

Plumstead Township

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

SPRING 2026

Remembering PAM GRAVEL

November 29, 1960 to December 14, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we share the passing of Public Works Administrative Assistant Pam Gravel, who died suddenly at her home on December 14, 2025.

Pam was a devoted employee of Plumstead Township for more than 20 years, serving as Administrative Assistant throughout her tenure. She was focused, diligent, and thorough, and she took great pride in her work. Pam approached every responsibility with care and a strong commitment to excellence.

As the township grew, so did the scope of Pam’s responsibilities. She managed countless details essential to daily operations, often behind the scenes and without recognition, yet always with reliability and precision. Her dedication and attention to detail were integral to the success of the Public Works Department.

Pam was known for her strong work ethic, consistently arriving early, remaining engaged throughout the day, and frequently staying beyond regular hours to ensure tasks were completed properly. She truly loved her work and made it her own.

Beyond her professional contributions, Pam deeply valued her colleagues. She fostered a sense of connection and care within the workplace, treating coworkers with kindness and respect.

While her passing leaves a profound void, we are seeing the strength of Plumstead Township’s teamwork and commitment as employees come together to support one another and continue serving the community.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Pam’s husband, Curt, and to her extended family.

Pam’s lasting contributions to the Public Works Department will not be forgotten. Her dedication, compassion, and spirit will continue to inspire those who follow in her path.



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Board of Supervisors:

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Member Greg Bankos
Member Jennifer Moroney

Administrative Staff

Township Manager: Stacey Mulholland
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Police Dept. Administrative Assistant: Sarah Ferri
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Code Enforcement: Keystone Municipal Services - Phil Neas
Fire Marshal / 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 7:30PM.
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.

Save the Date

1. Art Classes..... 2/3 - 3/10
2. Social Club 2/5 - 10/29
3. Blood Drive 4/1/26
4. Egg Hunt 4/4
5. Community Yard Sale 4/18
6. Summer Movie Night..... 5/1
7. Concert in the Park..... 6/5
8. Concert in the Park..... 6/19
9. Blood Drive 6/3/26
10. Camp Plumstead 6/22-6/26
11. OT Multi Athletics..... 6/29 - 8/28
12. Concert in the Park..... 7/10
13. Iron Pigs (Fireworks Night) 7/11
14. Concert in the Park..... 7/24
15. Concert in the Park..... 8/7
16. Community Day & Movie Night... September
17. Trick or Treat 10/24 (rain date 10/25)
18. Tree Lighting 12/4 (rain date 12/5)

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WELCOME NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Two of Plumstead Township's five Supervisors were sworn in this January: Jen Moroney, beginning her first term, and Ken Lichtenstein, who was re-elected to his second term. The Plumstead Board of Supervisors consists of five members, each serving six-year terms. Elections are held every two years, with either one or two Supervisor positions appearing on the ballot.

About Jen Moroney

Jen is a lifelong Bucks County resident and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned a degree in finance. She began her career in the financial services industry, working with firms including Merrill Lynch and BlackRock, and later earned her MBA from Pennsylvania State University.

Jen spent nearly a decade at Penn Mutual Asset Management as an Investment Analyst, where she helped oversee an investment portfolio exceeding \$25 billion and gained valuable experience in regulation, governance, and long-term planning. She currently works in the group benefits insurance industry as a Sales & Service Enablement Manager, partnering with business leaders to drive operational efficiency, improve processes, and implement impactful training and enablement programs that support sustainable growth.

Jen is deeply committed to her community and volunteers weekly with a local Plumstead Township nonprofit.

About Ken Lichtenstein

During his first term, Ken has represented the interests of Plumstead Township as a member of the executive board of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO). In this role, he co-chaired workshops focused on the future of volunteer fire and ambulance services.

Ken also represents Plumstead on a special committee of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) addressing issues facing townships with populations over 10,000. He has begun advocating for a PSATS initiative aimed at helping residents better understand the roles and responsibilities of their elected officials, with the goal of making local government more understandable and accessible.

In addition, Ken spearheaded the effort to re-establish Plumstead's Land Preservation Education and Advisory Committee, which works to increase the amount of land preserved from development.

Ken is a graduate of Drexel University, Bryn Mawr College (MSW), and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (MBA). He spent his career in organizational development at companies including RCA, GE, and Allstate, helping teams work more effectively together.

Now retired, Ken has volunteered for more than 35 years with Scouting America, focusing on fundraising and supporting young men and women pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout.

Welcome, Jen—and welcome back, Ken!



FINANCE

2026 TOWNSHIP BUDGET:

Investing in Community Safety and Essential Services

The 2026 Township Budget proposes a 3.75 mil increase dedicated to funding the Township's new career fire service operations to supplement the volunteer companies and ensure daytime coverage. For the average household, this increase represents an estimated cost of \$145.00 annually.



This investment supports the continued development of professional fire and rescue services that protect lives and property throughout the community.

For a homeowner with the Township's average assessment value of \$38,928, total real estate property taxes are projected to be \$766.51 per year—or approximately \$63 per month—for all Township services. These services include police, public works, administration, parks and recreation, and water services, in addition to fire protection.

The Township remains committed to careful financial stewardship. Staff continue to review routine operating expenses to secure the best terms possible and stretch taxpayer dollars responsibly.

Allocating resources wisely for the health, safety, and welfare of our residents is essential to maintaining the high level of municipal services our community has come to expect. The 2026 Budget reflects this priority, helping to preserve—and enhance—the quality of life currently enjoyed in our Township.

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WATER DEPARTMENT

Board of Supervisors Approves Transition to Consumption-Based Billing



At its December 10, 2025, meeting, the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors voted to restructure water billing from a flat fee-based system to a consumption-based system.

Under the current flat-fee structure, customers are charged a minimum fee for 5,000 gallons, with additional tiers for higher usage. The new consumption-based structure will reduce the minimum charge to 1,000 gallons and will include meter fees. This approach provides a more equitable billing method—lower-usage customers generally pay less—while promoting water conservation.

The new billing structure is expected to take effect with the 2026 second-quarter water bills.

Under the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, Plumstead Township Water Fund operates as a proprietary, or “enterprise” fund. It is a type of fund used to account for operations that are financed through user fees, not taxes. Only customers of the Plumstead Township Water Department are billed for water use.

The rates will be incorporated into the 2026 Fee Schedule, which will be adopted at the Board of Supervisors’ annual Reorganization Meeting held at 7 PM on Monday, January 5, 2025, at the Plumstead Township building located at 5186 Stump Rd., Plumsteadville.

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PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMITTEE

Colonel Marlena Parker Inspirational Veteran Award



Colonel Marlena Parker

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With that thought in mind, the Plumstead Township Veterans Committee has created a special award, the Colonel Marlena Parker Inspirational Veteran Award, named for a trailblazing Air Force pilot whose life has been a testament to resilience and leadership.

Colonel Parker was born in Doylestown and graduated as valedictorian from Gwynedd Mercy Academy in 1986. She went on to the Air Force Academy, where she excelled both academically and athletically, graduating in 1990 and beginning her journey as a KC-10 Extender pilot.

Her first deployment came in 1994 during Operations Southern Watch and Desert Shield. She continued flying missions while earning her MBA from Embry-Riddle University, and after leaving active duty in 1997, she started a family having two daughters. Soon after, she began a 25-year career as a commercial pilot with United Airlines.

But Marlena's story didn't end there. After 9/11, she answered the call once more—returning to the skies with the Air Force Reserve and rising to the rank of Colonel. Even though she faced personal health challenges, she remained a beacon of courage and grace.

She once said: "Service has always been a part of my adult life. Being a Veteran is part of being something bigger than yourself... I continue to try to make a difference each day."

Colonel Parker didn't just fly missions—she charted a legacy. Through discipline, courage, and unwavering duty, she became the kind of leader others follow not because they must, but because they're inspired to.

This annual award will honor Plumstead veterans who, like Colonel Parker, lead with integrity, inspire through action, and embody the spirit of hope and possibility. This award was introduced at the Veterans Day Celebration on November 8, 2025. Attending that day were Marlena's family and classmates from her Air Force Academy class.

The complete award ceremony can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxBfBGHqgxs&t=531s>

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PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMITTEE

Allen Aoun

First Recipient Of The Colonel Marlena Parker Inspirational Veteran Award

*"When a dream is calling you, there's just one thing that you can do.
You gotta follow that dream wherever that dream may lead".
– Elvis Presley*

From a young age, Allen Aoun was captivated by flight. While other kids played outside, he immersed himself in flight simulators—laying the foundation for a lifelong passion.

After high school, he followed that passion into service, enlisting in the U.S. Air Force serving as an aircraft crew chief, ensuring the mechanical readiness of military aircraft. He served honorably for six years, including time at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

After active duty, Allen worked as a machinist in Hatboro, Pennsylvania, but never let go of his dream to fly. He began flight training at Doylestown Airport, eventually earning his wings. His first piloting job was towing banners for a New Jersey advertising company. From there, his career soared.

He became a First Officer with a cargo carrier in Milwaukee, later advancing to Captain. He continued this trajectory with a regional airline in Indianapolis, again rising to Captain. Allen then flew for Spirit Airlines before joining American Airlines, where he now serves as Captain, piloting Airbus 319, 320, and 321 aircraft.

Along the way, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle University, making the Dean's List—a testament to his dedication both in the air and on the ground.

Today, we honor not just a pilot, but a veteran whose journey embodies service, resilience, and inspiration. From boyhood dreams to commanding the skies, Allen Aoun reminds us that true leadership is measured not by rank, but by heart, perseverance, and the lives we touch.

At the Veterans Day Celebration on November 8, 2025, the Plumstead Township Veterans Committee was proud to present the Colonel Marlena Parker Inspirational Veteran Award to Allen Aoun—a man who turned his dream into reality—not through shortcuts or chance, but through unwavering determination, tireless effort, and a passion that never dimmed. His journey from dreamer to pilot is a testament to what's possible when ambition meets perseverance.



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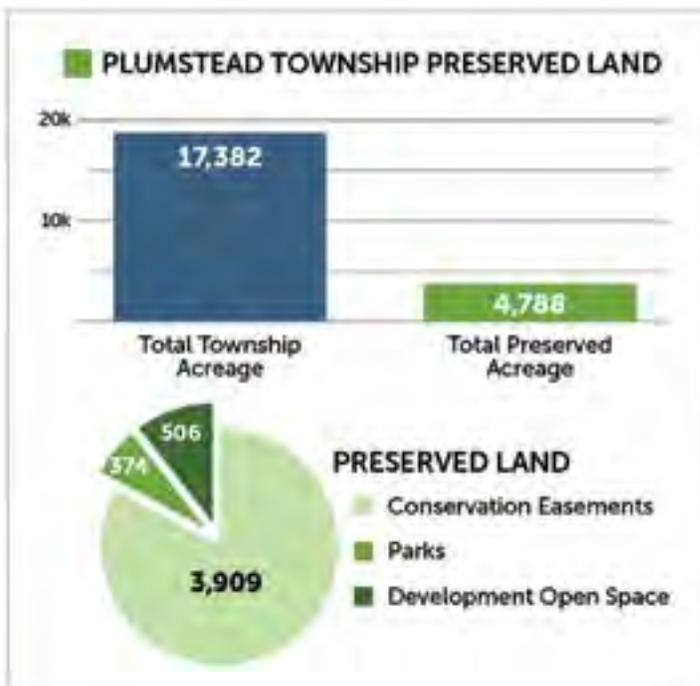
LAND PRESERVATION EDUCATION AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

30 Years of Plumstead Land Preservation

2026 marks the 31st year of Plumstead Township's land preservation program. The township's efforts began in earnest in 1998 when voters overwhelmingly approved a \$4 million bond referendum in response to rapid land development that threatened Plumstead's rural character. These funds, used to purchase conservation easements, first targeted large farms, especially in the northwest section of the township. The success of the program led to two additional bond referendums in 2001 and 2005 for \$6 million and \$8 million, respectively, allowing conservation easements to be used to preserve additional farmland and for the protection of open space and natural resources throughout Plumstead. In 2009, an additional \$4.5 million was authorized by voters for parkland acquisition.

These bond referendums, combined with support from the county and grant programs, have enabled the township to save thousands of acres from development. Today, over 3,900 acres, or about 22% of the township, have been preserved with conservation easements. Another 800 acres of parkland and open space within subdivisions brings the total preserved land to over 4,700 acres, or approximately 28% of the township. It has been 17 years since the township's last bond referendum, and more work needs to be done to ensure the preservation of Plumstead's rural character.

For more information and/or to enter your property as a potential land preservation candidate, please contact the township office or visit the LPEAC's monthly meeting, the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.



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We are especially grateful for:

- Over 45 amazing officers who volunteered their time and our wonderful volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly .
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It's that time of year again.

The weather is getting warmer, the grass is becoming greener and the birds are out early in the morning. Do you know who is also outside?

Now that the sun is shining longer, children in our neighborhoods are outside playing, people are walking more and there's just more activity in our neighborhoods. Please keep this in mind when driving through our neighborhoods. One of the most frequent complaints that police hear come from residents telling us that drivers are speeding through their neighborhoods.

The speed limit in all neighborhoods is 25mph. Please slow down, enjoy the nice weather and keep an eye out for children and other pedestrians when driving. Thanks!





Scoop it. Bag It. Take it with you.

A friendly reminder to please pick up after your dog and take your dog waste bags with you, in our Plumstead parks and neighborhoods too.

With the exception of Hanusey Park, all Plumstead Township parks and fields are "Carry In, Carry Out" — that means anything you bring in (including waste bags) must leave with you.

Left-behind waste bags are more than just unsightly — they're a health hazard and can damage the equipment our Public Works team uses to maintain the parks. In addition, there are ordinances prohibiting it.

Plumstead Township parks are a wonderful benefit to our community. Let's work together to keep them clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone!

STORMWATER FOR RESIDENTS

Reduce Rain Runoff - Plant a Tree



Trees are considered green infrastructure, as they can be super useful in managing stormwater runoff. As rain falls on the canopy of a tree, the leaves intercept the rain drops, slowing down the potential erosive force as they gather. Rain then flows off the leaf surface and along the branches and trunk of the tree where it can soak into the ground and be taken up by the tree roots. Of course, trees provide many additional services from the cooling benefits of their shade, cleaner air, carbon capture, and food for wildlife, to name just a few.

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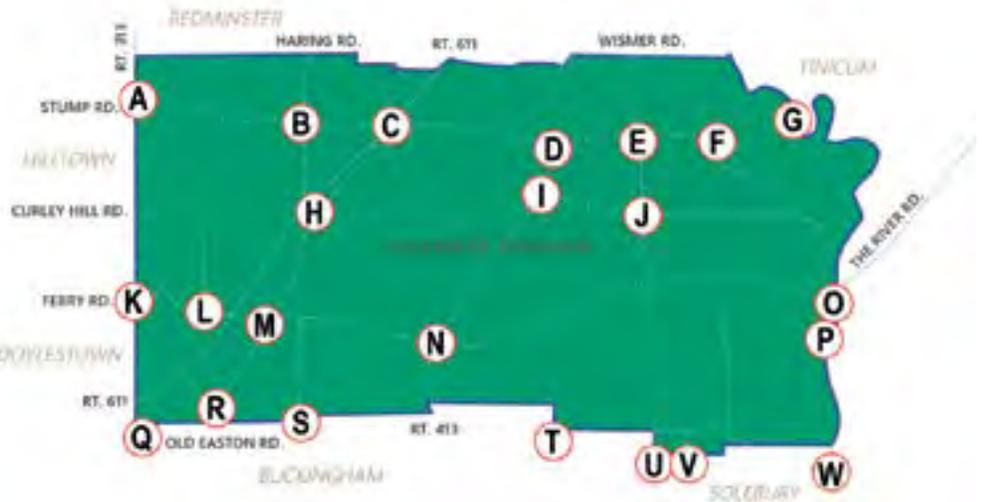
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Place Names In Plumstead Township

- ___ Carversville
- ___ Cottageville
- ___ Cross Keys
- ___ Curley Hill
- ___ Danboro
- ___ Dyerstown
- ___ Fleecydale
- ___ Fountainville
- ___ Gardenville
- ___ Greens Corner
- ___ Groveland
- ___ Hinkletown
- ___ Kendigtown
- ___ Kepler's Corner
- ___ Landisville
- ___ Lower Black Eddy
- ___ Lumberville
- ___ Melchers Corner
- ___ Plumsteadville
- ___ Point Pleasant
- ___ Ralph Stover
- ___ Smiths Corner
- ___ Wismer



Place Names of Plumstead Township - Part I

As we drive into and make our way throughout the township, clues recalling Plumsted's past are in our midst! For example, do you know how to get to "Kepler's", or "Melchers" Corner? If so, have you ever wondered, what's in the name? These, along with many others, are included in George MacReynolds' iconic book titled, "Place Names in Bucks County." Accompanying each, delightful narratives follow telling of early families, stops long gone, and legends that shed some light on the meaning behind the monikers.

Over thirty place names fall within or along our township's boundaries, twenty-three of which are included here. Challenge your familiarity with the Place Name of Plumstead, by counting how many you can correctly locate. Then, test your knowledge of our area's history, by guessing which of the following descriptions are taken from "Place Names in Bucks County", and which ones are pure folly. Have Fun & Good Luck!

True/False? 1) Due to its astounding and strategic view looking miles to the South, this settlement was given the name Greer, meaning "alert" or "watchful" and served as a lookout during the Revolutionary War. 2) The hamlet of Groveland was named in honor of President Grover Cleveland who was known to fish for shad at Point Pleasant and stay at Inns along the river Delaware.

Reference: MacReynolds, George. Place names in Bucks County, Pennsylvania: alphabetically arranged in an historical narrative. Doylestown, Pa.: Bucks County Historical Society, 1955 (2nd ed.)

ANSWERS

A: Greens Corner, B: Kepler's Corner, C: Plumsteadville, D: Hinkletown, E: Wismer, F: Smith's Corner, G: Ralph Stover, H: Curley Hill, I: Groveland, J: Melchers Corner, K: Fountainville, L: Kendigtown, M: Danboro, N: Gardenville, O: Point Pleasant, P: Lower Black Eddy, Q: Cross Keys, R: Dyerstown, S: Landisville, T: Cottageville, U: Carversville, V: Fleecydale, W: Lumberville. 1: False. The settlement is named after the brothers Matthew & John Greer who immigrated from Ireland in 1735. 2: False. Although President Cleveland stayed for fishing at Point Pleasant, the hamlet of Groveland derives its name from a nearby grove of trees.

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What can you do? We recommend replacing it with a native species instead. If it is invading your property, it's best to remove it before it gets too big. Be sure to get the roots or it will grow back. There are many native spring blooming trees that are great for the environment!

The EAC meets on the First Tuesdays of the month at 7PM. Look for upcoming events and projects on local watersheds, native plants and pollinator gardens, bat boxes, tree plantings, road cleanups, and more! Did you know you can join as an Associate (non-voting) member? Come to a meeting or contact us. **We have a NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!** plumsteadeac@gmail.com.

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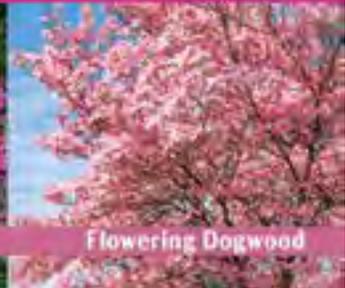
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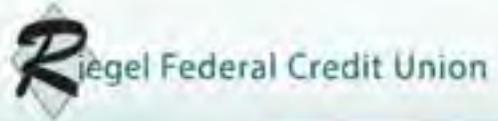
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