

The Pulse of Plum

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*Council work sessions
 are held the 1st
 Monday of each month
 and Council Meetings
 are held the 2nd*

From the desk of the Borough Manager:

On May 30, 2012, a ground breaking ceremony was held for the Plum Borough Municipal Center, Phase 1.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this project, I would like to take this opportunity to explain what it entails.

Over 10 years ago, Plum Borough staff and elected officials began discussing ideas for expansion of the Plum Borough Municipal Building and Public Works facility due to the ages of the structures, the condition of the Public Works facility and the lack of space in both.

Plum Council took a step toward expansion in 2003 with the purchase of a 110 acre tract of land near the Village of Renton. Subsequent to the land purchase, Plum Borough commissioned a study to determine the current and future needs of the Borough. The EADS Group study verified that the facilities do not meet the current needs of the Borough let alone the future. EADS recommending doubling the size of the existing municipal building, quadrupling the size of the Public Works facility and constructing an appropriate salt storage facility. The study further recommended building the

Public Works facility first due to the age and advanced state of deterioration.

In March of 2009 the Borough staff presented Plum Council with a proposal to build a new Public Works facility on the Renton property without the need to raise taxes. Council approved funding to move forward with the design of the facility with the caveat that no tax increase would be needed to pay for the facility. Council also appointed a Steering Committee to guide the development of the facility and make recommendations to Borough staff and Council.

After three years of meetings, planning, studies, design and patience, Phase 1 of the Plum Borough Municipal Center is a reality—**with no increase in Borough taxes to fund the facility!**

Look for future phases as funding becomes available.

Michael A. Thomas
 Borough Manager



PLUM COMMUNITY DAYS 2012

Plum Rotary and the Borough of Plum are getting ready for the Plum Community Days Festival.

The festival will be held Thursday, July 26th from 6 to 10 pm, Friday, July 27th from 6 to 10 pm and Saturday, July 28th from 2 pm to dusk. It will be held at Larry Mills Park on O'Block Road in Holiday Park.

Each day there will be games, raffles, entertainment and a balloon artist, plus there will be plenty of good food from local organizations and fun for the entire family! Scheduled events listed below.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

8 to 10 pm:

Country Western Singer Michael Christopher

SATURDAY, JULY 28

11 am: **Bocce Tournament**

3 to 5 pm: **Keystone State Wrestling Show**

5 to 7 pm: **Performance by Jamie Wright**

6 to 8:30 pm **BINGO**

7 to 8 pm: **Plum High Jazz Band**

8 to 10 pm: **The Businessmen**

Dusk: **Fireworks Extravaganza by Zambelli**

FRIDAY, JULY 27

6:15 pm: **Cat's Zumbettes**

6 to 8:30 pm **BINGO**

7 to 8 pm: **East End Kids will entertain with "A Tribute to the 70's"**

7 to 8:39 pm **WISH 99.7 Radio Sweet Treat Patrol for 99 minutes passing out free treats!**

7 to 9 pm: **Car Cruise**

8 to 10 pm: **American Pie will perform oldies rock and roll**

Call 412-795-6800 ext. 224

If you are interested in joining the Plum Rotary!



SERVICE Above Self

Feed Your Plastic Bins...and Everybody Wins!

Recycling has been mandatory in Plum Borough for over 20 years. While some may think that there is little benefit to recycling, the majority of Plum residents have embraced the concept. When the last trash and recycling contract expired, Plum Borough Council decided to expand the types of items that could be recycled, increased the frequency of recycling to weekly and decided to provide larger recycling bins to encourage more recycling.

In the past year Plum Borough has made significant progress in increasing the amount of recyclables collected and has more than doubled the tonnage collected. Did you ever wonder what happens to your recyclables once you put them at the curb in your new toter provided by Allied Waste?

All recyclable materials collected in Plum Borough are transported by Allied Waste to their recycling transfer station located adjacent to their landfill in Scottsdale, Pa. Greenstar Recycling then collects the recyclable materials from the Allied transfer station and transports the materials to the Greenstar Recycling facility on Neville Island where they are sorted and processed. Greenstar purchases all of the materials from Allied Waste which helps to keep your costs for trash and recyclable collection stable each year.

After all materials are sorted and processed they are sold on the open market and recycled into the following materials:

#1 and #2 plastics become new #1 and #2 plastics.

#3 through #7 plastics become storm sewer pipes which are used throughout all municipalities to carry storm water away from the roads and properly disposed.

All aluminum cans collected in Plum Borough are sold to Anheuser-Busch which become new beverage containers.

All steel cans are sold to steel processing plants in western Pennsylvania and northeastern Ohio where they become new rolled steel.

All newspaper collected is sold to a paper mill near Atlanta, Georgia where the ink is removed and it is made into new newsprint.

All cardboard and boxboard collected is sold to a cardboard processing plant near Syracuse, New York where it is made into new cardboard and boxboard.

All office paper and colored paper is sold to paper mills in China to make into new paper.

All glass is crushed and sold to a glass maker near Mt. Lebanon that produces new glass from 100% recycled glass.

Shown below are a couple of pictures displaying the process at the Greenstar facility.



This photo shows the first step of the sorting process at the Greenstar Recycling facility where employees hand-sort trash and non recyclables out of the mountain of recyclables in the photo above.



This mountain of recyclable materials was received at the Greenstar Recycling facility in less than half day and includes your recyclables from Plum Borough.



Rumor has it that the seasons are not named correctly in Pennsylvania. The correct names should be *winter, construction season, more construction* and *almost winter!* Most of us are cautious winter weather drivers and use our best driving skills. That takes care of two of the four seasons. The other two seasons deserve our best driving skills as well. Below are some tips to remind you that it is just as important to navigate safely on summer roads as it is on winter roads.

- **Be alert.** This is no time for distracted driving. Keep both hands on the wheel, your eyes on the road and your mind focused on the task at hand.
- **Do not speed.** Yes, it is annoying to slow down to 45 or even 25 miles per hour while traveling on the interstate. However, the low speed limits are in place for a very, very good reason. Road construction zones are dangerous and those dangers increase quickly with speed.
- **Be prepared for anything.** A lot takes place during road repairs and improvements. Be prepared for lane changes, closed lanes, shifting lanes, large equipment and pedestrians.
- **Don't tailgate.** Because unpredictable things can happen in work construction zones, the person in front of you may need to slow down or stop suddenly. Be prepared for this by giving the vehicle in front of you plenty of room.
- **Read signs and listen for updates.** There are a lot of things going on in a construction zone, but road crews do their best to keep you up-to-date on what is happening. Signs will let you know when there will be lane changes, whether the speed limit has changed and when the work zone has ended. The news and radio will let you know whether road-work will be taking place and if there are faster alternative routes.

The Fourth of July and Fireworks

With the Fourth of July soon upon us, many people will entertain the idea of purchasing fireworks to celebrate the Independence Day holiday. Temporary roadside stands as well as traditional retail establishments will offer a wide variety of fireworks for sale, which often leave consumers confused as to what is legal for them to possess and what is not. This confusion routinely results in the police department confiscating large amounts of illegally possessed fireworks each year. In an effort to avoid situations such as this, as well as other potential dangers associated with the handling of fireworks, some information related to the purchase and possession of fireworks is included below.

Fireworks Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I use fireworks in Pennsylvania?

A: State law prohibits the use of Consumer and Display Fireworks in Pennsylvania without a permit. Items defined as “ground and hand-held sparkling devices”, “novelties” and “toy caps” in American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) Standard 87-1 are not currently regulated by State Law; therefore, their sale and use are permissible. These “non-fireworks” are the only types allowed to be sold from tents, stands, convenience stores, retail establishments and other various outlets not licensed by the Department of Agriculture.
(Title 35, Chapter 13A, Sections 1271 & 1275)

Q: Can I buy regular fireworks – not sparklers or novelty items -- under any conditions?

A: This answer depends on whether or not you are a Pennsylvania resident.

Pennsylvania residents: May purchase Consumer Fireworks only with a display permit issued by the municipality where in the display will take place.

Non-residents: An amendment to the Fireworks Law, effective November 30, 2004, makes it legal, upon proof of out-of-state residency status, to purchase Consumer Fireworks from a facility licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture provided the Consumer Fireworks are transported directly out of state by the seller or purchaser.
(Title 35, Chapter 13A, Section 1275)

Q: How do I get a permit for a fireworks display?

A: The Commonwealth does not issue permits for firework displays and does not oversee the issuance of permits by the municipalities.

A permit for a fireworks display must be obtained from the municipality where the display will take place. The municipality is the only governing body with authority to issue this permit under reasonable rules and regulations adopted by them. Upon inspection of the display site by the fire chief, or other designated officer, and the posting of a bond of at least \$500 for any possible damages, the municipality may issue a permit to a person they deem competent.

If you are hiring someone to perform the display, that person or corporation must be registered with the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. If you are not hiring someone, you can attempt to obtain the status of “competent operator” from the municipality where the display will take place.

Questions concerning display permits should be directed to the appropriate municipality.

Any business entity that performs, provides or supervises fireworks displays or exhibitions for profit must register annually with the Office of Attorney General. For more information, contact the Office of Attorney General, Criminal Law Division, at (717) 787-3391.

The Fourth of July and Fireworks

Q: Who enforces the Fireworks Law?

A: Any Law Enforcement Officer having jurisdiction may make an arrest and confiscate fireworks under the Fireworks Law. To report a violation of the Fireworks Law contact the Police Department servicing your area as would to report any other crime.

(Title 35, Chapter 13A, Section 1278)

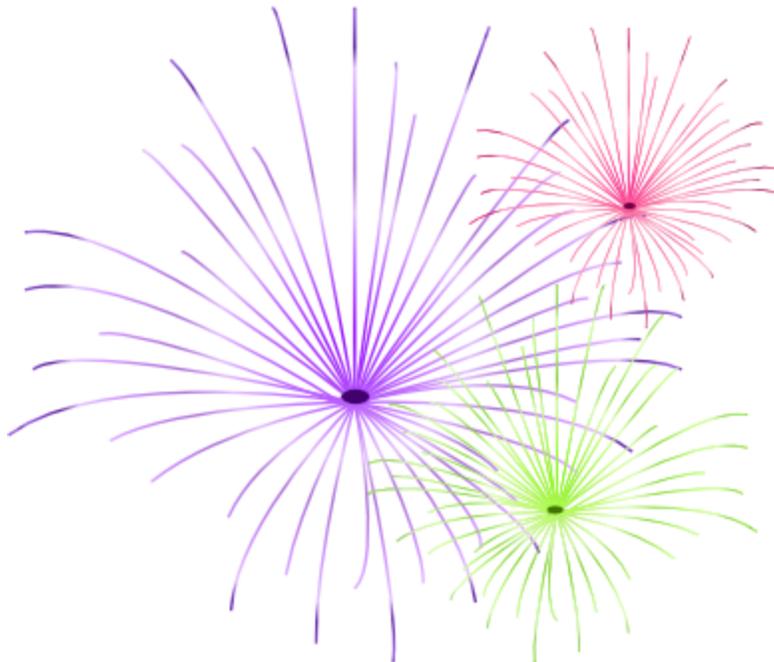
Q: What precautions should people take when using permitted novelty items or sparklers?

A: It's best to leave any type of fireworks to the experts. But if you decide to use permitted novelty items or sparklers:

- Always read and follow the instructions carefully.
- Use items outside in an open area.
- A responsible adult should supervise all activities.
- Only light one item at a time.
- Place used items in a bucket of water prior to properly disposing of them.

Q: What else should I know about fireworks?

A: Cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s, silver salutes and other illegal fireworks are all extremely dangerous. In addition, fireworks constructed from mail order kits are illegal and dangerous to assemble or use. Never attempt to make your own fireworks or tamper with fireworks.



BE SAFE AND HAVE A HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

**PLUM SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER HAPPENINGS
JULY – AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2012**

Daily/Weekly Activities...

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 am					Tai Chi	
9:15 am	Low-Impact Aerobics		Silver Sneakers Cardio Circuit		Low-Impact Aerobics	
10-11:30 am			Blood Pressure Testing & Craft Group	Blood Pressure Testing		
10:30 am	Silver Sneakers MSROM	Yoga Stretch	Silver Sneakers MSROM and Tai Chi		Silver Sneakers MSROM	Zumba
11:30 am	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch Stroke Survivors Group Meeting	Lunch	
12:30 pm			Country Western Band			
12:45 pm	Bingo	500 Cards	Euchre & Poker	Bingo		
1:00 pm		Dominoes				
6:30 pm	Zumba		Tai Chi Advanced			
7:30 pm			Tai Chi Beginner			

MSROM—Muscle Strength Range of Motion



Have lunch at the Center!
Hot lunches served daily 11:30 am to 12:15 pm
Reservations are required by Noon the day
before your desired lunch date to reserve your
hot lunch. Suggested donation is \$3.00.
Discount cards available.

Home delivered meals are available if you are recuperating from an illness, accident or surgery. To be eligible you must be 60 years of age, live in Plum Borough and need assistance. Call 412-795-2330 and ask for Toni.



Monthly Activities at the Plum Senior Center ...

Program	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Poetry Café				1st Thursday 1 to 2 pm	
Advisory Group Meeting				2nd Thursday 10 am	
Caregivers' Group				3rd Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 pm	
Book Club				4th Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 pm	
Birthday Party			3rd Wednesday 11:30 to 12:15 pm Cake, gifts & games		
Dinner Club Call for details!					

Activity Schedule is subject to change! Please contact the Center for details 412-795-2330

The Plum Senior Community Center will be closed on the 4th of July!



MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE
 Tickets \$1.00 each
 June/July raffle to be drawn on Saturday,
 July 28th at Community Days at Larry
 Mills Park

Events at the PSCC

Special events are celebrated throughout the year at the PSCC such as holiday parties, Senior Center Week, Spring & Fall Dances, Medical Equipment loans, Volunteer Opportunities, Flea Markets, Corn Roast, Days trips to Cultural Events & shopping. We also schedule bus trips to such locations as Mountaineer Park, Atlantic City & Pittsburgh Public Theatre just to name a few.

Contact Jane at 412-793-7225



The New Café

- ◆ Grab and go healthy salads, soups & sandwiches and wraps
- ◆ Specialty coffees, teas, smoothies fountain drinks
- ◆ A cozy retreat with a fireplace setting and couches to gather to meet new friends throughout the community
- ◆ Still serving our daily special for those 60 & over for a donation. Register a day in advance

Upcoming Events at the Plum Senior Community Center...

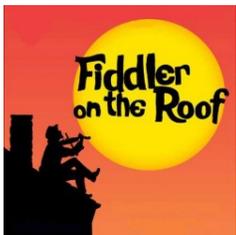


Tuesdays
July 10 thru August 7
Italian Language Workshop
\$25/5 weeks

Thursday, July 12th—Program at the Center sponsored by Cedars of Monroeville...“Essential Oils and How They Heal”. Please call to register 412-795-2330



Friday, July 13th Ice Cream Social sponsored by Joe Markosek. Have lunch at the Center & enjoy your Sundae with friends! (11:30 am to Noon)



Fiddler on the Roof
Benedum Center
Sunday, July 15th at 7:30 pm
Call Center for tickets

Flea Market at the Center
Saturday, July 14th
8 am to 2 pm
Tables are available for those interested in selling!
Contact Anita at 412-798-2432



LUNCH AND LEARN...Wednesday, August 1st at 11:00 am presentations by “PA Alliance for Retired Americans”. Topics covered will be the new voter ID law, covering affordable Health Care Act, Social Security and Medicare.

Friday, August 3rd Comedy Night Fundraiser at the American Legion. Call Center for details



Wednesday, August 8th at Noon—Tony DeLuca Ice Cream Social at the Center. All are welcome!



2nd ANNUAL PET PARADE
Friday, August 17th
1 to 4 pm
Looking for sponsors & volunteers!

Upcoming Events at the Plum Senior Community Center...

**Jane Gira Bus Trips
412-793-7225
(no refunds 30 days before trip!)**



Two Days/Two Casinos—July 11th and 12th
\$175 per person—double occupancy
Travel to Dover, DE and spend the night at Dover Downs and a complimentary show at Fire & Ice. After breakfast the following day, we will depart for Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs in Wilkes-Barre. Each will receive \$30 in slot dollars and \$10 food credit.

“Jonah” the Play—August 22nd and 23rd
\$299 person—double occupancy
Trip includes afternoon at Landis Valley Village, ride a wagon to historic Landis Valley Hotel and enjoy some sweet treats. In the evening, enjoy a lavish dinner buffet and a popular Broadway-style musical productions.

The following day includes a visit of Dutch Delights in Ronks. Then we go on to the production of the spectacular new show, “JONAH”. After the show we will dine at a popular restaurant in Lancaster before heading home.

Salamanca Casino—
September 12th and 13th
\$125 per person—
double occupancy
Includes slot play and food comps, free full breakfast one night Holiday Inn and transportation.



Mountaineer Park
October 22nd and 23rd
\$79 per person—
double occupancy

This includes: \$20 food, \$20 slot dollars, hotel room and Motor Coach ride.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all donors to the PSSC! Your support provides us the opportunity to continue to offer new and life enriching programs to our seniors and to the Community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We hope you enjoyed “The Pulse of Plum”....Plum Borough’s first electronic newsletter!

Email your comments/suggestions to mcozanza@plumboro.com