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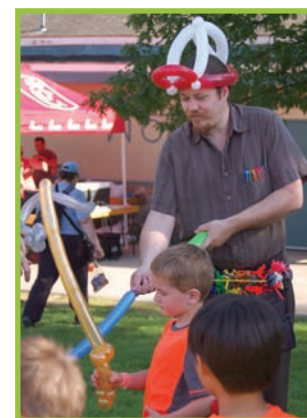
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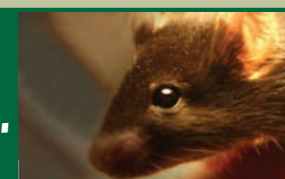
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EMERGENCY NUMBERS-Police, Fire, Rescue, Ambulance 9-1-1

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Plymouth Fire Co.	610-233-0602
Harmonville Fire Co.	610-828-0836
Plymouth Ambulance	610-277-2776
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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP VOTING LOCATIONS

Primary Election Day Tuesday, April, 26, 2016
General Election Day Tuesday, November 8, 2016
If you have any questions, please call Plymouth Township or Montgomery County Voter Services at (610) 278-3280.

DISTRICT	LOCATION	
1 - 1	Central Montco Tech School, 821 Plymouth Road	3 - 1 Greater Plymouth Community Center, 2910 Jolly Road
1 - 2	Central Montco Tech School, 821 Plymouth Road	
2 - 1	Plymouth Community Ambulance Building, 902 East Germantown Pike	3 - 2 Plymouth Elementary School, 542 Plymouth Road
2 - 2	Plymouth Township Municipal Building, 700 Belvoir Road	3 - 3 Church on the Mall, Plymouth Meeting Mall
2 - 3	Harmonville Fire Station, 904 Germantown Pike	4 - 1 Ridge Park Elementary School, Karrs Lane & Little Avenue
		4 - 2 Plymouth Fire Company, 1323 Colwell Lane

TOWNSHIP GRANTS

HARRIET WETHERILL PARK

Trails and Entrance

Visitors are enjoying the additional trails and new Butler Pike entrance made possible through a matching grant administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The Township is awaiting a decision on an additional Act 13 grant. This grant, if funded, will bring us closer to our goal of a full Nature Center.

Initial Classrooms and Amenities



Cross County Trail

Plymouth Township was awarded a PECO Green Region grant to determine the feasibility of establishing a route to serve as a connecting spur to the Cross County Trail. This study will provide an overview, analysis and sketch plan for a potential sidepath for the Plymouth Road Corridor between Butler Pike and the Plymouth Meeting Mall. Our goal would be to create a general corridor that would allow the construction of a continuous, safe and functional multi-use path that would serve as a connector between these points and the Montgomery County Cross County Trail. This study will take approximately 15 months.

Germantown Pike Sidewalk Grant

Preparations are underway with the engineering and design of the sidewalk from Jolly Road to Walton Road. This project is being completed with a matching grant received from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Thanks to this grant, we can provide safe and easy access to shops, restaurants, businesses and condos along this busy stretch of Germantown Pike. We hope to complete engineering and design work in late winter, go out to bid in spring and begin construction in late summer or fall.

Please continue to look in our future publications to read about updates on these projects.

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION (PCAA)



Plymouth Community Ambulance Association (PCAA) has a committee dedicated to the education of its employees, fellow emergency service organizations and the community. PCAA offers First Aid and CPR education classes at reasonable prices. PCAA is always proud to host community groups for education. The past year we have assisted several Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops in obtaining their First Aid badges. If you are interested in individual or group classes please send inquiries to edu@medic308.org.

Plymouth Community Ambulance Association, through the hard work of its education committee, is proud to have obtained "Expert Level" recognition in the Pennsylvania Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program. This is the highest level assigned by this agency. PCAA is proud to be one of only 27 organizations in the state obtaining the expert level. There are currently 115 organizations that participate.

To achieve this level, PCAA is compliant with all pediatric safety standards equipment; all organization members obtain yearly Childline background checks, and the organization holds quarterly pediatric specific education and has a community outreach program for car seat safety inspections and installations free of cost to the community. In the past year the organization has performed approximately 30 inspections or installations. If you or someone you know is interested in a car seat safety inspection or installation please email carseat@medic308.org

PCAA is also the proud organizer of Operation Christmas Kids. This past year our 6th annual Operation Christmas Kids Toy Run was held on Saturday December 5th. We had over 25 different emergency service organizations, EMS, fire, police, dispatchers, sheriffs, and motorcycle clubs in attendance with an apparatus procession of over 60 vehicles long delivering toys to Bryn Mawr and St. Christopher's hospitals. Pictures with Santa started the day off at Plymouth Ambulance headquarters on Germantown Pike along with refreshments and music by 102.9 WMGK. Over 7,000 toys were delivered to these two hospitals by emergency service organizations from all over Montgomery County. We would like to thank everyone for their participation.



Code Red is 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.

CALLING 9-1-1 FROM A CELL PHONE



The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety asks that anyone who calls 9-1-1 from a cellular phone in communities near the County border immediately state that "I'm calling from Montgomery County" when the call-taker answers the phone. If the nearest cell tower to where the call is placed is across the border in a neighboring county, the call will be routed to the 9-1-1 center in Philadelphia, Bucks, Berks, Chester or Delaware county, depending on where the tower is located. The neighboring 9-1-1 center will transfer the call to Montgomery County, but the time it takes to figure out the actual location, transfer the call and then supply the information about the incident again, could make a difference in saving someone's life. Stating "I'm calling from Montgomery County" at the outset will greatly reduce any delay in getting people the help they need. Using a landline to call 9-1-1 will result in the call automatically being routed to the proper call center.

Parks and Recreation

LEAVE YOUR MARK IN THE PARK

A great way to remember a loved one, celebrate a joyous occasion or leave a permanent impression in one of our parks is to purchase a bench, tree or brick as a tribute. Benches and trees come with a personalized plaque. New bench and tree locations are available with the enhancement of Harriet Wetherill Park. For order forms, please visit our website, www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org or contact Susan Vacchiano at 610-313-8683 or svacchiano@plymouthtownship.org.



PLYMOUTH ELEMENTARY PARTNERS WITH HARRIET WETHERILL PARK



Students and staff at Plymouth Elementary and Plymouth Township launched a community outreach program to support Harriet Wetherill Park. Fundraising from this event will help purchase bird food, bird feeders and bird houses for the newly created bird blind at HWP. Our first fundraiser was a Wild Bird Seed Sale in which \$5.00 of every purchase went directly to the cause. Look for our next fundraiser coming soon.



For more information, contact Joanna at 610-313-8681 or jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org.

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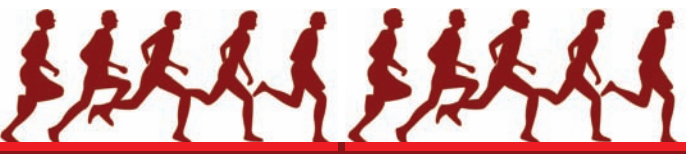
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This program is for children with special needs ages 4 and up who enjoy sports and socializing. Seasonal sports will be offered with emphasis on having fun while learning sportsmanship, physical activity, social interaction and fun. Some fundamentals of the sport will be taught. This is a volunteer driven program. Parents may be asked to help and participate. The program is held on Sundays beginning April 10th to June 12th (no class 5/8). The price is \$35.00.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

MLK Day of Service 2016 was a successful day. Girl Scout groups gathered to make dog and cat toys and put together a troop donation for active military personnel stationed abroad. 98 dog toys and 58 cat toys were made. They will be donated to the Montgomery County SPCA, Kitty Cottage, and All 4 Paws. The troop donation will be sent to Operation Gratitude. We thank you for contribution on this day of giving back to the community.



Harmonville Fire Company



Good day from the officers and members of the Harmonville Fire Company No. 1. We have been proudly serving and protecting the Plymouth Township community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week since 1924. We have two fire houses, the main station located at 2100 Butler Pike and our substation located at 904 Germantown Pike. We are ready to respond at a moment's notice.

During 2015, our members responded to 565 emergency calls for service, attended 71 training sessions between our Monday night drills, weekend training sessions as well as at other locations, and have attended 150 special services, including meetings, fundraisers, fire prevention activities, etc.

Every year, the Fire Company is involved in numerous events in Plymouth Township. Some of the events are Plymouth Township Day, Annual School Drills during Fire Prevention Week, and Fire Prevention Demonstrations at the Summer Camps.

The members also hold fundraisers throughout the year. We recently held our annual Christmas Tree Sale and would like to give a big THANK YOU to all who helped make this year's sale a success! It could not have been done without your support! Our annual Easter Flower Sale is approaching; please check our websites (listed below) for times and dates. We will also be holding a few car wash fundraisers when the weather gets nicer.

Being a volunteer organization, we are always in need of new members to join our firehouse family. There are many roles that we fill, from Firefighting & Rescue Operations and Fire Police Operations, to Administrative Operations. Our Firefighting/Rescue Operations train in saving lives and 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. We also have a Junior Firefighter program which is for 16-17 years old who are interested in joining the Fire Company. The Fire Police Operations help keep our firefighters, as well as the public safe, at emergency scenes by providing traffic and crowd control. Our administrative group keep 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! Finally, if you want to join to help out in any way you can, we are always looking for new members to help out at special functions, such as our fire prevention demonstrations, fundraisers, etc. If you or anyone you know would like to join our family, there are multiple ways of doing so. You can stop by either station Monday through Friday, our main station Monday nights from 6:30 – 10:00, or visit our website and click the contact tab, fill out the information and someone will be in touch with you.

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Wednesday, June 22
Movie: THE JUNGLE BOOK
The original Jungle Book

Wednesday, June 29
Concert: RIVER OF DREAMS
Billy Joel tribute band

Wednesday, July 6
Movie: GHOSTBUSTERS
The original Ghostbusters (this movie is rated PG and may contain scary content and strong language)

Wednesday, July 13
Concert: ZYDECO-A-GO-GO
Louisiana Cajun style music

Wednesday, July 20
Movie: ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT
Manny, Diego, and Sid embark upon another adventure after their continent is set adrift.

Wednesday, July 27
Concert: DUELING PIANOS
The Dueling Pianos battle it out performing energetic sing along classics for all ages

Wednesday, August 3
Movie: MINIONS
Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlet Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world



HARMONVILLE FIRE COMPANY
MEDAL OF MERIT



L-R: Kevin Lawrence, Chief; Charles Semler, Firefighter; Eric Blundin, Firefighter; Jim Behr, President

On December 19, 2015, Plymouth Township Council awarded Eric Blundin and Charles Semler the Harmonville Fire Company Medal of Merit for their rescue of a trapped resident from her balcony during the Plymouth Rock Apartment fire. Mr. Blundin and Mr. Semler were recognized for their successful rescue and for their selfless commitment to the residents of Plymouth Township.

THANK YOU!



L-R: Karen Weiss, Township Manager, and Council Members: Martin Higgins; Sheldon Simpson, Chair; Lenore Bruno, Vice-Chair; Ron Trask; Dean Eisenberger

Plymouth Township thanks Councilman Sheldon J. Simpson for his eight years of service as a councilman, serving as Council Chairman for the past four years. Mr. Simpson has served the Township since 1994, on the Planning Agency, the Zoning Hearing Board and on Council. A plaque was presented to Mr. Simpson on December 14, 2015, acknowledging his service and legacy he leaves behind.

Plymouth Fire Company

The Plymouth Fire Company has been serving Plymouth Township and neighboring communities since 1906. Over the past few months, the Company has been very busy covering building fires, fire alarms, vehicle accidents, and water rescues.

In addition to the firefighting business, Plymouth Fire Company continues to involve itself in other areas. Participating in events such as Plymouth Township Day, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, the Fourth of July Parade, and our annual Santa Run allows us to stay involved in the community and participate in many traditions. We also have a dedicated Ladies Auxiliary, which hosts multiple events for the public. In the upcoming months, the ladies will have their bi-annual Penny Auction. Updated events can be found on plymouthfireco.com or on the Plymouth Fire Company Facebook page.

Plymouth Fire Company is expanding its station on Colwell Lane. The addition includes new offices, a larger members' area, and a larger, completely renovated hall. For more information on renting the hall, check out plymouthfireco.com or email hallrental@plymouthfireco.com.

WITH SYMPATHY

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of member Francis Thomas. Fran served with Plymouth Fire Company for the past seven years. After joining, Fran immediately became active with the Fire Police Unit, and rose to the position of Lieutenant within a few years. Fran also served as the company's treasurer and was very active within the administration. He will be greatly missed.

Our members are volunteers who enjoy providing a service to the residents and visitors of Plymouth Township. We are always looking to add more firefighting and administrative personnel to our ranks. If you would like to serve your community by becoming a member of Plymouth Fire Company, there are members present Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on every Tuesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. If you are unable to make it during those hours, please feel free to email us at plymouthfireco@gmail.com.

POLICE NEWS

BIG MILESTONE!



On December 14, 2015 Community Police Officer Michael Cassidy was recognized at our Township Council meeting for reaching a career milestone. Officer Cassidy was honored with his thirty (30) years of service plaque. Officer Cassidy was the very first motorcycle rider and instructor for our department. Officer Cassidy was also the first Accident Reconstructionist for our department. A big Thank You to Officer Cassidy for so many years of hard work and dedication.

L-R: Councilman Martin Higgins, Officer Michael Cassidy, Chairman Sheldon Simpson, Vice Chair Lenore Bruno, Councilman Ronald Trask, Councilman Dean Eisenberger

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!



L-R: President Ray Stocchi, Bill Garbacz, Sandy Garbacz, and Chief Mike Burton

Member Bill Garbacz has hit a new milestone with Plymouth Fire Company. Joining in 1965, Bill has now been a member for 50 years. Over the years, Bill has served many roles including President and Chief Engineer. He is currently serving as Assistant Chief Engineer.

A PHOTO FINISH

Plymouth Fire Company photographer Dave Jackson has recently received further recognition with his fire photography. In May of 2015, Dave Jackson submitted photos from the fire at Philadelphia Flooring on Colwell Lane to Firehouse Magazine, and they featured an article by him online. His photos from the fire were recently announced to be in the top ten photo stories from 2015 on Firehouse.com.



Command station at Philadelphia Flooring

Parks and Recreation

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

Registration has begun for our Summer Camps. Please refer to the Summer Camp Brochure for all the details, or at www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org.



CAMP GPCC
(Ages 6-12) June 13 to August 19 - Sign up weekly.



Location: GPCC
A traditional day camp with a variety of activities including arts and crafts, sports, swimming and day trips.

TEEN CAMP (Ages 12-15) June 20 through August 12 – Sign up weekly.

Location: GPCC

Exciting adventures including trips, swimming, athletic competitions, challenging projects and games.

PLAYGROUND CAMP (Ages 6-12) A six week program beginning June 20 through July 29

Location: Plymouth Elementary

Traditional playground activities including arts and crafts, sports and day trips. Held outdoors with minimal structure.

MINI PEOPLE (Ages 3-6) June 20 through July 29 – Sign up weekly.

Location: GPCC

Features arts and crafts, games, special events and socialization during six themed weeks.



SPECIALTY CAMPS: (Ages 5-16)

Location: Varies

One-Week Camps held throughout the summer including Sports, Theater, Science, Geoventures, Superhero, Crafts, and more.



Aquatic Programs

SYNCHRONIZED SWIM TRAINING TO BE INTRODUCED THIS SUMMER

Unless you lived in Florida, California or one of the few states where it's been popularized, you only hear about Synchronized Swimming every four years when the Olympics capture our attention. Starting this summer the Aquatics Center will be introducing Synchronized Swimming instruction for ages 7 to 14. Our certified coach was competitive for five years and nationally ranked for three years. Participants should be competent swimmers. All of the training takes place in the deep end of the lap pool. There are nine basic moves that are mastered before the "art" of building a routine can take place. In addition to being capable swimmers, participants must be comfortable treading water and flipping from back to front and front to back with ease. Synchronized Swimmers spend a lot of time upside down in the water and nose clips are a required piece of equipment.

Look for this program in our Spring/Summer Leisure Visions, or call the Aquatics Office at 610-313-4060.

GRANDPARENTS DAY AT THE POOL

Bring your Grandparents to the GPCC for a fun filled night of music and swimming in the Leisure Pool! Grandparents swim for free when accompanying a child with a paid admission. Don't miss this one of a kind pool party.

SWIM LESSONS

Group and private swim lessons are available. Sign up now with our new convenient class schedule. Some other features include:

- Small class size for beginner level lessons, 4 to 1 ratio
- Instructors go through in-depth swim lesson training
- Swim evaluations available prior to every session to help place your child
- Multiple Lesson Discount
- FREE Coupon for family swim or practice
- Weekend private swim lesson sign ups

Parks and Recreation

A complete listing and description of all programs and special events are listed in our program guide, Leisure Visions, mailed to homes in March, August and November or found online at www.plymouthcommunitycenter.org
Online registration is available or by phone at 610-277-4312

SMALL GROUP TRAINING (SGT) IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GPCC!

- Small group training is an affordable way to take advantage of a certified instructor’s expertise at a lower financial investment than personal training.
 - An effective small group training program is big enough to retain the fun and competitiveness of a group dynamic, but small enough to receive more personalized attention.
- Certified instructors will supervise and make corrections along the way rather than just instruct. This ensures exercises are done properly and helps to achieve goals quickly.
 - A typical time-frame is 4 weeks, short enough to commit without scheduling conflicts but long enough to see results.

ADULT SMALL GROUP TRAINING

- Group Cycling
 - Cycle & Yoga
 - Cycle & Core
 - Suspension Training
 - Pilates Suspension
- Strength Training Program for Women
 - Core Fusion
 - Boot Camp
 - War of the Core
 - Body Weight Burn
- No Falls Approach to Balance (Ages 50+)
 - Belly Dancing
 - Dancefit
 - Line Dance Mix

YOUTH SMALL GROUP TRAINING


- Cardio Kickboxing for Teens
- Weight training 101
- Preseason Baseball & Softball Conditioning
- Cycle & Suspension Fusion Training for Teens
- Xkids

FITNESS

All Land Aerobic classes are free with annual and one month passes!

- Tight and Toned
 - Total Body Fitness
 - Body Sculpt
 - Yoga
 - Gentle Yoga
 - Pilates/Yoga
 - Cardo Burn
- Floor Core & More
 - Hard Core
 - 20/20/20
 - Senior Aerobics
 - SilverSneakers Classic
 - Chair Yoga
 - SilverSneakers Circuit

DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL EVENTS!



MARCH 18th: Easter Eggstravaganza
(held in the Leisure Pool)

APRIL 22nd: Grandparents Day at the Pool

JUNE 4th: Plymouth Township Day
25th Anniversary Event

PASS DISCOUNT

On Saturday, March 19th the GPCC will offer 10% off of new or renewed passes.
Stay tuned for more promotions coming in 2016!

ANNUAL PASS PRICES

ALL BASIC AEROBIC CLASSES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF YOUR ANNUAL PASS.

ONE-MONTH PASS PRICES

	RESIDENTS		NON RESIDENTS	
	Paid in full amount	EFT monthly deduction	Paid in full amount	EFT monthly deduction
Primary Adult (18-61 years)	\$438	\$36.50	\$560	\$46.67
Primary Youth (3-17 years) Primary Senior (62 + years)	\$343	\$28.58	\$439	\$36.58
Additional Youth w/purchase of primary pass	\$79	\$6.58	\$92	\$7.67
Additional Adult/Senior w/purchase of primary pass	\$158	\$13.16	\$184	\$15.33

	RESIDENTS	NON RESIDENTS
Primary Adult (18-61 years)	\$42	\$55
Primary Youth (3-17 yrs) Primary Senior (62 + yrs)	\$34	\$44
Additional Youth w/purchase of primary pass	\$13	\$15
Additional Adult/Senior w/purchase of primary pass	\$23	\$28

POLICE NEWS

ANNUAL BRAD FOX MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE



Our riders in action!

On Sunday, September 13, 2015 the day Officer Brad Fox would have turned 38, Plymouth Township Police Chief Joseph F. Lawrence, Sergeant Bob Heger, Officer Mark Lacy, Officer Jeff Conrad, Detective Tony Costello, Officer Kyle Wilhelm, Officer Jon Monaghan, Officer Mike Watts, Officer Holly Donohue, Jimmy Fox and Melissa Fox completed the Second Annual Brad Fox Memorial Bike Ride. They were escorted by Motor Officers, Sergeant John Jackson, Sergeant Brian Wagner, and Officer Mark Solorio from Plymouth Township and many, many volunteers.

Officers started at the memorial site where Officer Fox was killed and rode 19 miles to Brad’s parents’ house. After a brief stop, they continued another 15 miles to Washington Crossing National Cemetery where Officer Fox is laid to rest. The officers continued another 13 miles to William Tennent High School where Brad went to school, and then rode 21 more miles back to the memorial where they started earlier that day. Congratulations on your 68 mile journey - we’re very proud of you all!



Riders and Escort Personnel at Brad's Memorial Site

L-R: Chief Joseph F. Lawrence, Kyle Wilhelm, Mike Watts, Tony Costello, Jeff Conrad, Jon Monaghan, Holly Donohue, Bob Heger, Mark Lacy, Jimmy Fox, Melissa Fox at Brad's Memorial Site



JOB WELL DONE!

At the September 14, 2015 Council meeting, several officers from our department were recognized for outstanding work. Unit Citations were awarded for the following incidents.

On April 6, 2015 at approximately 2103 hours, Officer Mark Ransom located a vehicle with an apparent gunshot victim inside. While waiting for paramedics to arrive, Officers Joseph DiDonato, Mark Ransom, David Zinni and Jeffery Conrad were able to extricate the victim from the vehicle. They quickly determined that the male was suffering from 3 gunshots wounds. They immediately began life saving procedures until the paramedics arrived. All officers on the scene assisted with life-saving efforts, crime scene preservation or were instrumental in determining where the shooting had taken place and who had been present.



L-R: Officer David Zinni, Officer Mark Ransom, Officer Joseph DiDonato and Officer Jeffery Conrad

On July 18, 2015 Officers Andrew Adams, Chad Robinson, Andrew Monaghan and John Fullerton responded to Jefferson Street for the report of possible burglary in progress, with three males inside a complaint’s garage. During the previous few weeks prior to this incident, officers responded to this same area in which a gun was previously stolen in another burglary. Officers arrived on location and began checking for the suspects. Officer Fullerton observed the three suspects who immediately started running from him as soon as they saw his vehicle. Officer Adams located the first male hiding under a vehicle and took him into custody. Officer Monaghan then located another male hiding in the bushes at another location. Officer Adams then located the third male hiding at the same location and he took him into custody. Officers knowing that this area had been hit numerous times with thefts and burglaries set up a perimeter and began checking on foot not knowing if the subjects were carrying guns that had recently been stolen. As the result of a coordinated effort all three suspects were arrested.



L-R: Officer Chad Robinson, Officer Andrew Monaghan, Officer Andrew Adams and Officer John Fullerton

ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE!

On October 24, 2015 Officer Michael Watts and K-9 Major participated in the 4th Annual Police K-9 Iron Dog/Mud Run Competition hosted by the SEPTA Transit Police Canine Unit. This event was started in honor of K9 Officer Brad Fox. Toys for Tots were collected and proceeds from the event were donated to Sgt. Robert Wilson III Children's fund.



K9 Officer Michael Watts with K-9 Partner Major



K9 Officer Watts and his partner in action

POLICE NEWS



L-R: Officer Gerard DeStantis, Officer Todd Jordan, Officer Kyle Wilhelm, Officer Mark Solorio, Officer Jeffery Conrad, Officer Michael Cassidy and Sergeant John Jackson

PAPAL VISIT

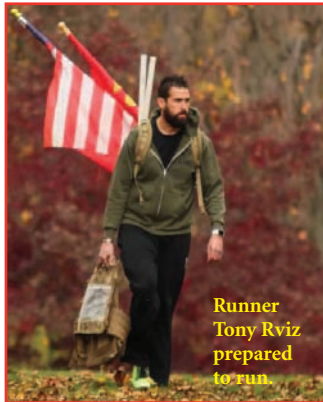
On September 26, 2015 and September 27, 2015 the Plymouth Township Police Department sent 7 Motor Officers for the Papal Escort Team. During the two days these highly trained officers escorted various dignitaries from around the world which ended with the final Pope Francis escort to the airport. Once again the unit proved their hard work and training pays off.

OFFICER BRAD FOX MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



Hole in One Contest

On October 5, 2015 the Plymouth Township Police Association held its 3rd annual memorial golf outing. We again teamed up with an organization called the Guardians of the National Cemetery. They are a locally based volunteer organization that exists exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in order to advocate for, preserve and support the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, where Officer Brad Fox’s final resting place is. The Guardians of the National Cemetery ensure that his and all the veterans’ service will be forever honored.



Runner Tony Rviz prepared to run

4TH ANNUAL FOX TROT 5K RUN/WALK

On Saturday, November 7, 2015 hundreds of runners and volunteers gathered at our police station to take part in the 4th Annual Fox Trot 5k Run/Walk. This annual event is held on the 1st Saturday in November.



Motor Escort Team

NEW ARRIVAL



Olivia Grace Fullerton

On Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 2146 hours, Officer John Fullerton and his wife, Colleen welcomed the birth of their daughter Olivia Grace Fullerton.

Congratulations to the Fullerton family!

Fox and Mattozzi Families



THE CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS

On November 9, 2015 K-9 Officer Brad Fox was posthumously honored along with K9 Officer Nick by The Chapel of Four Chaplains at our monthly Council meeting. The Chapel Honors Award was given to Officer Brad Fox for his sacrifice on September 13, 2012. This award recognizes police, fire and first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The Chapel of Four Chaplains then presented the Junior Legion of Honor Award to K9 Officer Nick for his sacrifice in trying to save Officer Fox that day. The awards and pins were accepted by Officer Fox’s widow, Lynsay Fox and his two children, Brad Jr. and Kadence.



L-R: Executive Director Beady, Tom Fox, Kathy Fox, Kadence Fox, Brad Jr., Lynsay Fox, Vice Chair Commissioner Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Chaplain Austin McQuire, Administrative Coordinator Michelle Nolfi

L-R: Chief Lawrence, Councilman Eisenberger, Vice Chair Commissioner Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Councilman Trask, Lynsay Fox, Brad Jr., Kadence Fox, Director Beady, Administrative Coordinator Michelle Nolfi, Chaplain Austin McQuire, Kathy Fox, Chairman Simpson, Tom Fox, Vice Chairwoman Bruno, Councilman Higgins



FIRE MARSHAL’S OFFICE / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

As the weather begins to warm and we begin to clean up from the winter, it occurs to many that they can use fire to burn unwanted materials that have accumulated in the gardens and inside the home. We want to remind you that there is no reason to burn and that burning materials in the open can be unsafe. Without a written permit, open burning is against the Township ordinances. Please recycle or place any unwanted materials at the curb for collection.

Spring and summer weather also brings the use of gasoline that powers our lawnmowers, weed whackers and other lawn and garden tools. Please be very careful with the use, storage and handling of gasoline. The vapors given off by gasoline are very dangerous and can easily ignite. If possible, do not store gasoline in an attached garage or storage shed unless it is in a metal self-closing safety container. Keep all open flames, sparks, and other ignition sources away and never store gasoline inside your home. Don’t use gasoline to clean floors, paintbrushes and rollers, auto parts or to strip paint or other surface materials.



If you own and maintain a swimming pool, please be careful with the chemicals that are used to chlorinate and maintain the pH balance of your pool. Many of these materials will spontaneously burn when they contact organic materials like oil, and gasoline.

Plymouth Township has again been included in the Philadelphia Fire Department and Channel Six Action News Save-A-Life smoke detector program. Please contact the Fire Marshal’s Office at 610-277-4311 for free smoke detectors and remember when you change your clock to change your batteries.



The Fourth of July is always a happy time, frequently celebrated with cookouts, parades, swim parties and other family get-togethers. However, some feel that they must celebrate with fireworks, sparklers and other explosive materials. It is illegal to sell, possess, manufacture or use fireworks in Plymouth Township. The Fire Marshal’s Office and the Police Department will be issuing citations for all persons who violate this law. Fireworks are dangerous and are best left to the professionals. Combine the consumption of alcoholic beverages with the use of fireworks and the results can be deadly.

Firefighters, Police and Emergency Medical Services can’t help you if they can’t find you. It is important that you clearly post your address on your home or property in numerical form, on a location clearly visible from the street. If you have a street mailbox, the address must be posted on both sides of the mailbox or post. Numbers painted on the curb become obstructed when snow falls and is plowed toward the curb. The Township Ordinance requires that numbers on residential properties be at least three inches and on commercial properties at least four inches in size. Please help us help you. Post your address.



Please have a safe and healthy New Year.

902 DEP RECYCLING GRANT AWARD



In 2015, the Public Works Department applied to the DEP for a 902 Municipal Recycling Grant for the purchase of a new International Swap loader chassis and body with a self-contained leaf unit and additional container to aid in our many recycling efforts. Section 902 of the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling Waste Reduction Act, Act 101 of July 28, 1988, provides for the issuance of grants to municipalities in support of Municipal Recycling Programs. In April of 2015, the DEP awarded the Township the grant in the amount of \$200,178.00. This DEP grant award will reimburse the Township 90% of the \$222,420.00 price tag. Plymouth Township hopes to take ownership of this vehicle in the early spring of

2016. This type of truck has multiple container options including a one man operation for curbside leaf collection which will prove extremely valuable in the fall. The additional container will help with our other bulk item recycling, such as White Goods Appliance and scrap metal collection.

Public Works

MULCH DELIVERY

For a charge of \$30.00 the Public Works Dept. 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 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 PM the week of delivery.

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

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE & SCRAP METAL COLLECTION FEE: \$10

The Township has a separate collection for stoves, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, 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.

Dishwashers can be put out on your second regular trash day.

STORM WATER REGULATIONS

New federal storm water regulations require Plymouth Township, as well as most other municipalities in “urbanized areas” across Pennsylvania, to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency’s new storm water management program. One of the many requirements of the program is to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The program in Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Plymouth received its new permit on June 28, 2013. The Township is in the process of implementing the storm water management protocols developed by the DEP.

Under the DEP program, Plymouth Township will implement the six required Best Management Practice (BMP) control measures, including Public Education, Public Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Run-off Control, Post Construction Storm water Management and Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Maintenance.

An important part of the Township’s compliance plan is to educate the public regarding the environmental impact of storm water run-off. The PA DEP maintains a website with comprehensive information on storm water education (www.dep.state.pa.us). The Plymouth Township website (www.plymouthtownship.org) also has information and links to other websites.

We also ask that residents report any suspected pollution incidents to the Township at 610-277-4103. This includes the dumping of wastewater, illicit liquids or solids into streams or storm sewers.

WHERE DOES YOUR SUMP PUMP FLOW?

Are you aware that it is illegal to have your sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer system? Illegal sump pump connections put unnecessary rain water into the Township’s sanitary sewer system. The Township pays to have this water treated. This results in higher sewer rates for everyone. In addition, it can overload pump stations and other facilities. This leads to sewer overflows, which can cause environmental, and other health hazards, as well as costly property damage. It can also lead to expensive facility upgrades, which result in higher sewer rates and taxes.

What can you do to help? Make sure you 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.

PLEASE KEEP OUR STREAMS CLEAN!



Any Questions?

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

POLICE NEWS

Keep Our Kids Safe

- Parents/Adults**

 - 1) School will soon be closed for the summer and children will be at play. Use extra caution when driving in neighborhoods and near playgrounds.
 - 2) Summer temperatures are high. Don’t leave children and pets in cars unattended.
 - 3) Going on vacation? Consider letting the police know and file a vacation notice. Officers will check your residence while you’re away.
- Children (bicycle safety)**

 - 1) Never ride out into a street without stopping first.
 - 2) Obey stop signs.
 - 3) Check behind before turning, swerving, or changing lanes.
 - 4) Never follow another rider without applying the rules.
 - 5) Before you get on your bike, put on a helmet!

Crime Prevention Tips

- We have seen several scams occurring throughout Montgomery County. The most common have been internet and phone scams. It is currently difficult, if not impossible to investigate and prosecute both internet and telephone crimes because they are so intertwined in today’s technology. Help protect yourself and don’t be a victim by following these simple steps:
- 1) Do not assume a credible-looking web site is credible. Anyone can create a web site that looks legitimate.
 - 2) If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Call an officer, a trusted family member or friend and run it by them.
 - 3) Be cautious of unsolicited emails and phone calls. Many are fraudulent.
 - 4) Be wary of anyone who asks for personal information. Do not give out any information to a person, business or web site you have not verified with a reputable source.
 - 5) Your Social Security number should not be necessary unless you are applying for credit. Do not give it out.
 - 6) Be suspicious of anyone who contacts you and claims to be from a company with whom you have an account like a bank, credit card or phone company. If they ask for information that the business already has, do not give it to them. Call the company independently, using the contact information on your statement or from the official website.
 - 7) Do not respond to offers that demand you act immediately or
- won’t take “no” for an answer.
 - 8) Do not open email attachments from unfamiliar sources. They could contain malicious programs designed to steal your personal information.
 - 9) Watch out for pop-up windows asking you to enter in financial data. Legitimate companies won’t require you to submit sensitive information this way.
 - 10) Keep your computer protected. Having anti-virus software is great, but you also need anti-spam and spyware protection to keep scams and computer intruders at bay. Utilize and update your firewall.
 - 11) Don’t provide personal information to websites that sound too good to be true.... No one is giving away “free” money, cruise, computer, or iPad!
 - 12) Don’t wire money to someone you don’t know.
 - 13) If someone you’re dealing with online offers to send you a check and allows you to keep a portion of it in exchange to wiring part of it back, **DO NOT** do it! The check will bounce.

Distraction Burglaries

- We have seen several distraction burglaries. For residents who have not heard of them, distraction burglaries involve multiple actors who may be communicating by cell phone or walkie-talkie. One or two actors may distract homeowners by pretending to do work on their home or even somewhere else in the area; some have even pretended to be with utility companies. While the homeowner is distracted by conversation, being showed around the property, another actor who is often unseen by the resident will enter the home looking for valuables. Protect yourself from these types of crime beginning when you hear a knock at the door by thinking:
- Are you expecting anyone?**

 - If someone is claiming to be from a company remember to ask why they are there.
 - Always ask for an ID or any associated paperwork – get them to pass these through the letter box as at this point you should still have your door closed.
 - If you have any doubt you should call the company they say they are from independently. Never ring the number given by the caller but instead locate it from another source e.g. phone book or directory inquiries.
- Keep valuables and items of sentimental value where they are not easily accessible – the use of a small safe might be appropriate.
 - Keep documents containing personal details out of sight e.g. passport, utility bills, bank statements etc.
 - Make sure you keep your keys in a safe place and not on display.

- Other Considerations**
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
 - Secure your vehicle (do not leave valuables in your vehicle).
 - Secure your home, maintain proper lighting and prominently post your house number.
 - If you become a victim of identity theft immediately file a police report and contact the major credit reporting bureaus.
 - Equifax 1-800-688-1111
 - Experian 1-800-397-3742
 - Trans Union 1-800-888-4213

- Additional Measures:**
- Ensure that your back door is always closed when answering the front door. Callers, intent on gaining access to your property, may be working in pairs – while one distracts you at your front door the other may be trying to enter your property via the back.
 - Never keep large sums of money in the house.

25TH ANNUAL PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP DAY

Plymouth Township Day is always an exciting and fun family event. This year it's even more special, as we will be celebrating 25 years!

**COME OUT TO EAST PLYMOUTH VALLEY PARK ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH**

FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. TO HELP US CELEBRATE!

We have lots of new attractions for 2016 including a craft fair, pony rides, food trucks, rock wall and adult tailgate competitions (prizes will be awarded).

*Community Booths are also available.
Contact Joanna Sharapan at 610-313-8681 or
jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org.*

CRAFTERS WANTED!

If interested in displaying your craft items, please contact Joanna Sharapan at 610-313-8681 or jsharapan@plymouthtownship.org.

Sponsorship opportunities available for this event!

Please contact Susan Vacchiano at 610-313-8683 or svacchiano@plymouthtownship.org.



Public Works

YARD WASTE

- Yard waste is collected every Wednesday.
- Yard waste should be put out before 6:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.
- Yard waste consists of grass clippings, twigs/shrub trimmings and pruning, leaves, and garden waste (pinecones, weeds, dead plants). Rocks, dirt and logs are not considered yard waste.
- Place in biodegradable brown paper bags or in a designated Yard Waste container (trash can). Please, no plastic bags. Brown bags can be purchased at Home Depot, Lowes and some grocery stores.
- Yard waste will not be collected in the blue recycling containers.



NOTE: All recyclables and yard waste are collected in a designated trash truck as part of our single stream recycling. So rest assured that although all recycle materials will be collected with a trash truck, they are still being recycled to protect our earth and reduce disposal costs.

BRANCH AND CHIP PROGRAM COLLECTION

- The Township runs two Branch and Chip Collection Programs during the year.
 - **Spring** - March 7 through April 15, 2016
 - **Fall** - September 5 through October 7, 2016
- Residents must call the Public works Department prior to NOON Wednesday of the week to schedule their pick up.
- Branches will be collected on Thursday and Friday, weather permitting.
- Collection may be delayed until Monday or Tuesday of the following week.
- **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.

NEW INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR SELLING YOUR HOME

PROPERTY SALE SEWER INSPECTION

The owner must have the sewer lateral inspected by a licensed Master Plumber, that is registered in the Township prior to the sale of a property. It is recommended that this process start once the property is listed for sale due to the time it will take for completion, but no later than once a property has an agreement of sale. The inspection should be completed before the property is transferred.

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

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 corrected.

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.

CERTIFICATE OF ADEQUACY

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.

There is a \$10 fee for the Certificate of Adequacy Application. 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. Curb and sidewalk inspections are exempt for private communities.

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

Public Works

2016 Solid Waste Holiday Collection Schedule

- If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday is observed on Monday.
 - When a holiday falls on your recycle day during the week, recycling will be picked up on Wednesday of that week. Your trash will be picked up on your next scheduled trash day.
- Collection of trash will be made on the next scheduled collection day when the collection day falls on the following Township holidays:

Good Friday	Friday, March 25, 2016	General Election Day	Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2016	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2016
Flag Day	Tuesday, June 14, 2016	Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 25, 2016
Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2016	Christmas Day	Sunday, December 25, 2016
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2016		Observed Monday, December 26, 2016

TRASH COLLECTION

- Place trash at curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection, but no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the prior evening.
- Place trash at curb no later than 6:00 A.M. on the day of collection, but no earlier than 7:00 P.M. on the prior evening.
 - Store in water-tight containers with handles and loose fitting lids. Do not place trash in paper bags, plastic bags or cardboard boxes.
 - If the trash men spill trash, they will pick it up; if an improper container breaks or an animal tears up the trash, it is the property owner's responsibility to clean up.
 - The trash men will not collect more than four containers. Trash containers should be no larger than 30 gallons nor weigh more than 50 pounds.
 - Unacceptable items include: Refuse from the construction of buildings such as sand, earth, lumber, brick, stone, mortar, plaster, roofing materials, plumbing fixtures, etc.; and auto parts, hazardous wastes, household appliances, and yard waste.
 - Large items such as furniture will be picked up on your second regular trash day of the week.
 - 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.



RECYCLING

- Recyclables are collected once a week on your designated recycling day.
- Place items in the blue recycling container and leave it at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. Additional containers may be used, but must be marked for recycling. Recycle stickers are available at the Township Building at no charge
 - Large cardboard items may be placed next to the containers.
 - Damaged containers can be exchanged at no cost; lost containers will be replaced at \$25.00 per container.
- The following items are recyclable:
- Glass
 - Aluminum and Bimetal Cans
 - Paper and cardboard
 - Plastic (#1 thru #7)

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION (COVERED DEVICE ACT)

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



The Township has an electronics and universal waste drop-off located at the public works building at no cost. (Excluding Televisions)

Televisions can either be dropped off at the Publics Works Electronic Shed for a \$20 fee or for a \$30 service fee we will pick it up curbside on the third Wednesday of the month. Residents desiring to have a television removed must call the Public Works Department by the Friday before the collection date at (610) 277-4103 to get the \$30 Disposal sticker and to be placed on the list. Items without stickers will not be collected. A disposal sticker is required for curbside television collection only. Once stickers are purchased there are no refunds.

Call the Public Works Office 610-277-4103 for drop-off procedures and location information or to get on the Television disposal list.

PLYMOUTH FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - 2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

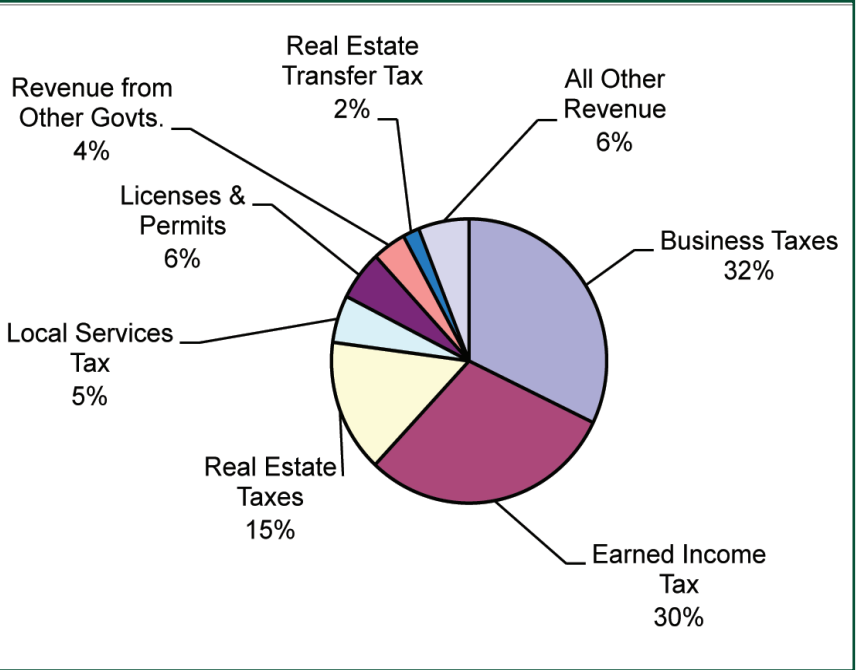
REVENUE & TRANSFERS IN:

Real Estate Taxes	\$2,621,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	440,000
Earned Income Tax	6,760,000
Mercantile Tax	2,460,000
Business Privilege Tax	3,700,000
Local Services Tax	1,225,000
Solid Waste Tax	1,087,000
Other Taxes	36,500
Fire Services Fee	810,000
Licenses and Permits	1,277,115
Fines and Forfeitures	205,900
Interest	15,000
Revenue from Other Govts.	893,860
Charges for Services	508,475
Miscellaneous Revenue	355,222
Transfers from Other Funds	268,466
	\$22,663,538
Beginning Fund Balance	8,792,847
Total Available	\$31,456,385

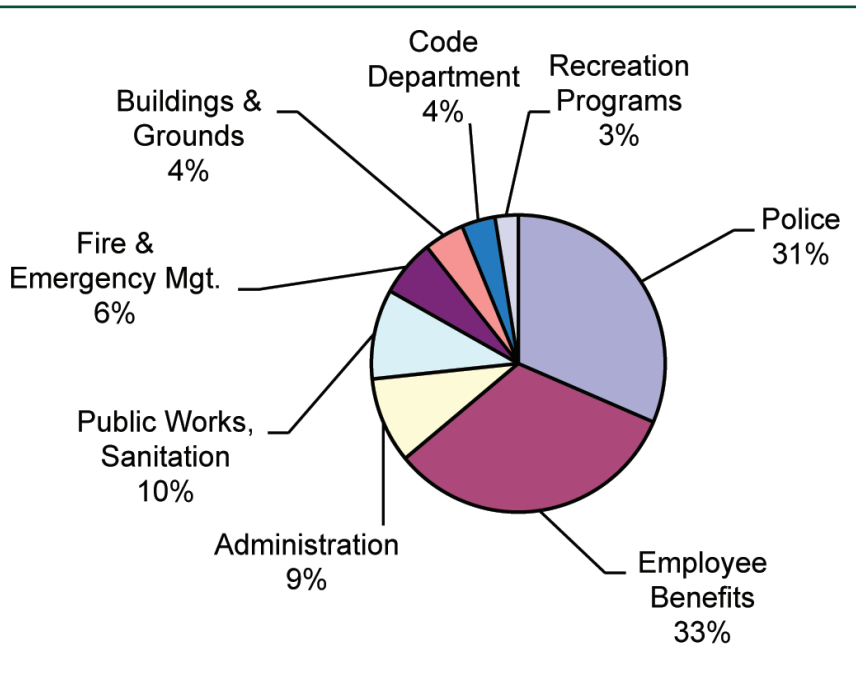
EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS OUT:

General Government	\$1,691,515
Public Safety	8,638,629
Code Department	846,685
Sanitation	1,084,400
Highways, Roads & Streets	1,159,900
Buildings & Grounds / Parks	1,017,916
Recreation Programs	586,193
Employer Payroll Taxes	846,000
Insurance	457,325
Employee Benefits	6,618,209
	\$22,946,772
Designated for Future Expenditures	8,509,613
Total Accounted for	\$31,456,385

2016 BUDGETED REVENUE



2016 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES



OTHER FUNDS - BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Sewer Fund	\$2,194,722
Community Center Fund	2,549,349
Highway Aid Fund	416,750
Capital Funds	5,116,424

* the complete 2016 budget document can be found on-line at www.plymouthtownship.org

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department continued its efforts to upgrade, maintain and expand the Township's roadways, storm sewers, ADA Handicap Ramps and other infrastructure throughout the year. Ongoing efforts to reduce Inflow and Infiltration in the sanitary sewer system continued. Red Zone Robotics is currently in the final stages of televising and analyzing over 60 miles of sanitary sewer to better help the Public Works Department prioritize and maintain its infrastructure.

Major projects during the year included the completion of the Diamond Run Sanitary Sewer Project Phase 2 and the Germantown Pike Traffic Adaptive System Project. The Annual Street Paving program included the following streets: Sheffield Drive, Malvern Road, Colton Drive, Longview Circle and Allandale Road.

The Public Works Department's efforts were enhanced by major equipment upgrades, a Highway Mechanic Truck to serve the entire Township fleet and a Swap loader with single man leaf unit. This purchase was part of a 902 Recycling Grant Award in the amount of \$222,420. The DEP share is \$200,178 (90%) and the Township's share is \$22,242 (10%) of the total cost.

Street name signs are still in the process of being replaced throughout the Township. The new signs will be a different color (green), be 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 2015 and will continue in 2016 as part of Aqua PA's infrastructure improvements.

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

Single Stream Recycling and the Yard Waste programs continue to improve. In recognition of this standout recycling program, Plymouth Township, for the seventh year in a row received a 2015 PA Waste Watchers Award. Awards were given state wide to municipalities, counties, private businesses, individuals, and community organizations for going above and beyond what is mandated under Act 101. Yard waste has exceeded the 1,000 ton mark for the sixth straight year. In 2015, Plymouth Township recycled more than half of all solid waste collected. Over 50% of all solid waste collected by Public Works employees is recycled.

Continued routine operation of the Public Works Department, included trash, recycling, yard waste and white goods collection; chipper programs, leaf collection, electronics collection, mulch delivery and composting.

DEVELOPMENT & ZONING

In 2015, there were two land developments and six subdivisions filed with the Township. The new land developments included Cian, LLC, for a new Wawa at 1300 East Ridge Pike, and the Montgomery County Department of Assets and Infrastructure for a storage and maintenance facility at 1175 Conshohocken Road.

The six subdivisions consisted of the creation of 79 new

residential parcels at 551 Plymouth Road, three new residential parcels at 1965 Main Avenue, commercial subdivisions at 2410 Butler Pike and 601 West Germantown Pike, and lot line revisions at 1410 Colwell Lane and 903 Whites Road.

2015 also featured the beginning of construction of a new Homewood Suites at 200 Lee Drive, a new self-storage facility at 2035 Chemical Road, a new service building for Conicelli Honda at 1100 Ridge Pike, a new storage and maintenance facility for Danella Corporation at 725 Conshohocken Road, and a new automobile sales facility for Drivetime Inc. at 1425 East Ridge Pike.

There were 2,080 building permits, 29 Use and Occupancy permits, and 14 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits issued. The Zoning Hearing Board heard 25 appeals.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015 was another busy year for the Plymouth Township Police Department. This year we hired two new police officers. On February 2, 2015 Officer Joshua Fox was hired and on April 13, 2015 Officer John Fullerton was hired. Officer Fullerton previously served as a Philadelphia Police Officer and was assigned to the 19th District. We wish both of them a long and fulfilling career.

During 2015, the police department made notable arrests for serious incidents including the arrests of five suspects for three separate bank robberies, an arrest for a string of burglaries and three arrests involving a rash of thefts from vehicles. Arrests were also made of a suspect who committed a home invasion as well as for a suspect in a separate stabbing incident. The Special Investigations Unit was very active in 2015, with one significant arrest of a subject in possession of one pound of marijuana, \$22,000 in cash and two handguns. The police also responded to two large fires; one in the Colwell Industrial Park at a flooring company and sadly a fatal fire at the Plymouth Rock Apartments. Additionally, our Accident Reconstruction Team investigated a fatal vehicle crash on Germantown Pike. Officers from our department also assisted in various roles throughout Montgomery County and Philadelphia County during the Papal Visit.

In 2015, the police department obtained \$33,770 in grant monies. A breakdown of the funding sources include: Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Grant \$20,000, Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Grant Wave 1 \$1,300, Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Grant Wave 2 \$2,000, Pennsylvania Seat Belt Enforcement & Education Grant \$2,600, Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Grant Wave 3 \$2,200 and the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program provided \$5,670 in funding.

The Police Department, as in years past, continues to provide the best possible service to all members of our community. We pledge to maintain a safe and harmonious community for all.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation Department had another successful year. The staff worked hard to create new services, programs and promotions and improve our current offerings.

Personal and Small Group Training for kids and adults is the new craze in fitness, and we have seen our enrollment double in the last year. Since the inclusion of land aerobic classes to our one-month and annual passes, our classes are full which has led to stronger program potential. SilverSneakers and Silver and Fit programs are attracting new seniors to the GPCC.

The Aquatics Department has incorporated monthly family special events including a Beach Pool Party, Minnow's Splash Party and a Cardboard Boat Regatta; all were extremely successful and likely to be repeated in some fashion. The second annual Poolar Plunge was sold out, once again giving participants a marathon workout! Youth Swim Training, a competitive program for swimmers ages 9 to 14, gained popularity and will continue in 2016.

The General Programming Department's classes continued to flourish and several new programs were offered including karate, preschool combo class, Hummingbird Soccer, and a summer indoor volleyball league. Our ever popular summer special events including Plymouth Township Day and Performances in the Park were made possible by numerous sponsors, contributors, participants and volunteers. Residents were able to register online for Camp GPCC, Teen Camp, Mini People and Playground for the first time. Our loyal pickleball players wanted a more economical way to participate so we created a multi visit pass. A new text message service notifying patrons of program changes was implemented and will expand in 2016.

In an effort to keep the GPCC looking modern and operating at a high level we made the following improvements: New LED pool lighting; preparation for new lobby lighting; new roof top replacements; gym floor sanding and recoating; tile repair in rental rooms; and our annual general in-depth cleaning.

Enhancements to Harriet Wetherill Park, made possible through a matching Act 13 grant by the Commonwealth Financing Authority, include a new entrance, parking lot, and trails that connect to the current trail system. We received additional grant funding from DCNR to add outdoor restrooms, a pavilion, a nature-themed playground and the initial phase of the Nature Center. This work will begin in the spring. An application for additional funding through another Act 13 grant is pending. If these funds are granted, we will be one step closer towards a full nature center. A special thanks to Sal Paone Builder, Chemalloy Co., Inc. and Covanta for their monetary contributions and support of the DCNR project at HWP.

Several new relationships were developed in 2015 and we thank everyone for their in-kind services, sponsorships, donations and time. Thanks to our Butterfly Garden Tenders who work hard to help make the garden a special place to visit. A special thanks to our creative and loyal staff for their hard work throughout the year in creating community through people, parks, and programs.

We look forward to a very successful 2016!

NEW!
One Week Accelerated Swim Lessons

SESSION 1

Preschool Age 3-5 Years

Class is designed for children in Tugboat or Speedboat levels

Monday-Thursday, 6/13-6/16
9:15am – 9:45am

Price: \$95 RES/\$105 NR

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Monday –Thursday, 6/13-6/16
5:15am – 5:45am

Price: \$95 RES/\$105 NR

School Age 6-13 Years

Class is designed for children in Tadpole or Goldfish levels

Monday-Thursday, 6/13-6/16
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Price: \$95 RES/\$105 NR

SESSION 2:

Preschool Age 3-5 Years

Class is designed for children in Tugboat or Speedboat levels

Tuesday – Friday, 6/21-6/24
9:15am – 9:45am

Price: \$95 RES/\$105 NR

School Age 6-13 Years

Class is designed for children in Tadpole or Goldfish levels

Monday-Thursday, 6/20-6/23
5:15pm – 5:45pm

Price: \$95 RES/\$105 NR

School Age 6-13 Years

Class is designed for children in Tadpole or Goldfish levels

Monday –Thursday, 6/20-6/23
6:00pm – 6:30pm

Price: \$95 RES/\$105 NR

The primary focus of our Accelerated lessons will be on development of the front crawl (free style) and water safety. This design allows us to expedite skill development & help beginners conquer fears in a short period of time. Accelerated lessons are offered between our regular sessions and are great for families with vacations and busy schedules.

