

# PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA



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## *Tidings*

### Service and Devotion Memorial Coming to Plymouth Township

Through the efforts and inspiration of local veteran, George Gunning, Jr., Plymouth Township is pleased to announce that a Service and Devotion monument will be built in Community Center Park, at the corner of Germantown Pike and Walton Road.

"Always in my heart, I felt that this township should have something to recognize the very good people who devoted their time and efforts, and even their lives, for our country," Gunning said. Plymouth Council embraced the idea. The project is being designed by a local architect, Richard Powers, from the Norristown-based firm Seiler & Drury Architecture.

The monument will feature eight distinctive pillars honoring the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Law Enforcement, Fire and Ambulance. A special area will be dedicated to fallen officer, Brad Fox. Individual memorializations and tributes can be displayed through plaques, bricks and pavers adding to the site's aesthetic appeal. The site will also include benches, landscaping and solar-powered lighting.

"I think the mantra which is incorporated into the monument site tells the story of what the project is trying to achieve: 'We honor the past, present and future citizens of this Township for their tireless dedication and devotion to making Plymouth Township a premier place to live, work and play.'" Powers said.

Funding efforts have begun and donations are being accepted from local businesses, corporations and residents. "Hopefully our residents will get behind it and support this" said Chairman Sheldon Simpson. "It's a great cause, not just for our military, but for our volunteers and paid staff at the police, ambulance and fire departments who dedicate themselves every day to the residents of the Township."

As the memorial gets underway, we encourage residents and business owners to keep apprised by checking our website and publications for updates. If you wish to discuss donations and ways to get involved, please contact Karen Franck at 610-277-4312.

### A project for the whole Community!

*These are ways which you can get involved.*

Purchase a brick, plaque or paver to honor a loved one who served.

Make a monetary contribution (business, corporation or individual)

Donate In-kind services.

Contact Karen Franck at 610-277-4312.

A special thanks to Covanta Energy for their donation of \$5,000.

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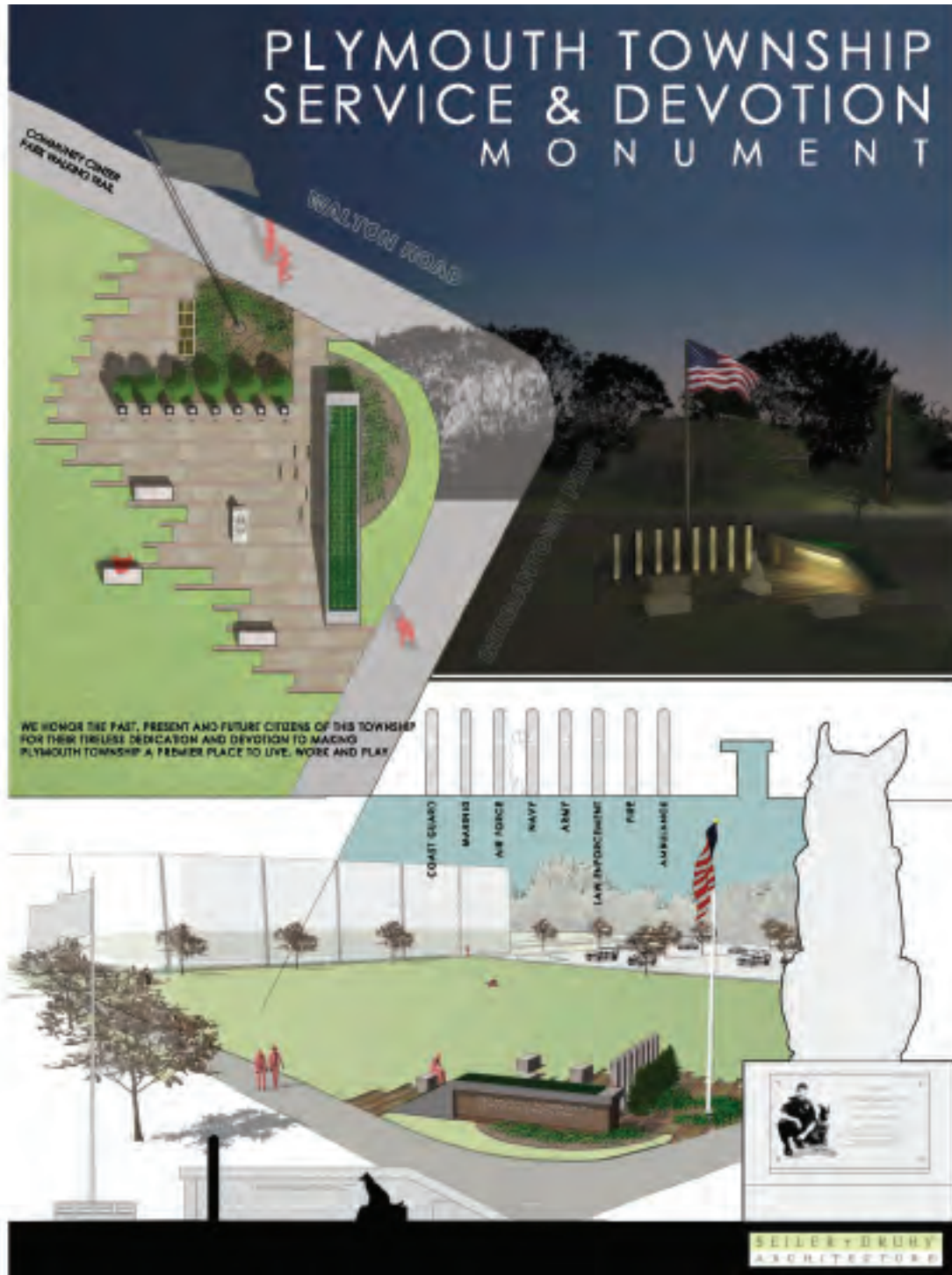
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If the nearest cell tower to where the call is placed is across the border in a neighboring county, the call will be routed to the 9-1-1 centers in Philadelphia, Bucks, Berks, Chester or Delaware counties, depending on where the tower is located.

The neighboring 9-1-1 centers will transfer the call to Montgomery County, but the time it takes to figure the actual location out, 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.



### Global Connect

Global Connect's voice messaging system allows us to reach thousands of contacts with emergency messages within minutes. By clicking on this image on the Township website homepage, you can add phone numbers and an email address to receive emergency messages.

## Fire Marshal's Office/Emergency Management

### Training Recognitions

On January 14th, at the public Council Meeting, Plymouth Township Council recognized those fire fighters and fire officers from the Harmonville and Plymouth Fire Companies who have achieved various levels of Professional Certification from the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioners Office and the National Professional Qualifications System.



Pictured here are the members of the Plymouth Fire Company who received recognition for the following levels of professional fire service certification.

**Firefighter I:** Michael Killeen, Robert Luthy, David O'Neill

**Firefighter II:** Jonathon Drozd, Frank J. Heleniak, Brian Knowlton, David Luthy, Brandon Stocchi, Andrew Thomas.

**Fire Instructor I:** Jonathon Drozd, Frank J. Heleniak, Brian Knowlton, David Luthy, Brett Stocchi, Andrew Thomas.

**Fire Officer I:** Jonathon Drozd, Brett Stocchi, David Luthy, Frank J. Heleniak, Brian Knowlton.



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## Fire Marshal's Office/Emergency Management



Pictured here are the members of the Harmonville Fire Company who received recognition for the following levels of professional fire service certification.

**Firefighter I:** Maxine Bickings, Kyle Blundin, Michael Consorte, Aaron Grewe, Joe Picard, Charles Semler, Jon Weiss.

**Firefighter II:** Jon Washington

**Fire Instructor I:** Matt McCloskey, Mike Sturm, Tim Weiss

**Fire Officer I:** Matt McCloskey, Mike Sturm, Tim Weiss

**Fire Officer II:** Matt McCloskey

The Plymouth Township Fire Marshal congratulates these dedicated firefighters, on their hard work in achieving these certifications. It is a tribute to these men and women as well as their families who have dedicated and sacrificed so much time and effort to the citizens of Plymouth Township and their respective fire companies.

*Congratulations!*

## Special Events

### 4th of July Parade

Each year the Highfield Farms Civic Association and Plymouth Township hold a July 4th parade. The committee is looking for new volunteers for the parade and celebration festivities. Organizations and individuals who would like to march or participate are welcome. If you would like to volunteer to help with the parade, games, serving food, enter your group in the parade, sponsor as a business or assist in some other way, please call Dana Clewell at 610-277-4312.



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### Plymouth Township Day

For the 22nd consecutive year, Plymouth Township will host a community celebration for the residents of the Greater Plymouth area on Saturday, June 1st at East Plymouth Valley Park on Germantown Pike from 4:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

Plymouth Township invites area businesses and organizations to participate in our annual event with donations, contributions and volunteers. In previous years, the generosity of local organizations has helped the Township provide many exciting amusements, attractions, contests, demonstrations, and refreshments for our families, friends, and neighbors.

All sponsors and contributors will be recognized at the event with signs and announcements and will benefit from additional public relations through the Township Newsletter and the Parks and Recreation Department's activities guide-Leisure Visions.

For more information about participating in Plymouth Township Day, please contact Susan Vacchiano at (610) 313-8683.



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## POLICE NEWS

In light of the high number of fraud and theft related crimes, the Police Department would like to remind our residents to stay aware and be on the look-out for suspicious activity. Please record the phone numbers below to better protect yourself from being a victim of fraud.

### Safety Tips

Residents are reminded of the following safety tips.

- 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

Governor Tom Corbett ceremoniously signed the Brad Fox Law in Plymouth Township on January 11, 2013. The new law is an amendment to Title 18, Crimes and Offenses of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, and imposes a mandatory minimum five year sentence for a second offense when a legitimate gun buyer sells firearms to someone who is not allowed to own or possess a gun. A second or subsequent violation of the Sale or Transfer of firearms laws is a felony of the second degree.

"State and Federal laws are very plain: Convicted felons are forbidden from owning firearms, and those who knowingly provide firearms to felons are themselves criminals and worthy of being locked up," Governor Corbett said.

"It's a good bill to keep Brad's memory alive," said Kathy Fox, Brad's mother.



### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP COP CAMP

Plymouth Township Police 2013 Cop Camp will take place once again this summer. Camp will run daily from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Eligible applicants should be between 9 and 12 years of age by the start of camp. The dates of this one week camp will be posted on the police website soon.

Camp applications may be obtained online at the Plymouth Township Police web site or at the front desk of the Plymouth Township Police Department. Registration forms must be submitted by Friday, May 31, 2013.





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# Harmonville Fire Company



Greetings from the members of the Harmonville Fire Company No 1. We have been proudly serving and protecting the Plymouth Township Community since 1924. With both of our stations, the main station located at 2100 Butler Pike and our substation at 904 Germantown Pike, we are ready to respond.

Being a volunteer organization we are always in need of new members. If firefighting is not for you, we are in need of Fire Police Officers and Administrative Officers too.

Anyone interested in joining a great volunteer organization, please stop by either one of our stations during the day Monday through Friday or any Monday night, which is our training night, and someone will be glad to assist you.

In July our annual fund drive mailing will go out to all residents and businesses. We thank those of you who have supported us with your annual donation in the past. For those who have not donated in the past, please reconsider and help support our volunteer Fire Company.

We responded to over 550 Emergency calls for services last year. Every year the Fire Company is involved in numerous events in Plymouth Township. Annual events are the July 4th parade, Township Day, Annual School Drills during Fire Prevention Week. This year two new annual events were added: The Brad Fox Memorial Motorcycle Ride and the Fox 5k run – walk.

State Representative Kate Harper presented a \$10,000.00 Community Grant check from Wal-Mart Corp. to Harmonville Fire Company President Jim Behr and Chief Kevin Lawrence. Rep. Harper has been working with the Fire Company to get Aqua Water to drop the \$200.00 monthly fee the Fire Company pays to Aqua for the sprinkler system at the firehouse.

## How to find standard information on our website

As we begin to feature articles on new projects, services and current Township news, you will no longer see many of our standard articles in our newsletter. This information is available on our website. If you do not find what you are looking for, please call us at 610-277-4100. The following information can be found under the Public Works section.

- Recycling information and preparation guidelines • Yard Waste Collection
- Household Appliance & Scrap and Metal Collection • Electronics Collection
- Storm Water Regulations and Sewer Inflow and Infiltration





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# Public Works

## 2013 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 29, 2013

**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 27, 2013

**Flag Day**  
Friday, June 14, 2013

**Independence Day**  
Thursday, July 4, 2013

**Labor Day**  
Monday, September 2, 2013

**General Election Day**  
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

**Thanksgiving Day**  
Thursday, November 28, 2013

**Day after Thanksgiving**  
Friday, November 29, 2013

**Christmas Day**  
Wednesday, December 25, 2013



## 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.
- **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.
- **Household appliances and scrap metal are collected separately from regular trash,** on the third Wednesday of the month. Residents must call 610-277-4103 by the second Friday of the month to get the appropriate sticker and be placed on the list. Appliances with Freon or other gasses that need to be removed, such as freezers, refrigerators and air conditioners, require a green sticker that costs \$10. Washing machines, dryers, stoves and metal furniture require an orange sticker which is free. Items without stickers will not be collected. Please remove doors from refrigerators and freezers.

## 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 & UNIVERSAL WASTE RECYCLING

Please call the Public Works office at 610-277-4103 or go to our website at [www.plymouthtownship.org](http://www.plymouthtownship.org) to get details on recycling electronics and small appliances with motors, such as vacuums and blenders.




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## Public Works *(continued from page 8)*

### ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

**Effective immediately:** In accordance with Pennsylvania's Covered Device Recycling Act (Act 108) of 2010, Plymouth Township will no longer accept any Covered Device in its trash collection. As defined in the CDRA covered devices include: desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions.

Plymouth Township currently has an electronic drop-off for such items at the Township Building. Please contact our office at 610-277-4103 for more details or stop by the Public Works office with electronic items during normal business hours and we will direct you to the drop-off location. Items can be dropped-off Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.



### YARD WASTE

- Yard waste is collected every Wednesday, except when a holiday falls within the week.
- 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 11 through April 12, 2013
  - ✓ **Fall** - September 3 through October 4, 2013
- 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.

### MULCH DELIVERIES

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.

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## STORM WATER REGULATIONS

New federal storm water regulations require Plymouth Township, as well as most other municipalities in “urbanized areas” across Pennsylvania, to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency’s new storm water management program. One of the many requirements of the program is to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The program in Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Plymouth received its permit on 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 ([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 also ask that residents report any suspected pollution incidents to the Township at 610-277-4103. This includes the dumping of wastewater, illicit liquids or solids into streams or storm sewers.

## WHERE DOES YOUR SUMP PUMP FLOW?

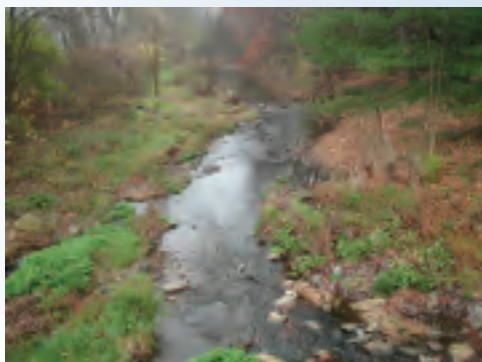
Are you aware that it is illegal to have your sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer system? Illegal sump pump connections put unnecessary rain water into the Township’s sanitary sewer system. The Township pays to have this water treated. This results in higher sewer rates for everyone. In addition,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

What can you do to help? Make sure your sump pump is not connected to the sanitary sewer system. Sump pumps should be connected to a pipe so it can discharge to a lawn area where it can infiltrate back into the ground. Keeping rain water out of the sanitary sewer system will help keep rates from rising unnecessarily.

If you need help with suggestions on where to re-route your sump pump discharge, please call the Plymouth Township Public Works Department at 610-277-4103.

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### HURRICANE SANDY AFTERMATH

The Public Works crew worked tirelessly throughout the night and day during Hurricane Sandy. The “Tink” was put to good use during the storm. This Tink Claw was purchased in 2012.

#### “Tink” Claw



The “Tink” is a versatile piece of equipment used mainly for leaf collection. Dan Gallagher, Maintenance Superintendent in the Public Works Dept. showed his talents as he and his mechanics crew fabricated from scratch the orange leaf chute extension to fit our trash truck hopper. This allows the Tink to gather leaves and dispose of them in a trash truck which ultimately gets turned into mulch.

## Parks and Recreation

### PASS DISCOUNT

On March 23th the GPCC will celebrate its 13th birthday! Come in and save 10% on a new pass or renewal.

All basic aerobic classes are included in the price of your annual pass				
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Primary Adult (18-61 years)	\$409	\$34.08	\$535	\$44.58
Primary Youth (3-17 years)	\$321	\$26.75	\$420	\$35.00
Primary Senior (62+ years)				
Additional Youth w/purchase of primary pass	\$75	\$6.17	\$86	\$7.17
Additional Adult/Senior w/purchase of primary pass	\$147	\$12.25	\$167	\$13.92

One-month pass prices		
All basic aerobic classes are included in the price of your one month pass		
	Residents	Non Residents
Primary Adult (18-61 years)	\$39	\$51
Primary Youth (3-17 years)	\$31	\$40
Primary Senior (62+ years)		
Additional Youth w/purchase of primary pass	\$11	\$13
Additional Adult/Senior w/purchase of primary pass	\$21	\$24



# Parks and Recreation

## Spring and Summer Camps and Programs

We have many new and exciting programs to offer this year. Our popular BMI Busters and Kid's Exercise Express programs are designed to help children fight childhood obesity. We offer a variety of camps to choose from – Camp GPCC, Teen Camp, Mini-People and Playground. Mix these with one-week camps to give your child a variety of activities this summer. Below are new One-Week Specialty Camps including a Wilderness Survival Camp, Just Play Multi-Sport Camp, and a Pottery Camp. Register NOW for specialty camps!

### Brochure Information

At present, our camp brochure will not be handed out at the schools. If your child was in camp last year, you should have received your camp brochure in the mail. If you did not receive a brochure, you can find it online, or simply call us; we will be happy to e-mail you a copy. Our program guide, Leisure Visions, is also on our website and is mailed to homes in March, July and November.

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

### Peek in the Creek

Crayfish, salamanders, and pretty rocks make the stream an inviting place for children to explore. This week we will discover the many creatures that live in the stream and will be full of lots of wet fun!

**Location:** Harriet Wetherill Park

**Ages:** 5-9 • 7/22 – 7/26: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$125 NR / \$100 RES

### Gone Buggy

From the meadows to the forest to the stream, insects can be found all over Harriet Wetherill Park. Campers will learn about these fascinating six-legged creatures while they explore this great township park.

**Location:** Harriet Wetherill Park

**Ages:** 5-9 • 7/29 – 8/2: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$125 NR / \$100 RES



### GROOVE TV/Movie Star Camp

Each camper will help write, direct, and star in a series of skits and a movie scene. Working with our experienced TV/video producers, your camper will learn the art of film-making, and will receive a DVD of their production once camp has ended.

**Location:** Colonial Middle School

**Ages:** 7-14 • 8/12 to 8/16: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$375 NR / \$300 RES

### Pottery Camp

Come join us for a week with pottery! Each day, campers will learn new hand-building and glazing techniques. Campers will learn and build new projects such as wind chimes, masks and bird house. There will be plenty of extra time to focus on their own interest too! Working with clay is a very rewarding experience. Your kids will have the opportunity to let their imagination soar as they learn to create wonderful works of art.

**Location:** GPCC

**Ages:** 5-15 • 8/19 – 8/23: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$156 NR / \$125 RES

### Magical Wizarding Camp

Join us for an exciting week based on the widely popular Harry Potter series. Explore the mysterious secrets of divination. Try your hand at potion making! Perfect your technique during Defense against the Arts! Please bring bottled water and snack.

**Location:** GPCC

**Ages:** 7-12 • 8/19 – 8/23: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$225 NR / \$190 RES

**Price:** \$425 NR / \$380 RES 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



### Wilderness Survival Camp

Do you think you have what it takes to be an outdoor survivor? Join GeoVentures for this fun and challenging hands-on camp that will introduce you to the basics of outdoor survival.

**Location:** Harriet Wetherill Park

**Ages:** 10-16 • 8/19 – 8/23: 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$138 NR / \$110 RES

### Just Play Multi Sports Camp

The camp offers players the chance to simply hit the field. Based around four of the most popular sports in the US; soccer, basketball, lacrosse and flag football.

**Location:** Colonial Middle School

**Ages:** 11-14 • 8/12 – 8/16: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$61 NR / \$49 RES



## Children's Fitness Programs

### BMI Busters – For ages 7-14

This program is designed to help your children fight childhood obesity and/or introduce your child to a healthy lifestyle of exercise and eating right. Through the use of weight training, cardiovascular exercise, and nutritional information, your child will lose weight, gain confidence, and have fun!

#### Session 1

**Mon/Wed/Fri:** 4/22 – 5/17: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$80 NR / \$65 NR-Pass / \$60 RES / \$50 R-Pass

#### Session 2

**Mon/Wed/Fri:** 6/3 – 6/28: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$80 NR / \$65 NR-Pass / \$60 RES / \$50 R-Pass



### Kids Exercise Express

Get your kids moving with this quick, safe, and effective workout! This is a 30 minute workout designed to keep your kids moving for all 30 minutes!

#### Session 1

**Ages:** 7-9

**Tues/Thurs:** 4/16 – 5/9: 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Price:** \$50 NR / \$41 NR-Pass / \$41 RES / \$36 R-Pass

**Ages:** 10-14

**Tues/Thurs:** 4/16 – 5/9: 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$50 NR / \$41 NR-Pass / \$41 RES / \$36 R-Pass

#### Session 2

**Ages:** 7-9

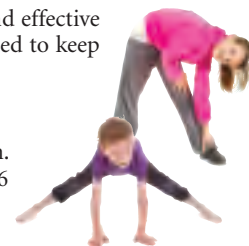
**Tues/Thurs:** 5/21 – 6/13: 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Price:** \$50 NR / \$41 NR-Pass / \$41 RES / \$36 R-Pass

**Ages:** 10-14

**Tues/Thurs:** 5/21 – 6/13: 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$50 NR / \$41 NR-Pass / \$41 RES / \$36 R-Pass



**Thanks to an Environmental Education Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection we are happy to announce the following programs at Harriet Wetherill Park.**

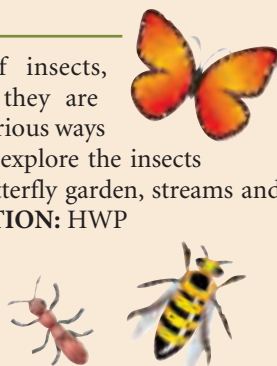
### Butterflies & Insects

We will explore several species of insects, including butterflies, and learn how they are adapted to their environment and the various ways they undergo metamorphosis. We will explore the insects that inhabit Harriet Wetherill Park's butterfly garden, streams and grass land. Pack a picnic lunch! **LOCATION:** HWP

**Ages:** 9-12 years

**Saturday, 4/6:** 9am-1pm

**Price:** \$5 per person



### Watersheds & Water Cycles

We will be given an introduction to water as a natural resource and we will explore the water cycle, particularly the emphasis humans have on the water resources. We will discover how the water sources at Harriet Wetherill Park play a part in our everyday lives. Pack a picnic lunch! **LOCATION:** HWP

**Ages:** 9-12 years

**Saturday, 5/18:** 9am-1pm

**Price:** \$5 per person



### Aquatics Department is now offering the following programs:

#### Swim Clinics for Triathletes

For those looking to improve their swim training and performance.

#### The Swim Teacher is In

A combination swim skills evaluation and open recreation swim to evaluate participants' swim ability and recommend the appropriate swim class.

### MLK Day of Service

Our fourth annual MLK Day of Service took place on January 21, 2013. Volunteers from Ceridian LifeWorks, Target, local Girl Scout Troops, and volunteers from the community teamed up with GPCC staff to make pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer, a case for smiles and CHOP. Over 200 pillow cases were made with material donations to brighten sick children's hospital rooms. If you are interested in participating in this annual event by donating material or volunteering, please contact Shawn Mazei at 610-277-6122 or [smazei@plymouthtownship.org](mailto:smazei@plymouthtownship.org) for more information.



### Performances in the Park Schedule

Concerts 7pm-9pm; Movies start at dusk

**June 12** - Concert: RockaFilly's

**June 19** - Movie: Monster's Inc.

**June 26** - Concert: Boogie Dogs

**July 3** - Movie: Despicable Me

**July 10** - Concert: Almost FAB!

**July 17** - Movie: Brave

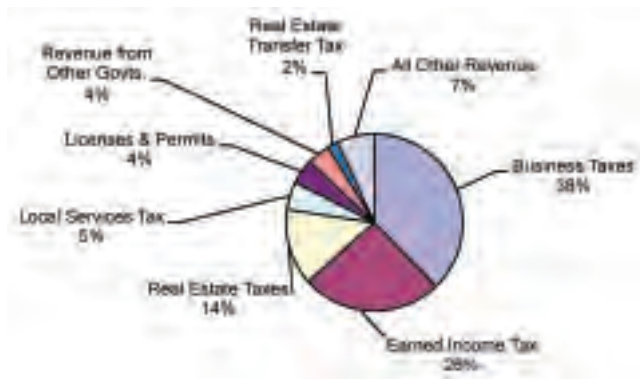
**July 24** - Concert: The Lawmen

**July 31** - Movie: The Lorax

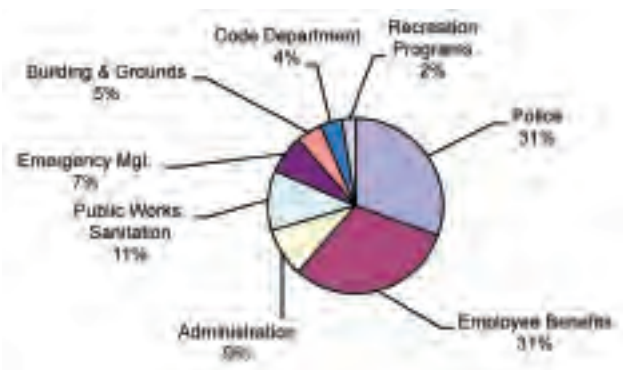
**August 1** - Concert: 78th Army Band



## 2012 Revenue



## 2012 Expenditures



### Your Real Estate Tax Millage

Plymouth Township  
1.600

Colonial School District  
19.104

Montgomery County  
3.152

## 2013 BUDGET

### GENERAL FUND

#### Revenue and Transfers In:

Real Estate Tax	\$2,598,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	350,000
Earned Income Tax	4,800,000
Mercantile Tax	2,490,000
Business Privilege Tax	3,200,000
Local Services Tax	968,000
Solid Waste Tax	975,000
Other Taxes	369,300
License & Permits	827,325
Fines & Forfeitures	204,500
Interest	2,000
Revenue from Other Govts.	797,435
Charges for Services	438,500
Miscellaneous Revenue	369,800
Transfers from Other Funds	268,466
	<hr/> 18,658,326
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>6,787,840</b>
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$25,446,166</b>

#### Expenditures and Transfers Out:

General Government	\$1,481,470
Public Safety	7,520,426
Code Department	816,162
Sanitation	1,043,300
Highways, Roads & Streets	1,172,948
Buildings & Grounds / Parks	959,910
Recreation Programs	498,712
Employer Payroll Taxes	750,000
Insurance	340,500
Transfers to Other Funds	5,420,917
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<b>Reserved for Future Expenditures</b>	<b>5,441,821</b>
<b>Total Accounted For</b>	<b>\$25,446,166</b>

#### OTHER FUNDS - BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Sewer Fund	\$2,621,950
Community Center Fund	2,306,410
Highway Aid Fund	419,500
Capital Funds	3,614,700
Employee Health & Welfare Fund	3,579,000

## Township Manager

Last year was a sad and difficult year for all of Plymouth Township, especially for the Township staff and Council, as we untimely lost two active employees. As you may know, police officer Brad Fox was ambushed and tragically killed on September 13th. Brad was a true American hero having served our Country in the Marine Corps and having served the residents of our Township since 2007. We also lost Ed Slanker, our Public Works Foreman, who faithfully served the Township for over 24 years. Ed spent many years as the Plumbing Inspector and was in charge of sewerage maintenance as well. Both of these gentlemen are dearly missed by all who knew them.

Council adopted several new ordinances throughout the year, among them a Sewer District ordinance whereby sewer rents are being adjusted to match the sewer rent charged by the treatment plant where a particular property's sewage is treated. Another ordinance that was adopted is the Off-Site Outdoor Advertising Sign ordinance to regulate the placement, size, number and height of billboards. The Transportation Impact Fee ordinance was updated with new projects and the cost per trip that the Township can charge developers for the additional vehicle trips associated with their developments. And finally, the 2013 Budget ordinance held the millage rate to 1.6 mills where it has been since being lowered to that rate in 1996.

A few infrastructure projects that are progressing through the design stages, include the Sandy Hill and Belvoir Roads intersection improvement project, the removal of the jug handle at the intersection of Ridge Pike and Alan Wood Road, and the upgrade to the Plymouth Road Sewage Interceptor. Major projects in the Township by others include the Lafayette Street project and the widening of the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The large capital projects for 2012 included an expansion of the Greater Plymouth Community Center fitness center, a new trail to Community Center Park, paving in East Plymouth Valley Park, a much needed roof repair for the Township Administration Building, renovations to the Public Works garage, upgrades to our computer systems, and annual street paving including the reconstruction of the Township owned portion of Township Line Road.

## 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.

Major projects during the year include the lining of approximately 2,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer in the Current Terrace section of the Township as part of our annual sanitary sewer rehab. The Annual Street Paving program included the following streets: Harmon Road, Kirk Street, Keys Street, Progress Drive, Township Line Road, Old Elm Street, Fulton Street, Light Street, the Public Works Drive and East Plymouth Valley Park Driveway.

The Public Works Department's efforts were enhanced by major equipment upgrades, a Tink Claw for the Highway Department and a Trash Truck for the Sanitation Dept.

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 2012 and will continue in 2013 as part of Aqua PA's infrastructure improvements.

Electronics collection drop-off continues to grow in Plymouth Township. This new program collects 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 received a 2012 PA Waste Watchers Award for the fourth year in a row. Only 120 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 fourth straight year.

## Development & Zoning

In 2012, there were four land developments and one subdivision filed within the Township. The new land developments included Brandywine Operating Partnership, at 134 Plymouth Road, for 398 mid-rise apartment units; Phase 2 for Cold Point Village consisting of 12 new townhomes at the corner of Plymouth Road and Butler Pike; The Proving Grounds, at 725 Conshohocken Road, for recreational and athletic fields; and Conicelli Automobile Sales, at 1010 Ridge Pike, for a new automobile sales facility.

The subdivision consisted of the creation of a new parcel from the Plymouth Industrial Center, Inc. at 725 Conshohocken Road.

2012 also featured the beginning of construction for Vist Bank, at the corner of Ridge Pike and Harmon Road, as well as three residential units, constructed by Robert Ratoskey, on Light Street.

There were 1,777 building permits, 206 Use and Occupancy

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permits, and 22 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits issued. The Zoning Hearing Board heard 25 appeals.

## Police Department

Members of the Plymouth Township Police Department continue to heal from the murder of Officer Brad Fox on September 13th. Chief Lawrence extends his sincere appreciation for the outpouring of support from the community and from our brother officers throughout the County.

The Police Department has remained busy, and several noteworthy arrests were made. Over the course of a two month period beginning in August, a Montgomery County woman committed eighty eight (88) counts of prescription fraud in Plymouth Township and the surrounding area. Through the hard work of our detectives, and members of our Special Investigations Unit, the woman was arrested and charged with eighty eight (88) felony counts. In October, Plymouth Police responded to a bank robbery at TD Bank on Ridge Pike. The suspect, who was positively identified as the same person who committed a bank robbery two days prior in Lower Merion, escaped. Plymouth detectives aggressively investigated the bank robbery, and within three days had identified, located and arrested the suspect for both crimes. In December, police investigated the theft of over \$80,000 worth of assorted metals from a business on Conshohocken Road. The weight of the metals stolen ranged from 400 pounds to 3000 pounds, and would have entailed the use of an overhead crane to commit the thefts. Through an intensive month long investigation, police were able to trace the actions of the suspects and arrest three men for the high priced theft.

## Parks and Recreation



The Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation Department kept busy throughout the year with various programs, promotions and projects.

BMI Busters, a program designed to fight childhood obesity, received the Excellence in Programming award from The Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society, Inc. The Award was presented at the 65th Annual PRPS State Conference. This popular program continues to run and is helping kids lose weight and gain confidence.

In July, the Fitness Center was revamped, nearly doubling in size. The project went smoothly and only required a complete shutdown of the fitness area for two days. By adding treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, and a rowing machine our cardio equipment has more than doubled. In addition, we added 5 new plate loaded machines, dumbbells, stability and medicine balls, various training aids and associated amenities. We held promotions in the spring and fall where discounts were offered on memberships, lowered our babysitting rates, included land aerobics in our pass price and adjusted procedures. We have already seen an increase in pass holders and are confident and excited to provide more health oriented options for 2013.

The Conservation and Management Plan for Harriet Wetherill Park was awarded to LandConcepts Group in Blue Bell, PA and is expected to be completed by June 2013. This Plan was funded with a matching grant from DCNR and will provide a guide for maintaining the park in a sustainable manner. The HWP Conservation and Management Plan Steering Committee, formed in 2012, is assisting in compiling information and ideas. Once the plan is completed and approved by Council, we will be busy searching for grant opportunities and moving forward according to the Plan's recommendations.

Park improvements were made this summer including a trail at Jolly Road that runs along the parking lot and leads to the GPCC Park. Also, the parking lot at East Plymouth Valley was resurfaced. With a Grant from PECO and assistance from Scout Troops 216 and 71944 working on an Eagle Scout project, improvements were made to East Plymouth Valley Park's pond to balance the habitat for fish and plant life. Additional improvements were also made, including trash/recycling receptacles to protect the pond from litter, benches for viewing and signage designed to educate visitors regarding water quality, pond life and catch-and-release fishing.

The Parks and Recreation Department wishes to thank our volunteers and sponsors for their time and services to our programs and parks. Thank you to our employees for their creativity, hard work and dedication. We could not succeed without you.

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District 1:	Dean N. Eisenberger, Sr.	484-681-4176 (H)
District 3:	Vince Gillen	484-904-8001 (H)
At Large:	Maria Weidinger	610-272-6342 (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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Karen S. Franck	Parks & Recreation Director	610-277-4312
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	
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### 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 Whitmarsh 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

### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP VOTING LOCATIONS

**Primary Election Day** Tuesday, May 21, 2013

**General Election Day** Tuesday, November 5, 2013

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, 902 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 Elementary School, Karrs Lane & Little Avenue
4 - 2	Plymouth Fire Company, 1323 Colwell Lane







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