so many local restaurants and residents were provided our officers with food, homemade masks and other expressions of support. We have discovered that in times of crisis, there is no shortage of helpers.

Finally, we extend our thanks and never ending gratitude to all of our health care workers, grocery store employees, truckers, farmers, mail carriers, package delivery workers, warehouse employees, and countless others who are working diligently, under dangerous and stressful conditions.



Officer Jon Monaghan with John George of Five Saints Distilling in Norristown.



# POLICE NEWS

## Coffee with a Cop

The Plymouth Township Police Department held our annual Cocoa with a Cop event at Mission BBQ in Plymouth Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Our officers met with many of our Township residents and had casual conversations covering a variety of topics. Parents also had their first opportunity to sign up for our annual COP Camp Program.



## Plymouth Elementary Kindness Challenge

A Huge Thank You to the Students and Staff at Plymouth Elementary School for inviting us to participate in the Colonial School District's Great Kindness Challenge!

On January 28<sup>th</sup> our Officers, along with area Firefighters, Teachers, Staff and Fellow Students greeted Plymouth Elementary School Students, upon their arrival at school, with words of kindness and encouragement to begin their day. The students were surprised and enjoyed the reception. We certainly had a great time!

A smile and a kind word might be all it takes to change someone's day for the better! Take up the Challenge!



## Golden Ticket Escorts

Zachary Greenberg and Luke Olszyk were the winners of our Operation Golden Ticket Program that takes place at our local elementary schools each Halloween. Our officers met Zachary and Luke, along with their parents, at their home. Our Officers presented Zachary and Luke with their bag of swag, including patches signed by Plymouth Township Police Department Officers, which were worn on duty.

They were then escorted by our Officers to school where each of them received a tremendous greeting from their classmates, teachers, and other staff members! Both Zachary and Luke then presented their class with donuts provided by the Plymouth Township Police Association.



## Support From the Community

During these trying times in law enforcement, we had many local residents reaching out to our agency, expressing their support, and wanting to know how they could show that they are proud of their officers.

As a result, Chief John C. Myrsiades ordered a new batch of re-designed yard signs for residents to display to thank the women and men in blue. The signs went out the door quickly, and are now visible throughout the Township as a reminder that our residents care about our officers.





# PLYMOUTH FIRE POLICE

## Roster

Captain Adam Heffelfinger

Lt. Michael Petriga

Total Calls- 649

Total Time in Service- 94 hours and 40 minutes

Total Assist Police Calls- 17

Time in Service- 14 hours and 15 minutes

Total Special Service Calls- 13

Total in Service- 11 hours and 55 minutes



# HARMONVILLE FIRE COMPANY

## Harmonville Fire Co. Needs YOU – Volunteer with Us in 2021!

The pandemic has disrupted many aspects of daily life, but one thing that hasn't changed is Harmonville Fire Company's dedication to protecting the people and property of its service area.

We responded to a record 655 calls in 2020, including fire calls and vehicle rescue operations, and put in hundreds of hours attending various community events. Eight new volunteers joined our ranks, as well as one full-time career firefighter. The company continues to seek more volunteers to continue this mission of safeguarding our community.

At Harmonville Fire Company, volunteers can serve in several different roles, including firefighting, vehicle rescue, fire police and administrative duties.

The company also allows teenagers to volunteer as junior members starting at age 14. It gives young men and women the skills needed to eventually become full-fledged firefighters, and it looks great on a college or career resume.

No prior firefighting experience is needed to sign up – we will provide state-of-the-art training and equipment to volunteers at no cost to them! More information about joining the company can be found at [www.JoinHarmonvilleFire.org](http://www.JoinHarmonvilleFire.org).

Because of COVID-19, Harmonville's community interaction looked a little different last year. We were unable to hold our annual Easter and Christmas fundraisers, for example, and participated in socially-distanced parades and drive-by events instead of open houses.

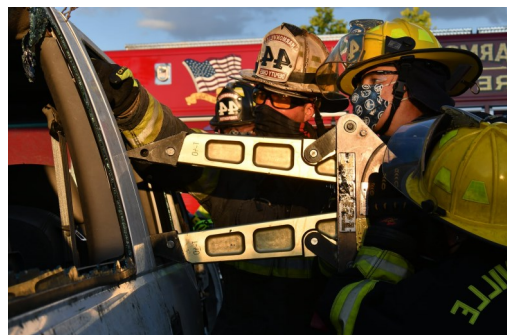
But the pandemic did not stop our drive and work ethic.

The company put in over 2,000 hours of training, with more than a dozen volunteers earning certifications in rescue programs. We participated in a community Fire Safety Expo, stressing the importance of fire prevention in each and every home.

Harmonville also received grants that funded not only new and improved apparatus, but equipment that disinfects and sanitizes the station and helps protect our members from the spread of COVID-19. A new truck, Rescue 44, went into duty in January 2020.

We also participated in a new video aimed at highlighting the benefits of serving with Harmonville Fire Company, which can be found on our recruitment website. Since 1924, our fire company has proudly served the residents and businesses of Plymouth Township, surrounding communities and parts of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. We operate out of two stations located in Plymouth Township: our main station at 2100 Butler Pike and our substation at 904 Germantown Pike.

**If you are interested in serving the community with our dynamic and dedicated fire company, please visit [www.JoinHarmonvilleFire.org](http://www.JoinHarmonvilleFire.org) to sign up!**





# PLYMOUTH AMBULANCE

## Lifesaving equipment:

Residents of Plymouth Twp. will be glad to know that Plymouth Community Ambulance has purchased four new mechanical CPR devices. This equipment, known as a LUCAS device, allows EMT's and Paramedics to provide very effective mechanical CPR during Cardiac Arrest situations. In the past, only one of these units was available and that unit had to respond to Cardiac Arrest calls and assist other units when needed. Now PCAA will have five of our primary ambulances equipped with these LUCAS devices. Thus the crew can basically provide hands free CPR while attending to other life saving measures. PCAA is always striving to provide the best prehospital care possible to the community. This equipment will add to our ability to do just that.



## COVID Safe Family Fun for Springtime

It is almost spring and who cannot wait for the weather to start getting warmer, days longer and no more shoveling of snow! Since the start of COVID, having to be inside and stay away from loved ones has made 2020 a tough year. Many people are wondering how they are going to be able to have fun this spring and still stay safe from COVID-19.

Ways to keep yourself safe while having family fun.

- Wear a mask ensuring that your mouth and nose are covered.
- If you are sneeze and cough into your elbow or a tissue and make sure to throw the tissue away after use.
- Hand sanitizer, this is one of ways to clean your hands if you are unable to wash them with soap and water. Washing with soap and water is the most effective way to clean your hands.
- Disinfecting wipes to clean any surfaces that are touched frequently.
- Maintain a 6-foot distance from others.

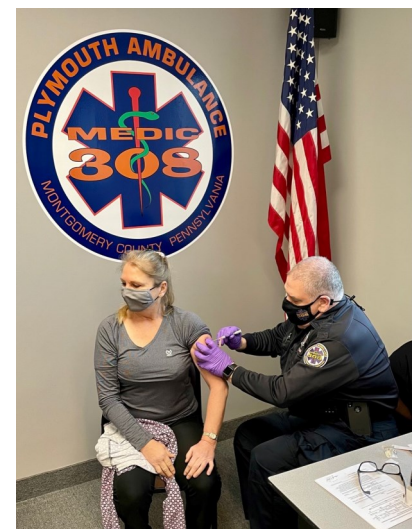
Here are a few ideas of things to do this spring and keep COVID-19 precautions in mind.

- Visit your local Zoo, this allows you to maintain a safe distance from others, allows you to be outside in the beautiful weather.
  - Visit your local beach. This is a great idea, and you can make sure that you have plenty of space around you and the kids will have a great time digging in the sand and jumping in the waves!
  - Go to a State Park and go for a hike, there are many local places that have breathtaking views for all to enjoy.
- In the event of inclement weather, you can still have plenty of fun indoors. Fun ideas for everyone include, building a blanket fort, having an indoor scavenger hunt, play board or card games, or have a virtual trivia day/night!

We are all hopeful that the number of cases will decrease especially as more individuals get vaccinated, but until then we will maintain safe distances, good hand washing techniques, wear masks, and give elbow bumps!

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

Recently in January and then again in February, Plymouth Community Ambulance assisted in vaccinating over 1100 people with the Moderna vaccination. It was a coordinated event with Plymouth Township Police and local Fire Departments to help vaccinate as many First Responders and those 65 years of age and older. Plymouth ambulance will try our hardest to obtain more vaccinations so we can help the community protect themselves from acquiring COVID-19. Please keep an eye out for any notifications of these events through our web site, [Medic308.org](http://Medic308.org) or also on our Facebook postings.





# FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

The Fire Marshal's Office wishes everyone a happy and safe spring and summer. The Fire Marshal's Office responds to and investigates fires to determine the origin and cause, conducts fire inspections and code enforcement to ensure buildings are safe, and provides fire safety programs for schools and community groups. Our team is made up of a Fire Marshal & Emergency Management Coordinator, part-time Deputy Fire Marshals, and part-time Fire Inspectors.

In early 2020, Plymouth Township welcomed a new full-time Fire Inspector, Andrew Thomas. Mr. Thomas has been serving Plymouth Township as a volunteer fire fighter and officer with Plymouth Fire Company. Formerly a dispatcher for the Plymouth Police Department, he has attained national and state certifications for Fire Inspector levels 1 & 2.

## Spring/Summer Safety:

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

- Barbecue grills should be kept on the ground and at least 15 feet from any structure. Grilling should **NOT** be done on balconies or decks, under any roof, covering, or tent.
- 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 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. Use the old batteries 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**.

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, and we will work with you to provide an educational and fun presentation while learning about fire safety.

Safety is up to all of us!



Fire Inspector Andrew Thomas accompanied by his wife Karlie, sworn in by Judge Bernhardt.

## 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](http://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.





# PUBLIC WORKS



## 2021 SOLID WASTE HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE



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

<b>Good Friday</b>	Friday, April 2, 2021	<b>General Election Day</b>	Tuesday, November 2, 2021
<b>Memorial Day</b>	Monday, May 31, 2021	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	Thursday, November 25, 2021
<b>Flag Day</b>	Monday, June 14, 2021	<b>Friday after Thanksgiving</b>	Friday, November 26, 2021
<b>Independence Day</b>	Sunday, July 4, 2021	<b>Christmas Day</b>	Saturday, December 25, 2021
	Observed Monday, July 5		Observed Monday, December 27
<b>Labor Day</b>	Monday, September 6, 2021		

### Commonly Asked Questions About Trash Collection:

#### When should I put my trash out?

Containers must be placed at the curb in front of the premises no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection but no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the day preceding the collection. Once the truck passes your house it will not return.

#### How should I put my trash out?

Trash should be stored in water-tight containers, which have handles and loose fitting lids. Do not place trash and garbage in paper bags, cardboard boxes or flimsy plastic bags.

#### What happens when trash is strewn on the street?

If the trash men spill trash they will pick it up. If an improper container breaks or animals tear up the trash, it is the property owner's responsibility for clean up.

#### Why didn't the trash men take all of my trash?

- If you put out more than four containers, containers larger than 30 gallons or weighing more than 50 pounds, all of your trash will not be collected.
- If your trash contained unacceptable items such as refuse resulting from the repair, excavation or construction of buildings, such as sand, earth, lumber, brick, stone, mortar, plaster, roofing materials, plumbing fixtures, etc., tires, auto parts, hazardous wastes, household appliances, and televisions or electronics it will not be collected.
- Contains recyclable material or yard waste

#### How do I get rid of such items?

The Township collects household appliances once per month. See the section on Household Appliance and Scrap Metal collection for details. Electronics can be dropped off at the Township building at no cost.

Televisions and computer monitors can be dropped off for a \$20 fee or picked up on white goods day for a \$30 charge. 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.

#### How do I get rid of bulky items, like furniture?

Large Items (such as furniture) will be picked up on your second regular collection day of the week, provided a holiday does not fall within that week.

**For more information call the Public Works Department at 610-277-4103**





# PUBLIC WORKS

## Recycling Notice

Plymouth Township residents are required to separate recycling material from their trash for separate collection. **DO NOT PUT RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS. Items must be placed loose in the blue can. Any items in plastic bags will not be collected.**

The recycling pick-up includes NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD (ALL TYPES), MAGAZINES AND JUNK MAIL, CLEAR, BROWN AND GREEN GLASS, ALUMINUM AND BIMETAL CANS AND PLASTICS. Recyclables are collected ONCE A WEEK, on your designated recycling day.

All items must be placed in the blue recycling container and set out at curbside for collection. Large cardboard items may be placed next to recycle containers. Additional containers may be used so long as it is marked for recycling. Recycle stickers are available at the township building at no charge. **Blue recycle containers are for single stream recycling ONLY. Yard Waste or trash will not be accepted in this container.**

Damaged containers can be exchanged at no cost. Lost containers will be replaced at the cost of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Containers are available at the Township Building, 700 Belvoir Road.

### PREPARATION GUIDELINES

#### GLASS

- Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars only.
- Remove all lids and rinse out.
- Labels may be left on.
- Please do not break the glass.
- Place at curbside in the recycling container.

#### ALUMINUM AND BIMETAL CANS

- All aluminum and bimetal (tin) beverage and food cans.
- Drain and rinse out the cans.
- The cans may be flattened or crushed.
- Place at curbside in the recycling container.

#### PAPERS

- Save newspaper, inserts, junk mail, telephone books, magazines, and **ALL CARDBOARD.**

- Place at curbside in the recycle container. Large cardboard items may be placed next to container.

#### PLASTIC (Now Collecting #1 thru #7)

- #1 - PET, PETE, clear, tough plastic commonly used in soft drink bottles.
- #2 - HDPE is a plastic commonly used to make bottles for milk, juice, water and laundry products.
- #3 - PVC is a plastic commonly used to make some shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles, some cosmetic bottles, charcoal lighter, mineral oil bottles
- #4 - LDPE is a plastic commonly used to make food storage containers, dairy container lids, fabric softener bottles, lotion and sunscreen tubes
- #5 - PP is a plastic commonly used to make yogurt containers, medicine bottles, deli containers, cosmetic containers, frozen juice cans, some microwave containers.
- #6 - PS is a plastic commonly used to make yogurt cups and tubs, cookie and muffin trays, clear carry out containers, aspirin & vitamin bottles (no styrofoam).
- #7 - Other can be used to make some ketchup squeeze bottles, syrup bottles, glass cleaner bottles, 5 gallon water cooler bottles, microwave containers, layered plastic containers.

Containers may be flattened or crushed to save space.

Please check # on bottom of plastics. If it does **NOT** have a 1 - 7 in the triangle symbol it is not recyclable by our recycle center.

Recyclables must be placed at curb no later than 6:00 A.M. on the collection day, but no earlier than 7:00 P.M. on the day preceding the collection. If a holiday falls on your recycling day, your recyclables will be collected on Wednesday of that week.

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - 610-277-4103**





# PUBLIC WORKS

## Household Appliance and 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.



## 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.**

The Township has an electronics and universal waste drop-off located at the public works building at no cost.

Televisions can either be dropped off at the Public Works Electronic Shed or 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 \$10 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 Collection

This program is in addition to your regular trash pick-up and recycle day. Every year hundreds of tons of recyclable yard waste is thrown into the waste stream costing the township \$60 for every ton. In our ongoing effort to help the environment we are continuing this program to validate our commitment to help the environment and save tax dollars in the process.

Residents who have yard waste should put it out before 6:00 AM every Wednesday.

Collection will be in a designated trash truck for yard waste. Remember, all of our trash trucks look the same so rest assured that each one will be designated for a particular waste material.



### WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

Yard waste is grass clippings, twigs/shrub trimmings and prunings, leaves, and garden waste, (pinecones, weeds, dead plants). **Rocks, dirt and logs are not considered yard waste!**

### HOW DO I PREPARE MY YARD WASTE FOR COLLECTION?

Yard waste **MUST** be placed in biodegradable brown paper bags or in a designated Yard Waste container (trash can). **NO PLASTIC BAGS!** All material not prepared properly will not be collected.

Biodegradable brown yard waste bags can be purchased at Home Depot, Lowes and some grocery stores.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Branch and Chip Program

The Township runs two Branch and Chip Collection Programs during the year. The Spring Program will run from the week of March 8th through the week of April 12, 2021. Collection will end on April 16th.

The Fall Program will run from the week of September 7th through the week October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ending on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Residents who want tree branches picked up during these periods must call the Public Works Department at 610-277-4103 prior to **NOON** Wednesday of the week they wish to have the branches picked up and leave their address. Branches will be collected on Thursday and Friday, weather permitting. Collection may be delayed until Monday or Tuesday of the following week.



### **IF YOU DO NOT CALL YOUR BRANCHES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

The Public Works Department chips the branches and stockpiles the chips.

Free wood chips and leaf compost are available behind the Public Works Garage.

This program is not for removal and chipping of entire large trees.

Residents should comply with the following:

- Leave the branches as long as possible - a minimum of five feet (5') in length.
- Nothing **over five inches (5") in diameter can be chipped.**
- Branches should be placed at the curb in an orderly pile.
- Branches with thorns **will not** be collected.

**All other Yard Waste will be collected every Wednesday throughout the year.**

## Mulch Deliveries

The Public Works Dept. will deliver up to 1 dump truck load (approx. 5 yards) to your household for free again this year. There is a 1 yard minimum.

Each year over 1,000 tons of yard waste is collected. This material is stockpiled so it will break down at the public works yard. This material along with composted leaves is processed by our tub grinder to make mulch. The processed material is a makeup of about 75% woody material and 25% broken down composted leafy material. Together it makes mulch to place around trees and flower gardens. This material holds moisture for your trees and gardens and amends the soil with additional nutrients.

Deliveries are every Friday throughout the year from March to November. Anyone who would like a mulch delivery must fill out a delivery request form/liability release form. If you would like delivery on Friday you need to 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**

## Call Before You Dig

Did you ever wonder what those painted markings in the street were? You know, the fluorescent green, blue, yellow and red ones. 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 dial 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

## PLEASE KEEP OUR STREAMS CLEAN

This is our Fish Tank



This is its lid.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

You would never dream about dumping garbage into Saw Mill Creek. But let waste run down its storm drain and that's exactly what you're doing!

## Storm Water Regulations

New federal stormwater regulations require Plymouth Township, as well as most other municipalities in "urbanized areas" across Pennsylvania, to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's new stormwater 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 stormwater 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 Stormwater 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 stormwater run-off. The PA DEP maintains a website with comprehensive information on stormwater education ([www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)). The Plymouth Township website ([www.plymouthtownship.org](http://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 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 rain water 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 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 hook-ups (sump pumps, Storm water inlets, etc.).

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 remediated.

If the repair can't 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.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Certificate of Adequacy: \$25

New CERTIFICATE OF ADEQUACY procedures:

All properties must have their Sewer Lateral, Curb and Sidewalk and House Numbers inspected and a "certificate of adequacy" issued prior to resale and deed recordation with the County.

### CURB AND SIDEWALK INSPECTION:

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

### HOUSE NUMBER:

Township staff will perform the inspection. Numbers must be 4" High and visible from street.

### SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION:

The owner must have the sewer lateral inspected by a licensed Master Plumber that is registered in the Township. If a sewer lateral is found to be deficient, then the necessary repairs will need to be made prior to transfer. There is no fee for the Certificate of Adequacy Application. Please allow at least three weeks for the curb, sidewalk, house number and sewer lateral inspection. Don't 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. Curbs and sidewalks are exempt for private communities.

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

## Is Your Street Light Out?

To report defective street lights call the Public Works Department at (610) 277-4103 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. An after hours message can be left on the Township's voice mail system. Just leave the pole number, street location and your phone number (optional). Requests for service can be delayed without the pole number. Please have the pole number before you call. Emergencies can be reported anytime to the Police at (610) 279-1901.

## Grass, Just Cut It and Leave It!

Grass clippings are a major part of Plymouth Township's municipal solid waste stream during the summer months. Like other highly recyclable materials – such as paper, glass, aluminum and plastic – recycling grass clippings can help reduce the amount of waste going to the Resource Recovery Facility.

As a Plymouth Township resident, you already help reduce the amount of waste you generate by recycling paper, glass, cans and plastics.

But there's another common home waste that you can also easily recycle: the clippings you generate every time you cut your lawn. Just "Cut It and Leave It".

### Are grass clippings really that much of a of a disposal problem?

Yes. During the summer months grass can account for as much as 50% of the Yard Waste Collection. This takes unnecessary manpower and money to collect. A 5,000 square foot lawn will generate at least a ton of grass per season.

### What can you do to help?

It's really simple. Just leave the clippings on the lawn when you mow it. Grass clippings provide a natural, healthy fertilizer for a growing lawn.

### What about thatch?

Don't worry about the clippings contributing to thatch problems. Lawn experts agree that lawn clippings do not create thatch in lawns. Thatch is formed by the accumulation of dead roots and stems.

What could be easier than cutting your lawn and not bagging the clippings?

You'll save time because you won't have to stop and empty a lawn mower bag, you'll avoid trips to the can or bag, and you'll avoid carrying the clippings to the curb.

You'll save money because you won't have to buy extra trash bags. You can also spend less on fertilizer since clippings left on the lawn recycle nutrients back into the soil.



# FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION—2020 General Fund Budget

## 2021 Budget

### GENERAL FUND

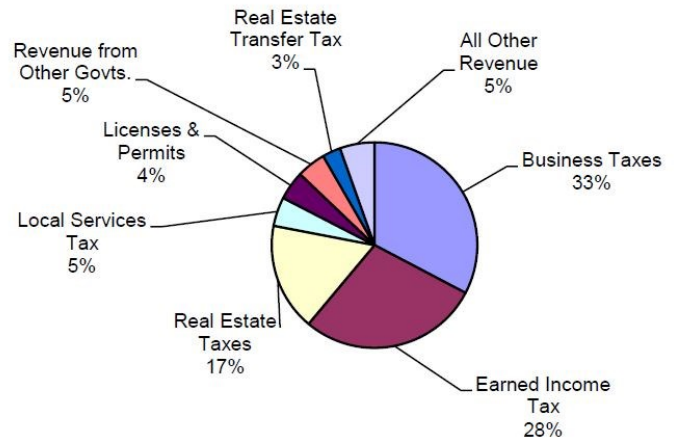
#### Revenue and Transfers In:

Real Estate Tax	\$2,915,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	700,000
Earned Income Tax	6,900,000
Mercantile Tax	2,260,000
Business Privilege Tax	4,050,000
Local Services Tax	1,107,000
Solid Waste Tax	1,250,000
Other Taxes	389,100
Fire Services Fee	1,200,000
License & Permits	1,105,600
Fines & Forfeitures	139,200
Interest	25,000
Revenue from Other Govts.	1,105,826
Charges for Services	619,700
Miscellaneous Revenue	270,550
Transfers from Other Funds	268,466
	<u>24,305,442</u>

**Beginning Fund Balance** 10,649,988

**Total Available** \$34,955,430

**2021 Budgeted Revenue**



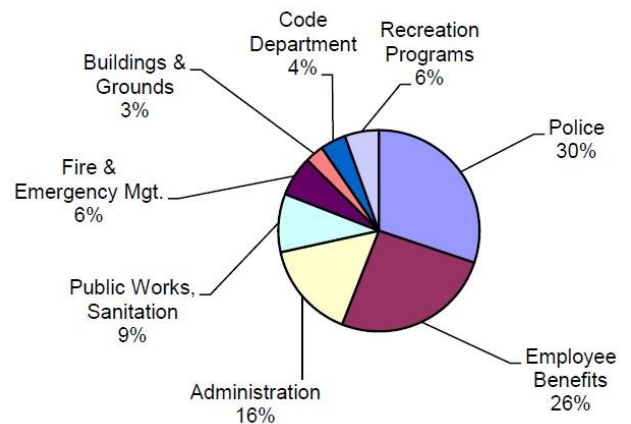
#### Expenditures and Transfers Out:

General Government	\$2,399,683
Public Safety	9,526,262
Code Department	1,069,106
Sanitation	1,164,400
Highways, Roads & Streets	1,273,525
Buildings & Grounds / Parks	784,607
Recreation Programs	1,426,715
Employer Payroll Taxes	950,000
Insurance	714,000
Employee Benefits	6,719,503
	<u>26,027,801</u>

**Designated for Future Expenditures** 8,927,629

**Total Accounted For** \$34,955,430

**2021 Budgeted Expenditures**



### OTHER FUNDS - BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Sewer Fund	\$4,772,232
Community Center Fund	2,060,432
Highway Aid Fund	782,273
Capital Funds	2,412,145

\* the complete 2021 budget document can be found on-line at [www.plymouthtownship.org](http://www.plymouthtownship.org)



# PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

## Township Manager

I think the most exciting thing that happened in 2020 was the decision to undertake a major renovation to the nearly 50 year old Township Municipal and Public Works buildings! The original mechanical and electrical systems will be replaced, the entrance to the municipal building will improved to ADA standards, a separate entrance and lobby for the police will be provided, an elevator will be installed, both buildings will get new roofs, new flooring, LED lighting and paint. These improvements are much needed and will last well into the future.

The Covid-19 pandemic was declared on March 11th and Governor Wolf issued a Stay At Home order 12 days later. This meant the Greater Plymouth Community Center had to close its doors, and it was not reopened until early July. It would be closed for three more weeks at the end of December. While the Township Building was closed to the public, all operations continued in full force including police, public works, and code enforcement, with the finance, human resources and IT departments working daily to support them and all other usual township business.

In June, Council adopted an ordinance requiring the registration of vacant buildings after 60 days. The registration form includes the owner's contact information should it be needed by the police, fire or code departments in an emergency. There is no cost for registering a vacant building.

The entire Chapter 15 - Parks and Recreation, of the Township's General Laws was reviewed and updated, establishing rules and regulations for the protection of park lands and the citizens using them. Township parks are open throughout the year between 7 a.m. and dusk. Specially lighted areas within the parks will be considered to be open while the lights are on and the activity is authorized by the Parks and Recreation Department. Walking trails are not maintained in winter weather and are closed when covered with snow or ice. Dogs are permitted in Township parks subject to the following conditions and exceptions: 1) All dogs must be registered with the owner's county of residence and proof of registration must be on the dog, 2) No dogs are permitted on playground equipment, the safety surfacing or its immediate border area, 3) All dogs must be on a leash and under the owner's control; the leash must not exceed six (6) feet in length, 4) Dogs are not permitted to annoy patrons within the parks, 5) Dogs shall not be left unattended, tied to trees, benches, poles or any type of equipment, and 6) Owners must clean up after their dog and dispose of the waste in a responsible manner. Service animals are permitted in Township parks as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

With the exception of the fire services fee that was adopted several years ago, the year ended with the first tax millage increase in over 24 years. I am so grateful for the dedicated department directors and employees who are very talented and always professional in their daily work. Words can hardly express the gratitude I have for the volunteers and employees of the Harmonville and Plymouth Fire Companies, and Plymouth Ambulance.

They are always there for our residents and businesses in times of need. Lastly, I would like to thank Council and all of our citizen volunteers for their commitment to making Plymouth Township a terrific community.

## PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department continued its 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 Eagle Drive, Falcon Lane, Narcissa Road, Apache Lane, Treaty Road, Arrowhead Lane, Warrior Road and Apollo Road.

Many water mains throughout the township were replaced in 2020 and will continue in 2021 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 2021.

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.

Continued routine operation of the Public Works Department, includes trash, recycling, yard waste and white goods collection, chipper programs, leaf collection, electronics collection, mulch delivery and composting. 2020 saw a rise in trash tonnage by 700 additional tons because residents were home and cleaned out attics and garages.

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

The Mulch/Compost delivery program made record deliveries, free of charge to residents this year due to Covid. Over 500 yards of mulch/compost was given back to residents through our delivery service. Mulch was also free of charge at our community mulch pile.

Plymouth Township received a Recycling 902 grant in the amount of \$313,439 for a new Horizontal Grinder to be shared with Whitemarsh Township. We also took possession of a single man leaf collection unit and additional container to aid in many recycling programs. This truck was also part of the 2018 902 Grant award and was put in service this year to aid in leaf collection. It will also be utilized for 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.

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Yard waste has exceeded the 1,000 ton mark again, thus diverting this material from entering the trash stream. In 2020 Plymouth Township recycled 48% of the solid waste it collected.

## Development & Zoning

In 2020, there were four land developments and three subdivisions filed within the Township. The new land developments included three new playing fields at The Proving Grounds sports complex, renovations to the Plymouth Square Shopping Center, and a new warehouse distribution center at 1103-1113 Ridge Pike.

The subdivisions consisted of a new single-family residential parcel at 751 Belvoir Road, as well as a lot line change at 3006 Jolly Road.

2020 also featured the beginning of construction of a new self-storage facility at 100 Lee Drive, a new manufacturing facility for Bimbo Bakeries at 1113 Ridge Pike, and renovations began at the Plymouth Square Shopping Center, which includes new office space with associated parking facilities.

There were 1,651 building permits, 93 Use and Occupancy permits, and 10 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits issued. The Zoning Hearing Board heard 26 appeals.

## Police Department

There were some changes to the personnel of the Department in 2020. The Department hired three new Officers, Kyle Lowery, George Cornick and Andrew Murdoch. Then on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2020, Detective Sergeant Tom Longo retired after 34 years of service to the community. After his retirement, Sergeant Christopher Schwartz was chosen to become the new Detective Sergeant.

In 2020 training became a difficult task as most in person trainings were cancelled in favor of online virtual training. There was some training that is mandatory to be completed on an annual basis that it was not able to be performed virtually, such as weapons training. Our training staff created plans to social distance and use protective equipment while maintaining the high level of training that is expected of the Department.

The Department was able to obtain grants in 2020 in order to combat underage drinking, aggressive driving, heavy truck enforcement, and seatbelt enforcement. In total, we received \$23,135 to combat these issues.

In 2019, we successfully built a better relationship with the entire Township. 2020 tried to hamper these efforts by not allowing us to meet in person and congregate in large groups. This did not deter the Officers as we continued to build bridges with the community by holding virtual and socially distanced events. These included a socially distanced graduation recognition of our high school seniors, collecting holiday gifts and food for the less fortunate, parades for hospital workers, birthdays and celebrations within the Township. National Night Out also continued but it was contained to each residential neighborhood instead of meeting in a large group. In 2021, we hope to get back to our normal standard of interacting with the community.

## Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department started out the year with reviewing the final draft of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan to begin to enact a few of the recommendations in 2020 with most to follow in the years to come. In February, we began taking registration for summer programs and camps along with our normal program slate. However, in March, as we all know, things turned a different direction and the rest of the year became a very different set of operations.

As the pandemic increased, we worked to maintain a social presence and answer questions and concerns about passes, programs, park concerns and group use. We networked with the National Recreation and Park Association, Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Association, International Cities and Management Association, other community centers across the country, and many of the local recreation departments. Staff utilized much of this information from networking and training to supplement the protocols of the CDC and the state of Pennsylvania in developing outlines to reopen our facility and programs.

The Greater Plymouth Community Center reopened on July 7<sup>th</sup> and began working our way back with safety in mind to provide services and programs as guidelines permitted. We distributed smaller two-month brochures online and in-person as we began to run limited programming. Within three weeks of the Governor's approval, we coordinated and implemented a small ten-week summer camp program exceeding the COVID protocols. Lap swimming was one activity that has started and remained strong the whole time.

In early fall, we ran a school resource program to assist where possible. Outdoor fitness classes worked very well and continued to serve the patrons in a manner in which they felt comfortable. Some additional outdoor events included a flea market, vendor market, programs at HWP, and a new Holiday House Decorating contest.

Parks utilization increased and usage was in different patterns than past years. Some youth sports received approval to operate and we provided them with permits. Trails and playgrounds all saw record use in 2020. We posted signage at parks and playgrounds to ensure the use of protocols. Between this and the new outside programs, we may have some new items to add into our mix in the future.

This year especially, we would like to thank the staff for their flexibility and dedication under very difficult circumstances. They have worked diligently as a team to get us back on our feet and provide the public with as much as we can each step of the way.

To all of our residents and patrons, we appreciate your patience in these difficult and unprecedented times. We look forward to a New Year in 2021 when we can eventually welcome back the bulk of our services and programs to make you happy, healthy and finding more ways to recreate in the parks and at the community center.

**Wishing you a happy and prosperous 2021.**



# PARKS & RECREATION AND GPCC

## Outdoor Cycle & Core Ages: Adults

Class will be outside in the back of the building, along the walkway near the bocce courts with mask optional. This fusion class combines 30 – 40 minutes of cycling and ends with exercises to strengthen the core. Burn calories and strengthen your core in the same class! If space is available, walk ins: \$13 Pass Holders/ \$15 Non- Pass Holders  
Instructor: Karen

### 5:45 PM – 6:35 PM

Session I: Tuesdays, 4/13-5/4  
Price: \$32 PH / \$44 NPH  
Session II: Tuesdays, 5/11-5/25  
Price: \$24 PH / \$33 NPH

### 6:10 AM – 7:00 AM

Session I: Thursdays, 4/15-5/6  
Price: \$32 PH / \$44 NPH  
Session II: Thursdays, 5/13-5/27  
Price: \$24 PH / \$33 NPH

## Bike and Bodyweight Burn Ages: Adults

This class is held outdoors unless inclement weather then it will be held indoors (mask required indoors). This class uses spin bikes and your own body weight to do multiple Boot Camp style exercises with minimal equipment. This is not a spin class, you will be on and off the bike multiple times to incorporate interval training so no special shoes are required, just sneakers. This is a high intensity class. Walk ins: \$13 Pass Holders/ \$15 Non Pass Holders

Trainer: Ed

Price: \$34 PH/ \$42 NPH

6:30 PM – 7:15 PM

Session I: Wednesdays, 4/7-4/28

Session II: Wednesdays, 5/5-5/26

## Fit to Run: Ages 16+

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) \*Due to Covid-19, 5k race may be virtual

Trainer: Ed

Mon/ Tues / Thurs, 4/5-5/27

6:40 PM – 7:30 PM

Price: \$144 PH/ \$159 NPH

## LAND AEROBIC CLASSES

MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE

### Spring 2021 GROUP FITNESS SCHEDULE

FREE To Pass Holders

Walk-in Price:  
\$4 RES / \$5 NR  
(if space allows)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					8:15am – 9:05am Total Body Fitness (Michele)	
9:00AM-9:50AM Sr Aerobics Mix with Chairs (Teri)		9:00AM-9:50AM Sr Aerobics Mix with Chairs (Teri)		9:00AM-9:50AM Sr Aerobics Mix with Chairs (Teri)	9:00AM-9:50AM Zumba (Sathya) ON ZOOM ONLY	9:00AM-9:50AM Vinyasa Yoga (Courtney)
10:15AM-11:05AM SilverSneaker Classic with Chairs (Teri)		10:15AM-11:05AM SilverSneaker Classic with Chairs (Teri)		10:15AM-11:05AM Sr Aerobic Fit No Chairs (Teri)		
5:45pm-6:35pm Cardio Sculpt (Michele)		5:45pm-6:35pm Restorative Yoga (Courtney)	5:45pm-6:35pm Cardio Kickboxing (Michele)			

# PARKS & RECREATION AND GPCC

## 60s Motown, R&B and Soul Line Dancing

Low impact cardio dancing to both oldies and current music. Beginner through intermediate line dancing. Improve your memory, stamina and mood while dancing and even singing along with the music. Face mask required.

Price: \$85 RES / \$106 NR

Mondays, 4/26-6/21 (No Class 5/31) 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Tuesdays, 4/27-6/22 (No Class 6/1) 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

## Adult Tennis Ages: 18+ years

Location: East Plymouth Valley Park

Tennis Fundamentals- Wednesdays, 4/28-5/26

6:30 PM -7:20 PM

Price: \$80 RES / \$100NR

Tennis For Fitness- Wednesdays, 4/28-5/26

7:30 PM - 8:20 PM

Price: \$80 RES / \$100NR

## Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED Ages: 14+ years

If under 14 please call 610-313-8681. The Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED classroom course incorporates the latest science and teaches students to how to respond to cardiac and choking emergencies in victims of any age - adults (12+ yrs) and pediatric (infants and children up to 12 yrs). Students who successfully complete this course will receive an official American Red Cross certification for Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED valid for two years.

Price: \$80

Thursday, 3/25 5:00PM – 8:00 PM

## The Adult and Pediatric-First Aid/CPR/AED Blended Course Ages: 14+ years

If under 14 please call 610-313-8681. This course teaches students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children, and infants. The course meets OSHA/ workplace requirements. This course includes an online portion and an instructor-led classroom skill session. The online portion must be completed prior to attending the in-class portion and must be taken on a PC or tablet with a high speed Internet connection. Allow approximately 2 hours 30 minutes to complete the online portion. Upon successful completion of this course you will receive a digital certificate for Adult First Aid/ CPR/AED valid for two years. NOTE: A valid email address is required at the time of registration to complete the online portion of the course. You must bring a printed or digital copy of the certificate from the completed online training or you will not be allowed to complete the classroom portion of the course. Registration

deadline: 4/28

Price: \$85

Thursday, 5/13 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## ADULT LEAGUES

### Outdoor Adult Recreation Leagues

Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation is putting together outdoor recreation leagues in the spring. These are recreation leagues. All skill levels welcome. Masks required. Get out and have some fun! These leagues will include:

League	Location	Max # Per Team	Approximate Start	Game Info	Officiating
Co-ed Softball	GPCC Park	12	Thursdays May - June	5 games + playoffs	Umpire provided
Co-ed Kickball	GPCC Park	12	Fridays May - June	5 games + playoffs	Official provided
Men's 3v3 Basketball	Colwell Park	5	Tuesdays/ Wednesdays May - June	5 games + playoffs	Referee provided
Co-ed 4v4 Sand Volleyball	GPCC Park	6	Mondays May - June	5 games + playoffs	Self-officiated

### Three ways to join in the action!

**Individual** - If you want to get in the game, but don't have a team, let us know and we'll try to make teams.

**With a few friends** - If you have some friends you want to play with, but not enough to form your own team, let us know and we'll try to make teams.

**Sign up as a team** - If you've pulled together a team and are ready to play then feel free to register.

Please contact Malcolm if you are interested. [msmith@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:msmith@plymouthtownship.org) or 610-313-8680.

More information will be available on our website soon!



# PARKS & RECREATION AND GPCC

## Deep Water Exercise

This is an intense workout without the stress on joints. Good for people with knee, hip, or back problems. Participants wear flotation belts and must be comfortable in deep water to participate. *15 spots per morning class and 10 spots for evening class.*

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM -9:45 AM Instructor: Rose

Tuesday, 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM Instructor: Adel

10 Class Punch Pass Price: \$125 RES / \$145 NR

**Private Swim Lessons:** At GPCC we offer 4-week Private Lesson sessions. Aquatics Management creates a master schedule of available days and times. You are then able to select an available day & time that will be yours for the 4-week session. All private swim lessons will be one-on-one with an experienced GPCC swim instructor.

**Four 40-minute classes Price: \$137 RES/\$171 NR**

**Private Sessions Begin:** Monday, May 3rd

*Novice/Beginner Child Private Lessons* require in-water participation from a responsible parent/guardian. Parents/Guardians will be in the water to support the swimmer as GPCC Swim Instructors will provide instruction from a safe social distance on the pool deck.

*Intermediate/Advanced Child & Adult Private Lessons* will be conducted in lap lanes and participants should be able to swim/stand on their own. They will follow the lead of the instructor, who will provide instruction from a safe social distance on the pool deck.

**EMAIL SIGN-UP!** Spring session registration will begin via email at 12 AM on Wednesday, April 21st and will be conducted on a first come, first served basis. After the first day of registration, patrons are welcome to register over the phone (610) 313-4060 or in person. Registration will continue until all lessons are filled. See the website for summer session information.

1. Send an email to [aquatic@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:aquatic@plymouthtownship.org) with “GPCC Private Swim Lesson” typed in subject line and the Name, Birth Date, Address (of the student), & the Best Phone Number to contact you during our regular business hours in the body of the email. We will not accept email requests sent prior to 12:00am.
2. An automated email will be sent confirming that your request has been received.
3. Aquatics Management will contact you during our regular business hours using the phone number you provided. We will only make two attempts to call the number provided – if we cannot reach you, we will move on to the next request.
4. You are then able to select an available time slot that will be yours for the session - full payment is due via credit card.

**Group Swim Lessons:** We do offer groups swim lessons. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, class size is limited. Please check our website for more information and availability. We are adding additional lessons when possible so check back often! [www.PlymouthCommunityCenter.org](http://www.PlymouthCommunityCenter.org)

**Leisure Pool Updates:** check our website and social media for updates on when the Leisure Pool will be open for recreational swim. One family member will need to be a monthly or annual pass holder. All others will need to pay the \$12 special swim rate. Reservations will be required.



## PARKS & RECREATION AND GPCC

### **Twinkle Toes** *Ages: 3-5 years*

Children can develop their love of dance through this program. Ballet is the main focus for this introduction to dance. It is recommended children wear leotards and ballet slippers to class. Parents are encouraged to leave. *Face mask required!*

Price: \$34 RES/\$43 NR

Saturdays, 5/1-6/12 (No class 5/29) 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Saturdays, 5/1-6/12 (No class 5/29) 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

### **Sports Experience** *Ages: 4-6 years*

This class is a fun introduction to sports, such as Softee hockey, soccer and basketball through creative exercises, team play and group interaction. Parents are encouraged to leave. *Face mask required!*

Price: \$53 RES/\$66 NR

Sundays, 4/18-5/9 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

### **Kids Pottery** *Ages: 5-15*

Each week, children will complete one project from beginning to end. Some of the projects we will be doing are animated cartoon figures, small plates, mini birdhouses, and a project towards the end of the session that will allow your child to create a piece based on their own personal interests. We welcome all skill levels and abilities. All supplies are included and pieces are fired at the Pottery Works Studio. Pottery can be picked up one week after class. *Face mask required!*

Price: \$130 RES/\$162 NR

Fridays, 4/9-4/30 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

### **Kids Karate** *Ages: 5-9 years*

A basic introduction to Karate. Certified Karate instructors will cover introductory topics of karate and martial arts. Coordination and flexibility are emphasized. *Face mask required!*

Price: \$47 RES/\$59 NR

Mondays, 5/3-6/14 (no class 5/31) 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### **Young Rembrandts Presents:**

Participants will need to bring pencils, crayons and markers to each class.

#### **Preschool Drawing Class** *Ages: 4-6 years*

Wonderful drawings of adventurous astronauts and friendly monsters will excite the imagination. We reach new heights with our hot air balloon and many nature-inspired drawings like our bees and flower baskets. There's no better time than now to enroll your student! *Face mask required!*

Price: \$72 RES/\$90 NR

Saturdays, 4/10-5/1 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

#### **Elementary Drawing Class** *Ages: 7-14*

Students will learn how to think outside of the box as they learn to draw a space monster and create stylized drawings of flowers, snails and more. We'll also explore historical themes with our comic book-inspired drawing and a portrait of Canadian hero, Terry Fox. Sign up for classes today! *Face mask required!*

Price: \$72 RES/\$90 NR

Saturdays, 4/10-5/1 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### **Cartoon Drawing Class** *Ages: 7-14*

Young Rembrandts Cartooning students will learn the essential skills they need to create exciting cartoon characters with expressive faces and dynamic poses. They will develop their visual story telling skills as they draw sequential images and jokes. Students will learn to create fun, off-the-wall characters based on people, animals, and even food. All this and more await our students. Enroll your student today! *Face mask required!*

Price: \$72 RES/\$90 NR

Saturdays, 4/10-5/1 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM



# PARKS & RECREATION AND GPCC

## **Computer Coding** Ages: 10-15 years

Students will learn how to program a computer from the ground up using the popular JavaScript programming language. By the end of class, each student will have created his/her own web-based game and a functioning chatbot. Topics include basic programming concepts (e.g. syntax, data types and structures, program control and flow, and error handling) as well as an introduction to HTML and CSS. No previous experience required. Students must bring a laptop with some pre-installed, free software from Microsoft. Students should pack lunch and snack. *Face mask required!*

Price: \$68 RES/\$85 NR

Saturday, 4/17 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

## **Babysitting Course** Ages: 11-15 years

The American Red Cross Babysitter Training Course is designed to provide youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave; and learn about basic child care and basic first aid. Please pack a lunch.

Price: \$90

Saturday, 5/1 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM

## **JumpStart Sports Presents:**

### **Little Hoop Stars** Ages: 4-6 years

A six-week instructional and recreational basketball program for children in Pre-K and Kindergarten (must be 4 years-old). Players are taught the basics of dribbling, passing, shooting, positioning, defense, and rebounding in this fun-oriented program. All instruction conducted by Jump Start Sports staff. All children receive a t-shirt and award. *Face mask required!*

Price: \$90 RES/\$113 NR

Saturdays, 4/10-5/15 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

### **Hoop Stars** Ages: 7-9 years

A six-week instructional and recreational basketball program for children 7-9 years. Players are taught the basics of dribbling, passing, shooting, positioning, defense, and rebounding in this fun-oriented program. All instruction conducted by Jump Start Sports staff. All children receive a t-shirt and award. *Face mask required!*

Price: \$90 RES/\$113 NR

Saturdays, 4/10-5/15 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

### **Basketball Skills & Drills** Ages: 10-12 years

A six-week instructional and recreational basketball program for children 10-12 years. Players are taught the basics of dribbling, passing, shooting, positioning, defense, and rebounding in this fun-oriented program. Program is suitable for both new and advanced players. All instruction conducted by Jump Start Sports staff. All children receive a t-shirt and award. *Face mask required!*

Price: \$90 RES/\$113 NR

Saturdays, 4/10-5/15 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

## **GPCC Youth Outdoor Basketball League**

Fun and learning are the most important points of these co-ed programs. The first week we will evaluate all kids and create teams, the second week we will have a team practice. The next 6 weeks will be games. Every player will enjoy equal playing time and will receive a TEAM T-SHIRT. Parents are highly encouraged to volunteer! Depending on enrollment, the games and dates are subject to change. If we have to cancel a game due to the weather, a prorated credit will be issued. Games are either at 6:00pm or 7:15pm. You will know what time you play once you receive your schedule. *Face mask required! Location: East Plymouth Valley Park*

Information on the Youth Summer Basketball League will be on our website soon!

Price: \$55 RES/\$69 NR

Ages: 6-7 years Mondays, 4/5-5/24	Ages: 7-8 years Tuesdays, 4/6- 5/25	Ages: 8-9 years Wednesdays, 4/7-5/26	Ages: 9-10 years Thursdays, 4/8-5/27
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## PARKS & RECREATION AND GPCC

### **GPCC Spring Break Camp** *Ages: 6-12*

Looking for a fun place to send your kids when they are off from school? Send them to the GPCC! Each day will consist of a variety of games, sports and a project. Must pack a lunch, snack, bathing suit and towel. Face mask required! 9:00 AM-4:00 PM daily

Price Per Day: \$46 RES/ \$58 NR

Tuesday, 3/30

Wednesday, 3/31

Thursday, 4/1

### **Obvious Choice Basketball Spring Break Camp** *Ages: 6-12 years*

Basketball spring break camp to teach young athletes hands on instruction from collegiate and varsity level basketball players, and play in an NBA like week-long league and clinic. Face mask required! *Location: GPCC*

Price: \$125 RES/ \$162 NR

Monday-Friday, 3/29-4/2 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### **Obvious Choice Sports Multi-Sport Spring Break Camp** *Ages: 5 – 12 years*

A multi-sport camp for youth of all skill levels an opportunity to learn to play and play for fun! Campers will be introduced to a variety of sports including basketball, soccer, dodgeball, tennis, flag football, lacrosse, street hockey, kickball, and more. Our camp is designed to increase self-confidence and help youth build skills they can take with them for a lifetime, on and off the court/field. Face mask required! *Location: East Plymouth Valley Park*

Price: \$198 RES/ \$257NR

Monday-Friday, 3/29- 4/2 9:00am – 3:00pm

### **After School Program 2021/2022-**

Interest list is on our website. Sign-up to receive informational emails about Plymouth Township Parks & Recreations 2021/2022 After School Program.

### **Outdoor Market- Crafters & Vendors**

Need a gift for someone? Looking for some cool handmade crafts? Check out the unique and handmade items at our outdoor market. The sale will be located in the Community Center parking lot by the playground.

Spread the word! MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SELLERS AND BUYERS.

Saturday, 4/10 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### **Community Yard Sale**

One person's trash is another one's treasure. Come find some treasure at our Community Yard Sale. Good bargains to be found for everyone! The Yard Sale will be located in the Community Center parking lot by the playground. Spread the word! MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SELLERS AND BUYERS. If you are interested in selling your household items, please contact Joanna Sharapan at [jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org). Additional paperwork will be required.

Price: \$15/spot

Saturday, 4/24 8:00 AM-12:00PM

### **Earth Day Drive-In Movie**

Celebrate Earth Day at our Drive-In Movie: The Lorax. Pre-registration required. You must stay at your vehicle for the duration of the screening. You must wear a mask and practice social distancing when outside of your vehicle.

*Location: Plymouth Elementary School*

Price: \$5/car

Friday, April 23- movie starts at dusk (7ish)

\*\*\*\*\*SPONSORS WANTED\*\*\*\*\* Contact Phil Brady if you are interested. [pbrady@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:pbrady@plymouthtownship.org)

### **Officer Brad Fox Memorial Fishing Derby** *Ages: 4-15 years*

Attention all kids who love to fish! Grab your fishing gear and get ready for Plymouth Township's fishing derby. This will be a free children's event sponsored by the Bridgeport Elks Lodge and the Stony Creek Anglers. Anglers must provide their own fishing equipment. Bait will be available for purchase. MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED *Location: East Plymouth Valley Park Pond*

Price: FREE

Saturday, 5/8 8:00 AM-12:00 PM



# Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation 2021 Performances In The Park

Wednesday, June 30 Movie begins at dusk	MOVIE: Frozen 2	
Wednesday, July 7 7:00 PM	CONCERT: Shot of Southern	Nashville in the Northeast
Wednesday, July 14 Movie begins at dusk	MOVIE: Toy Story 4	
Wednesday, July 21 7:00 PM	CONCERT: Kate Says	Rock to country, originals and covers...Classic music with a "Kate Says" twist
Wednesday, July 28 Movie begins at dusk	MOVIE: The Croods	
Wednesday, August 4 7:00 PM	CONCERT: The BeatTells	The best Beatles tribute band in Philadelphia



Interested in being a sponsor?  
Contact Joanna for more information [jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org)

## Playground Camp (6-12 years)

Location: Plymouth Elementary

- A 5 year old may only attend Camp GPCC or Playground Camp if they have completed Kindergarten.
- There is no camp Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Payment Schedule: March 25% due, April 50% due, May 75% due and June payment is due in full.
- Trips may be added if restrictions are lifted. **Addl cost.**
- Register online. **March 7<sup>st</sup>**- Resident (RES)/Pass Holders • Register online. **March 7<sup>th</sup>**- Non-Residents (NR).
- Paperwork due June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Face mask required!

Come and enjoy traditional playground activities including arts and crafts, sports and water days. The Playground Camp is informal with minimal structure. Campers will be separated into smaller groups. COVID guidelines and protocols will be followed - see Playground Camp Health & Safety Plan on our website for more information. Masks will be required. Campers must bring a lunch, snack and bathing suit (for water activities) daily. All release forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Everything subject to change based on COVID restrictions. Location: Plymouth Elementary- held completely outdoors unless it is raining.

Contact: **Malcolm Smith, [msmith@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:msmith@plymouthtownship.org)**

Price: \$340 RES / \$425 NR

Monday-Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> -July 30<sup>th</sup> 9 AM-3 PM

## New and Improved GPCC App

Completely New and Easy to use Notification System



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Search "GPCC" in the Apple iOS App Store

Search "Greater Plymouth" in the Android Google Play Store

## PARKS & RECREATION AND GPCC—ONE WEEK SPECIALTY CAMPS

Crafty Creations	4-7 yrs	M-F, 6/14-6/18 9:30 AM -11:30 AM	\$62 RES / \$78 NR	GPCC
Obvious Choice Basketball	5-10 yrs	M-F, 6/14-6/18 9 AM-3 PM	\$186 RES / \$242 NR	GPCC
Superhero Adventure	4-7 yrs	M-F, 6/14-6/18 9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	\$62 RES / \$78 NR	GPCC
Anime Manga Drawing	4-7 yrs	M-F, 6/14-6/18 9 AM -11 AM	\$180 RES / \$216 NR	GPCC
Chess	6-12 yrs	M-F 6/21-6/25 Full day 9 AM – 3 PM Half day 9 AM-12 PM or 12 PM-3 PM	Full day \$260 RES / \$325 NE Half day \$165 RES / \$206 NR	GPCC
African Safari Drawing	6-12 yrs	M-F, 6/28-7/2 9 AM -11 AM	\$180 RES / \$216 NR	GPCC
Nature Pottery	5-15 yrs	M-F, 6/28-7/2 9 AM -12 PM 1 PM-4 PM	\$165 RES/\$206 NR Register for both and stay for lunch	HWP
Final Frontiers: Sea & Space by Science Explorers	7-11 yrs	M-F, 7/5-7/9 Full day 9 AM-3:30 PM Half day 9 AM -12 PM	Full day \$395 RES Half day \$225 NR- register at 877-870-6517	GPCC
Soccer by i9	4-12 yrs	M-F, 7/12-7/16 9 AM -12 PM	\$135 RES / \$169 NR	COLWELL
CSI Radical Reactions & Detective Science by Mad Science	7-12 yrs	M-F, 7/12-7/16 Full day 9:30 AM-4 PM Half day 9:30 AM -12:30 PM	Full day \$325 RES / \$423 NE Half day \$175 RES / \$228 NR	HWP
Loose in the Lab by Science Explorers	7-11 yrs	M-F, 7/19-7/23 Full day 9 AM-3:30 PM Half day 9 AM -12 PM	Full day \$395 RES Half day \$225 NR- register at 877-870-6517	GPCC
Track & Field by i9	4-12 yrs	M-F, 7/19-7/23 9 AM – 12 PM	\$135 RES / \$169 NR	GPCC Park
Sports Experience	4-7 yrs	M-F, 7/26-7/30 9:30 AM -11:30 AM	\$62 RES / \$78 NR	EPV
Cheerleading by i9	4-12 yrs	M-F, 7/26-7/30 9 AM – 12 PM	\$135 RES / \$169 NR	GPCC Park
STEM Lab Extravaganza by Science Explorers	7-11 yrs	M-F, 8/2-8/6 Full day 9 AM-3:30 PM Half day 9 AM -12 PM	Full day \$395 RES Half day \$225 NR- register at 877-870-6517	GPCC
Tball by i9	4-12 yrs	M-F, 8/2-8/6 9 AM – 12 PM	\$135 RES / \$169 NR	GPCC Park
Pottery Design	5-15 yrs	M-F, 8/9-8/13 9 AM -12 PM 1 PM-4 PM	\$165 RES/\$206 NR Register for both and stay for lunch	GPCC
NASA STEM Explorers by Mad Science	7-12 yrs	M-F, 8/9/8/13 Full day 9:30 AM-4 PM Half day 9:30 AM -12:30 PM	Full day \$325 RES / \$423 NE Half day \$175 RES / \$228 NR	HWP
Superhero Adventure	4-7 yrs	M-F, 8/16-8/20 9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	\$62 RES / \$78 NR	GPCC
Princess Extravaganza	4-7 yrs	M-F, 8/16-8/20 9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	\$62 RES / \$78 NR	GPCC
Obvious Choice Basketball	11-14 yrs	M-F, 8/16-8/20 9 AM-3 PM	\$186 RES / \$242 NR	GPCC
Just For Me	3-5 yrs	M-F, 8/23-8/27 9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	\$62 RES / \$78 NR	GPCC
Chess	6-12 yrs	M-F 8/23-8/27 Full day 9 AM – 3 PM Half day 9 AM-12 PM or 12 PM-3 PM	Full day \$260 RES / \$325 NE Half day \$165 RES / \$206 NR	GPCC