



FACO Flyer

Fall 2025



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What Will Be Your Part?

In his Fall article, Superintendent Dr. Greg Miller explained the importance of community and school interaction using the African proverb “it takes a village to raise a child.” As the Youth Services Coordinator for the Fleetwood Area Public Library, one of my favorite yearly reads is the book “It Takes a Village.” In it, diverse community members from many different phases of life help and support each other to build a playground for everyone to enjoy.

As we put this edition of the FACO Flyer together, I realized that working together as a community not only raises a child (or playground), but also makes the whole community better. In the aftermath of the summer storms that just came through, the benefits of barn raisings and neighbors helping neighbors were seen throughout the community. These benefits do not have to wait for emergencies. There are many small shifts each of us can make to improve our lives and our community.

- Talk with or lend a hand to a neighbor
- Cheer on a local athlete or artist by attending a game or performance.
- Support local farmers (& your health) by visiting a local farmer’s stand.
- Visit a local business (& save gas) by checking out what they have to offer.
- Go to (or better yet, help out!) at a community event.
- Admire the natural beauty around you.

In this issue, I hope you discover some new ways to use your time, energy, and/or money to better our community. There are so many different ways you can benefit & contribute. What will be YOUR part?

Stacy Laucks

President, Fleetwood Area Community Organizations (FACO)

FACO Purpose

- Increase community unity
- Facilitate communication between community organizations & members
- Share community resources
- Improve community quality of life and image



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Fleetwood Recreation Board

Recreation and Entertainment for Fleetwood Residents and Beyond



The Fleetwood Rec Board, appointed by Borough Council, provides recreation and entertainment to Fleetwood residents and beyond. As fall approaches, we look forward to our Homecoming Festival and then our annual Christmas tree-lighting in the park. One of our goals is to give Fleetwood's residents that hometown feel by providing these and future events. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Below are some things that the Rec Board sponsors each year.

- **Sunday Concerts in the Park:** Free music sponsored by the Rec board with the help of donations from corporate sponsors. The concession stand is operated by area non-profit organizations and serves a variety of homemade foods. We want to thank Patty Keeney for doing a great job of organizing these bands.
- **The Fleetwood Community Carnival:** The Rec Board's walking pies (pie ala mode in a bag), not to be confused with walking tacos, are a big hit at the carnival. All proceeds benefit Fleetwood Rec Board's initiatives.
- **Homecoming Festival & Bonfire in the Park:** Friday night following the homecoming parade, this free admission event is designed to rally the community for homecoming in support of the FASD sports teams and offers dancing led by our local DJ, amusement rides, games, free hayrides, and a huge bonfire with our local cheerleaders getting everyone in the spirit.
- **Military banners:** The Military banners you see displayed all along Main St and in the Fleetwood Park are a Rec Board initiative, with some assistance from The Fleetwood Legion and Historical Society. The banners are a way to honor our heroes. If you are interested in sponsoring a banner, please check the website for more information!

Members of the Fleetwood Rec Board: Karin Crossley (chair), Janice DeLay, Chris Young, Suzanne Touch, Megan Young-Kraft and Jessica Galeassi. Check out The Fleetwood Rec Board's Facebook page and <https://www.fleetwoodboro.com/> for more information on these activities and more.

Breakfast Brothers

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Fleetwood Community Theatre

Supporting Local Theatre Arts All Year Long

Fleetwood Community Theatre (FCT) is an educational, charitable, volunteer organization of youth and adults that spreads arts in the area. Our biggest fundraiser is the Annual Apple Dumping sale. Pre-orders are strongly recommended but we will also be selling them at the Berks Fiddle Festival on September 21.

A more theatrical fundraiser is coming October 4 at the Evergreen German Club. Come join the fun at our “Wizards of Murder Mystery”, an interactive game for all who participate for the evening.

To help teach the next generation about theater, our junior production will kick-off our 38th season. Students in Kindergarten to 12th grade can audition for a role in The Jungle Book. Auditions will be in September with performance dates in early November at Willow Creek Elementary School.

To close out the year, a create your own Christmas decorations fundraiser will be held in December.

FCT offers something for everyone all year long - casts of all ages; on stage or behind the scenes. Come see a show, be in a show, or help bring the show to life. For more information find us at <https://fleetwoodcommunitytheatre.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/FleetwoodTheatre/>, or on <https://www.instagram.com/fleetwoodcommunitytheatre/>.

Fleetwood Area Public Library

www.berkslibraries.org/branch/fleetwood

Driving Fleetwood Forward



The Fleetwood Area Public Library “Drives Fleetwood Forward” through its community-centered approach to helping people, ideas, and things improve. More specifically, our mission is to drive the Fleetwood Area forward by:

- Providing equitable access to quality resources and technology
- Encouraging an early and lifelong commitment to learning
- Strengthening our community; providing & connecting patrons to quality programs & services.

In addition to providing access to free resources (books, magazines, movies, games, educational kits, museum passes, and more), we offer a number of programs that support our mission.



Library Homeschool Field Trip

Youth Programs

- **Preschool Storytime** (3-5 yr olds) - Wednesdays, 9:30 pm
- **Preschool Playtime** (2-5 yr olds) - Fridays, 9:30 pm
- **Homeschool Libratory** (K-6th grade) - Weekly, contact library for more info
- **Double Digit Hangout** (5th - 8th grade) - Tuesdays, 3:30 pm

Adult Programs

- **Art Class** - Mondays, 10 am -12 pm
- **Line Dancing** - Saturdays, 1 pm
- **Fleetwood Stitchers** - 3rd Thursday each month, 6:30 pm.
- **Book Clubs** - website Adults Page lists monthly book
 - **Fleetwood Reads** - 2nd Thursday each month, 6:30 pm
 - **Sci-fi/Fantasy Book Club** - 4th Thursday each month, 6:30 pm

Grab & Grow - Free weekly take-home activity kits for ALL ages.

Website for more specific information - <https://www.berkslibraries.org/branch/fleetwood>.

At the Fleetwood Library, we understand that improving our community takes a group effort. Now that you know our mission, please share with us what we can do for you and your community. We actively coordinate activities and/or resources with many individuals and community organizations such as the Fleetwood Area School District, local preschools, and the Tri-Valley YMCA. Would you like to help us in our journey (or need community service hours)? Please reach out and tell us how you can volunteer, donate, or participate!

More Ways to Support the Arts

Supporting local arts helps our students and the general community. It fosters creativity, strengthens community bonds, improves student academic performance, adds beauty, and promotes cultural understanding. Here are some additional ways you can support local arts:

• Home Football Games	High School Band Field Show	varies	Flwd High Stadium
• Fri. & Sat. 11/21&22	High School One Acts	7pm	Flwd High School
• Mon. 12/8	5th/6th Gr Winter Concert	6pm	Flwd Middle School
• Thur. 12/11	High School Winter Concert	7pm	Flwd High School
• Mon. 12/16	7th/8th Gr Winter Concert	7pm	Flwd High School



It Takes a Village



On behalf of the Fleetwood Area School District, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students, families, staff, and community members as we begin the 2025–2026 school year. A new school year brings with it renewed energy, a fresh start, and countless opportunities for growth and learning. As we prepare to open our doors, we do so with deep appreciation for the ongoing support of our entire Fleetwood Community.

This support is not taken for granted. Our success as a school district is deeply tied to the encouragement and involvement we receive from those around us. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who plays a role in fostering the development of the children in our care. Whether it's attending events, volunteering, mentoring, or simply offering a kind word, every action makes a difference.

The phrase “it takes a village to raise a child” couldn't be more fitting. This powerful idea reminds us that raising and educating our youth requires a shared responsibility. It takes the collective efforts of families, educators, community members, and local organizations to provide the safe, supportive environment our children need to grow, learn, and ultimately, thrive.

Here in Fleetwood, we are fortunate to see this philosophy in action every day. From youth programs and athletic leagues to service clubs and school partnerships, the collaboration between our district and community is exceptional. A child's development is best nurtured through the combined efforts of the family, the school system, and the surrounding community and our students are lucky to benefit from such a strong, united support system.

Throughout the year, there are countless examples of what makes Fleetwood special. One of the most memorable is our annual Homecoming Weekend. The outpouring of community spirit during the parade is truly something to behold. Watching residents line the streets in support of our students, athletes, clubs, and organizations is a reminder of the strong bonds that connect us all. Events like these highlight the pride and unity that define our community.

As we enter this new school year, we do so with excitement for what lies ahead and gratitude for what we've built together. To every parent, guardian, volunteer, coach, mentor, neighbor, and friend — thank you. Your involvement is helping shape a bright future for the children of the Fleetwood Area School District.

It is this collective care and commitment that makes Fleetwood such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. Let's continue to work together to make this school year one of the best yet.

Greg M. Miller, Ed.D

Superintendent, Fleetwood Area School District



New Reverse 9-1-1 System: CodeRed

The borough has a new system to alert residents of emergencies and relevant info via phone, text message, or E-mail. This new service is called CodeRed from OnSolve. See <https://www.fleetwoodboro.com/reverse-9-1-1/> to sign up for this important service.



Reservoir Preservation

The Fleetwood Reservoir property is 190 acres of forest land located off of Willow Road in Ruscombmanor Township. From 1891 to 1994, springs on this land fed water into two ponds which served as Fleetwood's water source. In 1994 a one and a half million-gallon concrete tank was constructed to serve as Fleetwood's water source storage. Another 500,000-gallon steel tank was added in 2010. After these tanks were installed, springs were no longer used as the borough's water source as the water was pumped from underground. At this point, the 190-acre woodland was not needed as a water source. However, the Fleetwood Borough Council viewed this land as a valuable asset to the Borough and wished to preserve it. The Fleetwood Borough, with the help of Berks Nature, applied and received a \$275,0000 the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the development rights that will preserve the land. This means that development will never occur on this land and the 190 acres will remain a forest forever. The money received from DCNR will be used to maintain and improve this area in the future.

Due to the significant involvement of Council Vice President Pete Merkel in the entire watershed area, in 2024 the Fleetwood Borough Council passed an ordinance naming the trails on this land The Peter Merkel Walking Trails.

Cable Provider

Fleetwood Borough has entered into an agreement that may allow Comcast to service Fleetwood Borough residents. At this time, Comcast is supplying a few residents in Fleetwood Internet via a federal initiative to get Internet to underserved residents, but this could add the potential for a second provider in Fleetwood for the remaining residents.

Fleetwood Grants:

- The borough has received matching grants that continue to restore and improve the creek in Fleetwood Park. The next phase will go out for bid this summer and start construction in 2026.
- Fleetwood received a grant from DCNR for \$250,000 with a 50% match from the borough (\$500K total project) to build a new bathhouse and other improvements at the Fleetwood pool. Construction to start fall / winter 2025 and conclude before the pool reopens in May 2026.
- Fleetwood applied for a Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) grant to build pickleball courts behind the public works garage near the pool. This is a highly competitive grant but with public support we hope to obtain this grant. Grant notifications are typically in early 2026.
- The borough applied for a Local Share Accounts (LSA) for the Fleetwood police to add traffic and community cameras as well as purchasing needed equipment like new radios and safety gear. Funding will be announced toward the end of 2025.

Storm Sewer Study

The borough has contracted with HRG engineering firm to assess and recommend improvements to the entire borough's stormwater system.

From our Fire Company

As summer comes to a close, the members of the FVFC are only getting started with the busiest time of the year. Many of our fundraisers happen now until the end of the year. Our homemade hoagie sale continues the 3rd Wednesday of Sept, Nov, Jan, March and May. Orders can be placed with any member as well as on our Facebook page. Our semi-annual \$20 ticket sale drawing happens the 1st Sunday in November from 12 to 4pm at the Fire Co. banquet hall on Franklin Street. If any tickets are available, they will be sold on our Facebook page.

Members will also be conducting several fire prevention visits to schools, preschools, and churches during the month of October. We also host smaller groups for tours and educational talks at our station. Our annual open house will take place on Oct. 14th from 6pm to 8pm at the station.

As the members continue to respond to all types of hazards in our area, we also continue to train most Tuesday nights from 6 to 8pm. Members can join at 14 years of age and grow through the ranks. Our group is an all-hazards department where multiple disciplines are trained on constantly. From vehicle extrication and rope rescue to firefighting and medical emergencies. There is always something to train on, work on and be a part of at Fleetwood.

Stop down and see what we do. You may find your calling. Help your community with service to others.

John Manmiller, Fleetwood Fire Chief





Interested in Doing Service for the Community?

Feel free to reach out to Parks and Recreation at the Maidencreek township office and let us know. We are always happy to receive inquiries about Eagle Scout projects, Gold Award projects, or any group who wants to make our township a little better.



Fire Prevention Week: Know the Risks of Lithium-Ion Batteries!

The Blandon Fire Company is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) - the official sponsor of the Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 100 years - to promote this year's campaign. It highlights how important it is to buy, charge, and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely.

Most of the electronics we use in our home every day - smart phones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones and toys to name just a few - are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this type of battery.

If not used correctly or if damaged, these batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. To reduce these risks, look around your home - it's important to know which devices are powered by them. "Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they're just about everywhere," said Blandon's Fire Chief Daniel L. Miller. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign helps people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the **Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely** approach"

- **Buy only listed products:** When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product which means that it meets important safety standards. Not meeting safety standards increases the fire risk.

- **Charge devices safely:** Always use original cables & follow manufacturer's instructions. Buy only manufacturer (or manufacturer approved) replacement charging components. Charge your device on a hard surface (soft, flexible surfaces could cause a fire). Don't overcharge your device - unplug/remove battery when fully charged.
- **Recycle batteries responsibly:** Do not throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire. Recycle your device/battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a site near you.

The Blandon Fire Company encourages all residents to be aware of their devices, follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach, and support this year's Fire Prevention Week theme by attending our Open House on October 7, 2025 at 6 pm at the Blandon Fire Company (36 W. Wesner Rd, Blandon, PA 19510).

To find out more about our programs and activities in Maidencreek Township, please contact the Blandon Fire Company at 610-926-2811 or on Facebook. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and lithium-ion battery safety, visit fpw.org.

Thank you,

Danny Miller, Blandon Fire Chief

EVERYONE BENEFITS WHEN YOU SUPPORT LOCAL EVENTS!

Here are just a few to choose from...

Local Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PAGE#
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September

Sun 9/7	Fleetwood Blues Festival	Evergreen Club	9
Sun 9/21	Berks Fiddle Fest	Fleetwood Park	9

October

W,Th,S 10/1,2&4	Friends of FAPL Book Sale	Flwd Community Center	
Fri 10/3	Homecoming Parade & Bonfire	Flwd Streets & Park	3
Sat 10/4	Flwd Main Street Fair	Main St, Fleetwood	11
Sat 10/4	FCT Wizarding Murder Mystery	Evergreen Club	4
Tues 10/7	Fire Company Open House	Blandon Fire Company	7
Tues 10/14	Fire Company Open House	Fleetwood Fire Company	6

November

Early November	FCT The Jungle Book (Theatre)	Willow Creek Elementary	4
Sat 11/16	Winter Craft Show	Flwd Area High School	
Fri, Sat 11/21-22	High School One Acts	Flwd Area High School	5
Sun 11/23	Community Thanksgiving Service	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	

December

Mon, Th 12/8,11,16	FASD Holiday Concerts	High & Middle Schools	5
Sat 12/13	Santa Parade	Fleetwood Streets	
Multiple dates	Holiday programs/services	Various churches	

Monthly

3rd Sunday of the Month	Breakfast Brothers	Flwd Community Center	3
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Friends of the Fleetwood Parks

www.fleetwoodparks.com • friendsoffleetwoodparks@gmail.com

The Friends of the Fleetwood Parks is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing and preserving the parks in our local community. We strive to improve park facilities, organize family-friendly events like park concerts, the community yard sale, Berks Fiddle Fest and ensure our parks remain vibrant spaces for everyone to enjoy for generations to come. We have meetings the 3rd Wednesday of every month in room 113 in the Community Center at 6:30 pm. Please join us for the Fleetwood Blues Festival on September 7th and the Berks Fiddle Fest on September 21st. For more information please go to our website at www.fleetwoodparks.com or email us at friendsoffleetwoodparks@gmail.com.



Join The Fiddlin' Family!

Welcome to the 2025 Berks Fiddle Fest!

Friends of Fleetwood Parks presents the 2025 Berks Fiddle Fest on September 21, 2025. The Berks County tradition begins at 9am till 6pm and is one of the biggest and best musical festivals in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The festival draws audiences from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware. Our first festival in Fleetwood in 2024 was a record-breaking success and we're looking forward to making 2025 Fiddle Fest even better. We hope that you'll join us!

The event features several musical events including the Musical Workshop Pavilion featuring workshops throughout the day on acoustic instruments along with the Open Mic area, the shaded Jammin' Area where musicians play throughout the day, the Fiddle Competition, a Morning Concert Series, All-Ages Fiddle Competition and the F.I.R.E. Fiddle Competition.

The festival also features Fiddler Craft Row that features local artisans selling their crafts and much more! We hope that you'll consider being part of this event that brings music and arts to our county like no other.



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Roadwork Report

Over the summer months, H&K provided paving and or repair work to several roads in the Township. Ruth, Heffner, Weavers and Richmaiden all received base repair, South Willow St. (just outside Fleetwood Borough) received a wearing course, along with Mine Rd.

The roadcrew will be finishing up roadside mowing for the year and will start tree trimming throughout the Township.

As a friendly reminder for the winter months:

How Can I Keep Snow Out of my Driveway?

Before your street has been plowed, we recommend the following:



Using this method to clear snow will reduce the amount of snow that accumulates at the end of your driveway!

Richmond Township Commentary



Savour the Beauty Around You

"Nowhere in this country, from sea to sea, does nature comfort us with such assurance of plenty, such rich and tranquil beauty as in those unsung, unpainted hills of Pennsylvania"

- Rebecca Harding Davis

Richmond Township is full of beauty. On your next drive, take some time to appreciate the beautiful farms, forests, and sunsets around you...



Visit a Local Farmer Stand/Business Today!

Early Fall is a great time to visit a local farmer's stand/business. Local food tastes better. Local stands often offer unique heirloom varieties or organic options that you may not find in a typical grocery store. Less time since harvest means more nutrition as well. Supporting local farmers gives them a greater percentage of the purchase price, strengthens the

local economy, and helps preserve our agricultural heritage. In addition, you get to meet the people who grow your food and learn about where it comes from. Not only that, but the shorter transport distance is better for the environment!

We have MANY great farming businesses in the Fleetwood Area. Take some time to check them out...

Name	Address	Website (if applicable)
The Berry Farm & Orchard	86 Moselem Church Rd, Ktown, 19530	https://www.theberryfarmandorchard.com/
Echo Hill Country Store	244 Dryville Rd, Flwd, 19522	https://echohillcountrystore.com/
Gauker Farms	846 Flwd Lyons Rd, Fltwd, 19522	https://gaukerfarms.com/
Heritage Farm & Market	55 Stump Rd, Flwd, 19522	https://justplainbusiness.com/heritage-farm-market/
Hoffman's Produce	200 Snyder Rd, Reading, PA 19605	
Humming Hills Farm	50 Lake Rd, Hamburg, PA 19526	https://humminghillsfarm.com/
Kirbyville Farm Market	14030 Kutztown Rd, Flwd, 19522	https://justplainbusiness.com/kirbyville-farm-market/
Kirchenberg Farm	1832 Richmond Rd, Flwd, 19522	
Martin's Produce	8924 Allentown Pike, Flwd, 19522	
Richmond Produce	1276 Richmond Rd, Flwd, 19522	
Shady Mountain Market	219 Dryville Rd, Flwd, 19522	https://shadymountainmarket.com/
Taproot Farm	66 Kemmerer Rd, Smakersville, 19555	https://www.taprootfarmpa.com/
Valley View Produce Farm	612 T-902, Blandon, PA 19510	
Willow Run Farmstead	270 Hoch Rd, Flwd, 19522	https://www.willowrunfarmpa.com

Support Our Local Businesses

There are many reasons to support local businesses. One of the easiest ways to start is to visit the annual Fleetwood Main Street Fair. Join us on October 4th to meet local businesses, get to know local vendors, listen to music, story telling, and much more!



Public Works

HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS

BLOOMS CAN LOOK LIKE:

- SURFACE SCUM
- SPILLED PAINT
- FLOATING CLUMPS or DOTS
- STREAKS

If you think you are experiencing symptoms from exposure, contact your doctor right away.

Contact your veterinarian for any pet exposures.

For more information and tips check out:
cdc.gov/harmful-algal-blooms/about/index.html

WHEN IN DOUBT

STAY OUT!

What causes it?
 Algae and blue-green bacteria are an essential part of the aquatic food chain. But when conditions are right, they can multiply rapidly and cause harmful algae blooms (HAB), which can harm people, pets, fish and others.
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    A((Stronger Storms)) --> B((Increased Runoff))
    B --> C((High Nutrient Loads))
    C --> D((Warmer Lakes))
    D --> E((Lake Stratification))
    E --> F(HAB)
        
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Dear Water System Customers,

You may have heard the term PFAS in the news lately, and you might be wondering what it means for your water. Here is what you should know, and what we are doing to keep your drinking water safe.

What Are PFAS?

PFAS (pronounced “pee-fass”) stands for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances. These are a group of man-made chemicals that have been used for decades in products like:

- Non-stick cookware (Teflon);
- Water-resistant clothing;
- Food packaging; and
- Firefighting foams.

Because of how they’re made, PFAS don’t break down easily in the environment or the human body. That’s why they’re often called “forever chemicals.”

How Do PFAS Get into Water?

PFAS can enter drinking water through a variety of different avenues, including but not limited to industrial discharges, landfills, firefighting training sites, and wastewater systems. Although many PFAS are being phased out, they may be found in water sources across the country due to their persistence in the environment and difficulty to destroy.

Research suggests that exposure to PFOA and PFOS from today’s consumer products is usually low, and most PFAS do not easily absorb into the skin. While higher exposures are probable for contaminated drinking water, showering, bathing, or washing dishes in water containing PFAS is typically low.

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Are PFAS in Our Water?

Fleetwood Borough regularly tests our water to comply with all state and federal regulations. The PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have set maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for several PFAS compounds.

Here's what has been adopted:

PA DEP (2023): PFOA: 14 parts per trillion (ppt); PFOS: 18 ppt

EPA (Finalized April 2024): PFOA & PFOS: 4 ppt 4 more PFAS compounds

The new EPA rule will take effect nationally, and we are actively preparing by expanding our sampling program. All sampling results so far have shown PFAS levels below state and federal safety limits.

If PFAS are detected in our system above safety levels listed above:

- You'll be notified promptly
- We'll share the results and how they compare to safety limits
- We'll outline the actions we're taking to protect your health

What Are We Doing to Keep You Safe?

The Fleetwood Borough team is committed to:

- Monitoring: Testing water for PFAS according to EPA and PA DEP standards.
- Planning: Preparing for any needed upgrades or treatment changes.
- Communication: Providing updates and education to customers.

What Can You Do?

While eliminating PFAS exposure entirely isn't practical, you can reduce your risk:

- Use a certified water filter for PFAS removal (NSF/ANSI 53 or 58)
- Avoid non-stick cookware—opt for stainless steel or cast iron
- Skip stain-resistant or water-repellent fabrics and sprays
- Check personal care labels for “PTFE” or “fluoro” ingredients
- Avoid food packaging with oil- or water-resistant coatings

If you have a private well, you're responsible for its maintenance and testing. Fleetwood Borough can help answer questions about PFAS sampling and filters.

Learn More

We're here to help. Reach out to your local utility with any questions. For further information:

EPA's PFAS web site: www.epa.gov/pfas

PA DEP's PFAS web site: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/programs-and-services/water/bureau-of-safe-drinking-water/pfas.html>

Your health is our top priority. We're committed to delivering safe, clean water and to keeping you informed about any emerging issues like PFAS.

Sincerely,

Fleetwood Borough Water System and Entech Engineering, Inc.



Replace your alarms after 10 years.

Smoke alarms do not last forever. If your alarms are 10 years old or older, replace them with new alarms.



A Fall/Winter Message from the Police

As we welcome Fall/Winter, we also face seasonal safety challenges — from slippery roadways and increased deliveries to a rise in scams. This issue focuses on helping you protect your family, property, and peace of mind. Thank you for working with us to keep our community safe.

School Zone Safety: Icy roads, darker mornings, and distracted driving increase risks near schools. Officers are conducting enhanced patrols around schools this winter. Please help us keep children safe.

- **Drive Slowly:** Obey school zone speed limits at all times.
- **Watch for Ice:** Increase stopping distance and approach crosswalks cautiously.
- **Never Pass a School Bus:** Red flashing lights mean children are loading or unloading.
- **Use Headlights:** Make yourself more visible on dark mornings.
- **Park Smart:** Don't block crosswalks or fire lanes during drop-off and pickup.

Package Theft Prevention: Online shopping rises during winter and so do “porch pirate” thefts. Here's how to protect your deliveries:

- **Use Delivery Alerts:** Sign up for tracking updates.
- **Pick Up Quickly:** Retrieve packages as soon as possible.
- **Secure Drop-Off Options:** Use lockboxes, delivery lockers, or ask a trusted neighbor.
- **Install Cameras:** A visible doorbell or security camera can deter theft.

- **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you see something, say something — call our non-emergency line.

Holiday Tip: Don't advertise gifts by leaving boxes at the curb. Break them down and conceal them in your recycling.

Scam Prevention Alert: Scammers get creative during winter — especially during the holidays and tax season. Common scams include:

- **Fake Utility Calls:** Threatening to shut off service unless you pay immediately.
- **Package Delivery Scams:** Phony texts or emails asking you to click links.
- **Charity Fraud:** Impersonating nonprofits to solicit donations.
- **Government Impersonators:** Claiming to be from the IRS or Social Security.

Remember: Never give personal info or payment over the phone or email to unsolicited callers; Always verify websites and caller IDs.; When in doubt, hang up and call the company or agency directly.

Report scams to the Federal Trade Commission: www.reportfraud.ftc.gov

Stay Connected

Emergency: 911 • Non-Emergency: 610-655-4911 or 610-944-7011

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Together, let's make this a safe and peaceful winter.

Dale Ulshafer, Fleetwood Police Chief



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Contact local officials or community organizations.

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Fleetwood Area Community Organizations (FACO)

<https://sites.google.com/view/fleetwoodareacommunityorgs>

Breakfast Brothers

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Fleetwood Area Public Library	www.berkslibraries.org/branch/fleetwood
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Fleetwood Community Carnival	www.facebook.com/fleetwoodcouncilcommunityorgs
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