



# Mahwah MATTERS

Spring 2012 Newsletter

## MAHWAH RECOVERS FROM 2011 NATURAL DISASTERS

In August 2011 Hurricane Irene caused widespread and localized flooding damage throughout the Township. While the hurricane cleanup was still underway, the Township residents suffered a second blow from the 2011 Halloween snowstorm. Both natural disasters received Presidential Disaster Declarations.

Prior to the arrival of Hurricane Irene, the Township Office of Emergency Management convened a planning meeting with the Department of Public Works, (DPW) the Police Department, the Fire Departments and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Personnel and equipment were stationed at strategic locations prior to the arrival of the hurricane. Roads were shut down because of downed trees and wires. Several roads remained flooded for up to a week.

During the "cleanup" operation the Public Works Division assigned workers through the first week of October to tasks such as tree removal, flood traffic management and assistance to power restoration. The unseen employees in the Water and Sewer Division had to maintain the well houses and pumping stations which were affected by power outages and flooding.

Over 1,500 hours were spent during the hurricane cleanup operation, and over 3,000 cubic yards of brush and woodchips were collected. The Township worked with Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) representatives to secure funds to cover the cleanup and recovery costs. To date, the Township has received over \$85,000 from FEMA for reimbursement for labor, equipment and disposal costs from Hurricane Irene.

The DPW had barely returned to its regular maintenance operations when October

Halloween snowstorm struck.

In the wake of an October snowstorm, Mahwah residents found themselves navigating debris all over town. Tree branches and, in some cases, entire trees were down all over town, on properties and in the street. While our DPW always answers the call for cleanup the incidents are usually much smaller in scope and at a single location.



Crisis Mapping

How do you determine where the priorities are when the entire town is covered in debris? Which street gets cleared first? The Mayor and the DPW turned to technology, specifically, crisis mapping, to collect information directly from residents and then use a live, interactive map to determine where they needed to be and what equipment would be needed for the job. As residents reported conditions on their property, their street or around town, it updated in real-time and the team adjusted to each update. Thanks to the members of our community who contributed information to the crisis map and to our outstanding DPW workers who did the real "heavy lifting" our recovery was a success.

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, Mahwah is the largest municipality in Bergen County stretching 26 square miles. The sheer size of our community not only comes with the challenges you might expect, but it also has great rewards. Mahwah is a very socially diverse community. We also have a beneficial mix of business and residential uses to which most communities cannot compare.

The net results are that we can manage our municipal tax rate as you have seen recently. The Mayor and Administration delivered a 1.75% tax rate increase, the lowest increase in 11 years. But we are not done. We have also received a Bond Rating of AAA from Standards and Poor. There are only a handful of the 566 municipalities in the State that have this excellent Bond Rating. S&P mentions our recent budget in their evaluation as one of the indicators they considered. This will allow us to renegotiate our debt and save at least \$400,000 over the term of the financing at the markets best rates.

Along with this accomplishment, we are already working on programs which will accomplish two things: stabilize taxes and improve services. You might ask how can this be accomplished and I will tell you. The realization that we have less money to spend does not mean that we must cut services; we can make the most of ideas which have come from you, the residents of Mahwah. As an example the Mayors Blue Ribbon Panel is just a start to a more inclusive government, hearing from the community so you can be heard. Great ideas will come from sitting at the table and discussing the real financial condition of our community and how "we" can make Mahwah a better place with better services. It is the question most communities struggle with and can't seem to make the commitment to. I will tell you we can make this commitment, lower taxes and better services.

We are driven by your endorsement and the changes we as a community need to take to assure a fiscally responsible government.

I am very optimistic this community can turn the tide on high taxes and restore quality of life issues. More will come in reports to you throughout the year, and again Thank You for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor, no higher honor can there be for me, than to serve you.

Sincerely,

William C. Laforet  
Mayor

# Keep Mahwah Green - Recycle

## Township Shredding Dates

Richard J. Martel Municipal Center, 475 Corporate Drive

Dates: Saturday, March 31, 2012  
Saturday, June 9, 2012  
Saturday, September 29, 2012

Time: 9am - 1pm

Each resident may bring 4 bags/boxes weighing no more than 10 lbs. each. No commercial generators permitted.

## Reminders

Grass disposal at the DPW begins April 2, 2012 Monday - Friday 7:00am - 3:30pm and Saturday 7:00am - 1pm until September 29, 2012.

Curbside pick-up of grass clippings begins April 12, 2012 and ends September 28, 2012.

Grass must be in brown Biodegradable PAPER bags ONLY

Residents who live in Recycling Section 1, 2, and 3 - pick up is on Thursday

Residents who live in Recycling Section 4, 5, and 6 - pick up is on Friday

Brush disposal at the DPW will begin April 14, 2012 and ends September 29, 2012.

There will be NO CURBSIDE PICK-UP of brush. Brush can be disposed of at the Recycling Center only on Saturdays from 7:30am - 12:30pm.

Please refer to the Recycling Booklet for additional information.

The Recycling Center will be closed the following dates:

Friday	April 6th
Saturday	April 7th
Saturday	May 26th
Monday	May 28th
Wednesday	July 4th
Saturday	September 1st
Monday	September 3rd

## Bergen County Utilities Authority - Recycling Dates

The Computer and Electronics Recycling Program, Mobile Paper Shredding and Tire Recycling Program will be held:

Date: Saturday, June 23, 2012  
Time: 9am - 2pm (rain or shine)  
Location: Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ



## Computer & Electronics Recycling Program

Recycling - one "byte" at a time!

The Bergen County Utilities Authority Computer and Electronics Recycling Program is FREE for all Bergen County residents. Proof of residency is required. NO MATERIALS FROM BUSINESSES WILL BE ACCEPTED



## Mobile Paper Shredding

All Bergen County residents are eligible to participate in Bergen County's Mobile Paper Shredding events for personal documents. Limit your documents to 4 bags/boxes weighing no more than 10 lbs. each. No commercial generators permitted.



## Tire Recycling Program

Four (4) tire limit per person, per delivery. Proof of Bergen County residency required. Tires with or without rims accepted. No commercial generators permitted.



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2012  
Saturday, September 8, 2012  
Time: 9am - 3pm  
Location: Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation



200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ

## FREE OF CHARGE FOR BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS - ID REQUIRED!!!

- Businesses must pre-register prior to attending BCUA sponsored collection events. A disposal fee will be charged and collected. Please call 201-807-8696 for additional information.
- Do you have questions about the BCUA's Household Hazardous Waste Management and Disposal Program? Call the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline: 201-807-5825, or visit them online at [www.bcua.org](http://www.bcua.org)

## REVISED RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE GARBAGE PICK-UP

Starting April 1, 2012 the Township residential curbside garbage pick-up will return to two times per week and continue as such through September 30, 2012. Residential curbside garbage pick-up will resume to once a week starting October 1, 2012. This same schedule will continue for 2013.

## UTILITY BILLS

The Mahwah Water and Sewer Utility Collection Department is located in the Municipal Building. The utility bills are quarterly with three cycles. Therefore, the Utility Department is billing and collecting every month. Water and Sewer bills can be viewed on the Township web site under Departments; Water/Sewer Utility Collection and within text click on "click here to view utility bill". This feature is to view only; direct withdrawal is not applicable for utility bills.

## UPCOMING SENIOR TRIPS THE BEST OF NEWARK - MAY 14, 2012

Your day starts at the Newark Police Museum, which pays tribute to the 4th oldest police department in the U.S. Then travel through Branch Brook Park, the oldest county park in the US, which has undergone a major restoration and now boasts the largest collection of flowering cherry trees in the world. Your next stop is the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the fifth largest church in North America, where you will enjoy a mini organ recital in a magnificent setting. A full lunch awaits you at the Spanish Manor, a local favorite. After lunch you will visit at the Newark Boys Chorus School where Newark's finest Ambassadors will sing especially for you.

## THE LIVINGSTON LIFESTYLE - JUNE 15, 2012

You will start the day with a tour of Clermont, the impressive 18th Century home of the socially and politically influential Livingstone family, which overlooks the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains. The home's most notable resident was Chancellor Robert Livingston who brokered the Louisiana Purchase and was co-inventor with Robert Fulton of the world's first practical steamboat. You will also tour three gardens on the premises with the estate's chief horticulturalist that will give you gardening tips, as well as reveal tidbits about the extraordinary family. Lunch will be in quaint Rhinebeck where you can eat at the Beekman Arms, an Inn that goes back to the 1760's or at the many other fine restaurants in town (on your own). Your last stop is Montgomery Place, the elegant estate home of a branch of the Livingston family for two centuries. Set on a knoll overlooking the Hudson River, the home was designed and landscaped by two of the most important figures in 19th century domestic and landscape architecture. A.J. Downing and A.J. Davis. ■

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## JOIN THE FUN AT THE MAHWAH SENIOR CENTER

**Hours of operation: Mondays through Fridays 8:00 am-4:00 pm**

While contemporary living has simplified life for many individuals, it has also made it easier to fall into living an inactive lifestyle. In the past, many seniors lived productive and meaningful lives where they took an active part in society. Today, many people find that retirement does not bring about all of the relaxation and enjoyment they had hoped for. This is why it is so important to stay active by finding life-fulfilling activities. Instead of watching endless amounts of TV or other passive activities, there are many interactive activities available that are likely to provide more enjoyment.

### Social Interaction

Creating activities that involve social interaction can be an excellent way to stimulate the mind and feed the spirit. An activity as simple as playing cards is a fantastic setting for socializing while bolstering brain function. The process of aging can bring about an entirely new set of physical and emotional challenges. By engaging in healthy social interaction, a senior will be able to discuss their problems, feel accepted and socialize in a way that improves their daily life.

### The Importance of Physical Activities

In addition, when physical activities are included on a daily basis, seniors will become more agile and less susceptible to tension. This, in turn, alleviates the mental strain of dealing with an aging body. Many studies have proven the mind-body connection. In other words, the health of your mind



and your body are strongly connected and both aspects must be cared for in order to live a fulfilling life.

There are currently many exercise classes being held specifically for seniors. For instance, yoga classes are an excellent way to keep the body flexible and strong while attaining a relaxed state of mind. Yoga also promotes cardiovascular health and decreases the risk of a number of diseases. Regular exercise increases such chemicals as serotonin, which improves concentration and decreases feelings of anxiety and depression. The Mahwah Senior Center offers a variety of classes such as:

Yoga, Chair Yoga, Tai Chi Chih, Pilates Jazzercise, Aerobics, Zumba Gold, Line Dancing.

### Enjoy a Variety of Activities

While it is important to engage in interactive activities, this does not mean that television and other means of entertainment should be eliminated entirely. The key to optimal physical and mental health is to perform a variety of activities throughout the week. Interact with family and friends, take a trip with the Center, join the Memoir Writing Class, join a card group, join the woodcarving group, volunteer for an organization that interests you, or go to outdoor concerts or plays. Look for activities through the Internet or through your local newspaper. There are many seniors these days that are looking for more life-fulfilling, interactive activities. ■

# REPORTING OF ANIMAL BITES IS REQUIRED BY LAW

Mahwah Health Officer Angela Musella wishes to remind all Township residents that State law requires that all animal bites and scratches be reported within twelve hours to the local health department in the municipality where the person bitten resides. The law also includes reporting of a bite by one's own pet.



Health Department's 2011 Rabies Clinic was graciously hosted by Fire Company #1, and staffed by Mahwah Girl Scout volunteers. Veterinarian services were provided by Dr. Frank Boren (right). Handling was provided by Animal Control Officer Bob Harris (center).

Raccoon-hosted rabies entered New Jersey in 1989 and has since spread throughout the entire State. It remains a severe a threat to residents and their domestic animals, especially free roaming cats. In 2011, two sickly raccoons were captured in Mahwah and sent to the State

Lab for testing. Results for both were positive for rabies, as were several other wild animals that had interacted with Township residents and/or their pets. For these reasons, it is very important that residents ensure that their pets' rabies vaccinations are always up to date. Parents should also caution their children to stay away from wild and stray animals.

Bat exposures are also of concern, as bats have also been found to carry rabies. If you find a bat indoors, regardless of whether the bat was known to have had contact with a human being, please call the Health Department immediately.

Post exposure rabies treatment might be appropriate for persons who were in the same room as the bat and who might be unaware that a bite or direct contact had occurred (i.e. a sleeping person). Once symptoms of rabies develop, it is too late for treatment, and the disease is fatal. Fortunately, post-exposure rabies treatment is effective in preventing rabies, if given in a timely manner following exposure to a rabid animal.

Mahwah residents wishing to report an animal bite should contact the Mahwah Police Department at 201-529-1000, or the Mahwah Health Department at 201-529-5757, Prompt 2.

## MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

### 2012 Dog and Cat Licensing

In accordance with the Township Code, dogs and cats over 7 months of age are required to be licensed.

A Rabies Vaccination Certificate, valid through and including November 1, 2012, is required. If applicable, written proof of spaying or neutering from a licensed Veterinarian is required. If the dog or cat has previously been licensed and the Municipal Clerk's Office records reflect same, proof of spaying/neutering and rabies vaccination are not required.

### Fees for Dog and Cat Licenses:

**\$7.00** Spayed or neutered dog and/or cat

**\$10.00** Unspayed or unneutered dog and/or cat

After February 15, 2012, the \$10.00 late fee per animal is imposed which is in addition to the licensing fee.

Licenses may be renewed in person between the hours of 8:30AM and 3:30PM, Monday through Friday except Municipal holidays in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Or by mailing the Rabies Vaccination Certificate, Proof of Spaying/Neutering Certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Township of Mahwah, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey Attention: Municipal Clerk's Office. Please do not send cash. If licensing cats and dogs, separate checks are necessary.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** The reporting of lost or stray domesticated animals or sick, injured or deceased wildlife should be directed to the Mahwah Police Department 201-529-1000.



### Election News

#### Upcoming Elections

Primary Election Tuesday, June 5, 2012

General Election Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Note: School Election has been moved to November 6, 2012.

Polls are open from 6:00AM to 8:00PM.

*Voter Registration Dates and Last Day for New Voters to Register to Vote in Upcoming Elections*

Primary Election Tuesday, May 15, 2012

General Election Tuesday, October 16, 2012

**Note:** The Municipal Clerk's Office will be opened from 8:00AM to 9:00PM for Voter Registration on the above dates. Deadline for new voters to register to vote in an upcoming election is on the above Voter Registration Dates by 9:00PM.

#### Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Deadline for requests must be received by the Bergen County Clerk's Office in Hackensack is 7 days before election for which you are requesting the absentee ballot. You may apply in person to the Bergen County Clerk, 1 Bergen County Plaza - Room 130 in Hackensack up until 3:00PM the day before the election. ■



# MAHWAH MUSEUM NEWS

## Les Paul Exhibit "a hit"



Russ Paul with his father Les.

"Les Paul in Mahwah" an exciting tribute to musician and inventor Les Paul, continues at the Mahwah Museum. More than two thousand visitors have enjoyed this exhibit. Les lived in the Deerhaven section of Mahwah for almost sixty years. He recorded his most popular songs as well as broadcasted his radio and television shows there.

The Museum exhibit features three of the most unique items from his house, things that have never been exhibited any where before.

These include the eight-track system, the lathe, on which he made his records before there were tape recorders, and "the log". The log is his first solid body guitar which he made in 1941. The museum is indebted to the Les Paul Foundation for the loan of these items.

## Town-wide Birthday Celebration and Guitar Raffle

A town-wide celebration of Les' ninety-seventh birthday will be held on June 9th. The party will be held at Ramapo College with Lou Pallo and others performing - there will be wine, hors d'oeuvres and light fare. A live auction and a silent auction will be conducted and the winners of the Museum raffle will be drawn. Raffle tickets are now being sold. Prizes are two special guitars autographed by Les Paul and others. The live auction features several other unique guitars and the silent auction includes other autographed guitars, photos, records and other collectibles. For more details about the party and information about how to get raffle tickets, go to the museum website.

## Gallery Talks, Movie Night and Guitar Nights

The Museum has arranged for many noted musicians, such as Lou Pallo and Bucky Pizzarelli, to participate in our Gallery Talks. On April 17th at 7:30 p.m., his son, Russ Paul, an accomplished musician in his own right, will talk about growing up with his father Les.

Russ is also a sound engineer.

He will talk about that aspect of his father's contribution to modern music. Register for this unique event on our website as space is limited. There is a charge of \$15.00.

On May 1st at 7:30 p.m. Movie Night will be held at the Museum. The movie features scenes from Les and his Trio playing at Fat Tuesdays in Manhattan. We are fortunate to have these home movies, which have never been shown any where before. We will also show clips from Les Paul and Mary Ford's popular television show which they did for Listerine. Space is limited - reserve through our website. There is a \$10.00 charge.



Three musicians playing on Guitar Night - two drove from New Castle Delaware and the third from Brooklyn, NY.

The Museum made a commitment to Les before he died that part of our exhibit would be interactive. He did not want his things to just be looked at - he wanted them to be enjoyed. We have arranged for

"Guitar Nights" at the museum. Guitar players can make an appointment on our website to play one of the rare and unusual guitars we have on exhibit for a forty-five minute session. There is a \$25.00 donation for this privilege.

The museum staff welcome inquires from music teachers who would like to bring their classes to the museum. Other groups are also welcome.

Please visit our website at [www.mahwahmuseum.org](http://www.mahwahmuseum.org) for information about these and other programs of the museum.

## MAHWAH MUSEUM SOCIETY - CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT

In keeping with the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the American Civil War, the Mahwah Museum opened an exciting new exhibit, "New Jersey Fights in the Civil War - Remembering Soldiers Buried in Mahwah."



Private William James Mann buried in Ramapo Reformed Church Cemetery

During the war, New Jersey regiments were engaged in every major battle and many of the soldiers were wounded or made the ultimate sacrifice. The exhibit is focused on the experiences of New Jersey soldiers during the struggle: how they lived and trained, where and how they fought. Also illustrated is the important part that women and children played in this war between the North and the South.

Of special interest is the identification and location of twenty-eight Civil War soldiers buried in three of Mahwah's cemeteries, Ramapo Reformed Church Cemetery, Mahwah Cemetery, and Redeemer Cemetery. There is information about each one, the



units he was enlisted in, and the actions and events in which he was engaged.

On April 21, 2012, the 15th New York Cavalry, a Civil War reenactor unit will be encamped on the lawn outside the museum. Come and be part of this living history experience

and step back in time to the life of the soldier during the war years.

Local collectors have provided the museum with many Civil War era artifacts, photos, and documents that have been put on display.

The exhibit will be open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 1PM to 5PM, from March 10, 2012 until the end of June, 2012.

The museum is located at 201 Franklin Turnpike, Mahwah, NJ. For information visit our website at [www.mahwahmuseum.org](http://www.mahwahmuseum.org), or call 201-512-0099.

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has two vacant positions which need to be filled. Prospective candidates should have an interest and knowledge of local area and Mahwah history and in preservation of historic sites. For further information about the application process, please contact Denise Storms at 201 529 5757 x 264.

# MAHWAH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY INTERNSHIPS

The Mahwah Police Department has sponsored the Junior Police Academy for 10 years and the Leadership Academy for 5 years. During those years we utilize student interns to assist the Police Officers with the daily operations. Some of those interns remain with us throughout their high school years and even return from college to offer their assistance. As we look back at our interns, all of who graduated from Mahwah High School we are extremely proud of their accomplishments.

**J.J. Sass** - Graduate of Notre Dame University and currently employed with Goldman-Sachs in New York City.

**Katie Kearney** - Full scholarship to Rutgers University and a member of the Rutgers University Dive Team. Katie is majoring in forensic anthropology and will be participating in an internship with the Division of Homeland Security.

**Scottie Miller** - attends Bentley College and is now participating in an internship with the New Jersey Nets.

**Kristen Moore** - Kristen attends University of Massachusetts at Amherst competed for Miss New Jersey contest after being crowned Miss Bergen County. Kristen is studying electrical engineering and is interning with Westinghouse in their Rocket Fuel Division. Ms. Moore is also an anti-bullying advocate for MTV.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our interns and appreciate all the hours they volunteered at the Academies.

## Mahwah Police Academies

The Mahwah Police Junior Police Academy is scheduled for July 9th through July 20th. Due to planned construction at Ramapo College the Leadership Academy had to be moved back to the week of July 30th through August 3rd. Please check the Mahwah Municipal Alliance website [www.mahwahalliance.org](http://www.mahwahalliance.org) for updates and registration forms.

## “TASTE OF THE REGION” ARTICLE:

The Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce’s “Taste of the Region” event returns in spectacular fashion on April 24, giving local residents a chance to come out and sample many of the area’s finest foods and wines.

The event is being hosted at the newly-renovated Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, located at 3 Executive Boulevard, Suffern, NY 10901, right off the New York State Thruway.

“Taste of the Region” is always one of the most talked-about events of the year,” said Paul Scarduffa, president of the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce. “It’s a great opportunity for a unique night out. You’ll sample a fantastic array of dishes – appetizers,



desserts, wines and more – all exquisitely prepared by the Mahwah region’s most talented chefs.”

The “Taste of the Region” will be held on Tuesday, April 24, from 6:00-8:00 pm, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Suffern, NY. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Chamber’s website ([www.mahwah.com](http://www.mahwah.com)) or by calling 201-529-5566. Tickets purchased in advance are \$50; those purchased at the door, \$65. For

more information about the event, including a list of participating restaurants, caterers, wine distributors, and details regarding sponsorship opportunities, visit [mahwah.com](http://mahwah.com).

## *Natural Disasters Continued from page 1*

After the snow removal was completed, the DPW had four (4) crews working overtime and Saturdays into the second week of December. The cleanup operation and regular leaf pick-up continued into the middle of January 2012. Halloween snowstorm reimbursement applications to FEMA are pending approval.

As a result, DPW Director, Keith Hallissey reports that he and his team picked up 24,724 cubic yards of brush and leaves, enough to fill up 19 football fields; thanks to the

members of our community who contributed information to the crisis map and to our outstanding DPW workers who did the real “heavy lifting”.

Our recovery was a success because all the municipal departments and many private individuals and organizations pitched in and helped. With all this behind us, we hope 2012 will be a quiet year and the DPW can return to its usual cleanup and maintenance operations. n

# HUMAN SERVICES/AFFORDABLE HOUSING/ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

**Affordable Housing** - Mahwah's Affordable Housing Program continually accepts applications from residents and non-residents for Affordable Housing. The application covers rentals and/or purchases. In order to keep our lists current, recertification is required yearly. For more information, about Mahwah's Affordable Housing Program visit our website at [www.mahwahtwp.org](http://www.mahwahtwp.org), click on forms, and download the Affordable Housing Application. Applications can be picked up in the Mahwah Public Library; the Reception Area at Town hall, or in the Affordable Housing Office on the first floor from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday. Many of your questions may be answered from reading this application and determine whether or not you are eligible for affordable housing. For questions or additional information call 201-529-5757 (extension 206 or 205.)



**Access Transportation** - This service is available to Mahwah seniors, and anyone unable to drive, even on a temporary basis. Riding the van becomes a means of socialization and an avenue to see and meet Township residents whom you might ordinarily not come into contact with. Some of the

places we routinely transport to are: food and clothing shopping, Mahwah Senior Center events such as luncheons and the Senior Club; Midland Park Senior Center, or for doctors' appointments and other appointments fitting into the daily schedule, including personal grooming. The vans are on the road Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For appointments and information, contact Access Transportation at 201-529-2691.

**Human Services** - If you are in need of food or clothing, please call Human Services for a referral to the Center for Food Action or for the Clothing Closet at the Ramapo Reformed Church. If you have food items to donate, contact the Center for Food Action at 201-934-5085, or clothing in good wearable condition can be donated to the Clothing Closet (left side of Ramapo Reformed Education Building) on Wednesdays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to noon.

We work closely with Mahwah's Emergency Management team and the Mahwah Police Department in identifying citizens living alone and/or who have a special need, so that they may be placed on a confidential list for emergency purposes. Contact Dolores Raiz at 201-529-5757 (ext. 205) for additional information.

When in doubt as to what services may be available to you through Private, Local, County, State or Federal Agencies, call Human Services for assistance or direction at 201-529-5757 (extension 205 or 206).

## MAYOR NOMINATES LOCAL RESIDENT FOR NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR JEFFERSON AWARD

Mayor Bill Laforet has announced that he has nominated Mahwah resident Carolyn Blake for the prestigious New Jersey Governor Jefferson Award. The Jefferson Awards were founded in 1972 by Sam Beard, Jacqueline Kennedy and Senator Robert Taft to honor people who do outstanding community service. The awards are presented on both the national and local levels. According to Mayor Laforet, "the recipients of the awards are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward, and Ms. Blake certainly fits into this category". Ms. Blake has been a long standing member of the Mahwah Municipal Alliance and currently sits as the President of the Alliance. Mayor Laforet went on to say that she has worked tirelessly to develop and implement critical youth programs in conjunction with the Mahwah Police Department. "While I'm sure many other communities have their nominated candidates Carolyn Blake is a special and unique individual who brings so much to the table and true to her nature likes to remain behind the scenes with little recognition" stated Laforet. "I think the time has come to let the residents



know how extraordinarily fortunate we are to have someone like Ms. Blake volunteering her time in the Township". Mahwah is a great town to live in and raise a family and part of the reason for that is because of individuals like Ms. Blake. In addition to her responsibilities as the President of the Mahwah Municipal Alliance Ms. Blake is also very active in the youth Lacrosse team, has served as an HSO President and has been appointed to a wide variety of programs and fund raising events. Mayor Laforet has worked directly with Ms. Blake and the

Mahwah Alliance for many years and has seen the work, time and effort she puts into the programs that truly change lives of the children in the township. Ms. Blake resides in Mahwah with her husband Bruce, two daughters and a son who currently attends Bentley College.

The announcement of the winners of the Governor Jefferson Awards is expected in the next few months.

*"Ordinary people who through public service do extraordinary things for other people, the community, their nation and the environment."* In essence that is Carolyn Blake.



Mahwah High School history teacher, **Yvonne Beatrice** has been awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution History Teacher of the year 2012. Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honors an outstanding teacher of American History at the chapter, state, and national levels. Each year, DAR chapters across the country select a local American History teacher to nominate for the award in their state. The State winner dossier is sent to the Historian General and the national winner is selected. The teacher must have the ability to foster the spirit of American patriotism and loyal support of our country and constitutional government, and demonstrate the ability to relate the subject to modern life and events. The teacher must have high academic standards requiring excellence at all times, for and from the students.

Mahwah resident and Saddle River Chapter Regent for Daughters of the American Revolution, Susan Augusto, invited Yvonne Beatrice to submit her application. The Saddle River Chapter founded in Ridgewood, but named after the Saddle River Skirmish, covers 18 towns. To qualify, a letter was submitted by Susan Augusto, along with recommendation letters from

Mahwah High School principal, department supervisor, and Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson, Barbara Shanley. Yvonne and her family have resided in Mahwah since 1987. As a Mahwah High School history teacher since 1999 she has taught Honors U.S. 1, Honors Constitution Law, U.S. 1 World History and Political Science. Her many accomplishments include 2010 Gilder Lehrman Preserve American New Jersey History Teacher of the Year; 2009 Mahwah High School Commence Speaker; The College of New Jersey Outstanding Educator Award 2009; Founder and Head Coach of the Mahwah High School Mock Trial Team, which through her tutorage were awarded County Finalists 2006, 2010, and Bergen County Champions 2008, 2012.

Yvonne is also a member of the Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission, and each year assigns to her students a "Mahwah Project" in which the students must fulfill a variety of requirements which acquaint them with the history of their town, its services, the religious facilities, cemeteries and landmark homes and structures.

# MAHWAH POOL



Application forms for the Mahwah Municipal Pool will be mailed to all residents, and former nonresident pool members by the first week in April. Reduced rates are available for Mahwah residents who join before April 30. The rate for a Mahwah large family is \$295 early and \$375 late. The Mahwah small family per person rate is \$125 early and \$175 late. Mahwah individuals may join early for \$125 or \$175 after April 30. Seniors and disabled residents will pay \$45 for the season. Non resident families will be charged \$450 for the summer. The non resident small family per person rate is \$225, and the non resident individual rate is \$225. Mahwah Emergency Services families will be charged \$30 for the summer.

Mahwah residents, and guests/walkins, who are not pool members, are encouraged to use the facility on weekdays for a gate fee of \$10. Mahwah seniors may also use daily rates of \$5 per visit per senior or disabled resident. Weekend guest and day rates are \$10 per child to 12 years, and \$15 per adult. After school swimming

4-8 pm Fridays, in June, will be offered, on hot sunny days only, for a non member gate fee of \$5. The pool opens full time when the Mahwah schools close for the year, and closes on Labor Day.

Parties and events may be scheduled at the pool by contacting the manager. The group party rate for 2012 will be \$8 per person. Parties may use the grills, the food service, or bring in food. No glass is allowed.

Extra pool application forms can be found at the Municipal Building, in the entrance area, on the counter, after April first. Summer jobs are available at the Municipal Pool. We hire Swim and Diving Coaches, Red Cross Certified Lifeguards, and Food, Gate and Office employees. Job Application Forms are found on the table in the entrance hall of the Municipal Building.

The Mahwah Municipal Pool is located at 700 Darlington Avenue. It offers a 25 meter main pool with a diving well 3 feet to 10 feet, an intermediate pool 2 feet to 3 feet, and a wading pool for babies and toddlers. Children who are not fully toilet trained are limited to the use of the wading pool. All pools have 24 hour filtration and chlorination and are tested each hour during public use. The pools are cleaned by automatic vacuum systems each night. There are swings and a slide play area for children, volleyball, a patio with food service, picnic tables with grills, lockers and showers. For your protection, the facility is equipped with a lightning detection system with warning sirens, and large shade structures for your comfort. New for 2012 is a Personal Lift system and new hand rails to assist individuals with disabilities.

The pool offers group swim lessons, a swim and diving team, and lifeguard training courses each summer. Registration for these programs takes place on site, after the pool opens. Opening day will be Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The pool closes on Labor Day.

## MAHWAH CABLE

The Mahwah Community Cable TV Committee, which can be seen 24 hours a day on Channel 78 if you have Cablevision or Channel 33 if you have Fios, is once again airing its program, "Mahwah Meets", a program in which Mahwah Community leaders are interviewed about the project or programs in which they are involved. Recently, CCTV Committee member, Tricia Patella interviewed Library Director Kurt Hader, and Gail Reynolds interviewed Charlie Carreras, Vice President of The Mahwah Museum Board, about the ongoing Les Paul exhibit. These interviews were both video-graphed by Committee member Peter Wendrychowicz and edited by Board Liaison to CCTV, John Roth. Committee member David May also does videotaping, and Gloria Volpe takes stills and creates some of the slides which advertise what's going on in Mahwah. Mahwah Museum's Donald Cooper Train Exhibit will be the subject of the next segment of "Mahwah Meets" featuring Bob Adler.

Additionally, many Mahwah events are taped by Mahwah Community News. Currently, MCN is featuring Mahwah Chamber of Commerce's Winterfest 2012 Finale and Mahwah Fire Department's Family Fire Safety Demonstration. The times for viewing videos are posted on the MCN slide entitled "MCN Daily Video Schedule".

Mahwah Community News has recently welcomed an intern to its team of volunteers. Ryan Buchanan, a senior majoring in Communications Arts at Ramapo College, will be working at Mahwah's TV station until May 2012. Ryan will be developing slides, writing interview scripts, and eventually, taping, interviewing, and editing. MCN is looking forward to a continuation of this new partnership with Ramapo College.

Just a reminder that if your organization would like to publicize an upcoming event or would like MCN to tape and/or take stills of an event, just send an email to [mcn78@mahwahtwp.org](mailto:mcn78@mahwahtwp.org) or call 201-529-5757 X270 and leave a voice mail. ■

## TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH "AAA"

In February 2012 Standard & Poor's ratings service assigned its "AAA" long-term rating to the Township of Mahwah, New Jersey. The Township is proud to be one of the few municipalities in New Jersey to receive this top rating.

The rating reflects the Standard & Poor's opinion that Mahwah has a large and very diverse property tax base with a mix of residential and commercial uses. It was reported that Mahwah has a very strong financial position bolstered by a diminishing reliance on general fund reserves to balance the budget and that Mahwah has a low to moderate debt burden.

The Township has an extremely strong equalized ratable value of \$6.4 billion. The Township's fund balance is considered very strong.



# MAHWAH FIRE COMPANY NO. 3

## CELEBRATES ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY



Mahwah Fire Company #3 is celebrating its 65th Anniversary this year. Company #3 was founded in 1947 by a group of seven local farmers that saw a need for greater fire protection in the Masonicus section of the Township. Company #3 started as the Masonicus Fire Company in a barn loaned to the new organization by a founding member Joseph Rozanski on East Crescent Avenue. They held numerous fund raisers to purchase a used fire engine from the Hillcrest, New York Fire Department to answer their first calls, which totaled approximately ten their first year. In the early days the men would need to take turns during the winter to keep the wood stove going to keep the water in the engine from freezing.

In the early 1950's, as the fire company grew, they moved into a one room school house with an attached garage located on Masonicus Road. They continued to hold their fund raisers to maintain their equipment and purchase another fire engine.

In 1968 the Masonicus Fire Company joined the Township Fire Department to become present day Mahwah Fire Company #3. When this transpired the men of station 3 received their first new piece of equipment purchased by the

Township which was a 1968 Dodge Tanker. This was followed by the purchase of a new American LaFrance Pumper in 1971.

As the equipment grew in size and number, a new fire station was needed and was built in 1975 at its present day location on Rozanski Lane.

Currently the members of Station 3 answer approximately 150 calls per year. The company maintains the specialty unit known as Air-3 that responds to all working fires with in the Township to fill firefighters breathing apparatus. Some of the notable calls that the company has responded to in its 65 years have been to the ABEX Building fire, the Scherer Building fire, World Trade Center in 1993 and 2001, the Meyer Brothers Department Store fire in Paterson, NJ along with the 1994 Davis Sporting Goods Store fire.

The members of Station 3 look forward to serving the residents of Mahwah for the next 65 years.

If you would like to become part of the tradition of the Mahwah Fire Department please stop by your local fire house on a Wednesday night at 7:30pm ■

Most of the loss of lives and property due to fires can be prevented. Most fires are caused by citizens who are either unaware of certain fire hazards or choose to ignore fire safety.

Please take a few minutes and review the below home fire safety checklist.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mahwah Fire Prevention at 201-529-5757 for assistance.

### HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

#### FIRE PROTECTION

	Yes	No
We have smoke detectors installed next to all sleeping areas in our house.	___	___
We test our smoke detector each month with smoke and replace the battery twice each year.	___	___
We've practiced a home fire drill and know our outside meeting place.	___	___
Everyone in the family can show how to smother a fire on their clothes by rolling on the ground.	___	___
I know how to call for emergency help...9-1-1	___	___
We treat burns with cold water.	___	___
We have a fire extinguisher in our home.	___	___

#### HEATING EQUIPMENT

We keep clothes, furniture, and curtains 36 inches away from baseboard and portable heaters.	___	___
Our chimney has been inspected and cleaned this year.	___	___
Our fireplace has a metal screen.	___	___
We keep storage 36 inches from our furnace.	___	___
We have our heating equipment checked yearly.	___	___
We remove fireplace ashes to the outside in a metal can.	___	___

#### COOKING

When cooking, we keep pan handles turned to the back and cords from dangling, where children can pull on them.	___	___
When we cook with grease, we have a lid for the pan nearby in case of fire.	___	___
We wear snug-fitting clothes when we cook.	___	___
We do not leave food unattended while it's cooking.	___	___

# MAHWAH CERT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Free Training and Rewarding Service to the Community

[www.MahwahCERT.org](http://www.MahwahCERT.org)



## CERT News

The team continued training in many emergency preparedness subjects such as Shelter Management, Blood-Borne Illness, crowd and traffic control, Lost Persons.

### Tropical Storm Irene

Hurricane Irene was downgraded to a Tropical Storm by the time it hit our area, but it still created many problems. Mahwah's CERT team was there to help.

#### • Shelter Opening

CERT opened a shelter temporarily to accommodate residents displaced by flooding due to Irene.

#### • CERT Assists in HazMat Alert

During the storm about 10-15,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled into the Ramapo River north of Mahwah, from a storage depot in the town of Tuxedo, NY.

Mahwah CERT went door-to-door to alert residents along the Ramapo River of possible water contamination to private wells. The team of six (6) CERT members canvassed approximately 80 homes.

### Mahwah Day

CERT provides important traffic safety, crowd control services each year at Mahwah Day. In addition:

- CERT distributed hundreds of pieces of emergency preparedness literature on topics including: Family



CERT Booth on Mahwah Day

Preparedness, Preparing your Pets for Emergencies, Ready Kids Activity Book, Emergency Supply List, etc.

- On display was the newly dedicated equipment trailer awarded by the NJ State Police to Mahwah CERT for its "outstanding credentials, past service and unique capabilities".

### Twenty-two more Mahwah residents graduate from the CERT course

- That's 22 more people who know more about how to protect themselves and their loved ones, and how to cope with large emergencies and help out in the community. The course took place at the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute and is typically offered twice a year.



Traffic & Safety Detail on Mahwah Day

### CERT's Mission

Mahwah Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is made up of volunteer residents who are trained to support professional first responders (police, fire, EMTs, et al) in all types of emergency situations while serving the community in other ways during non-emergency times.

CERT is part of a national program administered under FEMA and is organized locally under the auspices of the Mahwah Office of Emergency Management.

For more information about Mahwah CERT, go to [www.mahwahcert.org](http://www.mahwahcert.org) or contact CERT Coordinator Allan Becker at (201) 960-913

## Mahwah Recreation Department - 2012 Events

For detailed information on all events, visit our website, [www.mahwahtwp.org](http://www.mahwahtwp.org).

Go to Departments, then select Recreation.

- Meet the Bunny at Continental Soldiers Park Saturday, March 31st at 1pm
- Youth Sports Parade Saturday, May 5th at 9:30am.
- 23rd Annual Fishing Contest at Silver Creek Pond Saturday, May 26th at 10am.
- Memorial Day Parade May 28th at 10am
- Senior Picnic at Continental Soldier's Park Thursday, July 12th at 12pm
- Save the Date! 18th Annual Mahwah Day Saturday, September 22nd

Join Mahwah Recreations e-mail list to receive notices of all upcoming events. Simply send an e-mail to [mahwahrec@gmail.com](mailto:mahwahrec@gmail.com) and say, "sign me up".

**Adult Sports:** Registration for Adult Residential Softball and Mahwah's Coed Adult Residential Soccer League will begin in May. Check out our website for registration dates and times.

**Summer Recreation** Click on the yellow arrow on the Recreation Departments home page for complete information on our Summer Recreation program.





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# MAHWAH PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Mahwah Public Library Celebrates 100 Years of Service



In 1912, Mrs. Eleanor Bugg opened her home to select members of the community so that they could borrow books from her collection. Mrs. Bugg's generosity would become the cornerstone of Mahwah's first lending library in Mahwah. Under her guidance,

then the Mahwah Women's Club, and later the Mahwah Library Association, the Library flourished. By 1944, the Library had outgrown both Mrs. Bugg's home as well as a storefront on Miller Road and moved into a dedicated building on Franklin Turnpike (currently the Mahwah Museum) where it remained until 1998.

When the Mahwah Public Library opened in 1998, it represented a giant stride forward for the Library and communi-



ty. The new building offered nearly ten times the space, including dedicated meeting rooms, a spacious children's

department, expanded collections and access to leading-edge technology. Last year, the Library took another step forward with the completion of the lower level, transforming an unfinished basement into a comfortable space for public meetings and community-focused programs.

Now, as the Library celebrates its centennial, it is taking another giant stride forward with the launch of a new website and enhanced online services. Just as Mahwah residents can borrow from a great selection of books, DVDs and other materials in the Library, they can now access a wide range of online services 24/7. Browsing through the new site, it's easy to check your account, access thousands of Kindle, Nook and iPad-compatible eBooks through BeAT, download chart-topping new songs from Freegal, or even learn a language using Mango. There are over 50 specialized online resources available free to anyone with a Mahwah Public Library card. Think of the new site as a virtual branch, open for business whenever you want.



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