

Plymouth Township

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TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

700 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

610-277-4100 | 610-277-4313 (Fax)

Monday—Friday 8:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

Code Enforcement & Zoning Offices: 7:30 A.M.—3:30 P.M.

Website: www.plymouthtownship.org

2022 PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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DIRECT PHONE LINES

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

Karen B. Weiss	Township Manager	610-233-0608
Christopher J. Loschiavo	Director of Public Works	
	Sanitary Sewer Coordinator	610-233-0566
James Wallace	Director of Code Enforcement	610-233-0589
Kellen Jarrett	Finance Director	610-290-4975
John C. Myrsiades	Chief of Police	610-279-1901
Mike Matusheski	Fire Marshal/Emergency Mgmt.	610-277-4311
G. Philip Brady	Asst. Parks & Rec. Director	610-277-4312
Richard Carbo	Building & Grounds Director	610-313-8684

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Rescue & Ambulance 9-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police	610-279-1901
Plymouth Fire Co.	610-233-0602
Harmonville Fire Co.	610-828-0836
Plymouth Ambulance	610-277-2776

Sewer Emergency	Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—4:00 pm	610-277-4105
	Nights, Weekends and Holidays	610-279-1901

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

September 2022—March 2023

All meetings are held at the GPCC, 2910 Jolly 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 @ Sewer Plant.

No meeting in July & December

Historical Architectural Board

2nd Wednesday

@ Whitmarsh Township Building

Park, Recreation & Shade Tree

Advisory Board

4th Tuesday

January, March, April, July, October &

November

Civil Service Commission

2nd Thursday

Planning Agency

1st Wednesday

Zoning Hearing Board

3rd Monday

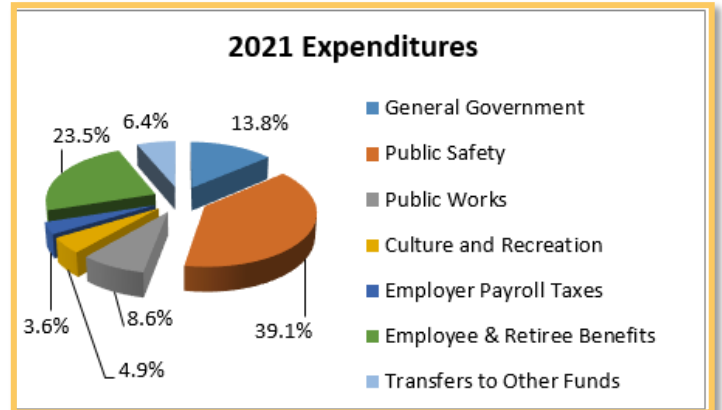
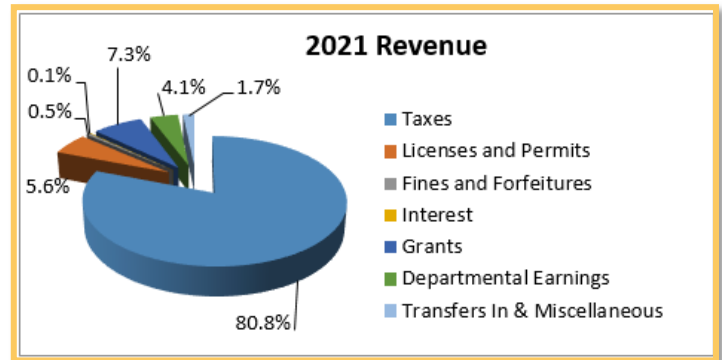
Environmental Advisory

3rd Tuesday via Zoom

2022 Budget

GENERAL FUND

	Actual 2021	Actual 2020
Revenue & Transfers In:		
Taxes	\$22,249,969	\$21,935,544
Licenses and Permits	1,531,951	1,480,599
Fines and Forfeitures	137,124	145,333
Interest	27,787	112,227
Grants	2,010,395	1,011,228
Departmental Earnings	1,119,457	807,653
Transfers In & Miscellaneous	455,838	368,528
Total Revenue & Transfers In	\$27,532,521	\$25,861,112
Expenditures & Transfers Out:		
General Government	\$3,685,663	\$3,083,008
Public Safety	10,413,352	10,599,563
Public Works	2,284,464	2,305,538
Culture and Recreation	1,300,633	1,123,598
Employer Payroll Taxes	971,139	942,021
Employee & Retiree Benefits	6,261,330	6,117,135
Transfers to Other Funds	1,700,897	1,769,899
Total Expenditures & Transfers Out	\$26,617,478	\$25,940,762
Difference: Revenue & Transfers In Less Expenditures and Transfers Out	\$915,043	-\$79,650
Beginning Fund Balance - Jan. 1	11,291,432	11,371,082



The complete 2022 budget document can be found online at www.plymouthtownship.org

berkheimer

tax innovations

This is to inform you that Plymouth Township will **NO LONGER** be collecting Real Estate Tax payments. The Township has appointed **H.A. Berkheimer, Inc., (Berkheimer)** to be in charge of collections from this point until otherwise noted. Residents will now be receiving their tax bill from Berkheimer and all Real Estate Tax payments must be remitted to Berkheimer, as Plymouth Township will no longer accept any payments in person or through the mail.

The following are ways to make your Real Estate Tax payment to Berkheimer:

1. Residents who choose to mail their check must use the following mailing address to remit payment. Please also include stub with payment.

**PO Box 25144
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-5144**

2. Residents who choose to pay over the phone should call 866-225-8451. A 3rd party fee applies.
3. Residents who choose to pay online should follow the link below. Please note if paying online that you will be charged \$2 for check (ACH) payments and 2.5% of the bill amount for a credit or debit transaction.

<https://www.hab-inc.com/electronic-services/online-payments>

Once you arrive to the page, the links to pay by ACH or Credit/Debit Card are near the bottom

4. Residents can also download the Berkheimer App to make payments.

For those who need a Tax Certification Form, please refer to the following link or call **610-599-3143**.

<https://www.hab-inc.com/real-estate-tax-certification-request-form/>

Again, Plymouth Township **WILL NOT** be accepting any payments and taxpayers who come into the building will be directed to Berkheimer's website.

If you have any questions please contact Berkheimer's Real Estate Tax Division at 610-599-3143 or the Township at 610-277-4100.



Plymouth Mulls Concerns Over Impact of Single-Use Plastics

Following on the heels of single-use plastic bag bans in Philadelphia and considerations for similar bans in neighboring Ambler and West Norriton Township, Plymouth Township Council is contemplating barring the use of non-recyclable bags commonly given to customers at stores and takeout restaurants.

Currently, Plymouth Township Council is studying this issue and gathering input from residents. No immediate action is planned.

It is too early to determine if or when the governing body could potentially act to ban single-use plastic bags, which are commonly used for point-of-sale purchases. A ban would not affect bags used elsewhere in grocery stores, including in the produce department, or the sale of plastic bags such as garbage and sandwich bags.

Council heard a presentation from Bill Sabey of the Township's Environmental Advisory Board during the July workshop meeting. Council members expressed support but noted that more work was needed before action could be taken.

Council Chairman Christopher Manero cited several other environmentally-conscious changes that, at first, were not widely accepted – such as recycling and in-public smoking prohibitions – but have since become second nature.

"It's the next step," Manero said. "It's so simple once we get used to it."

For Manero, the only concern is that many plastic bag bans have been undertaken on a statewide level, including New Jersey's recent ban, as well as California, New York and eight other states. Restricting plastic bags in one community when they are permitted in neighboring municipalities could be challenging, he added.

Sabey emphasized his commitment to the cause and said he will "work with neighbors" to encourage them to also enact similar regulations.

"The public interest is to reduce and eliminate single-use plastics as much as possible," Sabey said.

Other Montgomery County municipalities agree. More than a dozen communities, including Cheltenham, Ambler, Whitmarsh and West Norriton are either researching, drafting, or readying an ordinance, according to Faran Savitz of PennEnvironment.

In addition to ending up in landfills and waterways, plastic bags often end up at recycling plants, wreaking havoc on machinery, Councilwoman Karen Bramblett said.

Having plastic bags at a recycling facility is "like getting hair caught in the rollers of your vacuum," Savitz said. "It can result in loads of waste ending up the landfill instead of being recycled."

Plastic bags cannot be recycled. According to the Center for Biological Diversity, the national average of single-use plastic bags used per person is 365 bags per year – or one bag for every day of the year. In any given year, which amounts to 100 billion single-use bags.

Limiting that number, at least within Plymouth Township, has been a goal of the EAB. The advisory body has been discussing the possibility of an ordinance to ban plastic bags since November, Sabey said. Beyond plastic bags, the EAB would like to see the Township eventually restrict the use of plastic utensils and plastic straws.

Until 2021, plastic bag bans were illegal in Pennsylvania, according to Savitz. Since then, significant strides have been made.

"Right now, over 15 percent of our state is covered by a municipal plastic bag ban," Savitz said, adding that all but Pittsburgh are in the eastern portion of Pennsylvania. "More and more of your neighbors will be taking this action. The whole thing snowballs."

While Plymouth Township Council members mull the possibility of a plastic bag ban, the EAB will continue communicating with residents and business owners via mailers and seeking feedback through surveys.

For an overview and to provide feedback, please review this document on the Township website:

<https://www.plymouthtownship.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Plymouth-Plastics-Study-CommunityCommunication2-2207.pdf>

ZONING AND PLANNING

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

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

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

Any questions, please call 610-233-0554.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

“I didn’t know I needed a permit”. It is the most common response our Code Enforcement Officers hear from a homeowner or contractor when they arrive at a house or business having work done without first obtaining the required permits. While it may have been an honest mistake, did you know that it is also illegal under the PA Uniform Construction Code and International Building & Residential Codes

that Plymouth Township follows?

Here are some tips to consider while you plan your next project:

- Do your research and hire a reputable contractor. They will need to be up-to-date with their annual Plymouth Township Contractor Registration, Liability Insurance, and Workman’s Comp Insurance.
- The permit application package should be submitted for review weeks in advance, so that the permits will be issued by the date you want the project to start.
- Be aware that if you, or your contractor, complete your project without required permits, *you the property owner* may be responsible for the resulting fines.
- If you are faced with an “emergency” situation (new heater, new roof, etc), a permit application package, by law, must be submitted within three business days from the start of the project.

While not every home renovation project requires a permit, many do. Not sure if yours will? Call the Code Enforcement Department at (610) 277-4103 to find out, and prevent any delays and frustration in advance. **IF YOU AREN’T SURE...ASK!**

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT TRASH AND RECYCLING

PLEASE FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD BOXES

We are collecting more cardboard boxes in recycling than ever before. If the boxes are not flattened, they take up much more room in the collection truck than if they were flattened. This results in more trips to the recycling plant, more spent fuel and lost productivity.

TRASH CANS SHOULD BE NO LARGER THAN 30 GALLONS AND WEIGH NO MORE THAN 50 POUNDS.

More and more residents are using 60-90 gallon carts as their trash containers. These carts are too large and heavy to be emptied manually. As a guide, the round, blue recycle cans are approximately 30 gallons in size. Please refrain from using trash carts (large containers on wheels). Trash will be left curbside and tagged if it is deemed to be too heavy.

Awards

Squad Award

On September 26, 2021, at approximately 3:29 a.m., Plymouth Township Police Officers responded to the Wawa, located at 1300 E. Ridge Pike, for the report of an active shooting involving two offenders and two innocent bystanders.

Each of the bystanders suffered gunshot wounds as a direct result of the actions of the offenders. The investigation later determined that the involved offenders fired eighteen rounds during this incident. Responding officers immediately began to render first aid to the victims, secure the crime scene, and gather important investigative information. Detective Joseph LaPenta III was assigned as the lead investigator for this incident. Detective Joseph LaPenta III diligently worked on this investigation for five months. He filed numerous search warrants, court orders, pen register trap, and trace orders. Detective LaPenta interviewed numerous witnesses, many of whom were not cooperative with law enforcement. He reviewed cell phone data, listened to the suspects' prison phone call recordings, and reviewed surveillance video related to this case. Due to the efforts of the initial responding officers and Detective LaPenta's hard work and investigative skills, both individuals responsible for this shooting of two innocent bystanders were arrested and are currently awaiting trial.

At the May meeting of Plymouth Township Council, Detective Joseph LaPenta, Sergeant Andrew Adams, Officer Jonathan Monaghan, Officer Jennifer Wittengerger, Officer Paul Subbio, Officer Jonathan Marinelli, Officer Andrew Murdock, Dispatcher Karen Bowman, Detective Sergeant Christopher Schwartz, Detective Andrew Moretti, Detective Eric Ponzek, Officer Holly Donohue, and Officer Mark Lacy were publicly commended for their actions, which removed two violent and armed individuals from the community and brought justice for the victims.



Autism Event

Plymouth Township Emergency Services held our first-ever Super Sensory Event for our awesome friends with Autism. This event took place at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building on Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 11 am – 1 pm. Those who attended were able to meet their first responders in a safe and friendly atmosphere. Medics from Plymouth Community Ambulance, Firefighters from Harmonville Fire Company and Plymouth Fire Company, the Fire Marshal's Office, along with Officers from the Plymouth Township Police Department, were on hand to meet the kids, show off their gear and tour our vehicles! Free giveaways and refreshments were provided to all attendees. We had a great time and look forward to seeing you at our next event!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Officer Hired

Officer Michael Brown was sworn in as a member of the Plymouth Township Police Department at the June Plymouth Township Council meeting. Michael is a proud father who served in the United States Air Force as an F16 fighter jet mechanic. He has earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Theology. Most recently, Officer Brown served for six years with the Philadelphia Police Department. Welcome to the family Michael! We look forward to your many years of dedicated service to our outstanding community.



Officer Michael Brown and Chief Myrsiades

Cop Camp Returns

Following a 2-year Covid-induced break, COP CAMP returned to Plymouth Township in June of 2022! This program started in 1998 as a way of building connections between our officers and the children they serve in the community. Since then, hundreds of children have attended this weeklong program. Some of the kids from the earliest years of the program now serve as police officers. The campers, aged 9 – 11, spent the week learning about the many facets of police work, participated in team-building exercises, and learned about Fire Safety. This year, the cadets were assigned to investigate the robbery of Grandma's Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe.

Following the use of their newly learned investigative skills, the cadets applied for an arrest warrant with District Justice Griffis. They then located and arrested the guilty person without incident. Thank you to this incredible group of young people for a wonderful week of fun and learning! If your child will be between 9 and 11 years old in June of 2023, and they are interested in attending COP Camp 2023, email Officer Mark Lacy at mlacy@plymouthtownship.org.

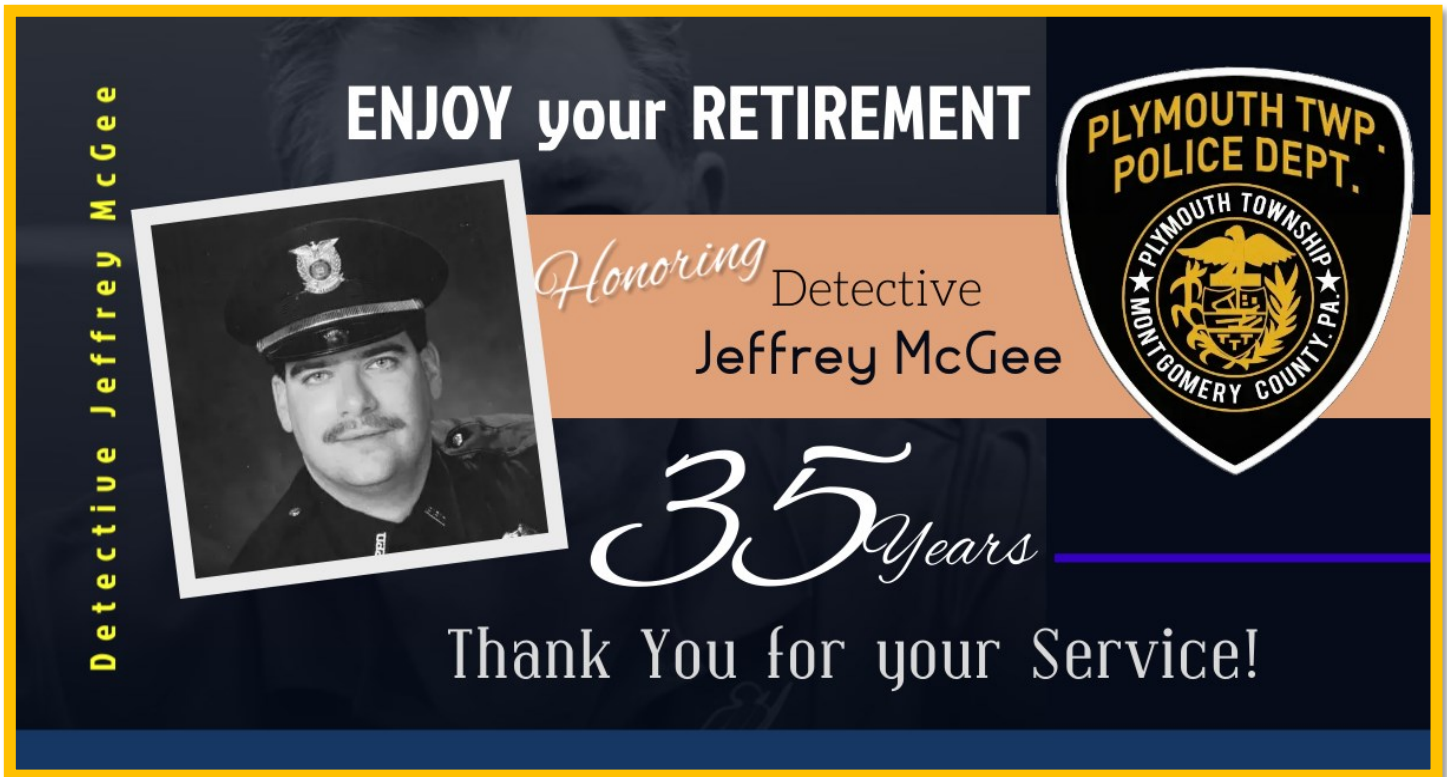


Citizens Police Academy

The Plymouth Township Police Department, in its continuing effort to forge strong and lasting bonds with the community, initiated its first-ever Citizens Police Academy in 2022. The Citizens Police Academy is designed to give participants a closer look at the inner workings of the Police Department. Participants in the course learned about topics such as Patrol Operations, Criminal Investigations, Special Operations, Traffic Investigations, Crime Scene Processing, and much more. Participants were also certified in CPR/First Aid. Sessions took place each Thursday evening (6:30 pm - 9:00 pm), beginning on April 14th, 2022, and ran through June 9th, 2022. Applications for the 2023 Citizens Police Academy will be available in the Winter.



Detective McGee Retirement



After a 35-year career, June 3, 2022 marked the final day of work with the Plymouth Township Police Department for Detective Jeffrey McGee #124.

In addition to serving in the Patrol Division, Jeff was the Officer in Charge of the Detective Division, and was the unit's longest serving member. Detective McGee skillfully worked thousands of investigations during his career, and was attached to the Philadelphia FBI Office Violent Crimes Task Force.

Jeff's skill as an investigator was respected throughout Montgomery County and beyond. Jeff received many awards and accolades throughout his long career, including the investigation and arrest of a bank robbery suspect who became known as the Straw Hat Bandit.

Jeff was willing to lend a hand when needed, provide guidance when necessary, and always led with compassion, integrity and intelligence. Detective McGee's leadership and guidance has left a mark that will be felt for years yet to come. We shall be better for it. We thank you for your service, wish you well as you begin the next chapter of your story, and remind you that your family at Plymouth Township will always be here for you.

HARMONVILLE FIRE COMPANY

Good day from the officers and members of the Harmonville Fire Company No. 1. The Harmonville Fire Company proudly protects and serves the residents and businesses of Plymouth Township, surrounding communities and parts of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, 24 hours a day, seven days a week since 1924. We operate out of two stations located in Plymouth Township, our main station which is located at 2100 Butler Pike and our substation located at 904 Germantown Pike. With these two locations, our members are always ready to respond at a moment's notice.

It's been a busy year for our volunteers. The first half of the year, we have responded to approximately 400 calls for service, ranging from fire alarms to vehicle accidents to rescues and building fires. Members have put in countless hours of training whether it has been in-house training on Monday nights or training at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Campus located right here in Plymouth Township. On top of responding to calls and attending trainings, members have put in many hours with events, such as Plymouth Township Day, movie nights in the park as well as visiting local camps and doing fire prevention demonstrations.

We held our Easter flower sale earlier this year and would like to thank all those who came out to support us. Right around the corner will be our Christmas tree sale and our members are looking forward to seeing you there supporting us! Also this year, we will be holding a few other fundraisers, which we will announce on our social media sites when the time gets closer.

Some of our members have been busy with two big projects here at Harmonville Fire Company. First, we have a committee who is in the beginning stages of purchasing a new Engine. Another committee we have formed is for our station B replacement. More information on both of these projects are coming soon.

Lastly, being a volunteer organization, we are always looking for new members to join our firehouse family. There are many roles that we fill. Our Firefighting/Rescue Operations train in saving lives and protecting property and to keep the

community we serve safe! This role has various job duties including forcible entry, fire extinguishment, search and rescue, and driving and operating the apparatus. Our Junior Firefighter program is for 14-17 years old who are interested in joining the Fire Company. The Fire Police Unit helps keep our firefighters, as well as the public, safe at emergency scenes by providing traffic and crowd control. Our administrative group keeps the company running, from meetings within the company to meetings with our Plymouth Township Council. They are the men and women who are "behind the scenes" making sure we can be the best we can be! If you are interested in joining to help out in any way you can, you can stop by either station during the day, Monday through Friday, stop by our main station Monday nights (our drill night) between 6:30 – 10:00 or visit www.joinharmonvillefire.org and fill out the form online and someone will contact you.



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Plymouth Ambulance's Busiest Year

The Officers, Staff, and Members of Plymouth Community Ambulance have just completed our busiest year ever. All stations combined, we were dispatched to 15,400 requests for an ambulance, and transported roughly 14,500 of those incidents. Combined with the ongoing pandemic, severe (nationwide) staffing shortages, and extended hospital wait times we certainly kept ourselves busy. Despite all of those challenges, Plymouth Ambulance was able to maintain 100% staffing of our units at each of the four Stations with all Paramedic Ambulances, for the entire year, one of very few Ambulance squads in Montgomery County to be able to achieve this goal.

Plymouth Ambulance looks forward to serving the community in 2023 and we are already on pace to break our record from last year.



Make sure that your address is clearly marked, in a well lit area that is not blocked by any bushes or debris.

911, what is your emergency?

You have an emergency and now you need to call 911 - Emotions are running high and the situation may be chaotic.

Here are a few things you can do to make sure that responders get the most accurate information.

- Give the address where the emergency is located, including the Township or Municipality.
- Relay as much information about the emergency as possible in a calm and clear manner. Be sure to include the patient's age, complaint, and brief medical history.
- If possible, have identification and insurance cards ready for EMS when they arrive.
- If there is a hide away key location, please relay that information for access to the residence.
- Leave a clear path to the door so responders can gain access.
- Put pets away in another room, even if they are friendly, they can become upset with responders entering the home.

Fire Safety Tips

- Keep an up-to-date list of medications in your purse, wallet or on the refrigerator that is readily accessible for responders.
- When making your list, add your name, date of birth and any food or medication allergies.

Recognizing Cold Emergencies

It's that time of year when we step outside of our homes to head to work, go for a walk or visit a friend and we are hit with an unpleasant and sobering sensation of the cold weather blowing on our face and hands. While it may not seem that dangerous, cold weather can cause a number of serious concerns. There are many levels to cold emergencies. Being able to identify, treat and even prevent these emergencies will provide useful this winter.

Types of Cold Emergencies

Frostnip is an early and reversible cold weather emergency that occurs prior to frostbite. As you expose yourself to the cold elements, your circulation is shunted and constricts, reducing blood flow to your skin. Frostnip can easily progress into frostbite.

How long does it take for frostnip to present?

It all depends on the temperature of the elements that you are exposed to. It can take up to a couple of hours for frostnip to develop on an average cold winter day.

What are the signs of frostnip?

Frostnip will usually affect your nose, hands, cheeks and ears first. You may notice reddening or numbness to the exposed area. You may also experience pain or tingling as the skin rewarms.

Do I need to be concerned if I think I have frostnip?

Most of the time, you can treat frostnip on your own without the need to be seen or evaluated by a physician. The best thing to do is warm the affected areas. Make sure you bring a hat, gloves, and an appropriate jacket before leaving your home. If you don't have these readily available, find other methods to warm yourself:

- Put your hands in your pockets
- Breathe onto your hands
- Find the nearest heated area

DO NOT rewarm yourself with hot water. This has been proven to lead to burns in some patients.

Frostbite is the freezing of and injury to one's tissues caused by exposure to the extreme cold. There are two main stages of frostbite; Superficial and Deep. In these stages, permanent skin and tissue damage starts to occur. Frostbite is considered to be a true emergency and should be treated promptly at a hospital.

What are some symptoms of Frostbite?

With frostbite, the affected areas start to lose their sensation. You may experience severe pain, numbness, tingling, or burning. Your skin will start to discolor (red, yellow, purple or blue depending on the area and severity) as well as be hard/firm and waxy-looking. You may experience clumsiness or an abnormal gait due to muscle and joint stiffening. Afterwards, you will notice painful blisters that develop.

Who is at risk for frostbite?

Anyone! Prolonged exposure to cold environments without the appropriate layering or equipment can put one at risk for frostbite. The young and the elderly are more susceptible due to their bodies not being able to thermoregulate as well as a healthy adult.

What should I do if I think I have frostbite?

Seek medical attention immediately! Call 911 or find means of getting yourself to the hospital for an evaluation. In the meantime, make sure you remove any wet clothing and remove yourself from the environment if you can. Cover exposed areas with blankets, gloves, etc.

DO NOT rub or massage the injured area as this can cause further damage.

What can I expect to happen when I call 911?

If you live within Plymouth Township, Norristown, East/West Norriton, Schwenksville, Lower Frederick or Upper Frederick area, you should expect Plymouth Community Ambulance Association to respond. All of our Paramedics, EMTs and AEMTs are well-trained and knowledgeable on how to treat, manage, and advocate for all patients with these types of injuries. Rest assured that you will be in good hands.

What are some complications I may experience once I've had frostbite?

There are many possible complications, but here is a list of the most common:

- Infection
- Gangrene (death and decay of tissues)
- Increased sensitivity to cold
- Long-term numbness/tingling
- Increased risk of developing frostbite again
- Hypothermia
- Tetanus



FIRE MARSHAL / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Fire Marshal's Office wishes everyone happy and safe Fall and Winter seasons. 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 full & part-time Fire Inspectors. Our staff have state and national certifications as fire inspectors and fire investigators.

This past summer we had some changes in personnel. Deputy Fire Marshal Christopher Heleniak decided to step away from this position to spend more time with his growing family. We thank Chris for his service for the last few years and wish him and his family all the best. We welcomed Andrew Thomas to fill the Deputy Fire Marshal position. Andrew brings experience as a fire inspector, fire fighter, and a fire officer. He has also assisted at fire scenes with origin and cause determination.

Fall & Winter Safety

Now is the time to prepare for the cooler weather:

- Have heaters serviced before use. Improperly working heaters can create unsafe fumes including carbon monoxide (CO).
- Don't forget to change the batteries in smoke and CO detectors when you change the clocks.
- During the holidays, do not overload electrical circuits and wiring by plugging in too many lights together.
- For those with live Christmas trees, remember that dry trees are more susceptible to catching fire; so keep them watered.

FIRE PITS, CHIMINEAS, and any other open flame devices are nice to sit around with family or friends. However, they can also be dangerous. A burn permit issued by the Township is required, and there are rules to follow to stay safe. They must be at least 15 feet from any structure (including decks) and property lines. A competent adult must attend to it at all times while in use. Contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 610-277-4311 for a free burn permit application and to learn more about the rules for use.

Get Your Heater and Fireplace Ready for the Winter

Before winter and the cold weather arrives, get your home ready. Preventive maintenance on heaters and fireplaces are important for health and safety.

- Wood burning fireplaces and chimneys should be professionally swept and cleaned. Creosote can build up and cause fires.
 - Creosote is a black sticky substance made of carbonaceous chemicals. When it builds up in chimney flues, it can ignite and you could have a fire throughout the chimney and not just in the fireplace.
 - Be sure to have the chimney inspected by a chimney sweeping service and cleaned if necessary.
- Heaters should be inspected and checked by a professional to ensure it is working properly and that all vents are clear.
 - You want the harmful gases and odors to be ventilated properly so they do not stay in the house.
 - Gas heaters should be cleaned and maintained to ensure that there are no blockages or leaks of gas.
 - Oil burners need to be maintained so that you do not have any backfires, which can be dangerous and put thick black smoke throughout the house.
- Don't wait for a problem to happen. This could be dangerous, unhealthy, and cause fires. It would also be more costly to repair and clean up. Do the preventive maintenance before the cold weather arrives.

Outreach

Fire safety and prevention is extremely important at home and work. We have worked with businesses to provide fire safety presentations and training to employees; schools to provide teachers, staff, and students with tips and training on how to prevent fires and what to do in case fires occur; community groups to provide information to have safe events and activities; and Scouts groups to help them with programs and merit badges.



Fire Safety When It Snows

Winter is not far off. When it snows, in addition to your walks and driveways there are other things to keep clear.

- Clear snow away from heating vents and around gas meters. If snow blocks these up, fumes and gases can build up inside your house.
- Adopt-A-Hydrant. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please keep the fire hydrant clear of snow 3 feet in all directions and a clear path to the street. If fire fighters have to clear snow around a fire hydrant, then it delays their ability to put the fire out.



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!



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 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.



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2022-2023 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 holidays:

General Election Day	Tuesday, November 8, 2022	New Year's Day	Monday, January 2, 2023 (Observed)
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2022	Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Friday after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 25, 2022	Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2023
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2022 (Observed)		

◆ IF THE 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.

Commonly Asked Questions About Trash Collection

Is your trash can too big?

Over the past few years, more and more residents are using 60-90 gallon carts as their trash containers. These carts are too large for our men to handle. These carts are designed to be lifted mechanically, not manually. Trash cans shall be no larger than 30 gallons and weigh no more than 50 pounds when loaded. An EMPTY 90 gallon cart weighs 40 pounds! As a guide, the round, blue recycle cans are approximately 30 gallon size. A trash can of this size is preferable. Please refrain from using trash carts (large containers with wheels). Trash will be left curbside and tagged if it is deemed to be too heavy.

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?

There are two possible reasons:

1. 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.
2. 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., or tires, auto parts, hazardous wastes, household appliances, and yard waste, it will not be collected.

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. Yard Waste is collected every Monday. For hazardous waste information, 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**

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. Flattened 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 \$25.00. Containers will be delivered while the Township Building is being renovated. Please call 610-233-0566.

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** except pizza boxes.
- Place at curbside in the recycle container. Flattened 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 - Others 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 should 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.



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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 at no charge or for a \$10 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 \$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](tel:610-277-4103) for drop-off procedures and location information or to get on the Television disposal list.

Yard Waste Collection

Plymouth Township will collect yard waste on every Wednesday throughout the year. 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 over \$59.00 for every ton. In our continued effort to help the environment, we are implementing this new 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 to be collected. Plymouth Township will collect every Wednesday annually, there is no need to call. **If a holiday should fall on Wednesday, collection will be the following week.**

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 or trash can. **NO PLASTIC BAGS!** All material that is not properly prepared will not be collected.

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

This program is not intended to remove large entire trees from your property. The Township reserves the right to refuse collection at its discretion in such cases.

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Branch and Chip Program

The Township runs two Branch and Chip Collection Programs during the year.

The Fall Program will run from the week of September 5th through the week of October 10th, 2022 ending on October 14th.

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 provide 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.

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.



Mulch Deliveries

The Public Works Department will deliver up to 1 dump truck load (approx. 5 yards) to your household for \$30. 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 pay and sign the waiver before Wednesday at 4:00 PM the week of delivery.

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



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT THE PUBLIC WORKS
OFFICE AT 610-277-4103**

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 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 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.

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.

SELLING YOUR HOME?

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 registration with the County.

Curb and Sidewalk Inspection:

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

House Number:

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

Sewer Lateral Inspection:

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

Is Your Sidewalk Passable?

The Plymouth Township code requires property owners to keep their sidewalks clear and passable. The most common impediment to safe pedestrian passage is overgrown bushes and low hanging branches. Bushes and shrubs that are cut back can be placed out on Wednesday for yard waste collection.

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 at 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 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.



Leaf Collection

Please refer to the map and **tentative** schedule on the following page for leaf collection this fall. The schedule will be adjusted based on weather conditions and how many leaves are falling. Residents should have their leaves curbside for collection by Monday of the scheduled week.

Leaf collection can be a dusty proposition. Residents are urged to keep car windows rolled up and park in the driveway to limit any pesky dust problems.

Please don't begin raking leaves to the curb until the week before your scheduled collection. This prevents safety hazards caused by clogged storm sewers or fires from parking cars on the leaf pile.

If crews are available, they may be in your area early. But don't worry; we'll be back in the areas as scheduled to get your leaves.

OPTIONAL BAGGED COLLECTION: Residents can opt to place bagged leaves at the curb for collection on Wednesdays. Residents must use biodegradable paper leaf bags for collection or a designated yard waste container. **LEAVES IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.** Biodegradable paper leaf bags are available for purchase at local retailers, including Home Depot, Lowes, other hardware stores and supermarkets.

Follow these guidelines in order to make leaf collection as safe and efficient as possible:

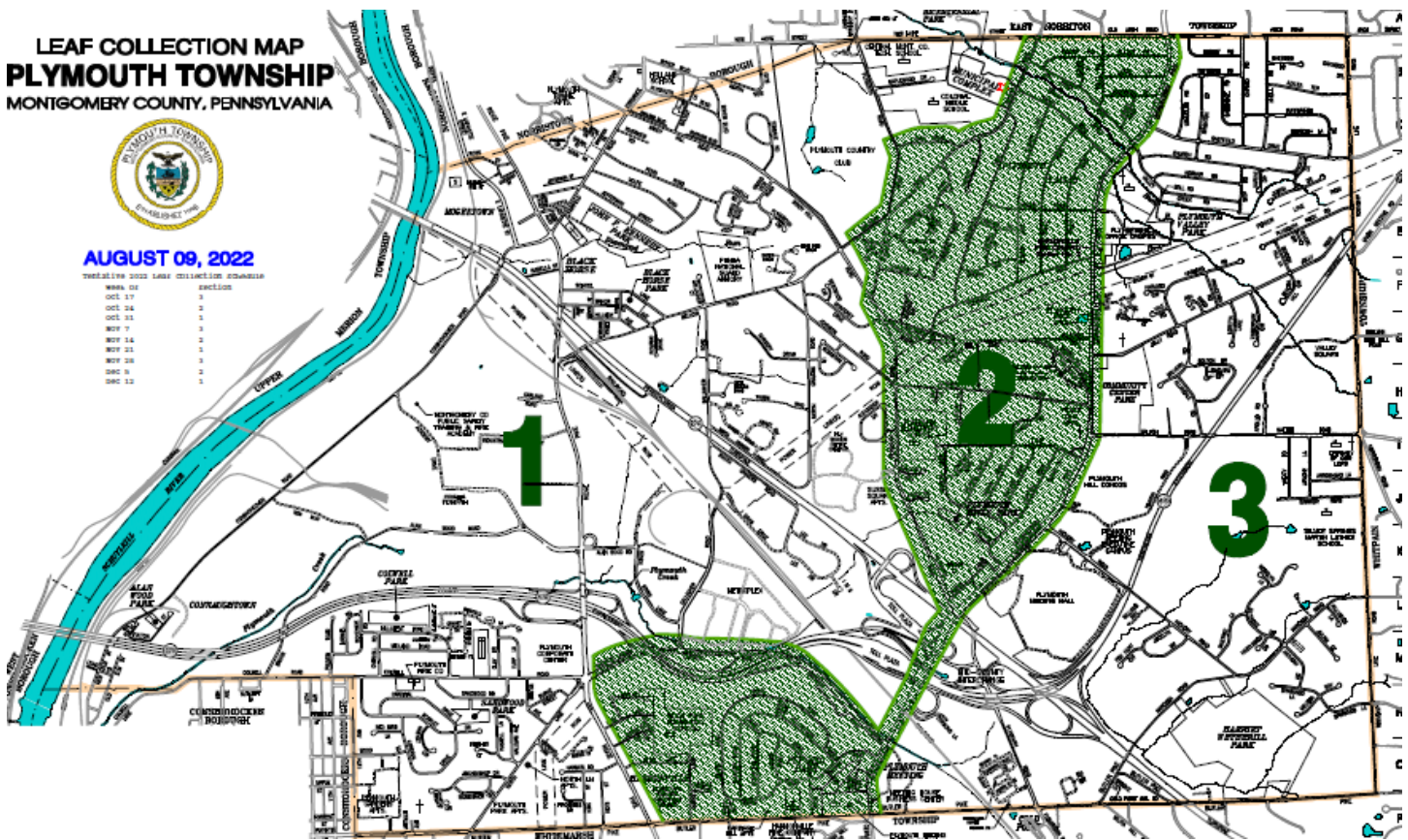
- ◆ Curbside leaf piles may extend along the entire length of the property.
- ◆ **DO NOT** mix limbs, brush and other debris with leaf piles since such items may cause damage to the collection equipment and injury to Township personnel. Mixed Piles will not be collected.
- ◆ Leaves will not be collected with your regular trash collection. Trash with leaves co-mingled will not be collected.
- ◆ Adverse weather conditions may cause delays in leaf collection dates.
- ◆ Once the leaf collection machine has passed it will not return until the next scheduled collection.
- ◆ Township employees and/or equipment are not permitted to enter private property to remove leaves.
- ◆ Property owners are encouraged to start their own compost piles.



Tentative Fall 2022 Leaf Collection Schedule



Week of	Section
Oct 17	3
Oct 24	2
Oct 31	1
Nov 7	3
Nov 14	2
Nov 21	1
Nov 28	3
Dec 5	2
Dec 12	1



Please visit www.plymouthtownship.org for an enlarged version of this map.

It's Time to Get Ready for Winter

Residents are asked to remember the following to get through the winter season safely:

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

Snow Plowing

Our goal is to have all Township and State roads clear within 15-20 hours after the snow has stopped falling. In order for this to occur, however, it takes your cooperation. The Public Works crews plow 48 miles of Township roads and 17 miles of State road. This translates into over 150 lane miles to clear. As you can see this is not an easy task.

If you have off street parking, such as a driveway, please use it. Please stack cars closely in your driveway and refrain from parking on the street. This will help our crews better clear and negotiate your street. Please do not throw snow back into the street while shoveling or cleaning off cars. This slows and impedes our operations and the plows will have to clear it again. This also violates Ordinance #1540. This Ordinance prohibits throwing, shoveling, or plowing snow onto highways, streets or roads in Plymouth Township.

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

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

Remember, the Public Works crews will put in long hard hours clearing the streets.....so please be patient and courteous.



PUBLIC WORKS

Mailbox Replacement Policy

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

Due to the time and cost associated with these repairs and replacements, we have established a new policy for mailbox repairs and new mailbox installation.

The Policy

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

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

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



Christmas Tree Recycling

Plymouth Township will start recycling Christmas trees on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Residents are asked to put their used Christmas Trees out for collection on any yard waste Wednesday in January. The Public Works Department will collect the trees and process them. For the safety of Township employees, residents must remove all ornaments, lights, stands, etc. The wood chips are turned into mulch, which is free for the taking at the Public Works driveway, 700 Belvoir Road.



GREATER PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER

Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation
Greater Plymouth Community Center / 2910 Jolly Road / Plymouth Meeting, Pa 19462 / 610-277-4312
www.PlymouthCommunityCenter.org

BUILDING HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 6:00am-9:00pm

Friday: 6:00am-8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 8:00am-4:00pm

LAP POOL HOURS

Monday-Thursday 6:10am-8:45pm

Friday 6:10am-7:45pm

Saturday/Sunday 8:10am-3:45pm

LEISURE POOL HOURS

Saturday & Sunday 12:00pm-3:00pm

Pool hours subject to change. *Monday - Thursday 6:45-8:45pm and Fridays 6:45-7:45pm is designated time for programming & rentals in the Lap Pool. The Aquatic Center will be open for Sauna & Whirlpool use. If lanes are unoccupied by rentals or programming they will be available for patron use. This use will be very limited & will vary day to day.

FITNESS PROGRAMS

Fit to Run Ages: 16+ years

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

Mon/Tues/Thurs, 9/6 - 11/1 (No Class 10/31) 5:40 PM - 6:30 PM

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



Core Balance for Active Older Adults Ages: Seniors

Designed for active older adults who would like to improve their balance, stability, and posture. Various techniques will be used to strengthen the core and leg muscles. You will find yourself enjoying improved stamina for activities of daily life! Class meets twice a week.

You must be able to get down on the floor and get back up on your own! Instructor: Teri

Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM

Session 1: 9/13 - 10/6

Session 2: 11/8 - 12/6 (No class 11/24)

Price/session: \$71 Pass Holder / \$88 Non Pass Holder

Vinyasa Power Yoga in the Park

A style of yoga where poses are fluidly woven together to build strength, inner heat, flexibility and awareness giving your body the ability to move from one position to another, seamlessly, while using breath. You can expect a cardiovascular and strength building workout while finding inner peace, balance and calming of the mind and nervous system. The class is held outside in the GPCC Park's Band Shell.

All levels welcome! Instructor: Stephanie

Thursdays, 6:30 am - 7:20 am

Session 1: 9/15 - 9/29

Price: \$27 Pass Holder / \$33 Non Pass Holder

Session 2: 10/6 - 10/27

Price: \$36 Pass Holder / \$44 Non Pass Holder

Walk in price/class: \$13 Pass Holders / \$15 Non Pass Holders



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.

Saturday through Thursday 9:00-9:45am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 6:00-6:45pm

SilverSneaker Splash

Activate your aqua urge for variety! SilverSneakers Splash offers LOTS of fun and shallow water moves to improve agility, flexibility and cardiovascular endurance. No swimming ability is required.

Sunday through Thursday 10:00-10:45am

Walk-In Price: \$20

AFTER SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Need a fun place for your child to go after school? Send them to the Greater Plymouth Community Center's After School Program! Snack is provided for the after school children. Customize your schedule. Sign up for only the days of the week you need, or all 5 days at a discounted rate. For your convenience, we will meet on Colonial School District half days. Free bus transportation from Colonial Elementary, Colonial Middle School, Plymouth Elementary, & Ridge Park Elementary is available. We offer a monthly payment option. The After School Rendezvous program will participate in activities such as sports, games, the playground and the Active Zone.

For more information please contact Barb Griffis at 610-313-4062 or at Bgriffis@plymouthtownship.org.

* After School Rendezvous runs from after school to 6:00pm.

* There will be NO After School Program when school closes due to Covid related issues.

* In case of inclement weather and Colonial School District closes early, there will be NO After School Program.

All children will be sent home on the regular bus.

2022 Fall Session (September 6-December 23)

No class 9/26,10/5, 11/8, 11/23, 11/24, & 11/25

Days/Dates	K-3rd	4th-8th	Res- Pass	Res	NR-Pass	NR
Mondays, 9/12-12/19	401902.01	401902.07	\$208	\$239	\$254	\$299
Tuesdays, 9/6-12/20	401902.02	401902.08	\$208	\$239	\$254	\$299
Wednesdays, 9/7-12/21	401902.03	401902.09	\$208	\$239	\$254	\$299
Thursdays, 9/8-12/22	401902.04	401902.10	\$208	\$239	\$254	\$299
Fridays, 9/9-12/23	401902.05	401902.11	\$208	\$239	\$254	\$299
All 5 Days	401902.06	401902.12	\$936	\$1,076	\$1,144	\$1,346

Winter & Spring information can be found online.

Schools Out Activity Days Ages: K-6th Grade

Looking for a fun place to send your kids when they're 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 and a snack!

Regular Care: 9:00am-4:00pm
Price Per Day: \$46 Res/ \$58 NR

Monday, September 26	Program #:401601.01
Tuesday, October 5	Program #:401601.03
Tuesday, November 8	Program #:401601.05
Tuesday, December 27	Program #:401601.07
Wednesday, December 28	Program #:401601.09
Thursday, December 29	Program #:401601.11

After Care: 4:00pm-6:00pm
must be signed up for Regular Care to stay for After Care
Price Per Day: \$15 Res/\$19 NR

Monday, September 26	Program #:401601.02
Tuesday, October 5	Program #:401601.04
Tuesday, November 8	Program #:401601.06
Tuesday, December 27	Program #:401601.08
Wednesday, December 28	Program #:401601.10
Thursday, December 29	Program #:401601.12

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 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.

Saturday, 9/3
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Program #: 403311.01
Price: \$90



American Red Cross

Twinkle Toes Ages: 3-5 years

Children can develop their love of dance through this program. Ballet is the focus for this introduction to dance. It is recommended children wear leotards and ballet slippers for the younger class. Parents are invited to a performance during the last class. Parents are encouraged to leave for all other classes.

Saturday, 9/17 to 10/22
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Price: \$51 RES/\$64 NR
Program # 401201.01

Saturday, 9/17 to 10/22
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Price: \$51 RES/\$64 NR
Program # 401201.02

Saturday, 10/29 to 12/10
(no class 11/26)
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Price: \$51 RES/\$64 NR
Program # 401201.03

Saturday, 10/29 to 12/10
(no class 11/26)
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Price: \$51 RES/\$64 NR
Program # 401201.04

GREATER PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Just For Me Ages: 2-4 years

A special time set aside for your child to begin socializing with other children and participating in activities on their own. Physical, social and cognitive skills are all emphasized, and both free play and structured time are balanced in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Activities such as crafts, games and music are included. Different crafts for each class. Please bring a sippy cup to class. It is recommended that children are potty trained because we do not provide diaper changing. This is a DROP OFF program.

9:30AM-11:30 AM

September	October	November	December
Mondays, 9/12-9/26 (3 days) Price: \$36 RES/\$45 NR Program #: 401801.01	Mondays, 10/3-10/31 (5 days) Price: \$60 RES/\$75 NR Program #: 401801.06	Mondays, 11/7-11/28 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.11	Mondays, 12/5-12/19 (3 days) Price: \$36 RES/\$45 NR Program #: 401801.16
Tuesdays, 9/6-9/27 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.02	Tuesdays, 10/4-10/25 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.07	Tuesdays, 11/1-11/29 (5 days) Price: \$60 RES/\$75 NR Program #: 401801.12	Tuesdays, 12/6-12/20 (3 days) Price: \$36 RES/\$45 NR Program #: 401801.17
Wednesdays, 9/7-9/28 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.03	Wednesdays, 10/5-10/26 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.08	Wednesdays, 11/2-11/30 (5 days) Price: \$60 RES/\$75 NR Program #: 401801.13	Wednesdays, 12/7-12/21 (3 days) Price: \$36 RES/\$45 NR Program #: 401801.18
Thursdays, 9/8-9/29 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.04	Thursdays, 10/6-10/27 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.09	Thursdays, 11/3-11/17 (3 days) Price: \$36 RES/\$45 NR Program #: 401801.14	Thursdays, 12/1-12/22 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.19
Fridays, 9/9-9/30 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.05	Fridays, 10/7-10/28 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.10	Fridays, 11/4-11/18 (3 days) Price: \$36 RES/\$45 NR Program #: 401801.15	Fridays, 12/2-12/23 (4 days) Price: \$48 RES/\$60 NR Program #: 401801.20

Exploring Archery Ages: 6-17 years

Archery is a universal, lifetime sport...anyone can do it! It builds upper body and core strength, along with balance and hand-eye coordination. Archery develops strong problem-solving skills, focus, determination and patience! "Exploring Archery" will introduce you to the sport of archery. All equipment, including bows, arrows (field tip), quivers, targets, safety netting and cones will be provided. This program will help students practice precision and proper form, while promoting the joy and fulfillment that archery can bring! Each week is a new and exciting lesson plan. Students can develop at their own pace in a safe and fun environment! Taught by certified (USA Archery), experienced instructors from Shooting Star Archery Academy. Close-toed shoes required. Location: Harriet Wetherill Park- Butler Pike entrance

Wednesdays, 9/21-10/26 5:00PM -5:45PM

Price: \$141 RES / \$174 NR

Program #: 401506.01

Lifeguard Training - Blended Learning

GPCC is excited to offer American Red Cross Blended Learning Lifeguard Courses

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

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Namaaste Goat Yoga Age: 5+ years

Renew your inner spirit with a fun, relaxing, giggle filled goat yoga class at Harriet Wetherill Park (Butler Pike Entrance). Open to yogis of every skill level, Namaaste Goat Yoga is not your typical but still relaxing form of beginner level yoga that always involves smiles, laughter, giggles and of course, goats! Our miniature goat breeds are just the right size (think Beagle-size or smaller) to jump on your back, snuggle in your lap or take a nap on your mat as you move through our certified instructor's guidance. 45 minute beginner friendly goat centric yoga class and 15 minute goat snuggle/picture time with 9-15 of our baby/miniature goats. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent- parent must also be registered for the program. Participants need to provide their own mat/towel/blanket on which to do the yoga.

www.namaastegoatyoga.com Price/class: \$40

Saturday, 9/17

10:00AM-11:00AM
11:15AM-12:15PM

Saturday, 10/15

10:00AM-11:00AM
11:15AM-12:15PM

Hayride/Pumpkin Pick

Ages: Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult
Join Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation and Maple Acres Farm for a hayride and pumpkin pick. Purchasing a pumpkin is optional; payment for pumpkin is through Maple Acre Farms.
Location: Harriet Wetherill Park- 2639 Narcissa Road

Saturday, 10/8

1:00PM - 3:00PM

Price: \$3/person per ride- no reservations required

Campfire & Hayride

Ages: Families (suggested age 5 and up)
Join us for a fall evening at Harriet Wetherill Park. We will go on a hayride around the park, gather 'round the roaring fire for some s'mores and the kids will do a craft to take home. Bring a blanket or chair if you plan to sit around the fire. Pre-registration required.

Location: HWP- 2642 Butler Pike

Saturday, 10/8

7:00PM - 8:30PM

Price: \$10/person

Program #: 402702.03

Pool-O-Ween

Drenched in Halloween Fun - Community Center Pool-O-Ween Event is Fall Family Favorite. The Greater Plymouth Community Center's aquatics staff is busy boiling up its popular seasonal brew of frights and fun for our annual Pool-O-Ween. Check the fall brochure for date and time. The entire aquatics center is transformed into an eerie water playground with Halloween themed music by DJ Light & Sound. The lights are low, creepy creatures may be wandering the deck and there will be glow necklaces for all. The event ends with a huge candy scramble - where bags of candy will be thrown into the pool for the children to gather up and take home. Pre-registration & Parental supervision is required.

Friday, 10/21

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Veterans Day Celebration

Area Veterans are invited to join us on Wednesday, **November 9th** at 2:00 pm at the Plymouth Township Service and Devotion Monument (ceremony held indoors if it rains). Please RSVP to Sarah Heitzenrater at 610-277-4312 or sheitzenrater@plymouthtownship.org. By RSVPing your name will be included in the program for the event. Registration deadline: Sunday, November 6.

Swim with The Little Mermaid - NEW PROGRAM!

Put on your swimsuit and spend a magical evening with the Little Mermaid! Ariel will be here to greet, interact and take pictures with children for a full hour! You'll enjoy a mermaid question and answer session, story time, interactive games & Mermaid training in the pool (Time Permitting). All of this and the pool will stay open until 8:00pm to practice your newly acquired Mermaid skills! The program is only open to 20 participants -Pre-registration & Parental supervision is required.

Friday, 11/18

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Outdoor Holiday Market- Crafters & Vendors

Need a gift for someone? Looking for some cool handmade crafts? Hanukkah and Christmas are right around the corner! Check out the unique and handmade items at our Outdoor Holiday Market. The sale will be located in the Community Center parking lot by the playground. Spread the word! Interested in being a vendor? Please contact Joanna Sharapan at jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org.

Saturday, 11/19

10:00am-2:00pm

Price: \$20/spot

Program#: 401112.02

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Plymouth Township invites you to the annual tree lighting ceremony. It will kick off at 6:00 pm at the Service and Devotion Monument located at the corner of Walton Road and Germantown Pike.

Wednesday, November 30

6:00 pm

Breakfast with Santa Ages: All Ages

Come to family time with Santa. Shake his hand and bring your own camera to take pictures. We will also have a game room. A light breakfast will be served. All children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Ages 2 years and under are free with paying adult.

Saturday, 12/17

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Price: \$10/person

Price/family of 4: \$30

Free- children 2 and under

Holiday Lights Contest

Who has the brightest and most decorated house in Plymouth Township? Don't want to decorate but want to join in the fun? Vote for "The People's Choice" Award. More information will be on our website in December. Plymouth Township Residents Only- Free to enter
Call 610-277-4312 or go online to register. *your address will be shared for judging purposes (including on publications for "The People's Choice" Award) Program #: 401415.01

Registration: November 17-December 8; **Judging Period:** December 9-15; **Winners Announced:** December 16

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