



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



Grand Re-Opening of the Municipal Building!

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DIRECT PHONE LINES

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

Karen B. Weiss	Township Manager	610-233-0608
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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
Evenings & Weekends 610-279-1901

MEETING SCHEDULE

March 2024—December 2024

All public meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building, 700 Belvoir Road. 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 of every quarter—February, May, August, November @ 7:00pm

E. Norriton-Plymouth-Whitpain Joint Sewer Authority

2nd Wednesday @ 200 Ross St., Plymouth Township @ 5:00pm

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

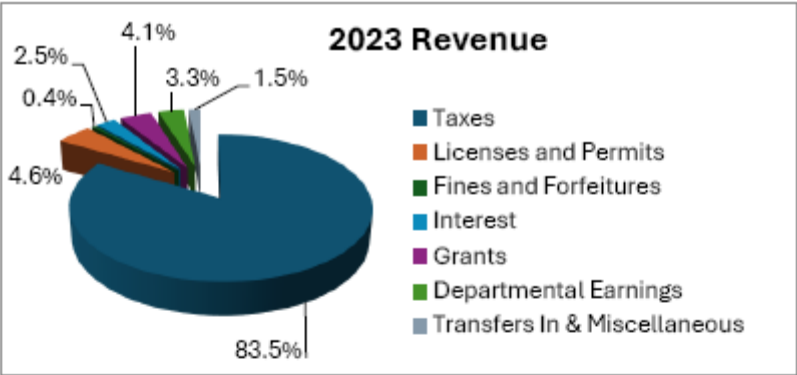
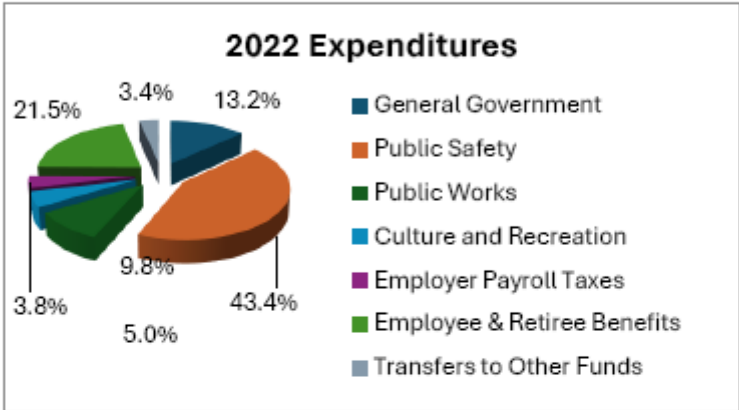
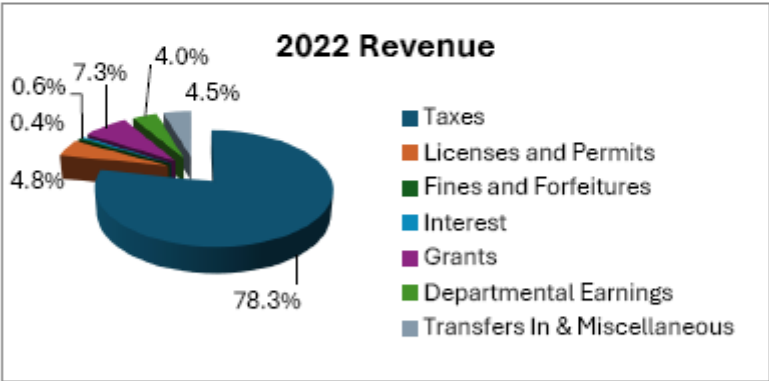
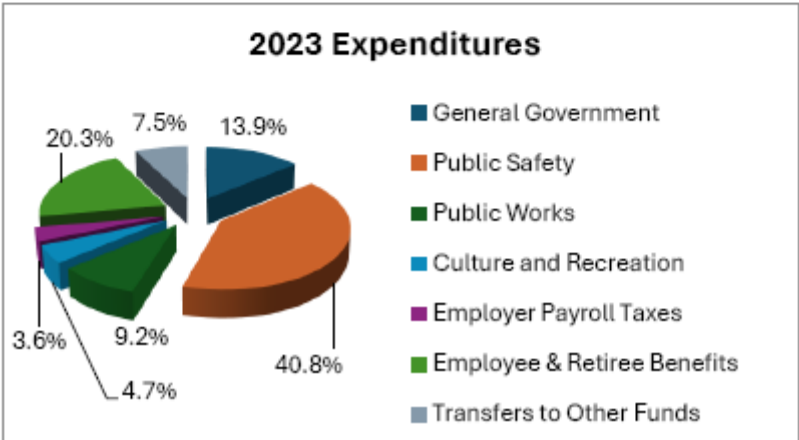
3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm

How are we doing? Scan the code below to take our communications survey!



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
Revenue & Transfers In:		
Taxes	\$24,893,118	\$22,592,280
Licenses and Permits	1,368,358	1,399,185
Fines and Forfeitures	122,406	119,304
Interest	755,968	167,696
Grants	1,217,984	2,120,988
Departmental Earnings	984,665	1,151,234
Transfers In & Miscellaneous	452,781	1,311,822
Total Revenue & Transfers In	\$29,795,280	\$28,862,509
Expenditures & Transfers Out:		
General Government	\$3,921,382	\$3,388,198
Public Safety	11,555,236	11,149,210
Public Works	2,603,217	2,532,074
Culture and Recreation	1,343,443	1,275,590
Employer Payroll Taxes	1,019,232	985,352
Employee & Retiree Benefits	5,741,960	5,523,693
Transfers to Other Funds	2,127,312	864,444
Total Expenditures & Transfers Out	\$28,311,782	\$25,718,561
Difference: Revenue & Transfers In		
Less Expenditures and Transfers Out	\$1,483,498	\$3,143,948
Beginning Fund Balance - Jan. 1	15,350,425	12,206,477
Ending Fund Balance - Dec. 31	\$16,833,923	\$15,350,425



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.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer of the Year

Detective Moretti has proudly served with the Plymouth Township Police Department for 22 years. He served in the Patrol Division and Highway Patrol Unit before moving to the Detective Division in 2010.

He has exhibited unmatched expertise in our technological investigations, while concurrently serving as a commander on the Major Incident Response Team, an Instructor for the County's Emergency Vehicle Operators Course, a Reconstructionist for serious Accident Investigations, as well as a seasoned Drug Task Force member.

While it may remain difficult to distinguish oneself when viewed alongside an array of dedicated and accomplished Plymouth Township Police Officers, Detective Moretti has demonstrated an enduring commitment to excellence in the policing profession.

Chief John C. Myrsiades commented at Monday's meeting of Plymouth Township Council:

"I am proud of all the men and women of our renowned organization, and Detective Moretti serves as a shining example of what makes the Plymouth Township Police Department a remarkable public service agency."

Congratulations Detective Moretti!



Detective Moretti, with his family

20 Years of Service

During the February Plymouth Township Council Meeting, Officer Chad Robinson received recognition for 20 years of service with the Plymouth Township Police Department. We thank Officer Robinson for his hard work and dedication to the security and safety of the Plymouth Township community. Best of luck in your next 20 years!



Officer Chad Robinson recognized for 20 years of service.

Retiree Breakfast

Retired Plymouth Township Police Officers gathered together at the Plymouth Fire Company hall on Friday, April 12, 2024 for our first ever Retiree Breakfast. New officers were able to meet those who walked the path before them. Stories were exchanged, old connections renewed and new memories made.



Retired officers gather for breakfast

A Change of the Guard

Retirement is not the end, only the beginning of a new chapter. Now the page has turned for Sergeant Joseph DiDonato, Officer Thomas Marinello and Officer Jeffrey Conrad.

Joe began his career in May of 1996, serving in the Patrol Division. He also worked in the Criminal Investigations Unit, SWAT and Motorcycle Unit, prior to becoming a Patrol Sergeant.

Tom began his career in January of 1996. He has served in the Patrol and K9 Units. Tom retired as a member of the Department's Power Shift.

Jeff began his career in January of 1997. He served in the Patrol and Highway Units, where he served as the Unit's 'Officer-in-Charge', as an Accident Reconstructionist responsible for investigating serious, criminal and fatal crashes, as well as the Lead Motorcycle Instructor for the Montgomery County Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.

Jeff served fifteen years on the Colonial SWAT team as an Entry Team member. He was a Plymouth Township firearms instructor, as well as a departmental armorer for both pistol and shotgun.

Drawing from his own experiences growing up, Jeff shared his proficiency in American Sign Language to become our agency's first officer to communicate with those afflicted with deafness via signing.

We recognize Joe, Tom and Jeff for their service to the Plymouth Township community, and we value the vital contributions and sacrifices they have made to keep us safe.



Sergeant Joseph DiDonato, Officer Thomas Marinello and Highway Officer Jeffrey Conrad turn the page.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Graduation

Congratulations to Sergeant Kyle Wilhelm (center) on his graduation from Northwestern University School of Police Staffing and Command Leadership. We applaud your commitment to excellence in policing!



Sergeant Kyle Wilhelm graduates.

New Addition

The Plymouth Township Police Department is proud to announce the hiring of our newest officer, Megan Wieczenski.

At the March meeting of Plymouth Township Council, Chief John C. Myrsiades presented Megan Wieczenski as a candidate for the position of entry-level police officer. District Justice Jodi Griffis conducted the swearing-in, following a unanimous approval by members of Plymouth Township Council, authorizing the hire.

Officer Wieczenski has a Bachelor and Master Degree in Nursing and Nursing Education. She is a College Professor for Nursing, a Certified Paramedic in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and has been a practicing nurse for 10 years. Megan will attend the Municipal Police Officers Training Academy, and upon graduation will begin her field-training program.

Joining Megan at the swearing-in were her parents, along with many family and friends.

While recruitment in Law Enforcement continues to be challenging, the Plymouth Township Police Department is proud to be able to continue to recruit, hire and retain high quality public servants.

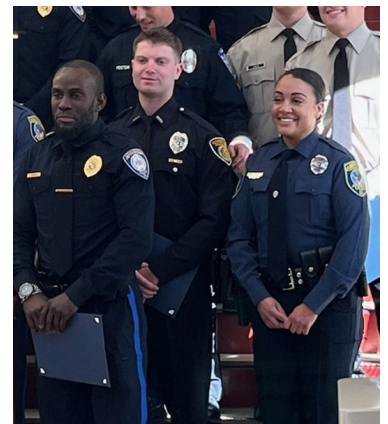
We wish Megan a long and successful career serving the Plymouth Township community.



Welcome new officer Megan Wieczenski.

Officer Keogh

Officer Owen Keogh has graduated from the Temple University Municipal Police Academy. Officer Keogh is hard at work with his new patrol squad, where he can take that classroom learning and begin the practical application of that knowledge.



Officer Owen Keogh (center) graduated from the Temple University Municipal Police Academy.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

K9 Officer Eros

It is with deep sadness that the Plymouth Township Police Department announces the passing of K9 Officer Eros.

K9 Eros faithfully served the Plymouth Township community for over 7 years. In addition to his love of community engagement, K9 Eros was responsible for the detection and apprehension of many suspects during his career.

During his early service years, K9 Eros worked with Officer Scott Severson. For the past several years, K9 Eros worked alongside Officer Michael Watts. In the midst of their mourning, we send Officer Watts and Officer Severson our comfort, compassion and strength.

"It is not just those with two legs who are born with a Soul that has the courage to wear the badge."

Rest in Peace Eros.

Meet K9 Officer Amigo

Say "Hello" to Officer Amigo!

Amigo is a 1 year, 7-month old Belgian Malinois from Holland and his partner is Officer Mike Watts.

Once Officer Amigo completes his training, he will be a dual purpose K9, trained in patrol operations, narcotics detection and gunshot residue detection.



K9 Officer Amigo getting familiar with his new home.



K9 Officer Eros.

Citizens Police Academy

In our continuing effort to build strong bonds with our community, the Plymouth Township Police Department conducted our 3rd annual Citizens Police Academy.

The Citizens Police Academy provides participants 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, Use of Force, Crime Scene Processing and much more. Participants also receive certification 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 at graduation.

HARMONVILLE FIRE COMPANY

Good day from the officers and members of the Harmonville Fire Company No. 1. The Harmonville Fire Company proudly protects and serves the residents and businesses of Plymouth Township, surrounding communities and parts of the Pennsylvania Turnpike 24 hours a day, seven days a week since 1924. We operate out of 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 always ready to respond at a moment's notice.

The Harmonville Fire Company No. 1 is celebrating 100 years of service! The mission of the Harmonville Fire Company No.1 is to prevent harm to the citizens and visitors of Plymouth Township and other areas as requested, by providing the highest possible level of service through fire prevention, public education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and mitigation of the effects of natural and man-made disasters consistent with the resources provided, and in the safest manner possible for those providing these services. As an organization we look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and the continuation of service to our community in the strong traditions of those who have gone before us. Be on the lookout for events throughout the year including an open house for all to check out our station and equipment and meet your local volunteers.



Members with a group of students from the Goddard School



Members attending a collapse class this past spring

It's been a busy year for our volunteers so far in 2024. The first half of the year, we have responded to approximately 400 calls for service, ranging from fire alarms to vehicle accidents to rescues and building fires. Members have put in countless hours of training whether it has been in house training on Monday nights or training at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Campus located right here in Plymouth Township. We also have had the privilege of having several houses that were set for demolition to be used for training purposes. 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.



Members at our 100th anniversary celebration

HARMONVILLE FIRE COMPANY

On top of responding to calls and attending trainings, members have put in many hours with events, such as Plymouth Township Day, July 4th parade, providing station and truck tours to visitors and visited local camps and doing fire prevention demonstrations.

We held our Easter flower sale earlier this year and held a couple fundraising raffles. We would like to thank all those who came out to support us. We will be holding another trivia night this fall and we will be having our Christmas tree sale this winter. Our members are looking forward to seeing you there supporting us! Be on the lookout for information for fundraising on our social media pages.

Our annual fund drive is underway. Please be on the look out for our mailings and please consider donating to our organization.

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 soon. Our apparatus committee spent many months planning and designing this new engine that would meet our company's needs for the next 20 years. Another committee we have formed is for our replacement of our Plymouth Valley Station on Germantown Pike. 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 and to keep the community we serve safe! This role has various job duties including forcible entry, fire extinguishment, search and rescue, and driving and operating the apparatus. Our Junior Firefighter program is for 14-17 years old who are interested in joining the Fire Company. The Fire Police Unit helps keep our firefighters, as well as the public, safe at emergency scenes by providing traffic and crowd control. Our administrative group keeps the company running, from meetings within the company to meetings with our Plymouth Township Council. They are the 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 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 joinharmonvillefire.org and fill out the form online and someone will contact you.



Plymouth Township's Emergency Services before the start of the July 4th parade



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PLYMOUTH AMBULANCE

Plymouth Ambulance Introduces High Water Rescue Vehicles

Plymouth Ambulance is proud to announce the addition of two high-water rescue vehicles to its fleet. These vehicles are robust 5-ton, 6x6, diesel-powered military transport trucks, specially designed to navigate through up to 42 inches of water.

The trucks feature a spacious bed that can transport up to 14 people, with modifications including a folding staircase for easier access. To ensure safety and protection, the cargo area is equipped with a bow and tarp kit. In addition, Plymouth Ambulance has enhanced these vehicles with emergency lights, sirens, and white area lighting for optimal visibility and alertness during operations.

For enhanced water rescue capabilities, the vehicles are being outfitted with essential safety equipment, such as life vests and throw ropes. To ensure the highest level of service, all certified drivers will undergo an extensive training program, equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary for performing life-saving operations.

Plymouth Ambulance is committed to providing top-notch emergency services to the community, and these new high-water rescue vehicles are a significant step forward in enhancing our response capabilities.

The Importance of Emergency Medical Services.

Emergency medical services refers to the personnel who respond to emergencies. The personnel that comprise emergency medical services include pre-hospital clinicians, such as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), advanced EMTs (AEMTs), and Paramedics. Paramedics being the highest level of clinician above all. Beyond the medical field, emergency services can also include police officers, firefighters, and other rescue personnel.

Emergency medical services evaluate and manage patients with medical conditions and acute Trauma outside the hospital. Emergency services do not operate independently, instead integrating with public safety, public health, and emergency departments in our local communities.

EMS agencies in the U.S respond to more than 40 million calls for service combined each year. 20% of EMS agencies answer 80% of the calls for service in the U.S. About 60% of fire departments provide emergency medical services.

It is important that our local communities and local government support our Emergency Medical services. Many EMS agencies have very few "Volunteers". Many EMS agencies must run their services like a full time Police Dept. Ensuring that the proper staffing is always on duty. This has been a challenge. As the profession is becoming less attractive because of the low pay and overall requirements required.

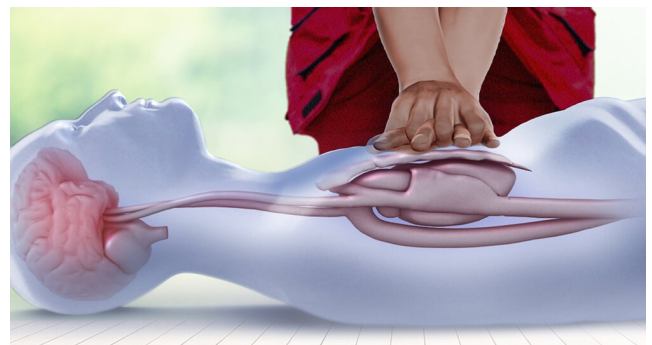
It is important to note that without EMS our communities would suffer greatly. It's taken for granted that someone will show up to a medical emergency and save you or a loved one's life. Unfortunately, EMS is the least attractive of professions amongst all the emergency services.

The public should recognize that the future of EMS is in great peril. It should not be taken for granted. It is most important for the public to recognize that depending on where you live and what access you have to immediate emergency health care is of most importance.

Plymouth Community Ambulance strives to provide our community and surrounding communities with the highest level of Emergency Medical services possible around the clock 24/7. We are leading the field in many ways when it comes to providing Emergency Medical Services. This includes having the best equipment and vehicles available to answer 911 calls. Our personnel are continuously trained at all levels of Pre-Hospital care. We strive to maintain our ranks so that we keep our communities safe and well. Our priority is you the citizen.

Plymouth Ambulance Community CPR and First Aid Training

Did you know that Plymouth Ambulance offers classes in first aid and CPR to the community? Our experienced and professional instructors can host a class for individuals, families, or businesses wishing to help in an emergency. We currently offer classes from the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) and American Heart Association (AHA). We also offer training for active shooter events through the Stop the Bleed program, which was developed by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact us at 610-277-2776 extension 6.



PLYMOUTH FIRE COMPANY



Hello from the officers and members of the Plymouth Fire Company No.1! We hope all of our community members had a wonderful summer and are enjoying a safe start to the fall season and new school year! The Plymouth Fire Company No.1 has proudly been serving our residents, businesses and

visitors of Plymouth Township for over 118 years since our incorporation in 1906! Station 43 currently provides 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, service out of our fire station located at 1323 Colwell Lane. We provide fire, rescue and fire safety, community and 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 the first half of 2024 year as we have responded to over 400 emergency incidents thus far! We continue to experience and respond to an unprecedented number of incidents as we have averaged over 590 responses the last several years. We anticipate an even busier end to the 2024 calendar year. This coming October the company is excitedly preparing to take delivery of our brand new 2024 Pierce Enforcer Rescue Engine. This delivery and new state of the art piece of equipment is the culmination of over 3 years of hard work by our officers and apparatus committee. Once we take delivery, we will begin our training and mounting of equipment and anticipate placing the new apparatus in service by the end of this year.



Our dedicated members have continued to invest countless hours of training to better prepare themselves for the variety of emergencies we may encounter. Our Swiftwater Rescue Team has successfully completed the final phase of their training technician and will now prepare for their evaluation in order to certify as a Swiftwater/Flood Evacuation Type 2a team through the PA Volunteer Rescue Services Recognition program. The company was also pleased to have worked with our local and State leaders to finalize and implement the Act 91 Volunteer Tax Rebate resolutions for Plymouth Township and Montgomery County. These resolutions will provide volunteers who meet the specified criteria an opportunity to attain up to a 100% rebate on their local and county real estate taxes! We look forward to this rebate program aiding in the continued recruitment of new volunteers and the retention of those already serving us!



Our auxiliary, in conjunction with our general membership, has been working collectively with the Harmonville Fire Company, The Plymouth Township Police Dept. and the Greater Plymouth Community center to help those in need. Keep a look out for our community events, such as food and clothing drives to benefit local food banks and shelters. Our fundraisers are generally advertised on Facebook and our company websites to seek the support of our community and bring us all together. Working together has a bigger impact on our donations and we are grateful for those who have supported us!

PLYMOUTH FIRE COMPANY

Last year, we held our first Emergency Services Trunk or Treat event for our young citizens at Colonial Middle School. Children loved the unique “treats” from our fire, police, and ambulance teams. It was a huge success, so stay tuned for more information in October!

Just prior to the Thanksgiving holidays, we will begin collecting new or gently used and clean coats, boots, gloves, hats, and other winter accessories to help many in need. For our food drives, we generally collect full meal items (soups, or canned pastas, tuna packets, etc.) Check into to our Facebook page and company website closer to the event.

December brings about our annual Santa Breakfast. Once again, we will advertise this closer to the event. It is always a fun time and we enjoy seeing Santa mingle with the families. Our members come together to cook and serve a great breakfast. Santa also rides around the township- be sure to look for information about the Santa Run! Kids of all ages enjoy these events!



VOLUNTEER TODAY!

610-233-0602

In addition to volunteers, Station 43 continues to seek new operational and administrative volunteers to join us. From our junior firefighter program, (for those 14 and older,) fire police officer, and firefighter/rescue technician to administrative personnel, we have a variety of roles to offer.

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. Applications are accepted Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM at our Colwell Lane station. You may also log into our website at www.plymouthfc.org. Our company trains on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 7:00 PM. Stop in to see firsthand what our members experience, and see what we have to offer!

Our hall is now open and available for rent to the public. If you are interested in renting these facilities, please contact our hall rental coordinator at **484-614-7578** for rates and information. This information is also available on our website at <https://www.plymouthfc.org/>

Thank you to all who donate to our annual fund drive. The fund drive continued throughout the summer. Please consider us when you receive your solicitation letters. PayPal or credit cards are accepted through our website www.plymouthfc.org. Just click on “Donate to PFC”. We appreciate your support.

www.plymouthfc.org

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



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 up of a Fire Marshal & Emergency Management Coordinator, an Assistant Fire Marshal, part-time Deputy Fire Marshals, and part-time Fire Inspectors. Our staff has state and national certifications as fire inspectors and fire investigators.

In 2023, the Fire Marshal's Office responded to 232 incidents and performed 58 fire investigations; and assisted surrounding municipalities with 11 fire investigations or other incidents. In addition, there were 377 fire inspections and re-inspections conducted at commercial properties. We provided multiple fire safety and training programs to organizations and community groups; and conducted fire drills at all of the schools and day cares in the Township, as well as several businesses and offices. We've attended several community events to provide valuable fire safety and emergency preparedness information; including Plymouth Township Day, regional Fire Prevention Week events, and National Night Out.

2023 saw some personnel changes in the department. Our Fire Inspector, Andrew Thomas, accepted a Fire Marshal position in another municipality. Andrew started in our office in 2020, gaining valuable experience. We congratulate Andrew, and thank him for his years of service. A new Assistant Fire Marshal, Michael McGuigan, was hired to replace that vacant position. Michael joined the Code Enforcement Department earlier in the year, and has years of emergency service experience. Michael is a certified fire inspector and is working on completing national certification as a fire investigator. He has been a member of Harmonville Fire Co. for 26 years and has worked for Montgomery County as an emergency dispatcher since 2000. We also welcomed part-time Fire Inspector Glenn Montgomery to our team. Glenn is a certified fire inspector, and has been a volunteer and career fire fighter in a neighboring town since 2008.

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 decks or balconies; 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 a fire pit, chiminea, and 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 a great for celebrations, but only to watch. Leave fireworks to the professionals. Too many people suffer serious injuries from handling fireworks, and mishandled fireworks can cause devastating fires.



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 others' properties.
- 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 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 allowed 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. Often, 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 a 3-prong receptacle. Do not remove or break off the ground prong.

Fall cleaning is a good time to check on your safety equipment!

SMOKE & 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 areas, replace the fire extinguisher. For dry chemical extinguishers, turn it over and back again to loosen up and move the powder around inside. Make sure the pin is still in the handle so that the fire extinguisher does not accidentally go off. 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 house or workplace 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 get one, and **PRACTICE IT.**

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



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.

What if you have to evacuate and leave your home for a long period of time due to an emergency? Where will you go? Do you have family or friends that you can stay with? Make family emergency kits with essential items for your home, the car (trips), or in case you need to evacuate your home. Don't forget about pets. What do you need for them? Know where your important documents and medications are kept, so that they can be taken with you in a disaster. Start thinking about these and be ready BEFORE an emergency or disaster occurs and have a plan.

Sit down with everyone in the family and talk about the plans. Everyone has a part. This includes children, so talk with them and explain in a way they will understand how they can help.

Many people are getting portable generators for electricity when the power goes out. Please be sure to be safe when using these and follow the directions. Generators should only be run outside. You don't want exhaust coming into your home. Take care when filling it with fuel. Shut down the generator and allow it to cool before adding fuel. The vapors or even a small spill of gasoline could ignite a fire from hot equipment that has been running. Be careful what you plug into it and do not overload a generator.

Check flashlights to be sure they work; and have spare batteries. Be careful when using candles during a power outage. Keep candles away from anything that can burn; especially curtains. Do not leave candles un-attended.

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.

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!





2024-2025 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 2, 2024	Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
General Election Day	Tuesday, November 5, 2024	New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28, 2024	Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29, 2024	Memorial Day	Monday, May 26, 2025

**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 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 crew 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 crew 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 the next page. 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.

IS YOUR STREET LIGHT OUT?

To report defective street lights, call the Public Works department at **610-277-4103** between 7:30 AM and 4:15 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 at 610-279-1900.



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. Large cardboard items may be placed next to recycle containers. Additional containers may be used so long as it is marked for recycling. Recycle stickers are available at the Township Building at no charge. **Blue recycle containers are for single stream recycling only. Yard waste or trash will not be accepted in this container.**

Damaged containers can be exchanged at no cost. Lost containers will be replaced at the cost of \$25. Containers are available at the Township Building, 700 Belvoir Road.

PREPARATION GUIDELINES

Glass

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



Aluminum and Bimetal Cans

- 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. All cardboard must be broken down.

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. Place all recycling loose in recycle can. Please do not put recycling into plastic bags!**

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 building at no cost (Excluding televisions)

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 picked up 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.** Once stickers are purchased there are no refunds.



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 recordation with the County.

Curb and Sidewalk Inspection:

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

House Number:

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

Sewer Lateral Inspection:

The owner must have the sewer lateral inspected by a licensed Master Plumber 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.

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

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Did you ever wonder what those 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



IS YOUR SIDEWALK PASSABLE?

The Plymouth Township Code requires property owners to keep their sidewalks clear and passable. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the curb and sidewalk along their property. Please be sure to address tripping hazards and obstructions (including snow, ice, branches and other debris) to allow safe pedestrian passage. 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. Bushes and shrubs that are cut back may be bundled and placed out on the second trash collection day of the week.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Plymouth Township will start recycling Christmas Trees on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. 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.



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

YARD WASTE

Every year hundreds of tons of recyclable yard waste is thrown into the waste stream costing the Township over \$50 for every ton. In our constant dedication to help the environment and save tax dollars in the process, the Township will continue to collect yard waste every Wednesday throughout the year. This program is in addition to your regular trash pick up and recycle day.

There is no need to call the Township for the service, just put your yard waste out before 6:00am on Wednesdays.

If a holiday should fall on Wednesday collection will be the following week.

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



WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

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

Yard waste **MUST** be placed in biodegradable brown paper bags or in a designated Yard Waste container (trash can). **NO PLASTIC BAGS!** All material not prepared properly will not be collected. Biodegradable brown yard waste bags can be purchased at Home Depot, Lowes and some grocery stores. Eventually, you will be able to purchase these bags from the Township.

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



BRANCH & CHIP PROGRAM

The Township runs two Branch and Chip Collection programs during the year. The fall program will run from September 3rd and end on October 11, 2024. The Spring program will run from the week of March 3rd and end on Friday April 4, 2025.

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.

THIS PROGRAM IS NOT FOR THE REMOVAL AND CHIPPING OF ENTIRE TREES

Residents should comply with the following:

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

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.

MULCH DELIVERIES

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 to November. Anyone who would like a mulch delivery must fill out a delivery request/liability release form. If you would like delivery on Friday you need to pay and sign the waiver before Wednesday at 4:00 PM the week of delivery.

LEAF COLLECTION

Please refer to the map and **tentative** schedule below for leaf collection this fall. Click [here](#) to view a larger version of the map on the Township website. 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.

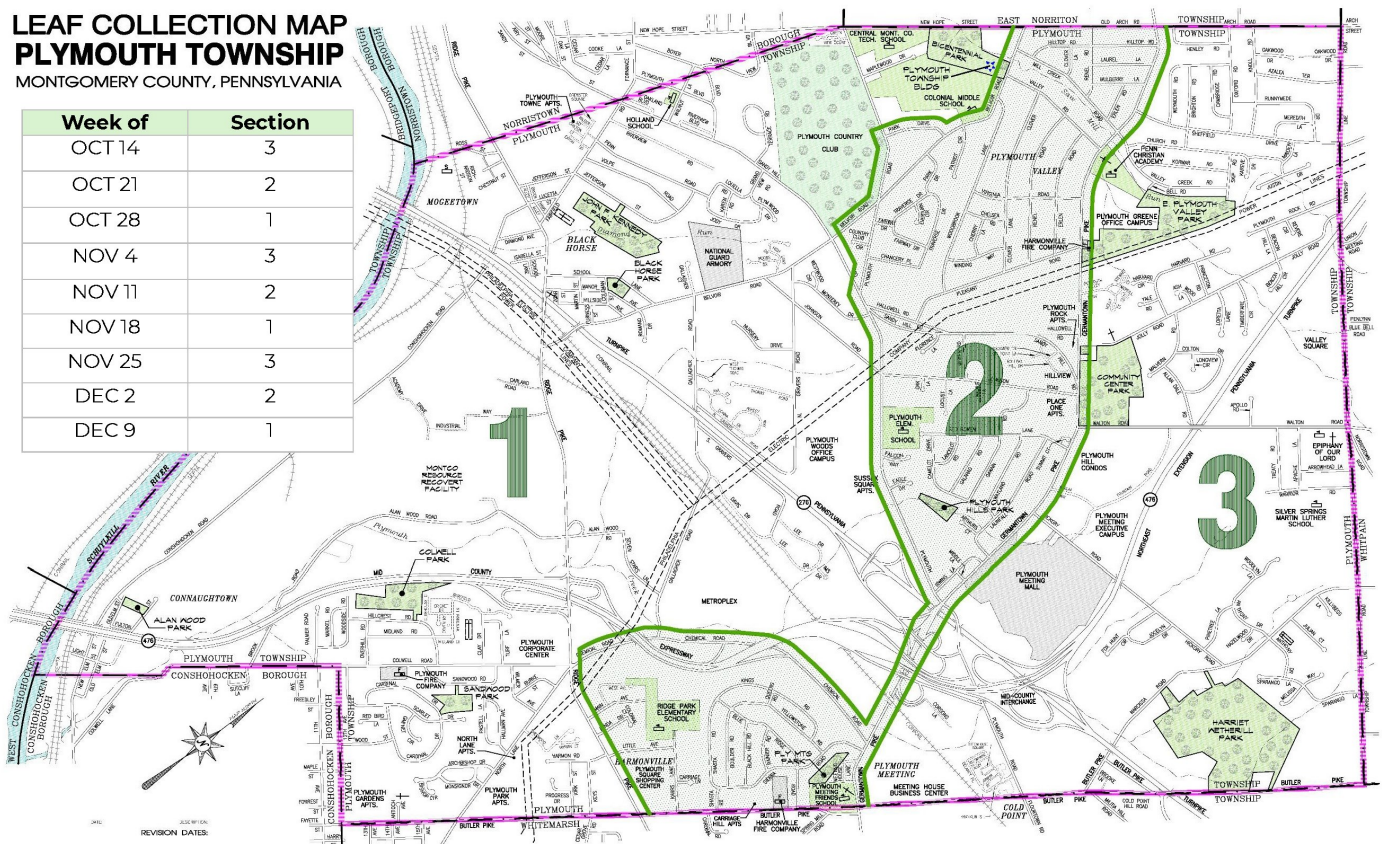
Follow these guidelines in order to make leaf collection as safe and efficient as possible:

- ◇ 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 comingled 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.



LEAF COLLECTION MAP PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Week of	Section
OCT 14	3
OCT 21	2
OCT 28	1
NOV 4	3
NOV 11	2
NOV 18	1
NOV 25	3
DEC 2	2
DEC 9	1



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Our Highway Department hard at work replacing storm inlets in the Black Horse section of the Township in preparation of our annual street paving project.

It's Time to Get Ready for Winter

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

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

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 crews plow 48 miles of Township roads and 17 miles of state road. This translates into over 150 lane miles to clear. As you can see this is not an easy task.

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

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

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

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

Plymouth Township Mailbox Replacement Policy

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

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

The Policy

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

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

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



Please follow our snow ordinance:

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.



TOWNSHIP CONTINUES TO BATTLE SEWER INFLOW AND INFILTRATION

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.

In addition, residents should check their sewer vents to make sure the vent cap is properly in place. The area around the vent should also be checked to ensure that it is graded to prevent runoff from entering the sanitary sewer system.

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.

Environmental Advisory Board

Single-Use Plastics

On September 9, 2024, Plymouth Council adopted a Single-Use Plastics Reduction ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to: reduce the use of single-use plastics by commercial establishments within the Township; promote the use of reusable bags by customers at commercial establishments; curb litter on the streets, in the parks, and in the trees; protect the local streams, rivers, waterways, and other aquatic environments; protect the sewer system; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; reduce solid waste generation; promote the use of reusable, compostable, and recyclable materials within the Township; preserve the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the Township; relieve the pressure on recyclers, who cite single-use plastics as a major source of contamination and inefficiency within the recycling stream; and reduce the incineration of plastic from the disposal of single-use products.

Tree Planting / Ecological Restoration Volunteer Opportunities

There will be several volunteer events throughout the spring and fall 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 the 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. Hope to see you there!



Other Activities

Other activities that the EAB has been evaluating for further efforts include: investigating a proposal of a tree preservation ordinance, evaluating budget and grant opportunities for walk/bike path planning, evaluating township resident climate change education opportunities, evaluating the return on environmental open space funding, applying to receive support from a shared county level Energy Manager service, researching installation of additional EV charging stations in the township and a lawn/meadow ordinance.

Federal Funds for Clean Energy

The EAB would like everyone to know about the federal funds that are available for making investments in clean energy. Examples include solar panels, home weatherization, heat pumps, electric vehicle purchases and many others. These funds are available to individuals and businesses, institutions, and entities without federal tax obligations such as non-profits, schools, faith groups and municipalities. By reducing the cost of clean energy investments, these funds make it easier for individuals and groups to save money on their energy bills and in many cases receive a positive return on their investment. Both the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) offer individual incentives and grants for clean energy and environmental improvements.

Sources for more information include <https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/> and <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/IRAguide>. Community Advocates for Clean Energy of Greater Philadelphia has information on the individual incentives and is researching grant opportunities for groups in our region. See <http://www.cacephilly.com>.



Source: [Colonial Canopy Trees](#)

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.

2024 PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP RESIDENT RATES

	First Adult	First Youth/Senior	Add Adult/Senior	Additional Youth
Annual Passes	\$487	\$393	\$331	\$166
One-Month Passes	\$49	\$43	\$32	\$20

2024 NON-RESIDENT RATES

	First Adult	First Youth/Senior	Add Adult/Senior	Additional Youth
Annual Passes	\$624	\$500	\$331	\$166
One-Month Passes	\$65	\$56	\$38	\$22

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

GREATER PLYMOUTH
COMMUNITY CENTER

10% OFF
ANNUAL PASSES

OCTOBER 5-11

Please note that the GPCC charges an additional 3% fee
for all credit card transactions.

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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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, labeled with the child's name on it. 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	9/9-9/30 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.01
Tuesdays	9/3-9/24 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.02
Wednesdays	9/4-9/25 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.03
Thursdays	9/5-9/26 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.04
Fridays	9/6-9/27 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.05

October		
Mondays	10/7-10/28 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.06
Tuesdays	10/1-10/29 5 Days	\$63 RES / \$78 NR Program #: 401801.07
Wednesdays	10/2-10/30 5 Days	\$63 RES / \$78 NR Program #: 401801.08
Thursdays	10/3-10/31 5 Days	\$63 RES / \$78 NR Program #: 401801.09
Fridays	10/4-10/25 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.10

November		
Mondays	11/4-11/25 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.11
Tuesdays	11/12-11/26 3 Days	\$39 RES / \$48 NR Program #: 401801.12
Wednesdays	11/6-11/27 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.13
Thursdays	11/7-11/21 3 Days	\$39 RES / \$48 NR Program #: 401801.14
Fridays	11/1-11/22 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.15

December		
Mondays	12/2-12/23 4 Days	\$51 RES / \$63 NR Program #: 401801.16
Tuesdays	12/3-12/17 3 Days	\$39 RES / \$48 NR Program #: 401801.17
Wednesdays	12/4-12/18 3 Days	\$39 RES / \$48 NR Program #: 401801.18
Thursdays	12/5-12/19 3 Days	\$39 RES / \$48 NR Program #: 401801.19
Fridays	12/6-12/20 3 Days	\$39 RES / \$48 NR Program #: 401801.20

Exploring Archery Ages: 6-17 years

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

Price: \$141 RES / \$174 NR

Wednesdays, 9/18-10/23

4:30pm-5:15pm Program # 401506.01

5:15pm-6:00pm Program # 401506.02



Tiny Tumblers is back! Classes for ages 18 months-10 years.

See the Fall Program Guide for all the details.

Session 1: Mondays, 9/16-11/4

Session 2: Mondays, 11/11-12/30

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AFTER SCHOOL RENDEZVOUS 2024/2025

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

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL 8/27-8/30

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

2024 Fall Session (September 3- December 20)

No Class 8/27-8/30, 9/2, 10/3, 11/1, 11/5, 11/27, 11/28 & 11/29

Days/Dates	K-3rd	4th-8th	Res-Pass	RES	NR-Pass	NR
Mondays, 9/9-12/16	401902.01	401902.07	\$240	\$276	\$293	\$345
Tuesdays, 9/3-12/17	401902.02	401902.08	\$240	\$276	\$293	\$345
Wednesdays, 9/4-12/18	401902.03	401902.09	\$240	\$276	\$293	\$345
Thursdays, 9/5-12/19	401902.04	401902.10	\$240	\$276	\$293	\$345
Fridays, 9/6-12/20	401902.05	401902.11	\$240	\$276	\$293	\$345
All 5 Days	401902.06	401902.12	\$1,080	\$1,242	\$1,320	\$1,553



2025 Winter Session (January 2-April 11) No Class 1/20, 2/14, 2/17 & 3/31

Days/Dates	K-3rd	4th-8th	Res-Pass	RES	NR-Pass	NR
Mondays, 1/6-4/7	101902.01	101902.07	\$225	\$259	\$275	\$323
Tuesdays, 1/7-4/8	101902.02	101902.08	\$225	\$259	\$275	\$323
Wednesdays, 1/8-4/9	101902.03	101902.09	\$225	\$259	\$275	\$323
Thursdays, 1/2-4/10	101902.04	101902.10	\$225	\$259	\$275	\$323
Fridays, 1/3-4/11	101902.05	101902.11	\$225	\$259	\$275	\$323
All 5 Days	101902.06	101902.12	\$1,013	\$1,165	\$1,238	\$1,456



2025 Spring Session (April 21-June 13) No Class 5/23 & 5/26

Days/Dates	K-3rd	4th-8th	Res-Pass	RES	NR-Pass	NR
Mondays, 4/21-6/9	201902.01	201902.07	\$120	\$138	\$147	\$173
Tuesdays, 4/22-6/10	201902.02	201902.08	\$120	\$138	\$147	\$173
Wednesdays, 4/23-6/11	201902.03	201902.09	\$120	\$138	\$147	\$173
Thursdays, 4/24-6/12	201902.04	201902.10	\$120	\$138	\$147	\$173
Fridays, 4/25-6/13	201902.05	201902.11	\$120	\$138	\$147	\$173
All 5 Days	201902.06	201902.12	\$540	\$621	\$660	\$776



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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.

Price: \$210 RES/\$250 NR



Thursdays, 9/19-10/24

Intermediate 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Beginner 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Program #: 403303.01

Program #: 403303.02

Thursdays, 11/7-12/19 (no class 11/28)

Beginner 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Intermediate 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Program #: 403303.03

Program #: 403303.04



Pickleball League Ages: 18+ years

Get your partner, pick a team name and come out for some fun and friendly competition. Six-week round-robin league play: five weeks of regular season, sixth week playoffs. Teams will play three games per week; scores are recorded to determine team standings. Teams can be same-sex or co-ed. All skill levels are welcome but previous pickleball experience is required. Run by Reisel Rackets. Location: GPCC

Price per person: \$60 RES/\$75 NR

Session 1: Fridays, 9/20-11/1 (no class 10/11)

5:30 PM-6:30PM Beginner to Low Intermediate

Program #: 401606.01

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Intermediate to Advanced

Program #: 401606.02

Session 2: Fridays, 11/8-12/20 (no class 11/29)

5:30 PM-6:30PM Beginner to Low Intermediate

Program #: 401606.03

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Intermediate to Advanced

Program #: 401606.04

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) Trainer: Ed

Looking for a great 5k to do? The Annual Fox Trot 5k is being held in Plymouth Township a few days after this program ends on Sat Nov. 2nd! This 5k is voluntary but most of our class usually participates as the last step towards achieving your goal!

Mon/Tues/Thurs, 9/3 – 10/28

5:40 PM – 6:30 PM

Price: \$152 Pass Holders / \$167 Non-Pass Holders (Tech T shirt included!)

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Swim with The Little Mermaid

Put on your swimsuit and spend a magical evening with the Little Mermaid! Ariel will be here to greet, interact and take pictures with children for a full hour! You'll enjoy a mermaid question and answer session, story time, interactive games & Mermaid training in the pool (Time Permitting). All of this and the pool will stay open until 7:45pm to practice your newly acquired Mermaid skills! The program is only open to 20 participants -Pre-registration & Parental supervision is required.

Friday, 9/27 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Halloween Family B-I-N-G-O Ages: All Ages

Bring the family to the Greater Plymouth Community Center for an evening of fun and prizes. Come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume. We will play 12 games of BINGO. Each game winner will receive a prize. No need to worry about dinner... we will have pizza, popcorn, candy & drinks available for purchase... so come hungry and ready to WIN! Price per person: \$5- everyone attending must be registered

Friday, 10/4 6:30 PM (doors open at 6pm, games start at 6:30pm)

Campfire & Hayride at Harriet Wetherill Park 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: Harriet Wetherill Park- 2642 Butler Pike Price: \$10/person

Saturday, 10/5 7:00PM – 8:30PM

Pool Pumpkin Patch

Did you know pumpkins float? Join us for a unique and fun way to pick a pumpkin...in our pool! We'll have a boatload of Pumpkins floating in the pool for participants to find and select the perfect pumpkin! Pumpkins can be taken home or decorated at one of our decoration/carving stations. The pool area will be decorated for the Halloween season and families are encouraged to take pictures and selfies with our various displays. Participants are welcome to stay for open swim after the event.

Sunday, 10/20 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (+Open Swim 12-3 PM)



Pool-O-Ween

The entire aquatics center is transformed into an eerie water playground with Halloween themed music. The lights are low, creepy creatures may be wandering the deck and there will be glow necklaces for all. The event ends with a huge candy scramble – where bags of candy will be thrown into the pool for the children to gather up and take home.

Friday, 10/25 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Veterans Day Celebration

Area Veterans are invited to join us on **Wednesday, November 6th 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.

It's a Zoo at the Pool – New Program! Ages: All Ages

Elmwood Park will be bringing the zoo to our Pool! Their Zoo on Wheels will be here for an amazing and enlightening animal presentation for both parents and children. They'll also have Live Animals and interesting artifacts that will bring learning to life. Animal presentation begins at 6:00pm followed by open swim at 6:30pm and live animals will be here for the entire event.

Friday, 11/22 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

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Outdoor Holiday Market- Crafters & Vendors

Need a gift for someone? Looking for some cool handmade crafts?

Hanukkah and Christmas are right around the corner! Check out the unique and handmade items at our Outdoor Holiday Market. Spread the word! Interested in being a vendor? Please contact Joanna Sharapan at jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org. Location: Colonial Middle School (716 Belvoir Rd). Price: \$20/spot

Saturday, November 16 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

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 Location: corner of Walton Road and Germantown Pike

Wednesday, December 4 6:00PM

Graham Cracker House Workshop Ages: All Ages

Make your home more festive by displaying your own unique creation made out of graham crackers and candy. All supplies provided. Each person wishing to decorate a house must register.

Registration deadline: 12/2 Price: \$15 per house to be built

Saturday, 12/7 10:00 AM-12:00 PM



Breakfast with Santa Ages: All Ages

Come to family time with Santa. Shake his hand and bring your own camera to take pictures. We will also have a game room. A light breakfast will be served. All children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Ages 2 years and under are free with paying adult. Price: \$10/person. Price/family of 4: \$30. Free- children 2 and under

Saturday, 12/14 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Winter Water-land – Toy Drive at the Pool

The pool will be decorated for the season and once again we'll be teaming up with the Harmonville Fire Co. to collect toys for the less fortunate. Starting late November we'll have a bin set up in the lobby asking our patrons for donations of store-quality toys. Donations will be accepted through Friday December 20th the night of our huge special event...

H2Oidday Splash

Welcome the holiday season with a celebration of all things winter that will warm your heart. The event will have Victorian Carolers performing and Santa will be stopping by before his long night of delivering presents. There will be plenty of photo opportunities and Santa will be taking Christmas requests! It's a magical setting and event that you don't want to miss – early registration is a must.

Friday, 12/20 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM



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. Township employees, board members and council are not eligible. 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)

Registration Deadline: December 5

Judging Period: December 7-16

Winners Announced: December 18

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