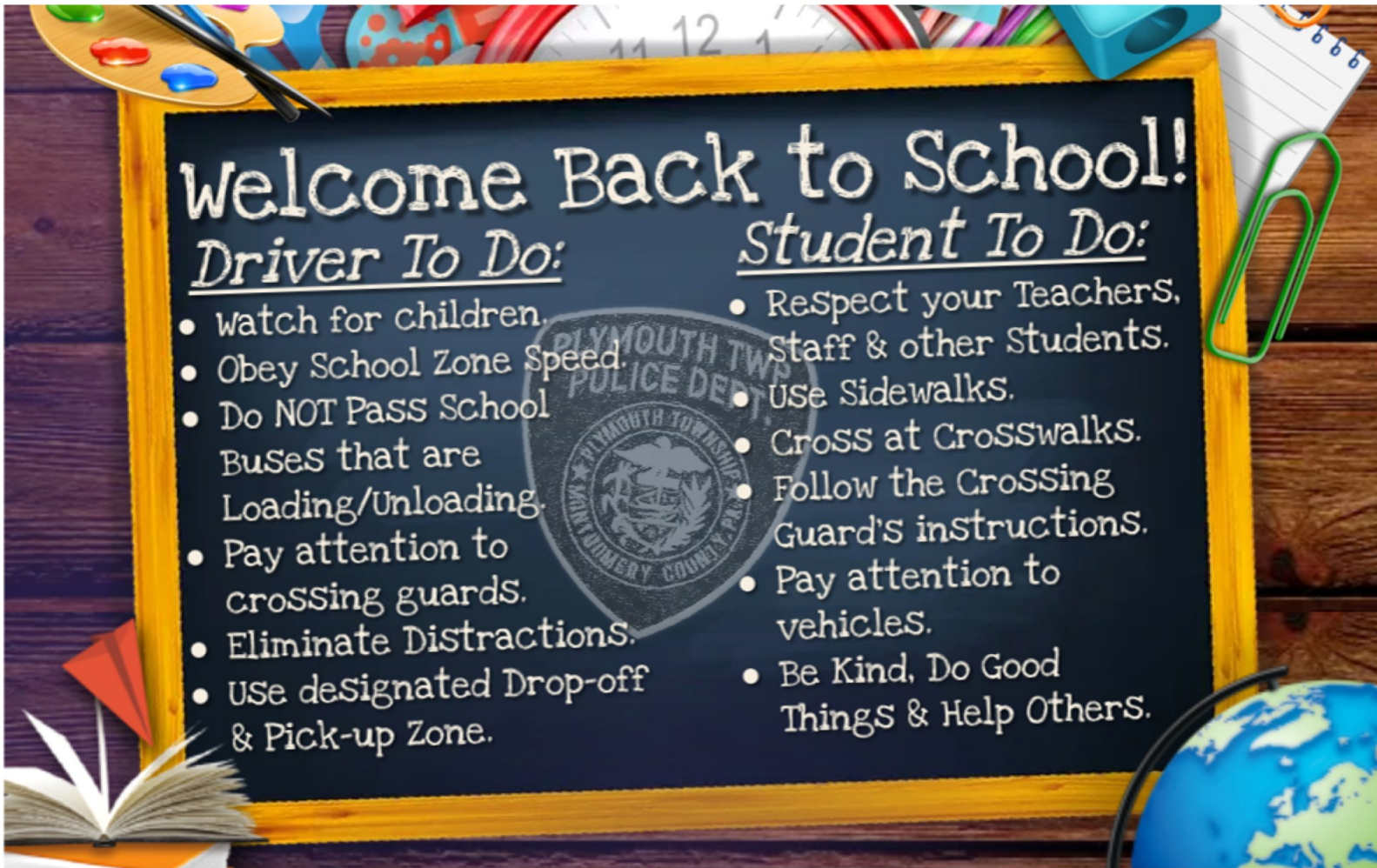




PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



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TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

700 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

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

Monday—Friday 7:30 A.M.—4:15 P.M.

Code Enforcement & Zoning Offices: 7:30 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

Website: www.plymouthtownship.org

Email: plymouth@plymouthtownship.org

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

District 1: Nicholas R. Whitney	610-724-7498 nwhitney@plymouthtownship.org
District 2: Christopher Manero, <i>Chair</i>	610-724-9577 cmanero@plymouthtownship.org
District 3: Lynne M. Viscio	610-724-0157 lviscio@plymouthtownship.org
District 4: Katherine Bandish	610-724-1472 kbandish@plymouthtownship.org
At Large: Karen R. Bramblett, <i>Vice Chair</i>	610-724-0421 kbramblett@plymouthtownship.org

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	Parks & Recreation 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

MEETING SCHEDULE

September 2023—March 2024

All public 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 @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting (Public Session)

2nd Monday @ 7:00pm

Emergency Services Board

November 16, 2023 & February 15, 2024 @ 7:00PM

E. Norriton-Plymouth-Whitpain Joint Sewer Authority

2nd Wednesday @ Sewer Plant @ 5:00pm
No meeting in July & December

Historical Architectural Board

2nd Wednesday @ 8:30am
@ Whitmarsh Township Building

Park, Recreation & Shade Tree

Advisory Board

4th Tuesday @ 6:30pm
January, March, April, July, October & November

Civil Service Commission

2nd Thursday @ 6:30pm

Planning Agency

1st Wednesday @ 7:00pm

Zoning Hearing Board

3rd Monday @ 7:00pm

Environmental Advisory Board

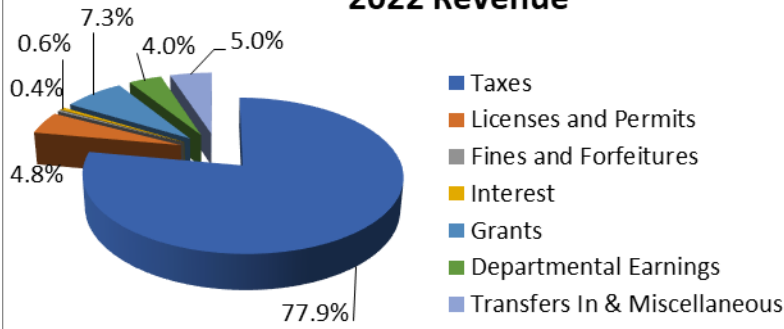
3rd Tuesday via Zoom @ 7:00pm

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

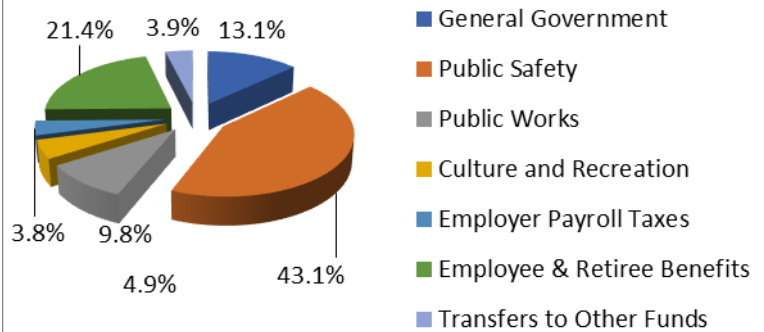
	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
Revenue & Transfers In:		
Taxes	\$22,592,280	\$22,249,969
Licenses and Permits	1,399,185	1,531,951
Fines and Forfeitures	119,304	137,124
Interest	167,696	27,787
Grants	2,120,988	2,010,395
Departmental Earnings	1,151,234	1,119,457
Transfers In & Miscellaneous	1,457,520	455,838
Total Revenue & Transfers In	\$29,008,207	\$27,532,521
Expenditures & Transfers Out:		
General Government	\$3,388,198	\$3,685,663
Public Safety	11,149,210	10,413,352
Public Works	2,532,074	2,284,464
Culture and Recreation	1,275,590	1,300,633
Employer Payroll Taxes	985,352	971,139
Employee & Retiree Benefits	5,523,693	6,261,330
Transfers to Other Funds	1,010,161	1,700,897
Total Expenditures & Transfers Out	\$25,864,278	\$26,617,478
Difference: Revenue & Transfers In		
Less Expenditures and Transfers Out	\$3,143,929	\$915,043
Beginning Fund Balance - Jan. 1	12,206,458	11,291,415
Ending Fund Balance - Dec. 31	\$15,350,387	\$12,206,458

FINANCE

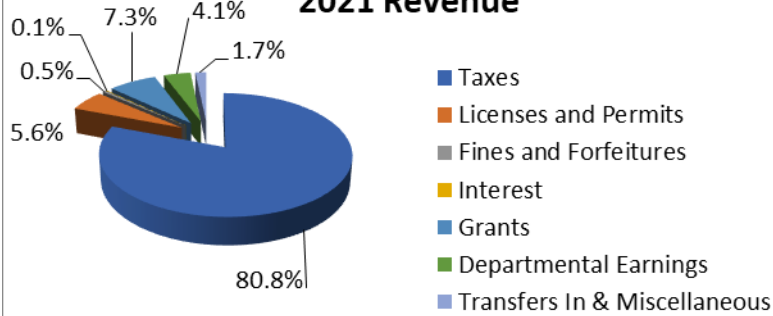
2022 Revenue



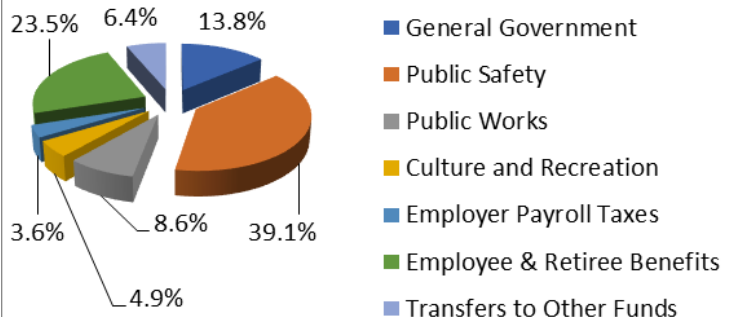
2022 Expenditures



2021 Revenue



2021 Expenditures



REAL ESTATE TAX

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.



SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STUDY

We have been researching a single-use plastics ban over the last year and will be presenting an ordinance recommendation to Council this fall. The proliferation of plastics and their harmful effects to our health and to our environment have become more apparent to many in our community.

We have also participated in a regional coalition of Environmental Advisory Councils which has been advocating for single-use plastics restrictions in their municipalities. There are now 21 municipalities across Pennsylvania which have adopted single-use plastic ordinances. Eight of these are in Montgomery County: Narberth, Ambler, West Norriton, Cheltenham, Lower Merion, Upper Moreland, Upper Merion and Whitemarsh (as of July).

Please review our June communication at <https://tinyurl.com/PlymTwpPlasticsComm2306> where you will find a link to submit your feedback and email to be informed when the ordinance will be presented.

TREE PLANTING / ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There will be several volunteer events throughout the fall and spring through a local non-profit called Colonial Canopy Trees (CCT). Events will be posted on <https://colonialcanopytrees.org/upcoming-events/>, and we encourage you to sign up for our newsletter on CCT's homepage, especially if you're interested in volunteering at future events. Events will focus on planting new native trees, caring for our existing ones, and removing invasive species throughout Plymouth's parks and natural areas. We encourage you to join us and learn!

NATIVE PLANTS & INVASIVE REMOVAL

The Plymouth EAB encourages you to help restore habitat, food, and shelter for our declining insects and wildlife by planting native plants on your property. Fall is a great time to plant native trees, shrubs, and perennials. Need some suggestions? Here are some [great native perennials to add to your property](#), and here are [some of the worst invasive plants](#) that you should remove from your property.

BOARD MEMBER OPENING

We are looking for a resident volunteer to join our board. If you have an interest in the environment and helping the township increase its environmental stewardship, please consider applying by contacting Karen Weiss, Township Manager. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Our meetings are open to the public and the zoom link is found in the calendar entry on the Township website.

CONTACT US

Please email us at plymoutheab@gmail.com with ideas for projects to consider and areas of the Township where we can add our environmental perspective.

Webpage: <https://www.plymouthtownship.org/government/citizen-boards/environmental-advisory-board->

POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Andrew Murdock was named 'Officer of the Year' at the May Council meeting.

Every year the Police Department's Supervisory and Command staff gather to carefully select the one officer who has distinguished themselves above all others. This undertaking grows more difficult each year as our officers repeatedly raise the bar for committed service to the community.

Plymouth Township's 2022 'Officer of the Year' was selected, not for one particular event, but for the high standards consistently exhibited over the course of the year.

Officer Andrew Murdock came to us in July of 2020, after having proudly served five years in the Navy, completed a combat tour in Afghanistan, and distinguished himself as a Philadelphia Police Officer for four years.

We are immensely proud of Officer Murdock's valued achievements, and are inspired when considered together with the determination and daring displayed by the women and men who daily serve by his side.

Please join us as we congratulate Officer Andrew Murdock for preserving the ideals established for our Agency, and for upholding Plymouth Township's tradition of excellence in policing!



Officer of the Year Andrew Murdock with his family.

20 YEARS AND COUNTING

Plymouth Township Council recognized Officer Michael Spornak at the April Council meeting for completing 20 years of service with the Plymouth Township Police Department. Officer Spornak currently works as a member of the Highway Patrol Unit.

Prior to coming to work at Plymouth, Michael was an officer with Norristown PD and Warrington PD. We thank him for his service!



Officer Michael Spornak, honored for 20 years of service.

HOLY ROSARY CAREER DAY

K9 Officers Jon Monaghan and Michael Watts had the pleasure of participating in Career Day at Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School. In addition to learning about a rewarding career in law enforcement, the students were treated to a K9 demonstration.



K9 Officer Michael Watts and his partner, Eros.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

In our continuing effort to build strong bonds with our community, the Plymouth Township Police Department conducted the 2nd annual Citizens Police Academy.

The Citizens Police Academy provides residents with 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. The class was also certified in CPR/First Aid.

If you are interested in attending the 2024 Citizen's Police Academy, email Officer Mark Lacy at mlacy@plymouthtownship.org.



Members of the Citizens Police Academy receiving CPR training.

IMPROVING HIRING OUTCOMES

Officers from the Plymouth Township Police Department, along with members of police agencies from around Montgomery County, participated in an Inclusive Hiring Training seminar.

The training consisted of a deep dive look into components such as inclusive interviewing and on-boarding tips, highlighting ways to overcome unconscious bias, recruiting, and the importance of networking with diverse organizations.

We also teamed-up with the Central Montco Technical High School and provided an opportunity for some of their talented Criminal Justice students to participate in mock interviews. These students did an excellent job in their interviews, received feedback well and provided insight to our interviewers regarding their interviewing techniques.

Thank you to everyone who taught and participated!



Sergeant Adams, along with other officers, conducting a mock job interview.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Thank you to the incredible students and staff at Colonial School District's Plymouth Elementary School for inviting our Officers to participate in the Great Kindness Challenge!

Arriving students were welcomed to school by our Officers and Student Kindness Ambassadors, with messages of kindness and encouragement, to jump-start their day.

THANK YOU!



Officer Wittenberger with Plymouth Elementary School students

K-9 FOX REMEMBERED

It is with great sadness that the Plymouth Township Police Department announces the passing of retired K9 Officer Fox.

K9 Fox was named in honor of Officer Brad Fox who made the Ultimate Sacrifice while serving the citizens of Plymouth Township.

K9 Fox started his career with the Plymouth Township Police Department in August of 2013, when he was purchased through a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. After completing basic training, he was certified as a dual purpose K9 (Patrol and Explosives Detection).

He spent his entire 9 year career with his partner, Officer Jon Monaghan. K9 Fox assisted in numerous felony apprehensions. Among those were the detection and capture of an escaped prisoner from the Montgomery County Correctional Facility, a track that led to the arrest of a bank robbery suspect, and the apprehension of a burglar who had hidden himself in a narrow attic space.

In addition to his everyday patrol activities, K9 Fox assisted with numerous explosive detection sweeps for special events, assistance in the service of search warrants and sweeps for firearms. K9 Fox was a special favorite at his many public K9 demonstrations and his annual visits to meet and greet children at the Children's Hospital.

Upon his retirement, K9 Fox lived in the love and care of the Monaghan Family.



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, and has been since 1924. We operate out of 2 stations located in Plymouth Township. Our main station is located at 2100 Butler Pike and our substation is located at 904 Germantown Pike. With these two locations, our members are always ready to respond at a moment's notice.

I am proud to announce our re-accreditation for the Advanced Level of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and, the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner Voluntary Rescue Service Recognition. This certification shows Harmonville's advanced level of rescue services we provide along with meeting certain training and equipment requirements to do so. We take great pride in the services we provide to our community and obtaining re-accreditation serves as a reminder to our members of their continued effort to provide the highest level of service to those we serve.

On top of responding to calls and attending trainings, members have put in many hours with events, such as Plymouth Township Day, movie nights and concerts in the park, station and truck tours, visited local camps and provided 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! We will also be having a Trivia Night fundraiser in October. Be on the lookout for information on our social media pages.



It's been a busy year for our volunteers so far in 2023. During the first half of the year we responded to approximately 400 calls for service, ranging from fire alarms to vehicle accidents to rescues and building fires. Members have invested 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. The Harmonville Fire Company No.



HARMONVILLE FIRE COMPANY

Some of our members have been busy with two big projects here at Harmonville Fire Company. First, we have purchased a new Engine. This new engine is scheduled to be delivered in early 2024. Our apparatus committee spent many months planning and designing this new engine that would fit our company's needs for the next 20 years. Another committee we have formed is for our Station B replacement. With the aging infrastructure of our Plymouth Valley Station, the Fire Company has been exploring different options for replacing this station.



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 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 year-olds who are interested in joining the Fire Company. The Fire Police Unit helps keep our firefighters, as well as the public, safe at emergency scenes by providing traffic and crowd control. Our administrative group keeps the company running, from meetings within the company to meetings with Plymouth Township Council. They are the guys and girls 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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www.joinharmonvillefire.org
[www.facebook.com/
harmonvillefirecompany](https://www.facebook.com/harmonvillefirecompany)

PLYMOUTH AMBULANCE CELEBRATES MILESTONE

This fall will be a monumental time for Plymouth Community Ambulance Association (PCAA). We will be celebrating 60 years of service to the residents and visitors of Plymouth Township. PCAA began serving the community on November 1, 1963, with 30 volunteer members and 1 Cadillac ambulance. Since then the organization has grown to be the busiest 911 ambulance service in Montgomery County, responding to approximately 16,000 calls for service per year.

PCAA has a staff of approximately 100 career staff and volunteer members. A fleet of 12 Advanced Life Support equipped ambulances, 4 Paramedic response vehicles, an off-road UTV ambulance and high water rescue capable vehicles.

PCAA possesses state-of-the-art lifesaving equipment such as Zoll X series Advanced cardiac monitors, McGrath video laryngoscopes, and EZ IO intraosseous drills.

PCAA provides specialized tactical medicine through its Special Operations Teams to the Montgomery County Bomb Squad, Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team and the Norristown Police Department SWAT Team.

Continuing education and training is required for all staff, ensuring the most highly skilled pre-hospital care that PCAA can provide. Community education is provided through CPR and first aid training, community car seat checks with certified technicians and community awareness events.

Residents can recognize and celebrate with PCAA later this fall. Please check our website www.medic308.org in late August for additional details.

PLYMOUTH AMBULANCE CARE

Plymouth Ambulance is proud to report on the clinical excellence of our EMT's and Paramedics. Through hard work, dedication, and compassion we have made quite an impact on the community. So far this year we have achieved a return of spontaneous circulation, otherwise known as a "cardiac arrest save" on 4 patients who had been treated with CPR, with 2 of those occurring in Plymouth Township. We have also delivered 2 health baby boys, 1 in Plymouth and the other in Norristown. We look forward to continuing to serve the community and making a positive impact on the lives of the residents and guests of Plymouth Township.



A.T.V308 OVERVIEW

Plymouth Community Ambulance Association (PCAA) offers a wide range of emergency medical services to members of the communities we serve. A crucial part in assuring the success of our mission is equipping our crews with the best medical equipment possible. PCAA has a vehicle at our disposal to assist in special situations such as difficult roadways, dirt or mud trails, snow, heavily wooded areas, etc.

All-Terrain Vehicle 308 is a 2015 Polaris Ranger 6x6 which is operated by PCAA emergency crews in special circumstances. ATV308 is set up similarly to a regular ambulance as it can facilitate the treatment and transport of the sick and injured. Additionally, ATV308 can be used to transport victims from tricky high and low angles and any other difficult terrain emergency crews may encounter. ATV308 also carries tools such as a chainsaw, bolt cutters, shovels, and a mechanical winch, which are crucial tools used to clear difficult roadways. ATV308 is fully equipped with a complement of emergency lights and sirens, LED off road lights, and an independent generator. It also has heating and air conditioning to maintain a temperature controlled climate while the Medics and EMT's are caring for a patient.



PLYMOUTH FIRE COMPANY

Hello from the Officers and members of the Plymouth Fire Company No.1! We hope all of our community members are having a safe and enjoyable start to your Fall! The Plymouth Fire Company No.1 has proudly been serving the residents, businesses and visitors of Plymouth Township for over 117 years since our incorporation in 1906! Station 43 currently provides service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, out of our fire station located at 1323 Colwell Lane. We provide fire, rescue and fire safety community/educational events utilizing a combination department of 100% volunteers, supplemented by 2 career firefighters Monday through Friday.

The Plymouth Fire Co. has remained extremely busy over the past several years as we have been responding to an average of over 600 emergency incidents per year; 2023 being no exception as we have already responded to over 300 incidents by mid-year. So far in 2023, our organization is proud to have recertified with the PA State Fire Commissioner's Office to the 75% recognition level of firefighters trained to the NFPA 1001 Firefighter I standard. Our Swiftwater Rescue Team continues to log hundreds of hours of training this year in anticipation of certifying as a Swiftwater/Flood Evacuation Type 2a team through the PA Volunteer Rescue Services Recognition program.



Operationally, our company formed an apparatus committee back in 2021 in order to replace our current and aging engine and heavy rescue apparatus. The committee has worked tirelessly over the last two years and proudly signed a contract with Pierce Manufacturing and Glick Fire Equipment

Company for a new 2024 Pierce Enforcer Rescue Engine. This new state of the art apparatus will combine our two previous vehicles into one ensuring we remain financially responsible to our community while still being able to provide the same dedicated, professional, and advanced services to the Township. The committee continues to work on the engineering of this new apparatus and we eagerly await its production and delivery anticipated for the fall of 2024 .



Our auxiliary continues to host events and bring our community together, raising funds and helping others in need. They partner with the Harmonville Fire Company, the Plymouth Township Police Department, and the Greater Plymouth Community Center to have more of an impact in our community. We collect new or gently used and clean coats, boots, gloves, hats, and other winter accessories to help our friends without homes. We usually collect for this drive in November. Our food drives benefit the Colonial Neighborhood Council. For our food drives, we generally collect full meal items (soups, or canned pastas, tuna packets, etc.) Stay tuned for our fliers with exact dates for these events, and our annual Trivia Night held in the spring. We look forward to meeting you and working together to bring our community together.

PLYMOUTH FIRE COMPANY

The fire company administration continues to prioritize the recruitment and retention of volunteer members while looking to augment our staff with additional career firefighters. Career staff is utilized during times when volunteers are unavailable due to employment. The company is currently formulating plans for the construction of additional facilities to our station to allow staff to remain in station during overnight hours and during emergency situations. We will continue to work with the Township Council as well as county, state and federal agencies to secure funding for these projects.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

With the continuously increasing emergency incident volume we experience, our company is always looking for new operational and administrative volunteers to join our ranks. Station 43 offers a variety of roles within the organization ranging from firefighter/rescue technician, fire police officer, junior firefighter program, (teenagers may begin at age 14!) and administrative personnel. If you are interested in learning more or filling out an application, you can stop by our Colwell Lane station anytime Monday through Friday from 07:00AM to 03:00PM or log into our website at www.plymouthfc.org. Our company also trains every Tuesday night beginning at 7:00PM where you can see firsthand everything our organization can offer you!

We continue to be active in trying to secure grant funding for equipment and building projects. The Plymouth Fire Co. No. 1 recently received a Fire Services Recovery Grant from Montgomery County and applied for a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

The pandemic had a major effect on our fund-raising ability. Unfortunately, we had to shut down the use of our social hall that we rented to members of the community and used to hold company fund raising events in 2020 and 2021. This resulted in a loss of revenue. Our hall is now open and available to the public. If you are interested in renting these facilities, please call **484-614-7578** for rates and information.

Our annual fund drive continues through the summer. All township residents and businesses have been sent solicitation letters. You can still donate using PayPal or credit card through our web site www.plymouthfc.org. Just click on "Donate to PFC". We appreciate your support.



Several annual community events will continue in 2023. Our Breakfast with Santa event is scheduled for December 10, 2023. This is a very popular fundraising event that also had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. We held this event again in 2022 and it was enjoyed by many adults and children from the area. Make plans to attend.



www.plymouthfc.org

<https://www.facebook.com/plymouthfirecompanyno1montco43/>

Call 610-233-0602

FIRE MARSHAL

The Fire Marshal's Office wishes everyone a happy and safe Fall and Winter. 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 of a Fire Marshal & Emergency Management Coordinator, part-time Deputy Fire Marshals, and full & part-time Fire Inspectors. Our staff has state and national certifications as fire inspectors and fire investigators.

FALL/WINTER SAFETY:

As the weather and temperatures get colder, take steps to ensure fire safety around your house.

FIRE PITS & CHIMINEAS

It is nice to sit outside with family and friends around fire pits, chimineas, and any other open flame devices. However, this must be done safely. Open burning and open flame devices can be dangerous if you don't follow rules and laws. This includes:

- A burn permit issued by the Township is required.
- 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 & FIREPLACE READY FOR 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 or puff backs, 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.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK— OCTOBER 8-14

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, caused devastating damage, killed more than 250 people, and left thousands homeless. Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts With You."

The Fire Marshal and staff visit schools, businesses, and community groups during the month and all throughout the year promoting fire safety, providing educational presentations, and handing out information on fire safety for all ages. Please visit or contact the Fire Marshal's Office for information, brochures, and activity books (for the kids) for your family, home, or business. You can contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 610-277-4311.



EMERGENCY PLANNING

Emergencies can occur at any time. Do you have a plan if you lose electricity, water, or other vital services? What if you need to leave your home? Have a plan before an emergency or disaster strikes.

If you need to leave your home, it may be for an extended period of time. You should have an idea of what you need, where you will go, and who you need to contact. Start thinking about these and be ready BEFORE an emergency or disaster occurs.

Please visit or contact the Emergency Management / Fire Marshal Office for information and brochures for your family, home, or business. We can also meet and discuss planning for emergencies with you. Please feel free to contact the Office of Emergency Management / Fire Marshal at 610-277-4311.

FIRE MARSHAL

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.



WE CAN'T HELP YOU IF WE CAN'T FIND YOUR HOUSE – POST YOUR HOUSE NUMBER

Make sure your house number is posted clearly. If you need the fire, police, or ambulance; you want them to find your house quickly. If the responders can't see a house number, then it may delay them getting to you. Here are some things to know about house numbers:

- Must be at least 4 inches in height.
- The numbers need to contrast the background they are attached to. The house number should not blend in, but rather easily seen.
- Use Arabic numerals (numbers), do not spell out the number in letters/words.
- Must be on the side of the house facing the street.
- Typically next to or above the front door or porch; or if the house is set back, the number can be placed on a post at the entrance driveway or on the mailbox.
- Can be made of wood, metal, plastic, or decals.

- Should be clearly visible if you stand on the opposite side of the street.
- Be sure to clear anything away that may block or obscure it, like tree branches, bushes, or shrubs. Never cover up or block the numbers from being seen.

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 emergencies or disasters occur; community groups to provide information to have safe events and activities; and Scouts groups to help them with programs and merit badges.

Do you want a fire safety / emergency preparedness 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.



PUBLIC WORKS



2023-2024 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:

Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2023	Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2023
General Election Day	Tuesday, November 7, 2023	New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23, 2023	Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24, 2023	Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2024

**If the holiday falls on 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 should be no larger than 30 gallons and weigh no more than 50 pounds when loaded. An empty 90 gallon cart weighs 40 pounds! As a guide, the round, blue recycle cans are approximately 30 gallon size. A 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?

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 on page 20 for details.](#) Yard Waste is collected every Wednesday. 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](tel: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, any type of cardboard, magazines, junk mail, clear, brown and green glass, and 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. 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

- 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 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.**



PUBLIC WORKS

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE & SCRAP METAL COLLECTION FEE: \$10

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

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

Electronics Collection (Covered Device Act)

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

TELEVISION DISPOSAL FEE

The Township has an electronics and universal waste drop-off located at the Public Works Electronic Shed 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 sticker and to be placed on the list. Items without stickers will not be collected. **A sticker is required for curbside television collection only.** Once stickers are purchased there are no refunds.



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Plymouth Township will start recycling Christmas Trees on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. 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.

YARD WASTE

Plymouth Township will collect yard waste on every Wednesday throughout the year as part of the new yard waste collection schedule. 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 \$63 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 a.m. every Wednesday to be collected. **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.

All Recyclables and Yard Waste is Collected in a Designated Trash Truck

The Township uses a trash truck to collect all recyclables including corrugated cardboard. This is called Single Stream Recycling. Why are we doing this? Processing costs have come down. The simplicity for residents to recycle should increase our recycling totals and help prevent potential recyclable material from entering the trash stream. This in turn will save the township money for disposal costs and help the environment as well.

Cans, bottles, plastics, papers and cardboard will now be **collected together** in a single rear load trash truck and sorted at a processing facility. The Township used to collect the commingled items (cans, bottles, plastics) separate from the papers. Now, simply **put all recyclable material including cans, bottles, plastics, paper and all cardboard in the same bin or designated recycle container.** No need to separate paper from other commingled material. Large cardboard items must be broken down and can be placed next to bin or can if they do not fit.

So rest assured that although the materials will be collected with a trash truck, the materials are still being recycled to protect our earth and reduce disposal costs.

What is Yard Waste?

Yard waste is grass clippings, twigs/shrub trimmings and prunings, leaves, and garden waste such as 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.



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

LEAF COLLECTION

Please refer to the map on the [following page](#) and **tentative** schedule 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 some area 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 Leaf Collection Schedule

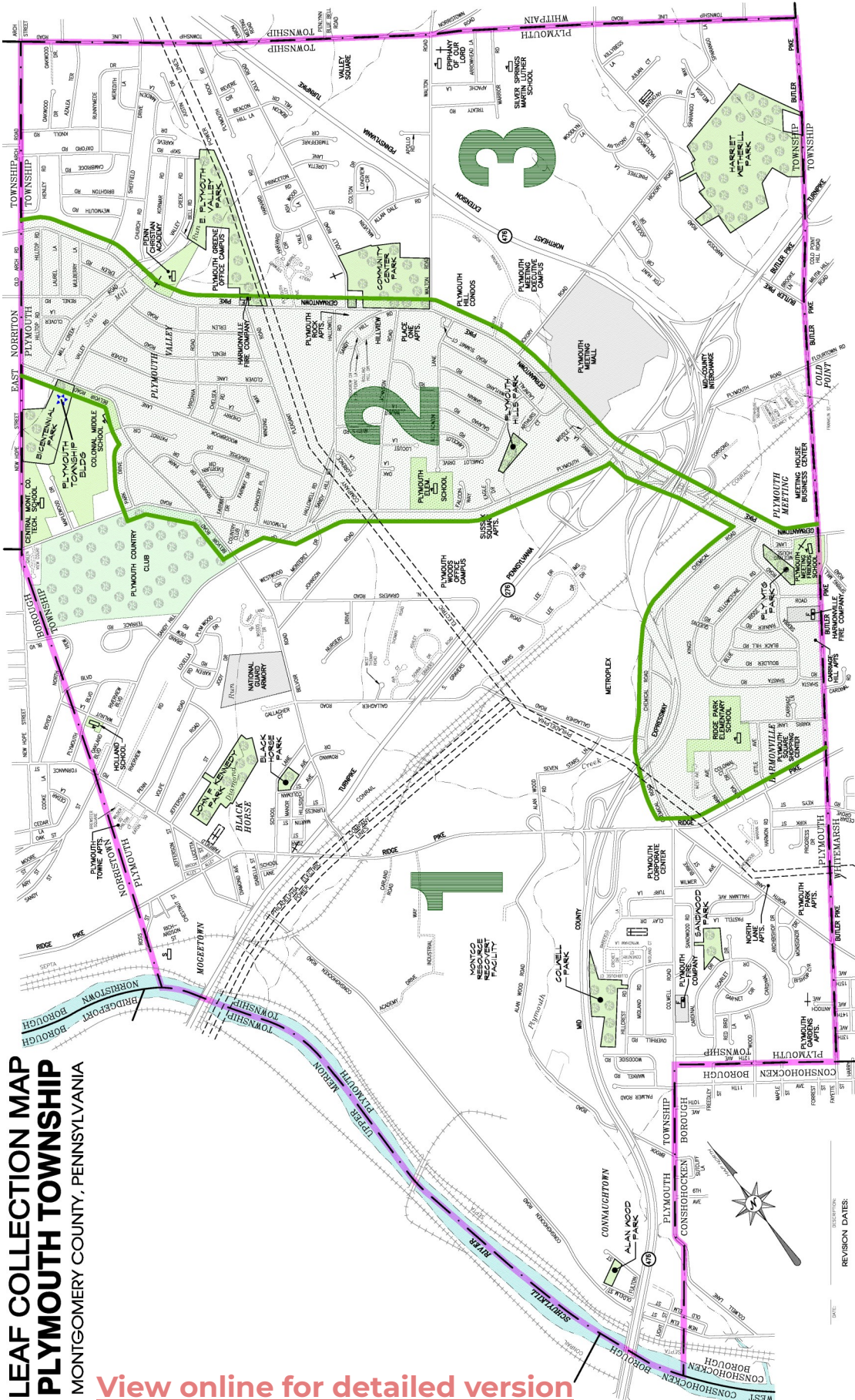
(See Township map on next page)

Week of	Section
October 16	3
October 23	2
October 30	1
November 6	3
November 13	2
November 20	1
November 27	3
December 4	2
December 11	1



LEAF COLLECTION MAP PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

[View online for detailed version](#)



PUBLIC WORKS

BRANCH & CHIP PROGRAM

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

The Fall Program will run from September 5th and end on Friday October 6, 2023. The Spring Program will run from the week of March 4th and end on Friday April 5, 2024.

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.

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

Free wood chips and leaf compost are available in front of the Public Works Garage.

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.
- ◆ Please let us know if your branches have thorns so we can exercise caution when handling.

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

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.

MULCH DELIVERIES

Residents no longer have to fill up their buckets and trash cans with compost/mulch. At no cost, the Public Works Department will deliver up to 1 dump truck load (approx. 5 yards) to your household. 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 1 to November 1. Anyone who would like a mulch delivery must come to the Public Works office in person to sign a release of liability. If you would like delivery on Friday you need to pay and sign the waiver before Wednesday at 4:00 PM the week of delivery.



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

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

PUBLIC WORKS

SELLING YOUR HOME?

Certificate of Adequacy: \$25.00 Fee

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 eCode 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. With the fall chipper program right around the corner, now is good time to consider cutting back those low hanging branches. Dates and procedures for the program are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter.

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 to the Police.

WINTER PREPARATION

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.



PUBLIC WORKS

SNOW PLOWING

When it snows, 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 crew plows 48 miles of Township roads and 17 miles of State roads. This translates into over 150 lane miles to clear. As you can see this is not an easy task.

If you have off street parking, such as a driveway, please use it. Please stack cars closely in your driveway and refrain from parking on the street. This will help our crew to better clear and negotiate your street. Please do not throw snow back into the street while shoveling or cleaning off cars. This slows and impedes our operations and the plows will have to clear it again. This also violates Ordinance #1540, which can be found on the [following page](#). 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 crew in the residential neighborhoods while the snow is falling because the main roads would become dangerous and potentially impassable.

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

MAILBOX REPLACEMENT

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 (copies of receipts are needed):

- ◆ It is determined that the Township operator damaged the mailbox while operating a snow plow while plowing snow; and
- ◆ 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 (copies of receipts are needed). The Township will no longer repair or replace damaged mailboxes or supports.



ORDINANCE NO: 1540

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 20-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT THROWING, SHOVELING OR PLOWING SNOW ONTO HIGHWAYS, STREETS OR ROADS WITHIN PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP AND AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 20-2 ALLOWING FOR A FINE FOR THROWING, SHOVELING OR PLOWING SNOW ONTO HIGHWAYS, STREETS OR ROADS WITHIN PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP.

The Council of Plymouth Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania does hereby enact and ordain the following:

Section 20-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, is hereby amended to add a new subsection (e) as follows:

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

Section 20-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS

**PLEASE KEEP OUR
STREAMS CLEAN!**



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

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 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?

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

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

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

Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation

BUILDING HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 6:00am-9:00pm
 Friday: 6:00am-8:00pm
 Saturday & Sunday 8:00am-4:00pm

*Fitness Center *Lap Pool 25-yards w/ 11 lanes *Warm-water whirlpool
 *Gymnasium *Basketball, Volleyball & Pickleball *All land aerobic classes included in the price of your pass *Men's, Women's & Family Locker Room *Monthly payment options available for annual members *Indoor Track *Sauna

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.

*Mon. - Thur. 6:45-8:45pm and Fri. 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. Evening use will be very limited & will vary day to day.

2023 PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP RESIDENT RATES

	First Adult	First Youth/Senior	Add Adult/Senior	Additional Youth
Annual Passes	\$464	\$374	\$315	\$158
One-Month Passes	\$47	\$41	\$30	\$19

2023 NON-RESIDENT RATES

	First Adult	First Youth/Senior	Add Adult/Senior	Additional Youth
Annual Passes	\$594	\$476	\$315	\$158
One-Month Passes	\$62	\$53	\$36	\$21

The GPCC charges an additional 3% fee for all credit card transactions. This 3% fee is nonrefundable.

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	First Adult	First Youth/Senior	Add Adult/Senior	Additional Youth
Annual Pass	\$418	\$337	\$283	\$142

NON-RESIDENT				
	First Adult	First Youth/Senior	Add Adult/Senior	Additional Youth
Annual Pass	\$535	\$428	\$283	\$142

OCTOBER 14-20

1-DAY PASS

This pass gives you access to the fitness center, pool and gymnasium. Age restrictions apply.

Monday-Thursday	\$15
Friday-Sunday	\$18

Age definitions:
 Youth: 3-17 years
 Adults: 18-61 years
 Seniors: 62+ years

Land Aerobics

- Must be 16 years or older to participate.

Gymnasium

- Must be 12 or older without adult supervision

Aquatics Center

- Must be 13 or older without adult supervision

Fitness Center

- Must be 13 years or older to use on a membership.
- Must be 16 years or older to use on a day pass.

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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 Tech t-shirt included!



Mon/Tues/Thurs, 9/5 – 10/30
 5:40 PM – 6:30 PM
 Price: \$144 Pass Holders
 \$159 Non-Pass Holders

Pickleball Clinic- Beginner Ages: 18+ years

The Universal Rackets Beginner Pickleball Clinic will consist of learning serving and returning, how to keep score and rules, dinking and controlling the ball. Basic shot techniques and court positioning will be taught. The clinic is structured into segments, so each session builds off of the previous lesson. After the session is done, a student with no prior pickleball experience will turn into a confident player and be able to play fully on their own outside of class. Location: GPCC

Pickleball Clinic- Intermediate Ages: 18+ years

The Universal Rackets Intermediate Pickleball Clinic will consist of serving, shot techniques, strategy, rules & scoring. Sessions will go over how to control the kitchen, touch shots, backhand & forehand drives and offense-to-defense transitioning. Students will hone their dinking and block-volleying, paired with a vast understanding of court positioning to set up their partner for a put away poach overhead smash. Plenty of match play will be included. Location: GPCC



Price per session: \$210 RES / \$250 NR
 Thursdays, 9/14-10/19
 2:30pm-4pm Beginner Program #: 403303.01
 4pm-5:30pm Beginner Program #: 403303.02
 Thursdays, 11/2-12/14 (no class 11/23)
 2:30pm-4pm Beginner Program #: 403303.03
 4pm-5:30pm Intermediate Program #: 403303.04

Spanish For Beginners Ages: 18+ years

For new students or those that want to refresh the basics of Spanish grammar. That is, how to structure a simple sentence and its components. Learn to enunciate and improve your ability to recognize sounds. Through vocabulary-building exercises, students will also learn practical phrases useful in real-life situations. Students will be required to purchase the textbook “Easy Spanish: Step-By-Step” by Barbara Bregstein (available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Approximately \$14) Location: GPCC

Mondays, 10/2-12/4 10:30am-11:30am
 Program #: 401105.01
 Price: \$78 RES/\$98 NR



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AFTER SCHOOL RENDEZVOUS

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 their regular bus.**

2023 Fall Session (September 5- December 22)

No Class 9/25, 11/7, 11/22, 11/23, & 11/24

Days/Dates	K-3rd	4th-8th	Res-Pass	RES	NR-Pass	NR
Mondays, 9/11-12/18	401902.01	401902.07	\$232	\$267	\$283	\$334
Tuesdays, 9/5-12/19	401902.02	401902.08	\$232	\$267	\$283	\$334
Wednesdays, 9/6-12/20	401902.03	401902.09	\$232	\$267	\$283	\$334
Thursdays, 9/7-12/21	401902.04	401902.10	\$232	\$267	\$283	\$334
Fridays, 9/8-12/22	401902.05	401902.11	\$232	\$267	\$283	\$334
All 5 Days	401902.06	401902.12	\$1,044	\$1,201	\$1,276	\$1,501



2024 Winter Session (January 2-March 22)

No Class 1/15, 2/16 & 2/19



Days/Dates	K-3rd	4th-8th	Res-Pass	RES	NR-Pass	NR
Mondays, 1/8-3/18	101902.01	101902.07	\$174	\$200	\$213	\$250
Tuesdays, 1/2-3/19	101902.02	101902.08	\$174	\$200	\$213	\$250
Wednesdays, 1/3-3/20	101902.03	101902.09	\$174	\$200	\$213	\$250
Thursdays, 1/4-3/21	101902.04	101902.10	\$174	\$200	\$213	\$250
Fridays, 1/5-3/22	101902.05	101902.11	\$174	\$200	\$213	\$250
All 5 Days	101902.06	101902.12	\$783	\$900	\$957	\$1,126

2024 Spring Session (April 1-June 14)

No Class 4/10, 5/24 & 5/27

Days/Dates	K-3rd	4th-8th	Res-Pass	RES	NR-Pass	NR
Mondays, 4/10-6/12	201902.01	201902.07	\$160	\$184	\$196	\$230
Tuesdays, 4/11-6/13	201902.02	201902.08	\$160	\$184	\$196	\$230
Wednesdays, 4/12-6/14	201902.03	201902.09	\$160	\$184	\$196	\$230
Thursdays, 4/13-6/15	201902.04	201902.10	\$160	\$184	\$196	\$230
Fridays, 4/14-6/16	201902.05	201902.11	\$160	\$184	\$196	\$230
All 5 Days	201902.06	201902.12	\$720	\$828	\$880	\$1,035



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Just For Me- Preschool Ages: 2.5-4 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		
Mondays	9/11-9/25 3 Days	\$36 RES / \$45 NR Program #: 401801.01
Tuesdays	9/5-9/26 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.02
Wednesdays	9/6-9/27 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.03
Thursdays	9/7-9/28 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.04
Fridays	9/8-9/29 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.05

October		
Mondays	10/2-10/30 5 Days	\$60 RES / \$75 NR Program #: 401801.21
Tuesdays	10/3-10/31 5 Days	\$60 RES / \$75 NR Program #: 401801.22
Wednesdays	10/4-10/25 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.23
Thursdays	10/5-10/26 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.24
Fridays	10/6-10/27 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.25

November		
Mondays	11/6-11/27 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.26
Tuesdays	11/7-11/28 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.27
Wednesdays	11/1-11/29 5 Days	\$60 RES / \$75 NR Program #: 401801.13
Thursdays	11/2-11/30* *No Class 11/23 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.14
Fridays	11/3-11/17 3 Days	\$36 RES / \$45 NR Program #: 401801.15

December		
Mondays	12/4-12/18 3 Days	\$36 RES / \$45 NR Program #: 401801.16
Tuesdays	12/5-12/19 3 Days	\$36 RES / \$45 NR Program #: 401801.17
Wednesdays	12/6-12/20 3 Days	\$36 RES / \$45 NR Program #: 401801.18
Thursdays	12/7-12/21 3 Days	\$36 RES / \$45 NR Program #: 401801.19
Fridays	12/1-12/22 4 Days	\$48 RES / \$60 NR Program #: 401801.20



Tiny Tumbles Ages: 3-10 years

Students learn fundamental gymnastics skills, participate in age-appropriate challenges, and explore exciting apparatus in a safe and engaging setting. Our program enables children to boost physical fitness while fostering goal-setting, teamwork and self-confidence. Location: GPCC
Price: \$105 RES/\$131 NR

Saturdays, 9/23-10/28 (no class 9/30)

Ages: 2-3.5 years (adult/child) 11:15AM-11:45PM Program #:402704.01	Ages: 3-4.5 years 12:00PM-12:45PM Program #:402704.02	Ages: 4-5.5 years 1:00PM-1:45PM Program #:402704.03
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Ages: 5-6 years 2:00PM-2:45PM Program #:402704.04	Ages: 7-10 years 3:00PM-3:45PM Program #:402704.05
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T-Birds T-Ball by JumpStart Sports Ages: 3-5 years

A fun and highly instructional introduction to baseball for 3-5 year old boys and girls. Players learn the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and base running, and then apply what they have learned in fun, non-competitive games. Children play a rotating schedule of games. Everyone comes at 10AM the first day and then a game schedule is provided.

Location: GPCC Softball Field - 2903 Walton Rd
Saturday, 9/23-10/28

Games at 10:00 AM or 11:00 AM
Program #: 401411.01
Price: \$120 RES / \$150 NR

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Little Hoop Stars by JumpStart Sports 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.

Sunday, 10/1-11/5 10:15AM - 11:00AM
 Program# 401408.01 Price: \$90 RES/\$113 NR

Hoop Stars by JumpStart Sports Ages: 7-9 years

A six-week instructional and recreational basketball program for children in Grades 1 and 2. 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.

Sunday, 10/1-11/5 11:00AM - 12:00PM
 Program# 401408.02 Price: \$90 RES/\$113 NR



Pokémon Engineering using LEGO® Materials Ages: 5-9 years

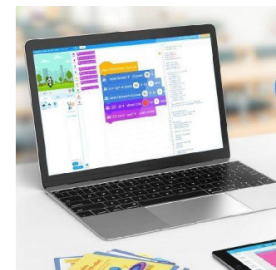
Calling all Pokémon trainers! With the Pokémon Championship approaching, join our enthusiastic Play-Well Instructors as we build and catch our favorite Pokémon, rescue Pikachu from Team Rocket, take a ride on the S.S. Anne to uncover rare and mystic Pokémon, and battle to see who will hold the title of Pokémon Master. Come along on our journey to catch 'em all!! Location: GPCC

Thursdays, 9/14-10/19 4:45pm-6:15pm
 Program #: 401313.01
 Price: \$165 RES/\$198 NR

Be the Game Designer with Scratch MIT - Adventures Edition Ages: 8-12 years

Children will learn to code using Scratch MIT, a programming platform developed by MIT that is geared towards children. Students will design, build, test, troubleshoot and play games using this block-based code. Students will start off by creating a simple game and will continue developing and improving their coding skills by building more complex games. By the end of the class, they will create their own unique games to play at home and share with family and friends. A laptop or Chromebook is required. Location: GPCC

Wednesdays, 9/20-10/25 5:00pm-6:00pm
 Program #: 401109.02
 Price: \$180 RES/\$225 NR



Robotics and Coding with mBot Robot Ages: 8-12 years

If your child is excited about robots and coding this is the perfect class for them. Young engineers will discover the basics of coding and robotics as they learn how to program the mBot robot to complete a variety of tasks. This fun and interactive program will have them track (and probably chase) their mBots to go through a maze and sing, while building and expanding their coding skills. Along the way, they'll develop their troubleshooting and problem-solving skills, as well. Location: GPCC

Wednesdays, 9/20-10/25 6:15pm-7:15pm
 Program #: 401109.01
 Price: \$180 RES/\$225 NR



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2910 Jolly Road ~ Plymouth Meeting
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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, 10/7 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, 10/7 7:00PM - 8:30PM
Price: \$10/person
Program #: 402702.03



Veterans Day Celebration

Area Veterans are invited to join us on Wednesday, **November 8th** 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 5.

Outdoor Holiday Market- Crafters & Vendors

Need a gift for someone? Looking for some cool handmade crafts? Check out the unique and handmade items at our Outdoor Holiday Market. Location: TBD
Interested in being a vendor? Please contact Joanna Sharapan at jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org.

Saturday, 11/18 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 29

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, 12/16 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 Deadline: December 7

Judging Period: December 8-18

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