

# The Pulse of Plum

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*Council work sessions  
are held the 1st  
Tuesday of each month  
at 6:30 pm and Council  
Meetings are held the  
2nd Monday at 7 pm*

## *From the desk of the Borough Manager:*

I am happy to announce that after a lengthy period without the Borough's website, [www.plumboro.com](http://www.plumboro.com) went back on-line August 1st. Please visit our website and provide us with your comments and feedback, this website is designed for you and your input will help to make the site more useful. Please remember that the site is a work in progress and we will be continually working on it to bring you up-to-date Borough information and news.

I would also like to make you aware of a traffic pattern change; School Road, which connects Old Leechburg Road and Center New Texas Road, was made a one-way roadway effective Friday July 26, 2013. As of this date, all School Road traffic must travel east bound, entering on the Old Leechburg Road side and exiting onto Center New Texas Road. Please use caution and obey all relevant signage and roadway markings when traveling in this area. The recommendation from the Borough traffic engineer to make School Road one-way is for the safety of the students.

The Plum Borough Public Works Department is moving to their new facility on October 1st, we are planning to hold a joint ribbon cutting for the Public Works building and ground breaking ceremony for the new EMS/Renton Fire Department in late September.

All of the construction of these new public facilities has been financed through the existing debt service of Plum Borough and has resulted in ***no tax increases to property owners in the Borough of Plum.***

Michael A. Thomas  
Borough Manager

## **PLUM BOROUGH PUBLIC WORKS IS MOVING!**

After many years of planning, designing and procuring funds, the Plum Borough Public Works Department will be moving to its new home during the month of September 2013. Conceived in 1999, the idea of a new Public Works Facility took many years to come to fruition due to a number of obstacles none of which proved insurmountable in the end.

Plum Borough Council decided to purchase a 110 acre parcel near the village of Renton in 2003 to provide a new home for the Plum Borough Public Works Department. Space constraints at the existing facility located behind the Municipal Building on New Texas Road did not allow for construction of the type of buildings that the Borough needed to accomplish its mission. The property that was purchased for Public Works can also house a multitude of other uses with the eventual goal of moving all Borough facilities to this site in the future.

The current development which began in May of 2012 consists of constructing a new 24,000 square foot Public Works Building, a 9,000 square foot salt storage building, two 2,400 square foot storage buildings, and several storage areas on the property for bulk materials. These facilities will allow the Public Works Department to keep all vehicles and equipment inside which will greatly extend the lifespan of the equipment, reduce the amount of maintenance and reduce vandalism. The new salt building will allow Plum Borough to stockpile enough salt for an entire season prior to winter to avoid salt storages and also comply with DEP standards for materials handling, and the various storage areas will provide the Borough with adequate space to stockpile materials and supplies needed throughout the year.

Moving forward at the site, Plum Borough Council has decided to construct a new home for the Plum Borough EMS and Renton Fire Department. During the construction of the Public Works facilities, Council agreed to construct a building pad for future use by Emergency Services. Council has agreed to issue bonds to cover the anticipated expense of a new building that will house both the Plum Borough EMS and the Renton Fire Department. The building is anticipated to be approximately 14,000 square feet which will be split by the two entities and allow for proper office space, storage space, conference rooms, locker rooms, training rooms and sleeping quarters for the EMS as well allowing them to keep their entire fleet of vehicles inside. The construction of this facility will allow the Renton Fire Department to separate their fire fighting function and their social function into two locations and improve their fire fighting capabilities.

An integral part of the EMS/Renton Fire Department project will be extending Old Mine Road and connecting Renton Road to Old Leechburg Road. This will greatly improve response times by both entities in this area.

Plum Borough Council is planning on holding a joint ribbon cutting for the Public Works building and ground breaking ceremony for the new EMS/Renton Fire Department in late September.

Future phases could see a new municipal building, a new Senior Citizens center, recreational opportunities and other ideas which have yet to be discussed.

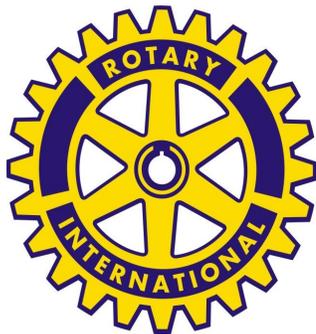
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### **CHANGES ON SCHOOL ROAD**

The Plum Borough School District is re-opening the “Old” Pivik Elementary School in the fall of 2013 to house students from Adlai Stevenson Elementary School while the new school is being built. As a result, over 1,000 students will attend the old and new Pivik Schools. Officials from the School District and the Borough were concerned with the safety of the students and commissioned a traffic engineer to determine if any safety improvements could be made in the area to protect the students. The traffic engineer determined that making School Road one-way would be the best solution to ensure the safety of the students.

At the end of July, School Road became a one-way street. All vehicles will now enter School Road from Old Leechburg Road and will exit onto Center-New Texas Road. Borough crews are in the process of placing directional signs on the road and a sub-contractor will be painting new lines on the road in the next few weeks. Upon completion of the line painting, School Road will officially be a one-way street.

The Plum Police Department will be increasing patrols in the area to make sure that all motorists are obeying the new traffic patterns.



**Plum Rotary  
is looking for volunteers . . .  
Join us for lunch Tuesdays at  
12:15 at Palmieri's Restaurant  
on Old Frankstown Road, Plum.  
Come and see what Rotary is all  
about!**

*For more information on the Plum Rotary contact 412-795-6800 ext. 224*

## PLUM SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER HAPPENINGS



**FARMERS MARKET** at the Plum Senior Community Center  
Thursdays from 3:30 – 6:30 pm  
You can buy items from Produce, Jewelry, Crafts & Food vendors!

Also, the Café will be open 3:30 to 6:30 to stop by for dinner or get dinner to go—before or after you shop!  
*If interested in becoming a vendor, contact Nici at 412-573-1973 or [pscscoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:pscscoutreach@gmail.com)*

### CONTEST ON FACEBOOK!

The Center is giving away one of their cookbooks, “A Taste of Plum” free to one lucky winner! Check out their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/PlumCenter](http://www.facebook.com/PlumCenter) for the details. Don’t forget to “like” them while you are there!



The Plum Center runs largely in part due to the generous individuals who give of their time to help! The Center is always looking for volunteers to help with the day to day business, special events or to be on our senior advisory council to help plan activities. Please call, email, or stop by the Center!



### SEPTEMBER IS SENIOR CENTER MONTH!

Come show your love of seniors and the Plum Senior Community Center on September 20th. There will be an open house & health fair.

Check our website for more info:

[www.PlumSeniorCenter.org](http://www.PlumSeniorCenter.org) and Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/PlumCenter](http://www.facebook.com/PlumCenter)

### PLAYING GAMES!

*The Center is always looking for individuals to play games . . . Scrabble, Wii, Cards... you name it! There is always someone who wants to play. All we are missing is YOU!*



## PLUM SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER HAPPENINGS



### Healthy Cooking Demonstration

Stop by the Plum Senior Community Center on Thursday, August 8th at 10:30 am for a healthy cooking demonstration. This class is open to the public!

### PET PARADE

The Plum Senior Community Center will be hosting their 3rd Annual Pet Parade on Friday, August 16th at 11 am. Bring your pet to show them off! There will be a 50/50 raffle and a prize for cutest pet, so don't forget their costume!



### Reminder . . .

The third Wednesday of every month is the Center's Birthday Celebration...be sure to stop by for lunch and cake at 11:30 am



### Upcoming Events at the Center!

Card/Game Party  
Saturday, September 14th  
Super Bingo  
Saturday, October 12th  
Craft Show  
Saturday, November 2nd

*The Plum Senior Community Center would like to thank the Plum High School GLA students and leaders who designed and planted a beautiful flower and sitting garden on the side of the Center. It is a beautiful addition to the landscaping with a bench, birdbath, and trellis that will bring years of enjoyment to the public.*

*If you haven't yet visited the sitting garden, please do so and enjoy!*

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