



# Plymouth Township

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## Newsletter

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### Plymouth Township is a No Phone Zone



The purpose of Ordinance 1537 is to regulate the use of mobile telephones while operating a motor vehicle in Plymouth Township. "Use" is defined as operating a mobile telephone by either dialing, answering, talking, listening, messaging, emailing or texting. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any street in Plymouth Township while engaging in any conduct defined as "use" of a mobile telephone unless the operator maintains both hands on the steering device of the motor vehicle. It is the position of Plymouth Township that the operation of a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone can cause the operator to maintain less attention to the operation of a motor vehicle and the use of a mobile telephone has been a factor in many traffic accidents. Plymouth Township believes that the regulation of the use of a mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle in Plymouth Township is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of persons operating motor vehicles, other drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and the general population of Plymouth Township.

### Green Initiatives

On September 13, 2010, Plymouth Township Council awarded Whole Foods the first annual "Go Green" award for showing a commitment to protecting the environment and its partnerships with local schools and community groups. Whole Foods purchases much of its produce from local farms, donates extra end of day food to food pantries, composts 80% of its waste, and is involved with healthy lunch programs in local schools along with various other community programs.

Whole Foods has partnered with Plymouth Township on several events: promotion of the Whole Foods Grand Opening, participation at the Harriet Wetherill Park Grand Opening and Earth Day celebration in April and staffed a booth at Plymouth Township Day in July. Whole Foods has also given generously in the form of gift cards, food items as well as volunteers hours.

Plymouth Township has also implemented some green initiatives. We installed a waste oil heater in the Township maintenance garage. This heater uses oil and other fluids from fleet vehicle maintenance to heat the maintenance garage and saves approximately 600 gallons of heating oil per year. A self sustaining expandable solar electrical system has been installed at Harriet Wetherill Park which operates site lighting, parking lot lighting and electrical outlets. This improvement is totally independent of the electrical grid.

Xlerator hand dryers have been installed in all the park restrooms and the Greater Plymouth Community Center restrooms and locker rooms. We have adjusted operating times on sport, parking lot and walking trail lighting.

The Township Building has recently seen upgrades in lighting and HVAC units that include: motion and occupancy sensors, T5 light fixtures and Energy Star rated HVAC units that have helped to save approximately 10% of the Township Building electric bills. These upgrades have allowed us to take advantage of the PECO Smart Ideas rebates.

These initiatives will result in substantial savings per year. In 2011, we will continue to look for ways to save money and go green!

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# PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

## PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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## 2011 PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

District 3: Vince Gillen, Chair .....484-904-8001 (H)

At Large: Maria Weidinger, Vice Chair .....610-272-6342 (H)

District 1: Dean N. Eisenberger, Sr. ....484-681-4176 (H)

District 4: Mary Lou Readinger, .....610-828-1004 (H)

District 2: Sheldon Simpson .....610-275-3369 (H)

## 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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G. Philip Brady, Asst. Parks & Rec. Director.....610-277-4312

Richard Carbo, Building & Grounds Director.....610-313-8684

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE, AMBULANCE.....**9-1-1**

## NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police .....610-279-1901

Plymouth Fire Co. ....610-233-0602

Harmonville Fire Co.....610-828-0836

Plymouth Ambulance .....610-277-2776

## SEWER EMERGENCY

Day.....610-277-4105

Night .....610-279-1901

## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

*All meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building,  
700 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, unless otherwise noted.*

*For specific meeting times, please call 610-277-4100.*

Council Meeting - Workshop .....1st Monday

Council Meeting - Public Session .....2nd Monday

Emergency Services Board .....3rd Thursday

*January, March, May, July, September & November*

E. Norriton-Plymouth-Whitpain

Joint Sewer Authority .....2nd Wednesday

*Meetings held at Sewer Plant. No meeting in July & December.*

Historical Architectural Review Board .....2nd Wednesday

*Meetings held at Whitemarsh Township Building in*

*February, April, June, August, October & December*

Park, Recreation & Shade Tree Advisory Board.....4th Tuesday

*Meetings held at Greater Plymouth Community Center. Call 610-277-4312 to confirm.*

Civil Service Commission .....2nd Thursday

Planning Agency .....1st Wednesday

Zoning Hearing Board.....3rd Monday

Environmental Advisory Board .....3rd Tuesday

## How to E-Mail Us

To reach a specific department, go to [www.plymouthtownship.org/quick/contact.html](http://www.plymouthtownship.org/quick/contact.html) to see if the department has an e-mail address and send e-mail directly from the web. Current addresses are:

Finance Director [tcreelman@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:tcreelman@plymouthtownship.org)

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Police [plymouthpolice@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:plymouthpolice@plymouthtownship.org)

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To send e-mail to those not listed here, including the Township Manager and members of citizen boards, send an e-mail to

[plymouth@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:plymouth@plymouthtownship.org) and your comments will be directed to the appropriate person. For comments or suggestions about our website, send an e-mail to [webmaster@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:webmaster@plymouthtownship.org).

## Plymouth Township Voting Locations

**Primary Election Day** **Tuesday, May 17, 2011**

**General Election Day** **Tuesday, November 8, 2011**

If you have any questions, please call Plymouth Township or Montgomery County Voter Services at (610) 278-3280.

### District Location

1 - 1 National Armory, 1046 Belvoir Road

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2 - 1 Plymouth Community Ambulance Building,  
903 East Germantown Pike

2 - 2 Plymouth Township Municipal Building,  
700 Belvoir Road

2 - 3 Harmonville Fire Station, Germantown Pike

3 - 1 Greater Plymouth Community Center,  
2910 Jolly Road

3 - 2 Plymouth Elementary School, 542 Plymouth Road

3 - 3 Church on the Mall, Plymouth Meeting Mall

4 - 1 Ridge Park School, Karrs Lane & Little Avenue

4 - 2 Plymouth Fire Station, 1323 Colwell Lane

## Harmonville Fire Company

On November 6, 2010, Harmonville Fire Co re-dedicated the firehouse after it was recently renovated and the exterior was completely redesigned to capture the look of a traditional firehouse. The improvements are designed to make the building more energy efficient and weather resistant for many years to come.

Also taking place was the housing of Squad 44. A "housing" is a tradition that takes place in the fire service, in which a new truck is formally welcomed and dedicated. The new truck is a first-line rescue-pumper, whose mission will be to handle all fire and rescue calls, as well as assisting at various structure fires. It was built by Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. at a cost of \$450,000, and replaces a 1987 pumper.

Several guests joined the members of the Harmonville Fire Company during this celebration, including members of surrounding fire companies, the Colonial Task Force, and Harmonville's adopted brothers from the Clover Fire Company, Schuylkill County, PA.

Also participating in the ceremony were members from the Warriors' Watch Riders and A Hero's Welcome. Warriors' Watch Riders is group which supports military families in various ways. This group also provides motorcycle escorts for military units returning from war, for units deploying, and for individual soldiers leaving or coming home. Warriors' Watch Riders work very closely with A Hero's Welcome, a national organization with the mission that every member of the military be honored upon his/her return home from defending the United States of America.



Members of Harmonville "housing" the new truck



Harmonville Chief and President with the Warriors' Watch Riders

## 2011 National Crime Night Out Event



We invite all Township residents to the 2011 National Crime Night Out Event. This event is sponsored by the Target Store and the Plymouth Township Police Department and is held in the parking lot of the Target Store, located at 2250 Chemical Road Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 in the Metroplex.

This event provides an opportunity for citizens to learn about various services offered to them through different organizations and agencies. This year's National Crime Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## Electronics Collection

In a continuing effort to reduce trash disposal costs and "go green" the Township will have an electronics and universal waste drop-off located at the Public Works building. For details call the Public Works Office 610-277-4103 or go to our website at [www.plymouthtownship.org](http://www.plymouthtownship.org).



## Single Stream Recycling

Plymouth has implemented Single Stream Recycling. Cans, bottles, plastics, papers and cardboard can now be placed together in your recycling bin. There is no need to separate paper from other commingled material.

All items must be placed in the blue recycle container. Large cardboard items can be placed next to the bin if they do not fit.

Damaged containers can be exchanged at no cost. You must bring in your damaged container for a new one. Lost containers will be replaced at the cost of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Containers are available at the Township Building, 700 Belvoir Road.



## Commonly Asked Questions About Trash Collection

### When should I put my trash out?

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

### How should I put my trash out?

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

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

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

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

**There are three possible reasons:**

**1.** If you put out more than four containers, containers larger than 30 gallons or weighing more than 50 pounds, all of your trash will not be collected.

**2.** If your trash contains recyclable material or yard waste.

**3.** 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, it will not be collected.

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

The Township collects household appliances once per month. See the section on Household appliance and Scrap Metal collection for details. For hazardous waste info call the Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 610-278-3618. Homeowners must dispose of other items on their own.

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

Large items 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.

## What Can You Recycle?

Plymouth Township residents are required to separate recycling material from their trash for separate collection. 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 they are marked for recycling. Recycle stickers are available at the Township Building at no charge. **Blue recycle containers are for single stream recycling ONLY. Yard Waste or trash will not be accepted in this container.** Damaged containers can be exchanged at no cost. Lost containers will be replaced at the cost of twenty-five dollars, containers are available at the Township Building, 700 Belvoir Road.

### Glass

- o Clear, brown & green glass bottles
- o Jars only.
- o Remove all lids and rinse out
- o Labels may be left on
- o Please do not break the glass

### Papers

- o Newspaper, Inserts, Junk mail, telephone books, Magazines
- o ALL CARDBOARD

### Aluminum & Bimetal cans

- o All aluminum & bimetal (tin) beverage & food cans.
- o Drain & rinse out the cans.
- o The cans may be flattened or crushed.

### Plastics collecting #1-#7

- o #1 - PET, PETE, clear, tough plastic commonly used in soft drink bottles.
- o #2 - HDPE is a plastic commonly used to make bottles for milk, juice, water and laundry products.

- o #3 - PVC is a plastic commonly used to make some shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles, some cosmetic bottles, charcoal lighter, mineral oil bottles
- o #4 - LDPE is a plastic commonly used to make food storage containers, dairy container lids, fabric softener bottles, lotion and sunscreen tubes
- o #5 - PP is a plastic commonly used to make yogurt containers, medicine bottles, deli containers, cosmetic containers, frozen juice cans, some microwave containers.
- o #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).
- o #7 - Other can be used to make some ketchup squeeze bottles, syrup bottles, glass cleaner bottles, 5 gallon water cooler bottles, microwave containers, layered plastic containers.

## 2011 Solid Waste Holiday Collection Schedule

**If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday the holiday is observed on Monday.**

**If the 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.**

**Good Friday**  
Friday, April 22, 2011

**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 30, 2011

**Flag Day**  
Tuesday, June 14, 2011

**Independence Day**  
Monday, July 4, 2011

**Labor Day**  
Monday, September 5, 2011

**General Election Day**  
Tuesday, November 8, 2011

**Thanksgiving Day**  
Thursday, November 24, 2011

**Day After Thanksgiving**  
Friday, November 25, 2011

**Christmas Day**  
Sunday, December 25, 2011  
(No Collection on Monday, December 26, 2011)

**Place curbside no later than 6:00 a.m., but no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on preceding day.**

**4 Have questions? Please call the Public Works Department at (610) 277-4103.**

## 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 January 15, 2004. 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 at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us). The Plymouth Township website [www.plymouthtownship.org](http://www.plymouthtownship.org) also has information and links to other websites.

We 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.

## Branch and Chip Program

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

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

### The Spring Program:

March 14, 2011 through the week of April 11, 2011

### The Fall Program:

September 5, 2011 through the week of October 3, 2011

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

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

#### Residents should comply with the following:

- ✂ Leave the branches as long as possible: a minimum of five feet in length.
- ✂ Nothing over five inches 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.

## Yard Waste Collection - Schedule Change

Yard Waste will be collected every Wednesday throughout the year as part of the new yard waste collection schedule. This program is in addition to your regular trash pick-up and recycle day. Yard waste must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. every Wednesday. Collection will be in a designated trash truck. Remember, all of our trash trucks look the same so rest assured that each one will be designated for a particular waste material.

We are committed to help the environment and save tax dollars. Every year hundreds of tons of recyclable yard waste are thrown into the waste stream costing the Township \$65.00 for every ton.

### What is Yard Waste?

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

### How do I Prepare My Yard Waste for Collection?

Yard waste **must** be placed in biodegradable brown bags or in a designated Yard Waste container (trash can). **Please, no plastic bags.** All material improperly prepared will not be collected.

Yard Waste will **not** be collected in the blue recycling containers.

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

## Selling Your Home?

### New Deed Registration Procedures...don't forget about the Curb and Sidewalk Inspection



All properties (except condominiums) must have their curb and sidewalk inspected and a “certificate of adequacy” issued prior to deed registration with the Township.

The inspection is for existing curb and sidewalk only. Properties without a curb and sidewalk will not be required to install them. Damaged curbing and sidewalk meeting the replacement guidelines must be repaired in compliance with Township specifications. There is no fee for the curb and sidewalk inspection. Please allow three weeks for the curb and sidewalk inspection. Don't delay, request the inspection as soon as you list your property.

Within two business days after recording a deed transfer, the new owner must complete an “Application For Registration of Real Estate”. The application, a copy of the recorded deed, a copy of the “Certificate of Adequacy” and a \$10.00 fee must be presented to the Township for the deed to be registered.

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.

## Grass, Just Cut It And Leave It!

Grass clippings are a major part of the Township's municipal solid waste stream during the summer months. Recycling grass clippings can help reduce the amount of waste going to the trash to steam plant.

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

**What can you do to help?** It's really simple. Just leave the clippings on the lawn when you mow it. Grass clippings provide a natural, healthy fertilizer for a growing lawn.

**What about thatch?** Don't worry about the clippings contributing to thatch problems. Lawn experts agree that thatch is formed by the accumulation of dead roots and stems, not by lawn clippings.

**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 the expense of extra trash bags. You can also spend less on fertilizer, since clippings left on the lawn recycle nutrients back into the soil.



## Please Keep Our Streams Clean!

This is our Fish Tank



This is its Lid



Any Questions?

One would never dream about dumping garbage into a creek. But if waste runs down a storm drain that's exactly what happens!

## 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 color coded surface markings are 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 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

## Household Appliance & Scrap Metal Collection

The Township has a separate collection for stoves, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, metal cabinets and all metal furniture since these items are not accepted at the trash to steam plant. Dishwashers can now be put out on the second regular trash day. No sticker is required.

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 appropriate sticker and to be placed on the list. Items without stickers will not be collected. Appliances such as freezers, refrigerators and air conditioners that contain freon and other gases that need to be removed prior to disposal require a green sticker that costs \$10.00. The other appliances require an orange sticker, which is free of charge.

## Is Your Street Light Out?

To report defective street lights call the Public Works Department at (610) 277-4103. When calling please give the pole number, street location and your phone number (optional). Requests for service can be delayed without the pole number. Emergencies can be reported anytime to the Police at (610) 279-1901.

## Is Your Sidewalk Passable?

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 a good time to consider cutting back those low hanging branches. Bush and shrub clippings should be placed out on Wednesday for yard waste collection. Dates and procedures for the program are outlined on page 5 in this newsletter.

## 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.

## Compost/Mulch Delivery

For a delivery charge of \$30.00 we will deliver up to 1 dump truck load (approx. 5 yards) of compost/mulch to your household (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 come to the Public Works Office in person to sign a release of liability and pay the \$30.00 delivery charge. If you would like delivery on Friday you need to pay and sign the waiver before Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. the week of delivery.

For more information, contact the Public Works Office at 610-277-4103.

## Police Department

The Plymouth Township Police Department is proud to serve the citizens of Plymouth Township. Our mission is to faithfully provide professional service to the citizens of Plymouth Township and to those who may come within our care and jurisdiction. We are pleased to announce that K-9 Officer Eric Ponzek and newly acquired K-9 "Major" both graduated from Castle K-9 School. After many weeks of intensive training, Major is now crossed trained to be a Patrol and Explosive Detection K-9. We wish Officer Ponzek and Major many successful years working together.

In January of 2011 the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center took over radio communications from the Plymouth Township Police Department. There will not be a change in service from the police department. For all emergencies please dial 911. If you call 610-279-1900 you will also reach the Montgomery County Emergency Dispatch Services Center. To leave a message for an officer or contact police administration directly please call 610-279-1901. Our department will still maintain a communications center which will be fully operational and covered 24/7, 365 days a year with qualified personnel. The residents of Plymouth Township will, as always, continue to receive professional service.

Residents of Plymouth Township may also go to [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com), to see what is happening within the Township and/or your neighborhood. Citizens may also contact the police to leave information to report any suspicious or criminal activity. This information will be anonymous. Again we would like to thank the residents for the opportunity to serve you.

## Township Manager

Several new ordinances were adopted in 2010 to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Plymouth Township. The mobile phone ordinance requires the operator of a vehicle to maintain both hands on the steering wheel. Ordinance 1539 requires owners of lost or stolen firearms to report such to the Police Department within 72 hours. The position of Director of Public Safety was established to coordinate the efforts of the Police Department and the Office of Fire Marshal. The Chief of Police shall serve as the Director of Public Safety without additional compensation.

Other ordinances include the Responsible Contractor Ordinance for public works projects over \$25,000; the requirement for police officer candidates to be Act 120 qualified; increased backfilling and road restoration requirements for utilities that open Township roads; and a snow removal ordinance that prohibits the throwing, plowing or shoveling of snow onto highways, streets or roads within the Township.

The Public Works Department continued to replace street signs with new, larger and reflective signs using white letters on a green background for better visibility. The Township's recycling efforts were expanded again with E-Waste now being accepted at the Township Building for proper disposal. See the E-Waste article on page 3 for more information. Plymouth Township was awarded the PA Waste Watchers Award for exemplary performance in waste recycling for the second year in a row.

A new website was launched in the Fall which is very easy to navigate. Citizens will find much more information including a Township calendar, council meeting minutes and agendas, all forms and documents, FAQ's and a citizen request tab to leave a question, comment, or request for service. Please spend a few minutes at [www.plymouth-township.org](http://www.plymouth-township.org) if you haven't already.

Police Officer Rocco Wack was promoted to Sergeant, Officer

Anthony Costello was named Officer of the Year and Lt. Karen Mabry was named Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. K-9 Officer Brix retired and was replaced by a bomb detection K-9 named Major.

The first ever Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Green Parks Award was given to the Township for the Harriet Wetherill Park (HWP), to recognize excellence in the public park community for those who have demonstrated green and sustainable park practices. A commemorative tree was planted at the park in honor of the award. With grant writing assistance from T & M Associates, Township Engineers, DCNR also awarded a \$45,000 grant towards the HWP Conservation and Management Plan. The Greater Plymouth Community Center once again exceeded its goal with a 94% recovery rate. Rick Carbo, Director of Building and Grounds, completed the Certified Playground Inspection course; now playground safety inspections can be done in-house.

In March, Remington, Vernick and Beach's Rick Miles was appointed as the Building Code Official for Plymouth Township. Rick brings a wealth of experience to the Building Department.

Twenty-four volunteer fire fighters from Plymouth and Harmonville Fire Companies were recognized by Council for completing National and State certifications in Fire Fighting I and Fire Fighting II. Hundreds of hours are spent learning and training to achieve these certifications. We are so fortunate to have these courageous fire fighters, selflessly dedicating their time to protect Plymouth Township.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Plymouth Township Council, all of the Township employees and all of our citizen volunteers for their tireless efforts and service to the community. Plymouth Township is truly a great place in which to live.

## Parks & Recreation

Harriet Wetherill Park continued to be a focus this year. We completed the park enhancements and began a small programming focus. We began with the Grand Opening, Earth Day, a new summer camp and added a set of new Fall Programs that included mystery madness, hayrides, and a campfire with storytelling. Our many thanks to those who participated in the Gift and Donation program with your donations for benches, bricks and trees. In addition, we have added more park partners with scouts and businesses taking part in park activities and park clean up days. We were honored to have Harriet Wetherill Park be awarded the first DCNR/PRPS Green Park award this past spring.

The GPCC 10th Year Anniversary Celebration was held on April 10. Almost 1,000 people attended the event and enjoyed a day of free activities from the center and the Montgomery County Health Department. Many took advantage of our celebration annual pass discount and continue to enjoy the GPCC amenities every week.

The economy continued to present challenges for the Parks and Recreation Department this year. After careful research and reviewing customer feedback, we implemented pool and gym special rates and created a one-month pass to help patrons utilize the facility and spread out the payment options during these difficult times. The SilverSneakers program continues to be a popular choice among seniors. League programming, afterschool programs, pick up volleyball

and basketball and room rentals all experienced increases in participation.

Summer camps at the GPCC, local schools and parks were extremely successful. The main camp programs continued to flourish. The number of one week specialty camps increased producing an enrollment increase of 8%.

Our marketing efforts continued with streamlining and changing up the traditional methods to place more focus on the new website, electronic email newsletters, using the Mall reader board and social media. Online room rentals, gym rentals and pavilion rentals were established as a base for more customer friendly services.

We thank the many businesses who agreed to display our seasonal promotional posters for our special events and performance series. The Department thanks the residents and patrons for their continued support this year. The staff has again done a tremendous job meeting the fiscal challenges presented this year and we thank them for their hard work and diligence.

We look forward to continuing our successful park partnerships and to forming new opportunities to work with community groups and businesses. You will see that some older programs are being restructured so we may once again bring you another year of creative programs and add HWP as a new exciting program location.

## Development & Zoning

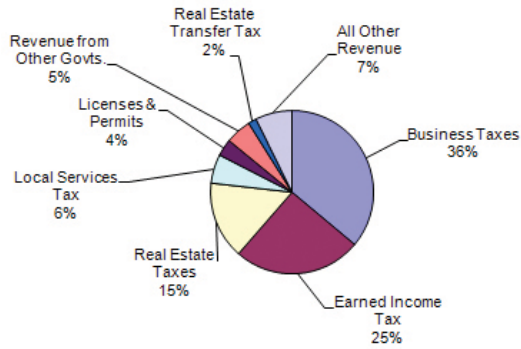
In 2010, there were no land developments or subdivisions filed with the Township. However, several companies opened their doors for business, including a 13,000 square foot office addition to Roizman & Companies at 830 & 832 Germantown Pike, Conicelli Toyota Service Center at 508 & 512 Ridge Pike, and SDI, Inc. located at 1 SDI Drive began operations in a new 143,000 square foot office building in September.

Mr. Joe Connor also completed his term on the Zoning Hearing Board in 2010, after serving on the Township's Planning Agency and Zoning Hearing Board since 1999. His expertise will be greatly missed.

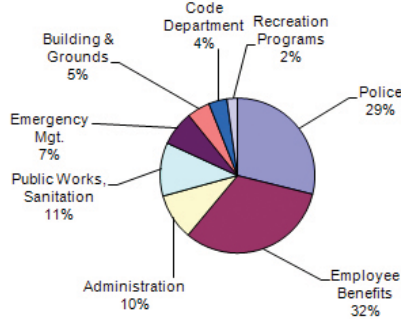
There were over 1,000 building permits, 160 Use and Occupancy permits, and 22 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits issued. The Zoning Hearing Board heard 34 appeals.

## 2011 Budget

### Revenues



### Expenditures



### Your Real Estate Tax Millage

Township: 1.600  
 School District: 18.025  
 County: 2.695

### General Fund

#### Revenues & Transfers In

Real Estate Tax .....	2,607,500
Real Estate Transfer Tax .....	280,000
Earned Income Tax.....	4,300,000
Mercantile Tax.....	2,025,000
Business Privilege Tax.....	2,850,000
Local Services Tax.....	971,000
Solid Waste Tax .....	916,000
Other Taxes .....	325,000
Licenses & Permits .....	576,875
Fines & Forfeitures .....	169,000
Interest .....	60,000
Revenue from Other Govts.....	870,578
Charges for Services.....	633,550
Miscellaneous Revenue .....	104,750
Transfers from Other Funds .....	268,466
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Transfers In.....</b>	<b>\$16,957,719</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance .....</b>	<b>\$6,738,000</b>
<b>Total Available .....</b>	<b>\$23,695,719</b>

#### Expenditures & Transfers Out

General Government .....	1,758,825
Public Safety .....	7,004,016
Code Department .....	743,420
Sanitation .....	1,023,400
Highways, Roads & Streets .....	1,135,754
Buildings & Grounds / Parks .....	644,695
Recreation Programs.....	424,143
Employer Payroll Taxes .....	725,000
Insurance .....	398,500
Transfers to Other Funds .....	5,511,322
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Transfers Out ..</b>	<b>\$19,369,075</b>
<b>Reserved for Future Expenditures ....</b>	<b>\$4,326,644</b>
<b>Total Accounted For .....</b>	<b>\$23,695,719</b>
<b>Other Funds - Budgeted Expenditures</b>	
Sewer Fund .....	2,483,371
Community Center Fund.....	2,288,555
Highway Aid Fund.....	668,300
Capital Reserve Fund .....	3,392,500
Employee Health & Welfare Fund ..	3,816,590

The complete 2011 budget document can be found on line at [www.plymouthtownship.org](http://www.plymouthtownship.org)

## 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.

Major projects during the year included the award of the Diamond Run Sanitary Sewer Project which will begin in 2011. This will provide a new force main and service a portion of the Black Horse section of the Township. The Annual Street Paving program included the following streets: Colwell Lane, Wilmer Ave, Burke Street, Clay Drive and Turf Lane. A portion of Brook Road and N. Gravers Road was Cold Milled Recycled and overlaid.

The Public Works Department's efforts were enhanced by equipment upgrades, including a Trash Truck Body for the Sanitation Dept. and a skid steer for the Highway Department.

Street name signs are still in the process of being replaced throughout the township. The new signs will be a different color (green), larger and will have a high intensity reflectivity for better visibility. All other signs will be replaced as well with high reflectivity materials.

Many water mains throughout the Township were replaced in 2010 and will continue in 2011 as part of Aqua PA infrastructure improvements.

Another new program was implemented in 2010. Electronics collection drop-off. This new program collects electronics, small appliances and rechargeable batteries.

Single Stream Recycling and the Yard Waste programs continue to improve. In recognition of this standout recycling program Plymouth Township again received a 2010 PA Waste Watchers Award. Only 70 awards were given State wide and only 3 in the County for going above and beyond what is mandated under Act 101. Single Stream Recycling collected over 1,500 tons. Yard waste has exceeded the 1,000 ton mark for the second straight year.

All routine operations of the Public Works Department continued with exceptional service including trash, recycling, yard waste and white goods collection; chipper programs, leaf collection, electronics collection and composting; street and inlet repair, salting and snow plowing; and parks maintenance.

## Harriet Wetherill Park Update



We are pleased to announce Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation Department was awarded a \$45,000 matching grant for a Harriet Wetherill Park Conservation and Management Plan from DCNR. This plan will have two parts: a Resource Management Stewardship Plan and a Management Plan. The Resource Management Stewardship Plan (RMSP) will provide a step-by-step guide for the Township and users for maintaining and using the park in a sustainable manner. Managing resources at HWP requires a different type of care than that required at the Township's more traditional, groomed, active recreation parks. The natural resource management focus needs to educate those involved on prioritizing attention toward the ecology of the site using environmentally sound practices. The Management Plan will include a Building Feasibility Study which will determine the most fiscally responsible approach to managing and enhancing recreational opportunities in relation to both the land and its resources and the buildings located on the homestead portion. This plan will utilize our past park studies along with current implementation progress and incorporate them into a strategy for future conservation and management of the park, its resources and facilities.

### Get your brick order in NOW!

*Buy a brick on the Flight of the Butterfly*

What a great way to show your support and leave a permanent impression at Harriet Wetherill Park. Bricks are 4 x 8 and hold 3 lines with a maximum of 15 characters

(including spaces).

\$150 per brick.

*The next order deadline is June 1st.*



### Plymouth Township would like to thank everyone who purchased benches at Harriet Wetherill Park.



*Daniel Paciello, WWII Flyboy*

*Thank you for your support*

*Daniel Paciello  
Ceridian Lifeworks  
Lynda Lawrence  
MaryLee Montgomery  
Jenny Caruso*

### Harriet Wetherill Park-Gift for Parks & Recreation Program

#### Park Partners

Join our Park Partners program and get involved with Harriet Wetherill Park. This program is designed as an \*adopt-a-park\* program that encourages volunteer support. We are interested in groups (businesses, families, churches, and community groups) to complete projects or volunteer their time at special events.

*Thank you to  
Ceridian Lifeworks  
Target  
for your support*

### Remembrance & Commemorative Benches

Remember a loved one or celebrate a joyous occasion with a park bench. Personalize a bench with an engraved plaque. 2x10 plaque, 4 lines maximum 50 characters per line (including spaces).

*For more specific details please contact Susan Vacchiano 610-313-8683 or*

*svacchiano@plymouthtownship.org or visit our website at [www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org](http://www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org).*

*Placements will be determined on a first come, first served basis at the time of purchase and all donations are tax deductible.*



**Come and Visit the  
Greater Plymouth Community Center**  
[www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org](http://www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org)

Get a personal tour of the facility and see first hand what we have to offer! No appointment necessary. Look for our Leisure Visions Brochure to get a complete listing of all our classes. We offer everything from Preschool to Water Exercise.

**GPCC has new and improved pass rates**

1-Month Passes	Residents	Non-Residents
Primary Adult (18-61 years)	\$53	\$72
Primary Youth (3-17 years) <u>OR</u> Primary Senior (62 + years)	\$42	\$57
Additional Youth (3-17 years) with purchase of primary pass	\$10	\$12
Additional Adult/Senior with purchase of primary pass	\$20	\$22

3-Month Passes	Residents	Non-Residents
Primary Adult (18-61 years)	\$160	\$215
Primary Youth (3-17 years) <u>OR</u> Primary Senior (62 + years)	\$125	\$170
Additional Youth (3-17 years) with purchase of primary pass	\$30	\$35
Additional Adult/Senior with purchase of primary pass	\$60	\$65

Annual Passes	Residents	Non-Residents
Primary Adult (18-61 years)	\$395	\$535
Primary Youth (3-17 years) <u>OR</u> Primary Senior (62 + years)	\$310	\$420
Additional Youth (3-17 years) with purchase of primary pass	\$70	\$80
Additional Adult/Senior with purchase of primary pass	\$140	\$155

**Massage is now available at the GPCC**



Massage Therapy is now available at the GPCC.  
 Our Nationally Certified Massage Therapist,  
 Melissa Fell will be available:  
 Mondays: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesdays: 7:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
 Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
 Please see the fitness staff to schedule an appointment.

Massage Rates		
	Resident	NR
30-minute	\$35	\$40
1 hour	\$55	\$60

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**Please Recycle** 

### MLK Day of Service



On January 17, volunteers from Ceridian LifeWorks, Target and local Girl Scout Troops teamed up with GPC staff to make pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer's, *A Case for Smiles*. Approximately 20 girl scouts volunteered and earned credits towards their sewing badge. Eighty-seven pillow cases were made and will be given to sick children to brighten their hospital rooms and put smiles on their faces. If you are interested in this annual event please contact Shawn Mazei at 610-277-6122 or smazei@plymouthtownship.org for more information.

These groups are part of Plymouth Township's Park Partners program which promotes long term volunteer support. This program is in conjunction with the Gift and Donation program.

To learn more about this program, please call Sue Vacchiano at 610-313-8683 or visit our web site at [www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org](http://www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org).

**20th Annual**  
**Plymouth Township Day!**  
**New Date! Saturday, June 4**  
Rain Date June 5  
**East Plymouth Valley Park**  
**4:00 pm-7:00 pm**  
**Amusements, attractions and community groups**  
**7:00 pm -9:00 pm**  
**Concert: The Slippery Band**

### Performances in the Park 2011 Schedule



We will be kicking off our concerts and movies on May 12th with the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School Jazz Band. Join us every Wednesday June 29th through August 3rd for a performance or movie. Movies and performances will be listed on our website.

[www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org](http://www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org)

### Anniversary 11<sup>th</sup> Celebration

*Saturday, April 9, 2011*

**Join us for a fun filled day!**

- ❖ Giveaways
- ❖ Free use of the Gymnasium & Aquatics Center (12:00 pm-5:30 pm)
- ❖ 10% discount on annual passes including renewals (discount only available the day of the event)

**Summer Camp  
brochure & information  
is available on our  
website.**

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