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PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT



Plumstead Township Swears In First Career Firefighters, Marking Milestone in Fire and Rescue Services

Plumstead Township marked an important milestone on Wednesday evening, August 12th, with the swearing-in of its first career firefighters, establishing the initial career crew of the newly formed Plumstead Township Fire and Rescue Department.

The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Jeffrey G. Trauger, a lifelong Plumstead Township resident. Judge Trauger has a special connection to the Township's fire service. His late mother, Lois Hunsberger Trauger, was a longtime member of the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary.



The initial career crew includes:

- Rachel Brick, Plumstead Township Career Firefighter
- Benjamin Morris, Plumstead Township Career Firefighter
- Daniel Pfeiffer, Plumstead Township Career Firefighter
- Harley Turner, Plumstead Township Firefighter, who was unable to attend the swearing-in ceremony

The career firefighters will serve as the initial crew of the Plumstead Township Fire and Rescue Department, led by Fire Chief William Weigman under the direction of Public Safety Director David Mettin.

The creation of a career fire crew represents a significant step in the Township's ongoing efforts to strengthen emergency response and provide a consistent level of fire protection and emergency services to the community. The career firefighters will work in coordination with Plumstead Township's volunteer fire companies and the dedicated volunteers who have served the community for generations.

Public Safety Director David Mettin emphasized the importance of the milestone and the responsibility that comes with establishing the Township's career fire service.

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Executive Assistant to Township Manager & Accounts Payable: Debbie DiAngelo
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Director of Public Works: Alan Bleam
Chief of Police: David Mettin
Police Dept. Administrative Assistant: Sarah Ferri
Police Clerk: Jennifer Bodder
Code Enforcement: Keystone Municipal Services - Phil Neas
Fire Chief / Fire Marshal – William F. Wiegman III
Fire Inspector (Part Time): Jeff Gouldey

Meetings:

The Board of Supervisors meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM.

The Planning Commission meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00PM.

The Zoning Hearing Board meet at the call of the Chairman.

The Environmental Advisory Council meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM.

The Parks & Recreation Committee meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00PM.

The Land Preservation Education Advisory Committee (LPEAC) meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00PM

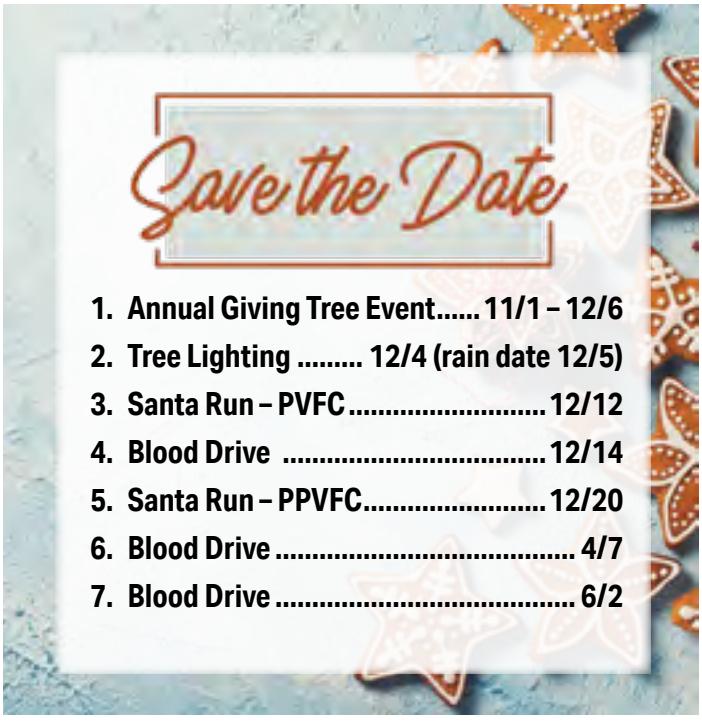
The Veteran's Committee meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm

All meetings are held at the Township Building unless otherwise noted on the Township calendar.

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

With recent events, we thought it best to remind everyone that the Township has many ways to communicate with our residents & local businesses, some of which you **need to register for**.

- Website posting
- FB posting
- Robo Calls (We use our water department customer database; if you no longer use your landline, please make sure we have your current phone number)
- Bucks Alert (This is for Bucks County alerts, not necessarily Plumstead: (https://www.buckscounty.gov/225/Emergency-Notifications)
- MY Plumstead APP this is our new app through GoGov, & you need to download the app by using the QR Code (pictured)



Plumstead Township Fire And Rescue Department *continued from cover*



"This is an exciting and historic moment for Plumstead Township. These firefighters are becoming part of a long tradition of service provided by our volunteer fire companies, while also helping us build a stronger and more dependable response system for our residents. We are proud to welcome Rachel, Ben, Daniel, and Harley to the Township's fire service, and we look forward to the professionalism, dedication, and commitment they will bring to our community."

Township officials also recognized the significance of having Judge Trauger administer the oath, given his family's connection to Plumstead's volunteer fire service.



"Having Judge Trauger administer the oath made this evening particularly meaningful," said Township Manager Stacey Mulholland. "His family's connection to the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company is a reminder of the long history of residents stepping forward to serve their neighbors. Tonight's ceremony honors that tradition while beginning a new chapter in Plumstead Township's fire and rescue services."

The Township welcomes its first career firefighters and looks forward to their service to the Plumstead Township community.

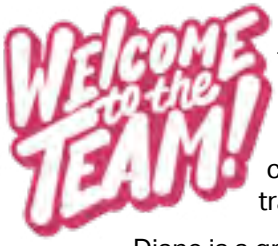


About Plumstead Township Fire and Rescue

The Plumstead Township Fire and Rescue Department operates as part of the Township's combination fire protection system, working alongside the Township's volunteer fire companies to provide fire protection and emergency response throughout Plumstead Township.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Welcome Diane Breiner as the new Plumstead Township crossing guard! Diane will be responsible for children at Gayman Elementary School, ensuring that students walk to and from school safely.

Diane is not a stranger to Plumstead Township. She had spent many years volunteering with the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Department as a Fire Police Officer. Diane joins our township holding certifications in 1st Aid, CPR and the use of an AED, along with Fire Police Basic and Advanced training, Hazmat (Hazardous Materials) Awareness training and De-escalation training.

Diane is a great addition to our team, and we are excited that she will be working with us this school year.

Congratulations Officer Brady Lott

Officer Brady Lott is the most recent addition to the Plumstead Township Police Department. Brady is a graduate of Central Bucks West High School and West Chester University, earning his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He recently graduated from the 919-hour Temple University Police Academy where he learned Pennsylvania Laws and Criminal Procedure, Human Relations, Special Needs, and Patrol Procedures, Criminal Investigations and other police related topics. Officer Lott will be starting his Field Training Program with the department to prepare for solo patrol in the Spring of 2027.





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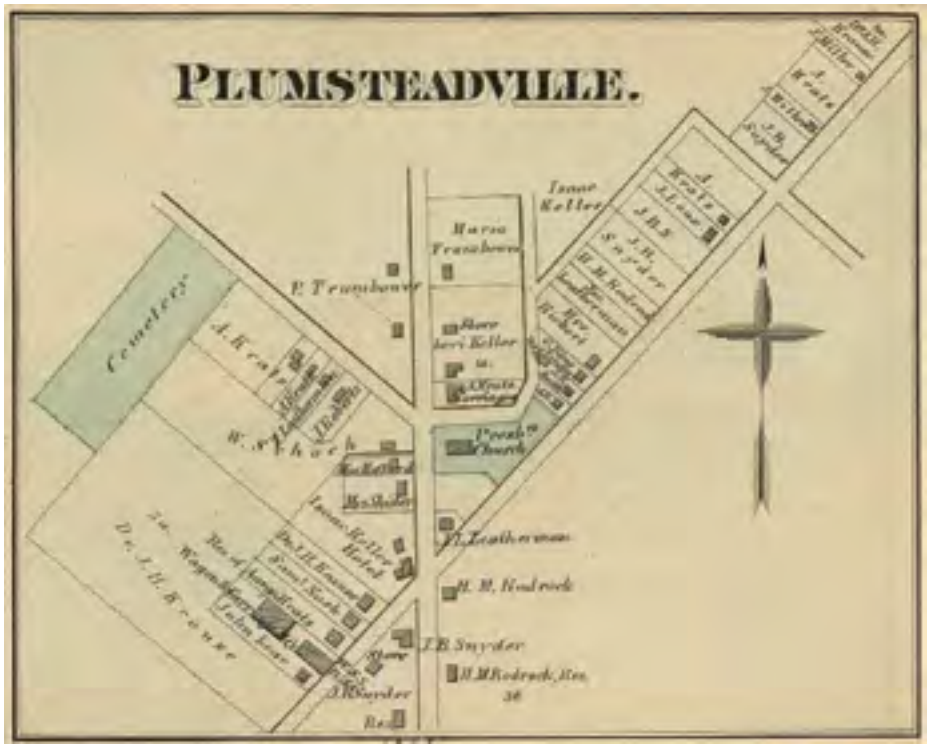
HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Plumstead Historic (Preservation & Education) Advisory Committee Update

The Plumstead Township Historic Advisory Committee was first formed in 2002 to advise the Board of Supervisors on issues that affect historic resources. The committee also gathers historic information about the Township and provides history education to the public to encourage the appreciation of the Township's rich heritage. In 2026, the committee is working to update its name to the Historic Preservation & Education Advisory Committee, to better reflect this role.

The Committee is also completing several educational projects including a self-guided walking tour of Plumsteadville, identifying grave markers in the Plumstead Cemetery, producing a 1798 map showing property boundaries and ownership, and updating the inventory of historic resources with research on over 100 historic stone houses in the township. The Committee hopes to update the Township website with much of this information.

For more information on the Committee and its work, we encourage you to attend our monthly meeting held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.



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We had a great year!

The EAC closed out 2026 with some great work! We gave away a variety of native plants to residents at Community Day. Began an ongoing effort to remove invasive species like mug wort, invasive honeysuckle and stilt grass from along township walking paths. Initiated a revival of the Owl's Nest pollinator garden by pulling invasives and adding to the native plants, which will continue though the new year. And we gave out so many reusable bags that people want more!

Looking Ahead to 2027!

- Everyone loved the reusable bags so much we want to do it again! An eco-minded project utilizing bags made from 100% recycled plastic bottles!
- January 21, 2027, 10am-12pm: the Winter Seed Workshop. Back by popular demand we will once again provide a variety of seeds to start over the winter to enhance your native gardens. Look for sign up info.
- March 2027: "Conservation Landscaping plus the Benefits of Adding Solar" on your suburban property. Includes a Plumstead residential case study where flora and fauna flourish and solar enhances a diverse landscape that helps protect clean air, water and wildlife!

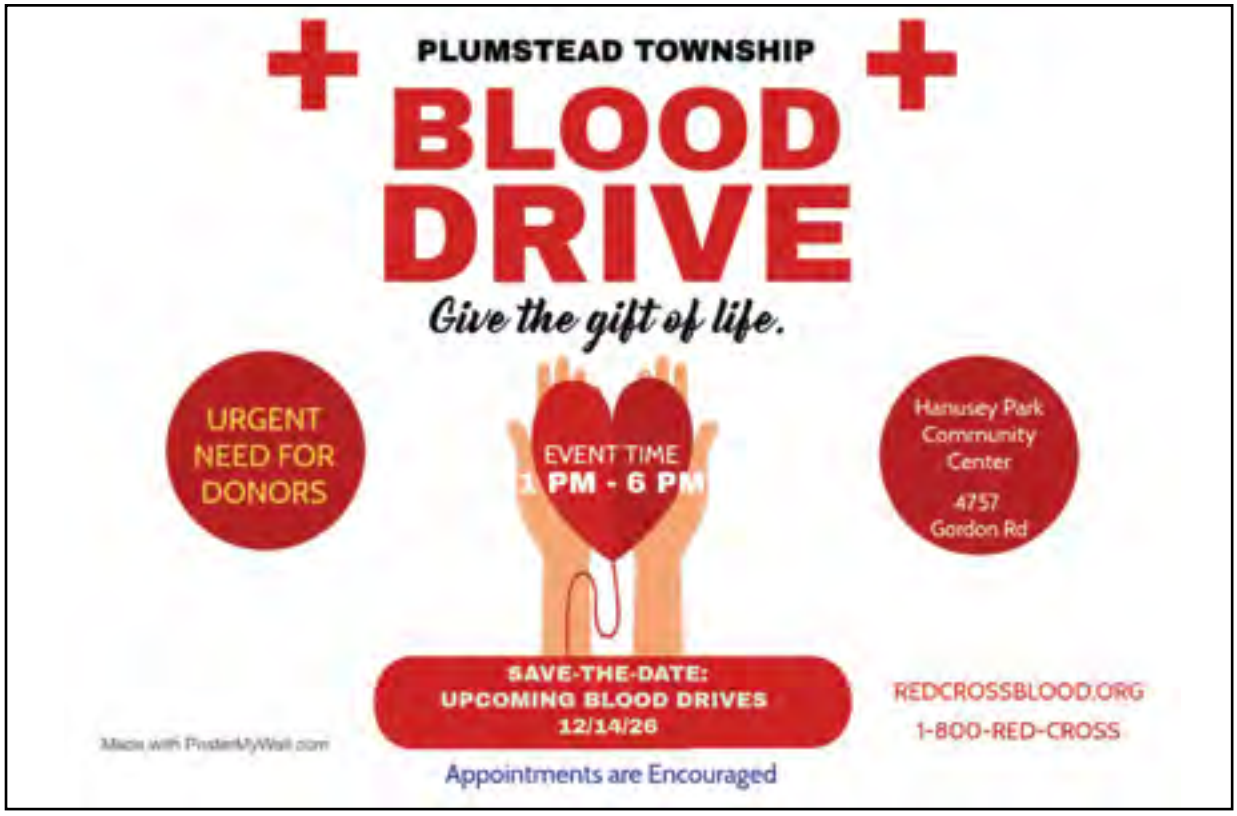
Calling all Plumstead Township businesses! Sponsors are needed for the Reusable Bag Initiative! The EAC is looking for businesses who want to "go green" and sponsor the reusable bags. Your sponsorship means you care about the environment and want to participate in this community opportunity. Reach out to us at plumsteadeac@gmail.com.

Interested in joining the EAC? We're looking for residents who care about conservation, sustainability, and community education. Apply through the Township webpage or reach out to us at plumsteadeac@gmail.com for more information.

The EAC meets on First Tuesdays of each month, 7PM at the township building. All are welcome!



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Across Pennsylvania—and especially in communities like Plumstead Township—land preservation has become one of the most powerful tools for protecting the character, health, and long-term stability of our region. As development pressure increases, residents are recognizing that once open space disappears, it rarely returns. There are tax benefits that preserving landowners can take advantage of in addition to enhancing our community.

Tax benefits are available at the Federal, State, and County levels and take a variety of forms. This will be Part 1 of a multiple part article. Part 1 touches on the Federal Tax saving opportunities. Tax benefits apply differently, so please consult with your tax advisor about how they apply to you.

Federal Tax Benefits

1. **Federal Income Tax Deduction for Conservation Easements**
   If a landowner donates a conservation easement to a qualified land trust or government entity:
   - They may deduct the fair market value of the easement from federal income taxes.
   - The deduction can be up to 50% of adjusted gross income (AGI) per year.
   - Farmers and ranchers may deduct up to 100% of AGI.
   - Unused deductions can be carried forward for up to 15 years.

   This is one of the most powerful financial incentives available.

2. **Federal Estate Tax Benefits**
   Conservation easements can dramatically reduce estate taxes:
   - The easement lowers the property's taxable value.
   - Additional exclusion: up to $500,000 of land value may be excluded from the estate if the land is preserved and meets federal criteria.
   - This can help families keep land across generations.

   In subsequent Parts of the Article we will summarize State and County/Local Tax advantages.

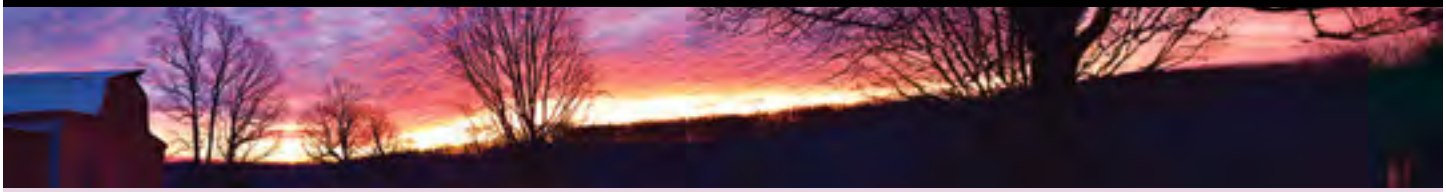
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MY PERFECT PLUMSTEAD DAY



We're excited to introduce **My Perfect Plumstead Day**, *a new Township Newsletter feature celebrating the places and experiences that make our community special. In this first edition, Supervisor Dan Hilferty, a retired executive and veteran, shares some of his favorite local spots. We hope you're inspired to explore, shop locally, and enjoy all that Plumstead has to offer.*

My Perfect Plumstead Day

Local Flavors, Scenic Back Roads, and Saturday Morning Traditions

My perfect Plumstead day starts with breakfast at Cafe with Soul, a nonprofit breakfast and lunch restaurant at 800 N. Easton Road. Cafe with Soul is a non-profit organization with a mission to transform the lives of children, teens, and young adults through music and STEM programs in local schools. It's a great place to enjoy a good meal while supporting an organization that gives back to the community.

After breakfast, Mary Beth and I like to stop at The Larder for sweets and spices, and even though we are full from breakfast, we can't resist stopping into Crossroads Bake Shop for fresh-baked goods. It's nice to have these local businesses right here in our own backyard.

I've always enjoyed the simple pleasure of getting out on the back roads, and Plumstead has plenty to offer. For those who enjoy cycling, our winding country roads and beautiful views make for a great ride. Even if cycling isn't your thing, a leisurely drive through the eastern side of the Township is worth the time.

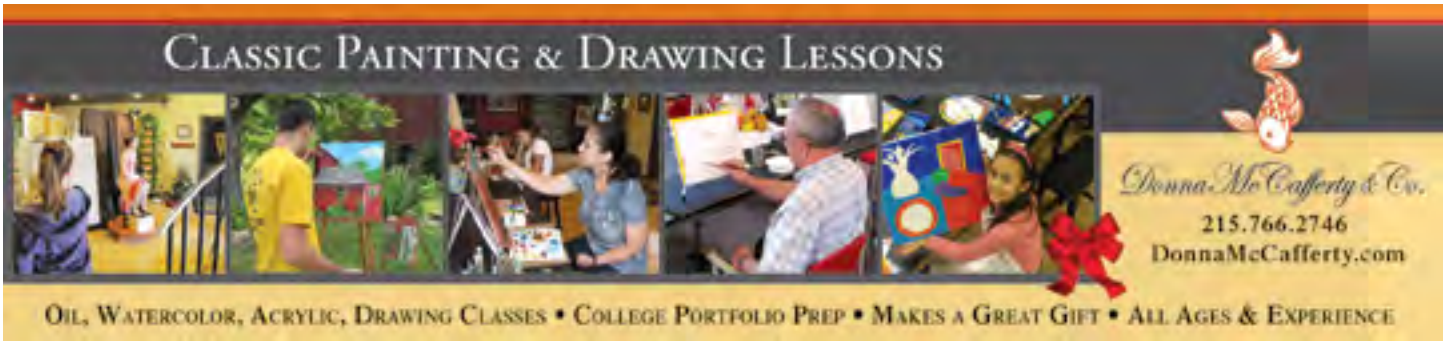
Be sure to look for two of our local treasures: Cabin Run Covered Bridge on Covered Bridge Road and Loux Covered Bridge on Wismer Road. These historic bridges are a reminder of our area's rich history and are well worth a visit. Just remember to share the road safely with cyclists and motorists.

From June through October, Mary Beth and I hardly miss a Saturday morning visit to the Grange Farm Market. We love farm-fresh produce, baked goods, and catching up with neighbors. With all the baked goods around here, it's a good thing I can get out on my bike!

Another stop on a perfect day in Plumstead is Veterans Memorial Park, located on Route 611 in front of Plumstead Christian School. The Township's sixth park, it features five alcoves honoring each branch of our military, historical displays, and Honor Roll Boards recognizing veterans from Plumsteadville and Gardenville. Whether or not you or a family member has served, this park is a very special place that honors the men and women who have served our country, and I encourage you to stop by.

This wraps up my perfect Plumstead Day. Our Township offers so much; I'm curious to learn what makes a Perfect Plumstead Day to others. In the meantime, I encourage you to get out, support our local businesses, and take time to appreciate the Township we call home. Sometimes, the best adventures are right in our own backyard.

Dan Hilferty
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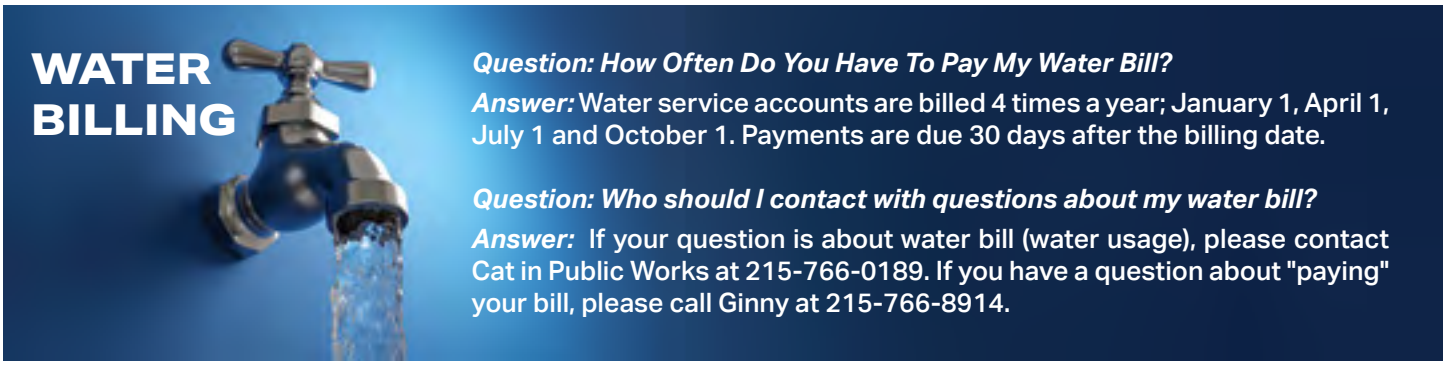
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Public Works Implements New Customer Service Software

Public Works launched a new customer service platform earlier this year to improve efficiency and enhance the operations of its 24-hour dispatch service. Plumstead has contracted with Daupler, Inc., for supplemental dispatch services through the company's Response Management System (RMS), which will modernize the township's after-hours call handling, incident management, and dispatch workflows. Additionally, the RMS is directly tied to our tax parcel management software to allow for quickly referencing an address and any concerns associated with that parcel. Daupler RMS now processes the department's emergency calls during overnight hours (4pm -7 am), 24 hours on weekends, and holidays, and provides overflow call support available during high-volume periods.

After-hours callers can use a portal link to enter additional details, submit photographs, and track updates throughout the process. Based on the information submitted, Daupler's software classifies incidents by type and severity, identifies duplicate requests, and assigns and prioritizes incidents to the appropriate staff for timely response to road, water and park concerns.

The Public Works Department's primary mission is to provide the highest level of road, potable water, stormwater, park management and other related services, to protect public health, and sustain an enjoyable quality of life. Public Works is committed to upholding public trust through exceptional customer service and transparency within our community.

If you have an after hours water, road or park emergency, you can call the Public Works general office number at 215-766-0189 and a Daupler representative will receive your information and provide you the opportunity to submit details and photos that will assist on-call Public Works staff to carry out repairs.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Duane Freed Reflects on 25 Years in the Public Works Department



Duane with grandchildren Kaylee and Weston

As I look back on the 25-years since I began my time at Plumstead Township I have many fond memories. Throughout my career, I have been privileged to take on a wide range of responsibilities, including the maintenance of public infrastructure, coordination of recreational activities, and support for community events.

These roles have included the upkeep of roads, parks, athletic fields, playgrounds, trails, and gathering spaces, as well as the organization of seasonal celebrations, concerts, movie nights, youth programs, summer camps, athletic offerings, and programs catering to all age groups.

It has been rewarding to see the growth and development of the Parks and Recreation department in the Township, and I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to grow with that and evolve in my role. I would like to recognize and acknowledge the support and guidance provided by the Township's leadership and my coworkers over these 25 years; it would not have been possible without them. Their collaboration has been instrumental in my success.

Outside of work, I take great pleasure in outdoor activities, particularly when shared with family and friends. As many are aware, I spend most of my leisure time outdoors, camping, hunting, and fishing. It has been particularly rewarding to share these experiences with younger family members, friends, and my bird dogs. Witnessing the joy and excitement on their faces when they catch their first fish or participate in their first hunt has been truly rewarding, and I treasure every minute of this time we spend together. I feel fortunate to be able to share my passions with my loved ones.

I would like to extend my appreciation to my wife, Connie, who has been a constant source of support for over 32 years, as well as my sons, Tyler and Evan, my daughter-in-law, Alyssa, and my two wonderful grandchildren, Kaylee and Weston. My days now typically consist of whatever Kaylee and Weston ask me to do.

Have you seen this sign

Residents along **ALL TOWNSHIP MAINTAINED ROADS** are reminded that parking during a winter storm is limited based on the provision set forth in **Ordiinance #2003-03**. Parking is prohibited following the accumulation of one inch or more of snow or ice. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance are subject to towing and storage costs.



SNOW & ICE REMOVAL:

Just a reminder Plumstead Township has an Ordinance in place regarding shoveling snow **Ordinance 2-7-95-1** (Code of Ordinance 21-102) states you must clear your sidewalks etc. within 12 hours of the end of the snow fall (section A). **https://ecode360.com/14142847**

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In winter, the Public Works appreciates our township resident's awareness of and cooperation with the following items:





SNOW CLEARING – Avoid plowing ice and snow into the roads from driveways and walkways. It just slows our crews down, and they will likely have to push it back where you don't want it. Let's work together to make snow cleanup easier for everyone. When exiting a driveway plowing, please deposit snow off to the side of the driveway before entering the road.

ORNAMENTAL STRUCTURES such as flower beds, bridges, mailboxes and lawn decorations must be located outside the township right-of-way, which extends out 16.5 feet from the center of the road. Keeping such items out of our right-of-way will eliminate related safety issues to motorists, blockage of roadside drainage swales and damage to your property.

MAILBOXES – Almost all mailboxes are located inside the township right-of-way. Municipalities are tolerant of this intrusion into road workspace, understanding that mailboxes must be accessible for efficient mail delivery and pick up. However, when they are installed in the right-of-way, these structures can become vulnerable to being hit by snowplows during routine snow clearing efforts. Our road staff are aware of the location of your mailboxes and do their best to avoid hitting or damaging them. Sometimes though, mailboxes that hang exceptionally far out into the road or that are poorly marked and difficult to see are at risk of being struck in the dark or when falling snow makes visibility poor. Residents must accept this risk when they install a roadside mailbox and understand that they are liable for the cost of any related repairs or replacement. Plumstead Township does not pay for damaged mailboxes or other structures located in the roadside right-of-way struck by snow discharge during snow removal.

DOWNED TREES – When a downed tree or other large object is obstructing a township road, please contact the Public Works. If the obstruction is on a State Road, please only contact PennDOT. Please call these numbers ONLY if the tree or limb is obstructing the road. Trees on private property cannot be removed by Public Works and are the responsibility of the property owner. If the downed tree or limb is threatening the safe operation of power lines, please call 911.

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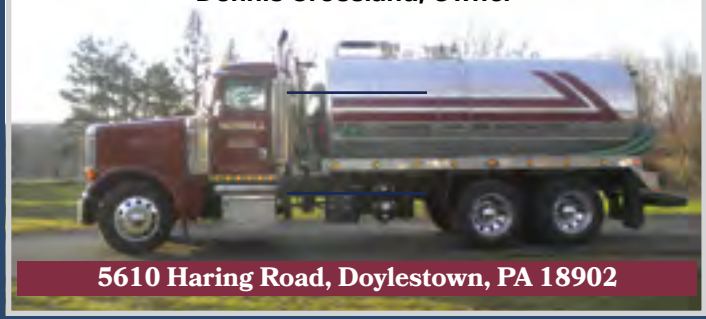
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That is why we recently stepped off our own fields to roll up our sleeves at Groveland Elementary School. Recognizing that their school garden needed a helping hand, we decided to dig in and breathe new life into the space. We set to work cleaning up the plots, clearing the way for a fresh start, and supplying everything needed to build a thriving outdoor classroom. From rich, nutrient-dense compost and essential gardening tools to a vibrant selection of seeds and starter plants, we wanted to ensure these students had a true foundation for success.



Working side-by-side with the youth at Groveland, we turned the dirt into a living laboratory. We spent time educating the students on the fundamentals of gardening, guiding them through the hands-on process of planting, nurturing, and understanding how food actually makes its way to a plate. These kids aren't just learning how to grow a head of lettuce or care for a seedling; they are discovering the vital skills required to feed themselves and become true stewards of the environment.



Through these lessons, we also get to share a message close to our hearts: the critical role that local agriculture plays in all of our lives. By teaching these students how much care, effort, and patience goes into small-scale growing, we are helping them understand why it is so important to protect and support our local farmers. In a world that is increasingly disconnected from the origins of what we consume, this school garden is a place where community roots run deep. We might be breaking the mold of the traditional, isolated farmer, but one schoolyard plot at a time, Bobby and Kaitlyn are proud to help grow a healthier, more connected tomorrow.



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