



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania



Plymouth Valley Park's new accessible playground

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TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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.

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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.

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| 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 & 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

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| 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

March 2023 – September 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 @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting (Public Session)

2nd Monday @ 7:00pm

Emergency Services Board

3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm

January, March, May, July, September & November

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

2023 Budget

GENERAL FUND

Revenue and Transfers In:	
Real Estate Tax	\$3,166,944
Real Estate Transfer Tax	750,000
Earned Income Tax	8,699,169
Mercantile Tax	3,515,000
Business Privilege Tax	3,560,000
Local Services Tax	1,129,140
Solid Waste Tax	1,275,000
Other Taxes	404,020
Fire Services Fee	1,200,000
License & Permits	1,108,000
Fines & Forfeitures	139,500
Interest	80,000
Revenue from Other Govts.	1,070,000
Charges for Services	655,950
Miscellaneous Revenue	365,694
Transfers from Other Funds	268,466
	<u>27,386,883</u>

Beginning Fund Balance 13,066,546

Total Available \$40,453,429

Expenditures and Transfers Out:	
General Government	\$2,999,832
Public Safety	10,720,256
Code Department	1,218,552
Sanitation	1,309,300
Highways, Roads & Streets	1,323,949
Buildings & Grounds / Parks	815,747
Recreation Programs	1,067,503
Employer Payroll Taxes	1,006,000
Insurance	904,000
Employee Benefits	6,083,563
Debt Service	1,052,028
Transfers Out	4,250,000
	<u>32,750,730</u>

Designated for Future Expenditures 7,702,699

Total Accounted For \$40,453,429

OTHER FUNDS - BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Sewer Fund	\$5,245,170
Community Center Fund	2,284,288
Highway Aid Fund	544,000
Capital Funds	6,896,400
Employee Health & Welfare	4,394,000

The complete 2023 budget document can be found online at
www.plymouthtownship.org



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.



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

The Township Municipal Building and Public Works Garage renovation began in April 2022 and is on schedule to be completed by the end of October 2023. The Code Enforcement Department temporarily relocated to the Greater Plymouth Community Center in the Fall of 2021. The project is taking place in phases to accommodate the rest of our employees working in the building during construction, with the first phase nearing completion. Progress to date includes: over 35 wells drilled for the geothermal HVAC system, new water service, new electric service, a new roof over the auditorium and administration wings, an ADA compliant floor for the auditorium, and work on separate entrances to the police and administration wings.

In July, the Township purchased the last parcel on Germantown Pike, between Jolly and Walton Roads, not already owned by the Township. The home will be demolished and .46 acres of open space will be added to Community Center Park.

There were two ordinances adopted by Council pertaining to new uses in zoning districts. The first was to add Life Sciences as a permitted use in the Mixed Use Planned Development District and the Office Laboratory District. The second was to allow apartments, with restrictions and by Conditional Use, in the Shopping Center District.

The 2023 budget, adopted in December 2022, had a .1 mil increase to help pay the debt service on the Municipal Campus renovation. Even with this slight increase, Plymouth Township residents have the 7th lowest total real estate tax bill, including County and School taxes, out of the 62 Montgomery County municipalities. When you factor in that trash collection is included in the taxes residents pay, Plymouth ranks even lower.

2022 was the first year that Berkheimer collected real estate taxes and Tri-State collected business taxes for the Township. It was a smooth transition.

We are extremely fortunate to have two volunteer fire companies to protect the Township 24/7/365. As with any volunteer organization, it is difficult to recruit and retain volunteers. Besides weekly training, almost 200 hours of training are required for a Firefighter I certificate, and that's just the beginning of training for a firefighter. In an effort to retain volunteers at Plymouth and Harmonville Fire Companies, the 2023 Budget includes a .72 mils Fire Services Fee to assist in covering the cost of fire apparatus and fire station expenses. The appropriation to the fire companies also covers a program to reward the active volunteers with a small stipend per call, training or special service event. Both fire companies signed an agreement to place Plymouth Township as a lienholder on the titles to all their vehicles, thus preserving the taxpayers'

investment in the apparatus. The Township currently holds the titles for safekeeping.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department continued its efforts to upgrade, maintain and expand the Township's roadways, storm sewers, and other infrastructure throughout the year. Ongoing efforts to reduce Inflow and Infiltration in the sanitary sewer system continued. Red Zone Robotics has proven instrumental by televising and analyzing over 60 miles of sanitary sewer to better help the Public Works Department prioritize and maintain its infrastructure. The Township has a \$400,000 budget to line our sanitary sewers with a process called CIPP (cured in place pipe). This will adhere to the inside of our aging sewer lines to form a continuous pipe from manhole to manhole. This process does not require any excavating and therefore is saving millions of dollars.

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

The Annual Street Paving was completed this year on Ashwood Lane, Loretta Drive, Timberfare Circle, Beacon Hill Circle, Beacon Hill Lane, Plymouth Rock Road, Revere Circle, a portion of Jolly Road and a portion of Sierra Road, and all of Brook Road.

Many water mains throughout the Township were replaced in 2022 and will continue in 2023 as part of Aqua PA infrastructure improvements.

Peco Energy has also replaced many old bare steel gas mains throughout the Township. They will continue in 2023.

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

The department continued routine operations including trash, recycling, yard waste and white goods collection, chipper programs, leaf collection, electronics collection, mulch delivery and composting. Covid saw a rise in trash tonnage by 500 additional tons. This appears to be the new normal as more people are now working from home.

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

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

Our new Horizontal Grinder has made easy work turning yard and leaf waste into mulch. We took possession of the grinder in 2021. This machine is a state of the art grinder that turns yard waste, wood chips and leaves into a rich mulch/compost.

Recycling Overview

Recycling is of great importance to the Plymouth Township community. Our success in our recycling programs relies heavily on procuring collection equipment that provides efficiency, ease of collection, and provides capacity for collected materials all the while making safety a priority. The Public Works Department recently received another grant for a new swaploader with leaf vacuum. The single man operation swaploader is our fourth like machine making leaf collection a much easier task compared to when it was a three man operation for each leaf unit.

Plymouth Township continues its recycling consistency, sustainability and pursuit to become a perennial recycling leader in Montgomery County and the State of Pennsylvania. Over the last 2 decades Plymouth Township has proven outstanding recycling achievement in many categories, such as single stream recycling, composting, public education, special collection, reuse, waste reduction and proper disposal. Plymouth Township has enthusiastically embraced recycling since Act 101 was adopted. We own our sanitation trucks and equipment, and use municipal staff for collection and disposal. We can respond quickly to environmental mandates and resident needs. Plymouth Township focuses and prides itself on tailoring multiple recycle programs that fit the needs of the community which it serves. All of these recycling services, with the exception of Electronics Collection drop-off at our facility, are performed by Township employees. Besides our drop-off facility, in 2014 the Township started a new pick-up program for televisions and large electronics on every third Wednesday of the month. This has proven to be a huge success for Plymouth Township. Despite the difficulty state-wide in disposing of covered devices, especially tube televisions and monitors, Plymouth Township has successfully continued to recycle these items while others are still searching for a way to dispose of them. When other Municipalities are cutting programs to save money, Plymouth Township continues to embrace the benefits of recycling.

The following are highlights from last year's recycling efforts (2022) and the incredible cost savings that have been achieved through recycling.

2022 consistency and recycling success continues in Plymouth Township. Again through education in the newsletter, cable access channel and word of mouth, all of our recycling programs continue to be popular among our residents. Plymouth Township's recycling program is often used as a model for other Municipalities to follow.

In 2022 the Single Stream recycle program collected 1,200 tons. Just a few years ago, this tonnage only topped out at 941 tons. We continue to focus on reducing the residue in recycling so our recycle center will have less trash and more recycling.

Plymouth Township continues to have a separate collection for yard waste. This yard waste is collected every Wednesday throughout the year. In 2022, the Public Works Sanitation Dept. collected 1,100 tons of yard waste. In years past, much of this material was discarded in the trash. This diversion is a reduction of \$60 per ton, saving the Township \$60,000 in potential trash disposal fees. This program is in addition to our fall curbside leaf collection totaling 1,900 tons and our 6-week spring and 6-week fall branch and chip program where we collected another 70 tons. All of this material is processed at our public works yard with our horizontal grinder that we share with Whitmarsh Township. This mulch is then available to our residents for pick up at the Township building at any time.

Also, for a \$30 delivery charge we will deliver processed mulch, up to 5 yards, to any Plymouth Township residence. In 2022, over 100 deliveries totaling more than 700 yards of mulch were given back to the residents of Plymouth Township. In addition, hundreds of yards were picked up at our community mulch pile.

We also have a white goods appliance and metal collection once a month. This collection added another 15 tons of material that was diverted from entering the trash stream.

Our Electronics Recycling Program is gaining in popularity. Residents can simply drop-off all e-waste, rechargeable batteries, small appliances, wire, plastic, televisions, etc. to the Township for proper recycling, thus diverting this material from entering the trash stream. This e-waste is processed by an outside agency, Magnum Computer Recycling at no cost for all electronic items including televisions. In 2022, the Township collected 13.5 tons of electronics from residents.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

As we reach the end of another challenging year, I would be remiss not to recognize the community's undying support of the amazing men and women charged to protect and serve us all! While our sworn and civilian staff provide with distinction and compassion, they could not do so without the partnerships forged with our Emergency Service brethren and the benevolence of our residents and businesspeople.

While Plymouth Township has not been immune to rising trends in criminality, our Police Department has achieved various objectives established for 2022.

Although our numbers were depleted by long-term injuries, we increased our membership by two sworn officers and one civilian employee. As our complement returns to full strength, we will be better situated to implement both our safety and traffic calming initiatives.

Our commitment to excellence, blended with a diverse body of individuals, serves to strengthen our agency as well as enrich our community.

A hard-earned endeavor, one that is both gratifying and essential, is the bolstering of our community trusts. Through alliances with the Colonial Area Anti-Racism and Social Equity Alliance (CAARSEA), Laurel House, our Emergency Service companions, and the District Attorney's Office, we were honored to collaborate on numerous community concerns:

- Lt. Patty Simons Law Enforcement Food Drive
- Church on the Mall Holiday Meal for our Unhoused Neighbors
- Emergency Services Winter Coat Drive
- Plymouth Ambulance Operation Christmas Kids Toy Run
- Montgomery County Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative
- Montgomery County Youth Aid Panel
- Plymouth Township Police Citizens' Academy
- District Attorney's Operation Safe Homes
- District Attorney's Drug Take Back Day

In step with our commitment to provide the utmost in service and security to the Plymouth Township community, we recognize the mutual support of both our Township Staff and our Emergency Service allies. Likewise, we successfully collaborate only through the leadership and support of Manager Karen Weiss and Plymouth Township Council.

Lastly, a tribute to the men and women of the Plymouth Township Police Department: I am forever grateful for your selflessness, devotion, and the bravery exhibited by each and every one of you. Your service and sacrifice to the Plymouth Township community is prized.

PARKS & RECREATION

2022 was a very exciting year for the Parks and Recreation Department. Our post-COVID recovery continued as GPCC saw growth in attendance, programs filled again and we offered new options. Over 200,000 visits were tallied to GPCC.

The Township cut the ribbon on two new playgrounds. Alan Wood Park opened in the spring and East Plymouth Valley Park opened in the fall. The EPV playground is the first fully accessible playground in our community. The projects were funded by the Township, private donations, and State of PA Grants.

Numerous programs that returned to the Township in 2021 saw an increase in attendance this year. Veteran's Day, Plymouth Township Day, sports leagues, and holiday tree lighting all saw growth in participation. We also hosted PIAA District 1 and State Playoff baseball games at the GPCC baseball field.

Summer Camp and playground program (which has been held in the Township since the 1950s) returned with strong participation this summer. Campers once again swam and went on field trips and other traditional camp activities that had been curbed by the pandemic the past few summers.

During 2022 we added a community yard sale in cooperation with Whitpain Township, continued our movies and concerts, and instituted a bingo night. Our pool special events also returned with some new offerings. Kickboxing was added to our fitness classes. Thanks to many community businesses our sponsorship program has grown to allow us to enhance our activities.

We are looking forward to offering new programs and services in 2023. Please continue to check our brochure and social media accounts for updates.



Plymouth Township Environmental Advisory Board Single-Use Plastics Study

We are reaching out to our valued Plymouth Township businesses to keep you informed of our single-use plastics study.

We appreciate your support!

We see local businesses as valuable partners in our effort to reduce the impact of single-use plastics in our community. Restricting the use of single-use plastics will save on the cost of procuring bags and reduce litter in our shopping areas.

Resources we will provide

One part of our initiative to enact a single-use plastics restriction is to provide resources and informational pages to educate customers. Based on implementation in other municipalities, customers may question the change at first, but quickly adapt.

We will compile and share information on vendors who supply bags that meet the criteria for reusable and paper bags. Customers who do not have a reusable bag may request a more sustainable bag at a nominal fee that goes to the business. The fee helps offset the cost of the bags provided by your business. Having a nominal fee on the cost of the bag will encourage the public to consider more environmentally friendly options such as bringing reusable bags to shop.

What's next?

We expect to provide more information this summer. If you would like to receive an update, please fill in your contact email on the feedback form, below. Thank you for responses received after this study was announced in April 2022.

As part of our evaluation, we invite your feedback and input on this issue.

Please submit your ideas and questions at <https://tinyurl.com/PlymTwpPlasticsStudyBusiness>.

Even if you do not have comments at this time, please submit your email to be informed of updates on our progress.

We can all do our part to eliminate single-use plastics use in the township and start improving our environment as a result.

For reference, here is our July 2022 update to residences:

<https://tinyurl.com/PlymTwpPlasticsComm2>.



CITIZEN BOARDS



Council thanks Mike Perez for his service to the Parks Board.



Council thanks Ben Deatrach for his service to the Environmental Advisory Board.



Council thanks Denise Pygatt for her service on the Zoning Hearing Board.



Council thanks Jerri Bourjolly for her service on the Human Relations Commission.

Thank You!

K9 Fox's Retirement

K9 Fox has retired from service with the Plymouth Township Police Department. 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.



K9 Fox, along with Officer Jon Monaghan and his family.

Welcome K9 George

Congratulations to Officer Jon Monaghan and his new K9 partner George on their graduation from the Penn Vet Working Dog Center! Officer Jon Monaghan and K9 George will be working on the power shift serving the citizens of Plymouth Township.



New Plymouth K9 George and his partner Officer Jon Monaghan.



**ENJOY RETIREMENT
K9 OFFICER FOX**



Honor Run

Congratulations to our very own Officer Jennifer Wittenberger for completing the 2022 Philadelphia Marathon in very blustery weather! During her run, Officer Wittenberger displayed a memorial patch in honor of Officer Brad Fox #178, receiving many kind words along the way. 10 years gone, Never Forgotten!

Way to go Officer Wittenberger!



Officer Jennifer Wittenberger post Philadelphia Marathon.

Operation Golden Ticket – Round 1

Congratulations to Maggie Findlay!

Maggie, a 3rd grader at Plymouth Elementary School, won our Operation Golden Ticket program. Each year on Halloween, a 3rd grader at each of our elementary schools is randomly chosen as the winner of a bag of prizes, an escort to school, and breakfast for their class.

Maggie did a great job operating under the call sign of "Golden Ticket 1". Everyone had a great time!

We wish you all the best Maggie!



Golden Ticket Winner #1 Maggie Findlay with Officer Shelby Adams.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Toy Run

The Plymouth Township Police Department had the honor of participating in the Plymouth Community Ambulance Association's "Operation Christmas Kids Toy Run".

Toy donations were collected at locations throughout Montgomery County, including at the Plymouth Township Police Department. The toys were donated to children at Bryn Mawr Hospital and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

Over 10,000 gifts were donated during this annual event!



Officer Lowery, Officer Lacy and Sergeant Costello.

Law Enforcement Food Drive

Thank you to all of the generous and caring folks out there who donated to the Lt. Patty Simons Law Enforcement Food Drive!

The incredible young men who make up the Upper Perkiomen Baseball Team used their baseball skills to pitch in by packing and loading the delivery truck for us old-timers! Although Mother Nature threw us a curveball on delivery day, volunteers and members of law enforcement from across Montgomery County were able to safely get all of the food and toys delivered to the Salvation Army location in Norristown. From there, volunteers distributed the food to those in need all across the county.

Your generosity will help sustain thousands of our Brothers and Sisters in need in the coming weeks and months!



Santa and Mrs. Clause join our officers for the Law Enforcement Food Drive.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Giving Back

The Plymouth Township Police Department was proud to collaborate with the Colonial Area Anti-Racism and Social Equity Alliance to assist our neighbors in need. Our Officers and members of CAARSEA were on hand at the Church on the Mall to serve meals, provide supplies and participate in friendly conversations over a hot cup of cocoa (chestnuts and open fire were optional) for our unhoused neighbors and those in need.



Holiday Meal for the Unhoused

Wednesday
December 21st
6:00-8:00pm
Church On The Mall



"At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished. It's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back."

Denzel Washington

Brought to you by CAARSEA
in partnership with the
Plymouth Township Police Department



Remembering a Hero

"To live in the hearts of those we love is never to die."

September 13, 2012. We shall never forget.

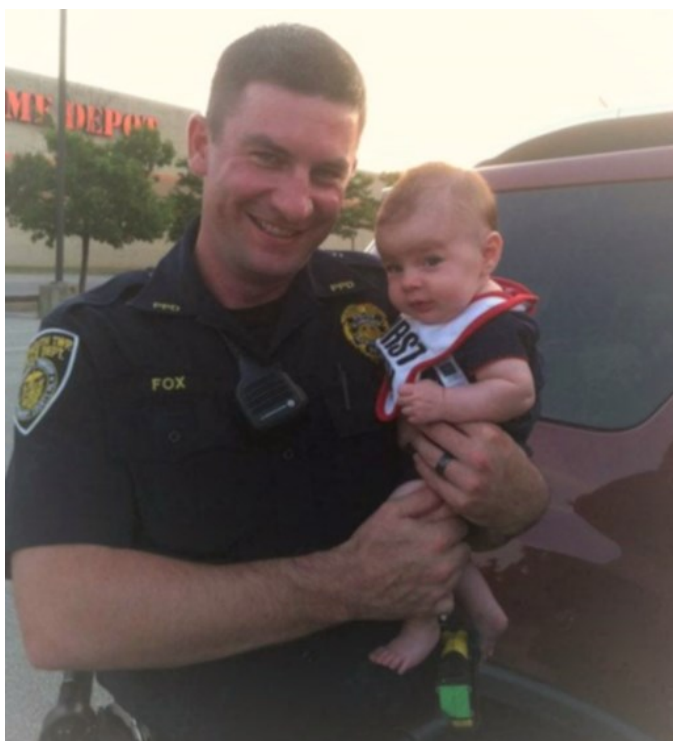
A crisp and sunny day, full of potential, yet ending in tragedy.

Plymouth Township Police Officer Brad Fox was murdered on that day, while holding the line between evil and our community. The world shook and lives were changed forever. Lyndsay, Brad's wife, lost her Husband. Kadence and Brad, Jr. were deprived of their Father. Tom and Kathy Fox would forever be without their Son. Jimmy Fox had his Brother stolen away from him. Our community lost a protector and its innocence on that sunny September day.

Many things have changed in the intervening ten years. Kadence and Brad have grown into wonderful children, smart, funny and full of life and love. Tom, Brad's Father, and Nick, Brad's K9 Partner on that day, have passed away. Lyndsay, Kathy and Jimmy continue working to keep Brad's memory, and legacy of giving back to those in need, alive, with great success. The story of Brad's life has spread far-and-wide due to their efforts.

Though 10 years have passed, our love for Brad continues to live in our actions and in our hearts.

Brad, you will never be forgotten.



Officer Brad Fox, gone 10 years, Never Forgotten



Time to Stop FRAUD!



Strong Passwords are Key

The longer the password the better. Use a mix of letters, numbers and symbols, or a long sentence.

Monitor Your Credit Reports

Visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com to obtain a free copy of your credit report. Check them to make sure there is no unauthorized activity using your credit.



Be Careful where You Click

Do not click on links in emails or social media unless you know it to be true. If the email indicates a problem with your account, call the company directly.

Protect Personal Information

Be careful of what information you divulge in public settings. That "40 Never looked so good" post may be just what an identity thief needs. Hide your birthday on Social Media.



High Pressure = High Alert

Slow it Down! Scammers use urgency to make you panic. You didn't win the lottery, your grandchild does not need bail. Hang up or hit delete and call the police.

Shred your Documents

Protect your information by shredding documents with private information. Also, cut up expired credit and debit cards.



Info already Stolen? Now what?

File a report with the FTC at www.ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Contact all 3 credit agencies and put blocks on your credit reports. Contact the police to file a report and begin an investigation.

HARMONVILLE FIRE COMPANY

Greetings from the officers and members of the Harmonville Fire Company No. 1. We hope that each and every one of you had a happy and safe holiday season and a safe and enjoyable New Year! The Harmonville Fire Company proudly protects and serves the residents and businesses of Plymouth Township, surrounding communities and parts of the Pennsylvania Turnpike 24 hours a day, seven days a week since 1924. We operate out of 2 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 ready to respond at a moment's notice. The Harmonville Fire Company No.1 will always strive to be a leader in the Fire/Rescue community. Our vision is to provide excellence in our service to our community through high standards of training, up-to-date equipment, and continual reevaluation of our services.



Last year the Harmonville Fire Company responded to another record-breaking number of calls for assistance. We responded to 775 emergency calls, which is an increase of 65 responses from the year 2021, ranging from fire alarms to building fires or vehicle accidents. The Harmonville Fire Company No.1 takes great pride in training our members to ensure they are prepared for any emergency they may be called upon to answer. In 2022, we undertook a rigorous training schedule. The Company trained for 2,748 hours with many of those hours outside of the company Monday night drills. This year, four new Harmonville Fire Company No.1 members completed State certified Firefighter 1 certification. We could not be prouder of these members and the dedication they

showed to help support the mission of Harmonville Fire Company No.1. Harmonville is also proud of its Advanced Heavy Rescue Certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the State Fire Commissioner's Office. We also attended approximately 60 events during the year totaling over 800 man hours of dedicated time. Our members love to be hands on and teach everyone about fire safety and what to do in case their home was to ever be on fire.



Our yearly fund drive was sent out towards the end of last year and we would like to thank everyone who sent a donation. Our annual Christmas Tree Sale was another huge success. We sold out of trees in just 15 days! Also during our tree sale, we collected new unwrapped toys. These toys were distributed to Bryn Mawr Hospital & St. Christopher's Hospital for Children as part of the Plymouth Ambulance 10th Annual Operation Christmas Kids Toy Run, and to A.I. Dupont Hospital for Children. Lastly, our annual Easter Flower- Sale is approaching and will be held starting the Thursday before Easter.



HARMONVILLE FIRE COMPANY

Harmonville received multiple grants from FEMA, the Office of the State Fire Commissioner, the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), and finally a Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) grant. The FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) was awarded to HFC in August of 2022 for \$45,266.66. This grant will be utilized to install a breathing air compressor in our main station. The PA State Fire Commissioner's grant was used to help replace aging fire supply hoses on our attack fire engines.



Fire House Replacement Project

With the aging infrastructure of our Plymouth Valley station, the fire company has initiated a committee to look into and start planning on how we will continue to serve the Plymouth Township community for the next 50-100 years out of this station. After many meetings with Engineers, Architects, and fire company personnel, it has been concluded that there needs to be a total replacement of our Plymouth Valley Station. During many of these meetings, Township and State officials visited to discuss these plans with our committee and to develop a plan for funding such a project. It is with great success we were awarded two major Grants to help support this project. Harmonville received both a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) in the amount of \$1,975,000 and a Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) grant in the amount of \$200,000. It is not without the unwavering support of State Representatives Matthew Bradford, Mary Jo Daley and State Senator Amanda Cappelletti that these grants were possible.

New Engine on Order

With our fire apparatus replacement plan, Engine 44 is due for replacement in 2024. Our apparatus committee spent many months planning and designing a new engine that would fit our company's needs for the next 20 years. We are excited to welcome this new Pierce Manufacturing Engine in early 2024.

Lastly, being a volunteer organization, we are always in need of new members to join our firehouse family. There are many roles that we fill, from Firefighting & Rescue Operations to Fire Police Operations, to Administrative Operations. We also have a Junior Firefighter program which is for 14-17 year olds who are interested in joining the Fire Company. If you or anyone you know would like to join our family, you can do so by stopping by either station during the day Monday through Friday, stop by our main station Monday nights (our drill night) between 6:30 – 10:00, or visit our website, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, leave us a message and someone will be in touch with you.

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PLYMOUTH AMBULANCE

Plymouth Community Ambulance Association (PCAA) is proud to announce the recent delivery of four 2022 Ford Ranger trucks. These units will be utilized as quick response vehicles (Medic Responder), staffed by one paramedic. They will be well-positioned around the Township and can provide early clinical intervention in the case of immediate life-threatening emergencies. When these vehicles are dispatched to an emergency, an ambulance is also sent. The Medic Responder will provide life-sustaining care including cardiac defibrillation, advanced airway protection, and administration of life-sustaining medications until the ambulance arrives.



Medical Tips

As the weather has been on the constant change, so are people's health and immune systems. A few helpful hints to try and help eliminate a trip to the doctor's office or an emergency room are:

- If you do not feel well, limit your exposure to others to avoid spreading germs.
- Always wash your hands.
- Stay hydrated.
- Know your signs and symptoms when a cold may start.
- Make sure your body has plenty of rest.

Things To Expect When Calling 911

Know your location (address, municipality, cross streets if possible, whether you're in a house or an apartment, and if it's an apartment what apartment number or building letter/name, best access etc.). Cell phone location information only gives a certain level of accuracy and like any other technology has its flaws. If you use VOIP make sure your location is properly

updated with your provider if you move to a new residence and brought that service with you. If your residence is obscured or there is not good labeling in the area, please provide additional descriptive information to help responders get to you.

911 operators will give you pre-arrival instructions, but to further help responders prior to arrival make sure access is clear, doors open or unlocked, and/or someone to guide responders to the emergency if possible.

When calling 911, know that things will be moving fast-paced and during emergencies time is critical but be assured all responders are trained professionals and take all situations into consideration when they are making decisions on helping the emergency.





When to call 911

Shortness of Breath

Many respiratory conditions may require immediate attention, such as Asthma, COPD, CHF and allergic reactions. These conditions can cause prolonged periods of shortness of breath, sudden onset of shortness of breath or an allergic reaction that causes hives, rash and shortness of breath.



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Signs of a Stroke – remember to be F.A.S.T.!

- Facial droop or unequal smile
- Slurred Speech or unable to speak
- Arm numbness/weakness, are they able to move it?
- Time: when did the symptoms start?
 - This timeline is vital for the crew to relay to the hospital.

Signs of a Heart Attack

Men:

- Chest pain
- Arm or jaw pain
- Sweating/pale skin

Women:

- Chest, back or shoulder pain
- Nausea, vomiting, heart-burn, abdominal pain
- Severe weakness



FIRE MARSHAL

The Fire Marshal's Office wishes everyone a happy and safe spring and summer. The Fire Marshal's Office responds to and investigates fires to determine the origin and cause, conducts fire inspections and code enforcement to ensure buildings are safe, and provides fire safety programs for schools and community groups. Our team is comprised 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.

In 2022, the Fire Marshal's Office responded to 244 incidents and performed 59 fire investigations; and assisted surrounding municipalities with 8 fire investigations or other incidents. In addition, there were 232 fire inspections and re-inspections conducted at commercial properties.

Spring/Summer Safety

As the weather and temperature warms up, take steps to ensure fire safety around your house.

Barbecue Grills

Outdoor grills are great for cooking delicious foods. Use them safely so that you don't cook your house, too. Keep grills on level ground and at least 15 feet from any structure. Grilling should NOT be done on balconies or decks; or under any roof, covering, or tent. This includes both gas and solid fuel grills. Grills must be attended by an adult at all times while in use.

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.

Fireworks

Fireworks are great for celebrations, but only to watch. Leave fireworks to the professionals. Too many people suffer serious injuries from handling fireworks. Additionally, mishandled fireworks can cause devastating fires.

Pennsylvania allows the use of consumer fireworks, but there are laws and rules that must still be followed.

- Consumer fireworks are NOT to be ignited or discharged on streets, parking lots, sidewalks, parks, or within 150 feet of a building or vehicle.
- Do NOT aim or direct fireworks at or over buildings, vehicles, streets, people, or the properties of others.
- Consumer fireworks may only be used between 10 am and 10 pm; except on certain holidays, for instance: Independence Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and New Year's Eve, when they may be used until 1 am.
- Consumer fireworks should only be discharged by competent and sober adults over 18 years old. Youth under 18 should never handle, ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks.



Sparklers, novelties, and toy caps are allowed anytime; but care must be taken as they are still dangerous and can cause serious injuries. Children should never use these without adult supervision.

Display fireworks may only be used by professional pyrotechnicians and require permits and other documentation in order to be used in the Township. This must be completed prior to any display event.

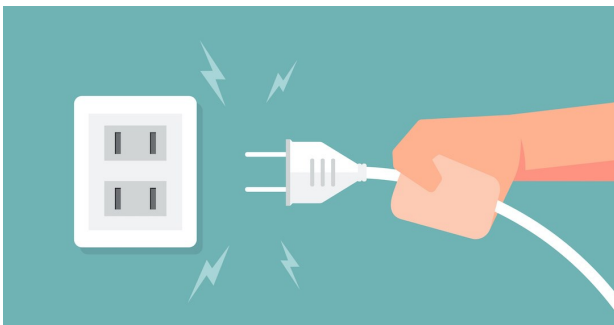
For your safety, please leave fireworks to the professionals. If you choose to use consumer fireworks, follow the rules and be considerate of your neighbors.

FIRE MARSHAL

Home Electrical Safety Tips

Electrical sources are one of the more common causes of fires in residences and businesses. Oftentimes these circumstances could have been avoided. Here are some tips to consider:

- Only plug a power strip or surge protector (also referred to as a relocatable power tap) directly into a wall outlet. Never into another power strip or extension cord.
- Do NOT overload a power strip. Be careful of what you are plugging into it. Overloading a power strip can cause it to overheat and catch fire.
- Air conditioners should be plugged directly into a wall outlet that is rated for that appliance; and never into a power strip or standard extension cord. If an extension cord is needed, use one that is specifically designed for air conditioners.
- Consider using appliances, devices, and cords that are UL or ETL listed. Look for this on a label. They were tested and met certain standards for safety.
- Never run electrical cords or power strips underneath furniture, carpets, rugs, or other things. This could cause them to become damaged or overheat and catch fire.
- Make sure plugs are pushed into a receptacle completely. If it is only part way in, an electrical arc can occur across the exposed prongs.
- If a device has a 3-prong plug; only plug it into an outlet that has a 3-prong receptacle. Do not remove or break off the ground prong.



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

Smoke and CO Detectors

Replace smoke detectors after 10 years. The detectors have a lifespan, and for best operation, it is recommended that they be replaced every 10 years. If the smoke detector has replaceable batteries, change the batteries twice a year (when you change the time on the clocks) with new ones. When you install a new detector, mark the date you installed it on the detector; so you'll remember when you put it up. Not sure where to install detectors? - contact the Fire Marshal's Office and we can help you.

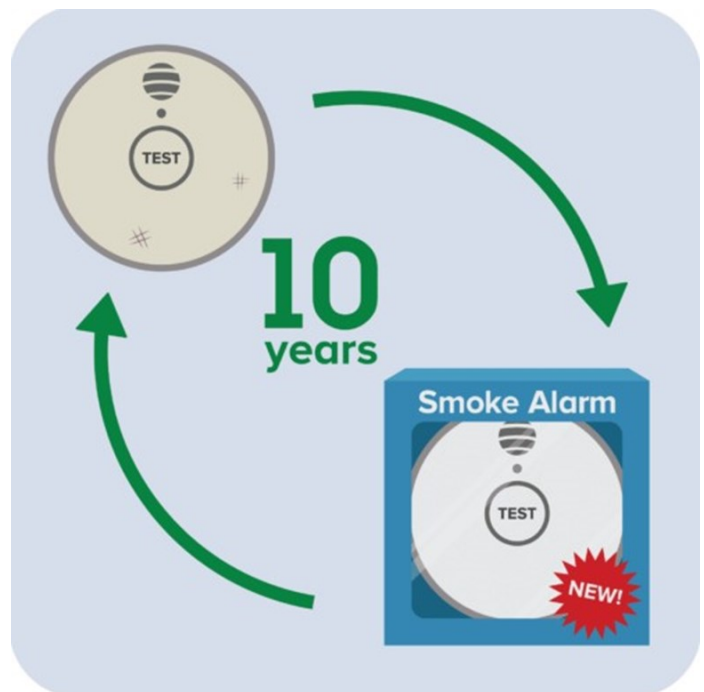
Fire Extinguishers

Check your fire extinguishers. Ensure the gauge shows the indicator is in the green. If the indicator is in or near the red area, replace the fire extinguisher. For dry chemical extinguishers, turn it over and back again to loosen up and move the powder around inside. Make sure the pin is still in the handle so that the fire extinguisher does not accidentally go off. Store extinguishers somewhere quickly and easily accessible in case of fire; and do not bury them way back in a cabinet or closet.

Home Escape Plan

The nice weather provides an excellent time to get outside. Why not practice your home escape plan? Does everyone in your house know which way to get out of the house? How about a second route in case the normal route is blocked by fire? Smoke and heat may be higher, so you may need to crawl to get out. Crawling through your residence is a lot different than walking; try it. Where will everyone meet once you get out? If you don't have an escape plan, then it is time to make one, and PRACTICE IT.

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



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We can't help you if we can't find you – post your house number.

Make sure your house number is posted clearly. If you need the fire company, 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 be 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 fires 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 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!



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

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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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:

Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023	General Election Day	Tuesday, November 7, 2023
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2023	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23, 2023
Flag Day	Wednesday, June 14, 2023	Friday after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2023	Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2023
Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2023		

**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.
3. Contains recyclable material or yard waste.

How do I get rid of such items?

The Township collects household appliances once per month. See the section on Household Appliance and Scrap Metal collection for details. 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

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 of all types, magazines and 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 \$25.00. 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

- 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.



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

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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 Publics 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 picked up 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

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

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

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

What is Yard Waste?

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



Branch and Chip Program

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

The Spring program will run from the week of March 6th through the week of April 10th, 2023. Collection will end on April 14th.

The Fall program will run from the week of September 4th through the week October 9th, 2023 ending on October 13th.

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 at the Township Building.

Residents should comply with the following:

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

All other Yard Waste will be collected every Wednesday throughout the year during the designated collection period.

Mulch Deliveries

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

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

Deliveries are every Friday throughout the year from March to November. Anyone who would like a mulch delivery must fill out a delivery request form/liability release form. If you would like delivery on Friday you need to sign the waiver before Wednesday at 4:00 PM the week of delivery.

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



Call Before You Dig

Did you ever wonder what those painted markings in the street were? You know, the fluorescent green, blue, yellow and red ones. These painted lines are color coded surface markings for the location of underground utility lines.

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

The ID colors are as follows:

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

Please keep our streams clean!



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: \$25.00

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. With the spring 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 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 and 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.



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Greater Plymouth Community Center Information

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.

*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

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

ROOM RENTALS

Planning a special occasion? Need a meeting place for your organization or group? Rent a room at the Greater Plymouth Community Center and decorate it for your next event. Perfect for meetings, trainings or that special occasion! Food and refreshments are permitted; however, alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Please contact Shawn Mazei for more information. The GPCC does not accept personal checks under \$50.

	Room Capacity	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident Business	Non-Resident Business
CLASSROOM	60 ppl	\$65	\$85	\$110	\$145
ROOM A	96 ppl	\$70	\$95	\$120	\$160
ROOM B	86 ppl	\$70	\$95	\$120	\$160
BOTH ROOM A & B	185 ppl	\$120	\$160	\$200	\$260



POOL PARTY BUNDLE

Pool parties are back at the GPCC! The pool party bundle includes a room and a group swim reservation for up to 20 swimmers.

Saturdays & Sundays

12PM-3PM

Up to 20 children swimmers*

*Parents are free to swim in the Leisure Pool.

Any children over the max of 20 will cost \$50 each.

Resident \$435 / Non-Resident \$495



Visit the website for more information
www.PlymouthCommunityCenter.org

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Egg Scramble With The Bunny All Ages

Egg scramble, for all ages, is 10:00am sharp! Reservations are required! Grab your baskets and come join us for our Annual Easter Egg Scramble. The Easter Bunny will be joining us, so bring your camera. There will be games and crafts available. Children will hunt for colorful eggs and have a chance to win a prize at 10am sharp! Please call 610-277-4312 to register. **This event will be held outdoors (GPCC Park) unless it rains. In case of rain, event will be held indoors.**

Saturday, 4/1

9:00AM - 10:00AM
Per Child: \$5 RES/ \$7 NR
Program #: 201116.01



Brad Fox Memorial Fishing Derby Ages: 4-15 years

Grab your fishing gear and get ready for Plymouth Township's fishing derby. This will be a free children's event sponsored by the Bridgeport Elks Lodge and the Stony Creek Anglers. Anglers must provide their own fishing equipment. Bait will be available for purchase.

Location: East Plymouth Valley Park Pond

Saturday, 4/29

8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Price: FREE



Plymouth & Whitpain Township's Community Yard Sale

One person's trash is another one's treasure. Come find some treasure at our Community Yard Sale. Good bargains to be found for everyone! If you are interested in selling your household items please contact Joanna Sharapan at jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org

Location: Montgomery County Community College

Saturday, 5/6

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Price: \$20/spot

Spring Break School's Out Activity Days

Ages: K-8th 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, swimming and a project. Must pack a lunch and a snack! Swimming is optional.

Regular Care: 9:00AM-4:00PM Price Per Day: \$46 RES/ \$58 NR
After Care: 4:00PM-6:00PM Price Per Day: \$15 RES/ \$19 NR
(must be signed up for Regular Care to stay for After Care)

	Regular Care	After Care
Monday, 4/3	Program #: 201601.01	Program #: 201601.02
Tuesday, 4/4	Program #: 201601.03	Program #: 201601.04
Wednesday, 4/5	Program #: 201601.05	Program #: 201601.06
Thursday, 4/6	Program #: 201601.07	Program #: 201601.08
Friday, 4/7	Program #: 201601.09	Program #: 201601.10

All 5 Days Discount: \$227 RES / \$261 NR
All 5 Days After Care: \$68 RES/ \$86 NR

All 5 Days	Program #: 201601.11	Program #: 201601.12
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Spring Break Basketball Camp by JumpStart Sports

Ages: 5-12 years

This camp includes hands on instruction with shooting, dribbling, defense, and more!

Location: Greater Plymouth Community Center

Monday-Friday, 4/3-4/7

Half Day 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Program# 201503.01

Price: \$187 RES/ \$224 NR

Full Day 9:00AM - 3:00PM
(Pack a Lunch)

Program# 201503.02

Price: \$247 RES/ \$296 NR



Family Paint Night All Ages

Looking for a family-friendly activity that's fun for loved ones of all ages and skill-levels? Bring the family to canvas paint night! All supplies are included. Feel free to bring snacks.

Friday, 3/10- Skating Gnome

6:00PM-8:00PM

Per Person: \$12 RES/ \$15 NR

Program #: 101202.03



Saturday, 3/25- Clover Dog

10:00AM - 11:30AM

Price: \$12 RES / \$15 NR

Program #: 101202.04



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SAVE
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DATE

Plymouth Township Day

Saturday, June 3 10am-2pm
East Plymouth Valley Park

Contact Joanna for more information or to be a vendor
jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org 610-277-4312

2023 Performances In The Park

Wednesday, June 14	MOVIE: The Bad Guys
Wednesday, June 21	CONCERT: FuseBox
Wednesday, June 28	MOVIE: Sonic the Hedgehog 2
Wednesday, July 5	CONCERT: Big Baby
Wednesday, July 12	MOVIE: Lightyear
Wednesday, July 19	CONCERT: Barefoot Bobby & The Breakers
Wednesday, July 26	MOVIE: Puss In Boots
Tuesday, August 1* NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	CONCERT: Danny V's 52nd St. Band

Movies start at dusk. DJ entertainment starts around 7:30pm. Concerts start at 7pm. Full concert descriptions can be found on the website. *8pm start time

Plymouth Township Veteran Banner

On the GPCC Baseball Field fence, banners honoring Plymouth Township veterans will be displayed. The banners will hang from Memorial Day 2023 for two years.



Banners may be removed in colder months.

Cost: \$25

Order Deadline: April 1, 2023

Orders after 4/1 will still be accepted but will be ordered in groups of six.

How to Order:

Pick up an order form at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. Once it is complete, secure the photograph of the Hero you would like to use and submit with the application OR email the photo to sheitzenrater@plymouthtownship.org. Completed order forms may be returned to the Greater Plymouth Community Center. Please see Phil Brady (pbrady@plymouthtownship.org) or Sarah Heitzenrater (sheitzenrater@plymouthtownship.org) with any questions.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Mark your calendar- Tuesday, August 1

Community groups, activities, games, inflatables, music, food and so much more!

We are looking for non-profit and community organizations to join us! If you are interested or need more information, please contact Joanna Sharapan at jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org
Location: GPCC Community Center Park

The Plymouth Township Police and the Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation Departments are once again joining forces for National Night Out in 2023! Join us and all the Township's Emergency Services in an evening of FREE fun for the entire family.



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Aquatics

Now Hiring Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, & Aerobics Instructors

We are currently hiring Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, and Aerobics Instructors. We offer great pay, a fantastic work environment and flexible schedules. Be a part of our team, stop in to pick up an application or find one on our website. No certification? No worries, sign-up for one of our Lifeguard Training or WSI Courses....
NEW IN 2023...part time lifeguards \$15 hour

Lifeguard Training & WSI (Water Safety Instructor) Courses – Blended Learning

GPCC is excited to offer American Red Cross Blended Learning Lifeguarding & WSI Courses – Great for students, stay at home parents & retirees. Blended Learning combines online learning with in-person skills sessions conducted by a Red Cross certified instructor. The blended learning online sessions offer students a variety of elements to learn program content including videos, lesson narration and special interactive features. This allows for individualized, self-paced learning. Once the online session has been successfully completed, students practice skills and are assessed by the instructor during the in-person skills sessions. Be sure to check our Spring/Summer Program Guide for dates and times!

Calling all Camp Directors & Counselors! - GPCC Summer Camp/Group Swim

Having a tough time coming up with things to do with your Camp or Day Care this summer? The GPCC has a Flat Group Swim Rate for Camps making it convenient and easy to use our awesome Leisure Pool. Our Leisure Pool features: Two Story Water Slide, Spray Features Area with Funny Fish Fountain & Rain Drop Waterfall, Fish Slide for Small Children, & Beach style entry area for younger Campers. At GPCC You'll never have to worry about: mosquito bites and bee stings, getting into a cold pool, sunburn, or rainy days! For additional information or to make a reservation please Contact Aquatics Management at (610) 313-4060.

Water Fitness Classes

Are you looking for a great workout that is low impact? We have Deep Water Aerobics 7 days a week at 9am. You do not need to know how to swim-flotation belts are provided!
We also have Silver Splash classes in the shallow water Monday-Friday at 10am.

Swim Lessons

Look for group and private swim lessons in the spring. We also have Adult Group Swim lessons that are perfect for non-swimmers and beginners.

Park Update

Check out the new playgrounds at Alan Wood Park & East Plymouth Valley Park.



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Fitness

Check the Spring Brochure for class dates and times for the next sessions of Fitness Boxing, Cycle & Core, Power Yoga, Outdoor Boot Camp and more!

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 3.1 miles (or 30 min straight) but also will help you look and feel better! This class is held outside rain or shine and will meet at the Band shell behind the Community Center. Running tech shirt included with the price of class! This is a beginner class, no previous running experience needed! (Must be in good health and slightly active). Our 5k will be at the John Shapiro's Superhero run on June 10th!! (It's a great race and cause!) Trainer: Ed
 Mon/Tues/Thurs, 4/10 - 6/6 (No class 5/29)
 6:40 PM - 7:30 PM

Individual Personal Training

One-On-One 30 Minute Sessions			One-On-One 60 Minute Sessions		
	Pass Holders	Non-Pass Holders		Pass Holders	Non-Pass Holders
1 Session	\$35	\$42	1 Session	\$53	\$62
5 Sessions	\$166	\$200	5 Sessions	\$252	\$295
10 Sessions	\$315	\$378	10 Sessions	\$477	\$558
30 Sessions	\$840	\$1,008	30 Sessions	\$1,272	\$1,488

Partner Training 60 Minute Sessions

	Pass Holders	Non-Pass Holders
1 Session	\$36	\$42
5 Sessions	\$171	\$200
10 Sessions	\$324	\$380

AEROBICS

Check out our website for the most up-to-date aerobics information. We offer aerobics classes such as Zumba, Vinyasa Yoga, Cardio Kickboxing and Total Body Fitness **free to monthly & annual pass holders**. We also offer Premium Training Classes (\$) - smaller class size than regular group fitness classes for a more personalized workout.

Get all the information here
www.PlymouthCommunityCenter.org



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Registration Information:
Residents
Tuesday, 2/21 9:00am
Non-Residents
Tuesday, 2/28 9:00am
Register online or in person.

Camp GPCC

Ages 5-11 years (with completion of Kindergarten)
Monday-Friday
June 19-August 25 (no camp July 3rd & 4th)
Before Care 8am-9am. Regular Care 9am-4pm. After Care 4pm-6pm
Location: GPCC
Camp GPCC will have some off-site trips planned. Trips additional cost.
No camp at GPCC on trip days.

Playground Camp

Ages 5-12 years (with completion of Kindergarten)
Monday-Friday
June 26-August 4 (no camp July 3rd & 4th)
9:00am-3:00pm
Location: Plymouth Elementary School
Playground will have mix of off-site trips and entertainment brought in. They will spend a few days at GPCC enjoying the pool and the rest of the facility. Trips additional cost. No camp at Plymouth Elementary on trip days.

Teen Camp

Ages 11-15 years
Monday-Friday
June 26-August 18 (no camp July 3rd & 4th)
9am-4pm
Location: GPCC
Teen Camp will have two off-site trips planned per week. Trips additional cost. No camp at GPCC on trip days.

One-Week Camp

Basketball Camp* Young Rembrandt Drawing Camp * Sports Camps* Chess Camp * Just For Me Camp* Crafty Creations Camp * Princess Camp * Superhero Camp * Pottery Camp * Theater Camp * Science Camps

Keep an eye on our website for all of our one-week summer camp options.

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WE'RE HIRING Summer Camp Counselors

Senior Counselors: 21+
Counselors: Ages: 16+

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- *MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
- *CHILD CARE BENEFITS
- *WEEKS OF SUMMER FUN
- *EXPERIENCE BASED PAY

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