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Mahwah DPW - Leaf Pick-up

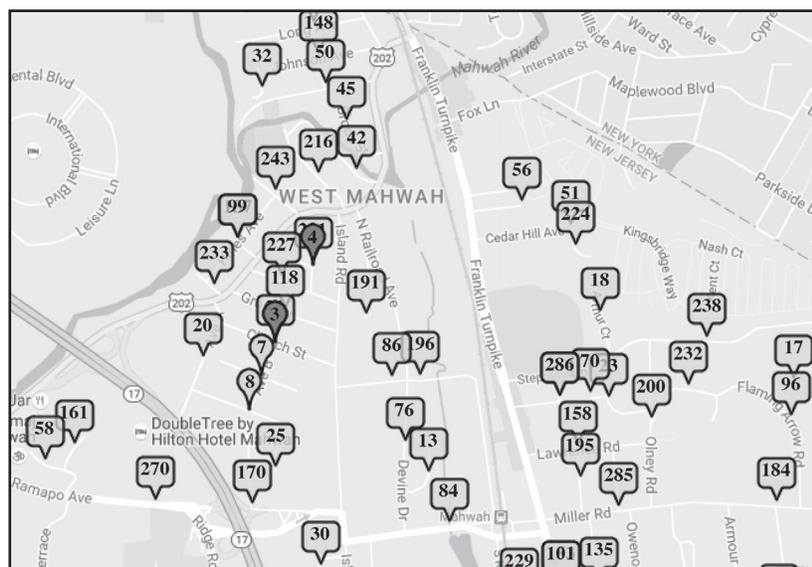
Mahwah Department of Public Works is getting ready for leaf season and will post the pickup schedule on the Township website. In addition, you can view the progress online <http://www.communitywalk.com/mahwahleafmap15>. The addresses in green are start of a new sweep; red indicates leaves that have been picked up. Yellow is next scheduled leaf pick-up.

Leaves will be picked up on a continuous schedule commencing October 17 through December 9, 2016. Each street will have three pick-ups during this timeframe, and the pick-ups are done in three sections; Fardale, which includes Rio Vista; West Mahwah, which includes Ramapo Valley Road, and Cragmere, which includes Scotch Hills and Masonicus. The second sweep will not commence until all of that section is completed and the same for the third sweep. It takes about 2 1/2 weeks to complete a section, depending on the weather.

RULES ARE SIMPLE:

All leaves must be piled at the curb - PLEASE DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY. NO BRUSH, BRANCHES or STONES should be mixed in with the leaves.

Leaves in plastic bags, or not correctly prepared, will not be picked up.



MAP LEGEND:

- Red: Leaves picked up
- Green: Scheduled leaf pick-up
- Yellow: Leaf pick-up scheduled for this week



Website Example





A Message from Mayor Bill Laforet

WE HAVE IT ALL!



There are three important pillars of our community; low taxes, great schools, and a safe place to live. I am pleased to report to you, "We have it all".

Low Taxes - Mahwah is uniquely situated at the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains, and known as "Bergen County's Parkland".

Our community has a perfect balance of business and residential properties, which accounts for our low property taxes. Mahwah is one of only a handful of municipalities awarded dual AAA Bond Ratings; one from Moody's, and the other Standard and Poor's. It is an acknowledgment of our excellent financial condition, and our ability to repay debt.

In a recent financial yearly audit review, an independent auditor characterized our financial condition by saying, "If all of my towns were as good as Mahwah, I would have no problems".

Corporations are taking notice of Mahwah. Corporate headquarters such as Dress Barn, Jaguar Land Rover, and Valley Health & Wellness along with many small businesses continue to choose Mahwah as their home, and we welcome them. These are examples of the positive impact to our tax base.

Great Schools - While the Board of Education is solely responsible for the schools in our community, it is worth mentioning the achievements they have made in recent years. Our schools continue to rise in statewide rankings showing improvements in the education of our children. Whether it is a business or a resident considering the move to Mahwah, the quality of our schools is a factor in their consideration. This is a plus for our community.

A Safe Community - Living in a safe community is important to each and every one of us. Let's start by talking about our magnificent Fire Department, Ambulance Corp. and Emergency Management Services, which are fully staffed by dedicated volunteers who sacrifice their time away from their families to respond to emergency calls around the clock. We are in debt to them for their service. They are considered the finest.

New Fire Department technology and advancements require that we retool these departments with the latest equipment and safety apparatus. The Township has purchased two new ambulances and two new fire trucks. Additionally, Mahwah Emergency Medical Services have purchased two new ambulances from donations they have collected over many years.

Mahwah Police Department (MPD) acquired its fourth National accreditation spanning 12 years. This accreditation marks our MPD among the top 3% of agencies in the country. Recent events in Dallas and Baton Rouge have ignited an outpouring of community support for our Police Department, whose officers work around the clock 24/7 to serve and protect us all. Lawn signs, expressions of appreciation, and a simple thank you to our officers, means so much to the officers and their families.

In summary, with continued long term planning, a sound financial outlook, and the three pillars of our community, our future is bright. Administration of these principals takes a team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Township employees for all the hard work they do throughout the year which help us every day. It is an honor to serve you as Mayor.

Sincerely Your Mayor,

William C. Laforet
William C. Laforet



Township of Mahwah Directory

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Mahwah Cable Station	Cablevision Channel 7 Verizon Channel 33

MAYOR

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John Roth, President	201-529-9358
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Mary Amoroso	201-512-1251
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H. Lisa DiGiulio	201-934-8313
Robert Hermansen	201-376-4332
Jonathan Wong	201-747-8817

Business Administrator	201-529-5757 x265	
Administrative Assistant..... Denise M. Storms, QPA	201-529-5757 x264	
Administration Office	Deb Burns, Exec. Secretary..... 201-529-5757 x262	
Board of Education..... C. Lauren Schoen, Ed.D, Superintendent	201-762-2403	
Board of Health	Angela Musella	201-529-5757 x210
CFO/Treasurer	Kenneth Sesholtz	201-529-5757 x256
Construction Official	Daniel Mairella.....	201-529-5757 x241
Emergency Services	Raymond R. Roe, Director.....	201-831-2075
Emergency Management	Raymond R. Roe, Director.....	201-831-2075
Environmental Commission.....	Jennifer Storms, Secretary.....	201-529-5757 x271
Fire Prevention (non-emergency).....	Timothy Hetzel.....	201-529-5757 x240
Fire Department	Tom Loreto, Chief.....	201-523-1372
Historian	Carol W. Greene.....	201-327-0040
Historic Preservation Commission.....	Denise M. Storms, Secretary	201-529-5757 x264
Housing Commission.....	William Savino, President	201-529-5757 x205
Human Services	Dorothy McDonough, Director	201-529-5757 x205
Access for All Commission	Sue Brand, Secretary.....	201-529-5757 x280
Access Transportation.....	Dorothy McDonough, Director	201-529-2691
Affordable Housing	Dorothy McDonough, Director	201-529-5757 x205
Library.....	Kurt Haderler, Director	201-529-READ
Municipal Court Admin.....	Lorraine Cuomo, C.M.C.A.	201-529-2862
Municipal Pool	Jay Esposito, Manager.....	201-529-4949
Planning Board/Zoning.....	Michael J. Kelly, Admin. Officer	201-529-5757 x245
Police.....	James N. Batelli, Chief.....	201-529-1000 x200
Public Works Department.....	Glenn Dowson, Director	201-529-3344 x101
Recreation Department	Dawn DaPuzzo, Director	201-529-5757 x254
Recycling Center	John Soha, Foreman/Recycling Coord.	201-529-2991 x105
Senior Center Coordinator.....	Susanne Small	201-529-5757 x213
Tax Assessor	Patrick Wilkins	201-529-5757 x229
Tax Collector.....	Elizabeth M. Villano	201-529-5757 x224
Township Clerk.....	Kathrine G. Coviello, RMC/CMC/MMC	201-529-5757 x230
Utility Collector.....	Maryann S. Malone	201-529-5757 x221
Water/Sewer	Paul Scherer, Superintendent.....	201-529-4413 x107

For Current Township Information
Visit the Township Website
www.mahwahtwp.org

**Environmental Commission
Township of Mahwah
MAHWAH MAKEOVER DAY
Saturday, October 1, 2016**

Join your family, friends and neighbors on Saturday, October 1, 2016 to help clean up our community. Don't get frustrated with trash on our streets. Don't let litter take over our community. Get everyone out together and walk your neighborhood to pick up and throw out the trash. Post your pick-ups on line. Let's show the impact we can make. Help Mahwah maintain its Sustainable Jersey Status. Be proud of your neighborhood – **KEEP MAHWAH BEAUTIFUL!**

For more information, visit the **Environmental Commission Booth at Mahwah Day** or our **Facebook page**.

SAVE THE DATE!

**MAHWAH BOARD OF HEALTH
Flu Vaccine Clinic for
Mahwah Seniors**

**Friday, October 7, 2016
1:30 - 3:30 PM**

**Mahwah Senior Activity Center
475 Corporate Drive
Mahwah, NJ 07430**

**PRE-REGISTRATION OPENED
SEPTEMBER 15TH
Call 201-529-5757, Opt. 2**



REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
Daylight Savings Time is the first Sunday in November. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6, 2016



TOWNSHIP TO HOST SHREDDING DAY
The Township will host a Shredding Day on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the Municipal Building Parking Lot. All residents are welcome to bring their household shredding to the event. Please limit your documents to four bags/boxes weighing no more than 10 lbs each. No businesses please.

Update from the Municipal Clerk's Office

VOTE Election News

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

General Election	Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Primary Election	Tuesday, June 6, 2017
Election Polls are open 6 AM to 8 PM	

**VOTER REGISTRATION DATES AND
LAST DAY FOR NEW VOTERS TO REGISTER
TO VOTE IN UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

General Election	Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Primary Election	Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Municipal Clerk's Office open 8 AM to 9 PM	

VOTER REGISTRATION – Voter Registration Forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office or online at www.njelections.org.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS – Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office or online at www.njelections.org. Deadline request must be received by the Bergen County Clerk's Office in Hackensack 7 days before the Election for which you are requesting the Absentee Ballot. Or you may apply in person at the Bergen County Clerk Office at 1 Bergen County Plaza – Room 130 in Hackensack, New Jersey until 3 PM the day before the Election.



2017 Dog and Cat Licensing

The Township Code requires dogs and cats over 7 months of age be licensed. A Rabies Vaccination Certificate, valid through and including Nov. 1, 2017, 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/Neutered Dog and/or Cat
\$10.00	Unspayed/Unneutered Dog and/or Cat
\$10.00	*Late fee per license after February 15, 2017

** Please Note: After February 15, 2017, the \$10.00 late fee per pet is imposed which is in addition to the licensing fee.*

Licenses may be renewed in person between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday-Friday except Municipal holidays in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Or by mailing the Rabies Vaccination Certificate, Proof of Spaying/Neutering Certificate, a check made payable to the "Township of Mahwah" (no cash) and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

**Township of Mahwah, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430
Attention: Municipal Clerk's Office**

Please do not send cash. If licensing cats and dogs, separate checks are necessary.

POLICE BLOTTER

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP



The Mahwah Police Department and Mahwah Municipal Alliance is continuing to fight the ongoing battle against the heroin and opiate epidemic. As part of its prevention effort we have installed a prescription drug drop box in the lobby of police headquarters to provide a safe, environmentally friendly way for citizens to dispose of their unwanted, unused, or expired drugs. Unused narcotics are typically the gateway to abuse as over 70% of Americans misusing painkillers obtain them from friends or relatives. Residents can drop off any prescription drugs they no longer need at police headquarters in the main lobby without any questions 24/7. The only items not accepted are syringes or liquids.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

During the month of July the nation witnessed the tragic ambush and murder of 5 Dallas and 3 Baton Rouge Police Officers. These events underscore the inherent dangers in the law enforcement profession and the changing attitude of many towards police officers. In Mahwah we have always strived to improve police community relationships and the importance of building and sustaining strong partnerships. During the month of July, our officers were appreciative and thankful for the many residents and business owners who demonstrated their support of law enforcement through letters; dropping off food at police headquarters, or just approaching our officers to express their thanks for keeping Mahwah a safe community. The men and woman of the Mahwah Police Department offer their sincere thanks and are proud to serve such a great community.

MEET YOUR NEW K-9 TEAM

Mahwah Police Department is pleased to announce our new K-9 Remco and handler Officer Rob Rapp. Remco is a three year old Belgian Malinois who is cross trained in narcotic detection and tracking. Officer Rapp and Remco recently completed approximately six months of training and certifications. Policy and procedures for police K-9's are standardized through the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General. This is Officer Rapp's second K-9. Remco lives at home with the Rapp family and his predecessor K-9 Dome who is enjoying retired life in his later years.



K-9 REMCO AND HANDLER OFFICER ROB RAPP

MAHWAH POLICE TIP LINE

Anonymous tips provide a valuable resource to inform the Mahwah Police about suspicious, nuisance or criminal activity. You may submit a tip anonymously via e-mail to tips@mahwahpd.org.

The tip line should not be used as a means to communicate emergency or time sensitive information to law enforcement and/or other emergency personnel. If you are reporting a crime or require emergency assistance dial 911 immediately. The Tip Line is not monitored 24/7 and should not be used for emergency purposes.

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY & LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HAVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Mahwah Police Department and Mahwah Municipal Alliance sponsored the Junior Police Academy and Leadership Academy. The Academies are two of the more popular programs offered to our Township youth. The Junior Police Academy and the Leadership Academy had 164 and 173 students enrolled respectively. These Academies represent outreach programs and provide the opportunity for both students and parents to get to meet the officers who protect their community.



A Warm Welcome... Patrick Wilkins Joins The Township As The New Tax Assessor

Patrick's experience in the assessment and appraisal field dates back to 2002 when he began working with a mass appraisal firm. The bulk of his experience was focused as serving as an appraisal expert to numerous municipalities in Northern New Jersey for tax appeal proceedings. He has been a certified tax assessor since 2007 and was first appointed as a municipal tax assessor for the Borough of Bogota in 2010. Welcome Patrick!

Fall into a Colorful Produce Season

The cookouts, corn on the cob and fresh fruits of summertime may be gone for the year, but fresh-food fans need not to worry. The fall season brings a whole new assortment of delicious and healthy fresh fruit and vegetables. Apples, pears, broccoli and brussels sprouts are fresh for the taking. These fresh foods are not only tasty, but can help you feel better, get healthier and may protect against heart disease and stroke, according to the American Heart Association.

Autumn brings its own color wheel of seasonal fruits and vegetables. Deep colors like oranges, reds, and purples are especially prominent in the cooler months. Remember it is important to eat a rainbow of colors each day. If preparing a green salad; add all different colors into the salad, more colors usually mean there is good nutritional value in your meal.

Fruits and vegetables with color contain vitamins, minerals, fiber and phytochemicals that have different disease-fighting elements. These compounds may be important in reducing the risk of many conditions, including cardiovascular disease. The American Heart Association recommends at least 4-5 servings per day of fruits and vegetables based on a 2000 calorie diet as part of a healthy lifestyle that can lower your risk for these diseases.

While grocery stores will carry an assortment of fruits and vegetables throughout the year, buying seasonal produce can take some of the strain off your wallet. When foods are in season locally, they are usually more abundant and affordable.

Some canned or frozen fruits and vegetables can be just as healthy and satisfying. Many people believe frozen or canned vegetables lack nutritional value, but they are usually processed at the peak of harvest and can provide nutritional value which is similar to fresh produce. If you are watching your salt intake, please be sure to read the labels of canned products to be sure the sodium content isn't too high.

For more information on nutritional content of fall fruits and vegetables, log onto <http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/fruit-vegetable-nutrition-database>



Taking a Healthy Tailgate Time-out

It's an all-American past-time -- the tailgate party! Tailgating today has progressed far beyond burgers and chips. You'll find everything from cheese dip to spicy chicken wings.

Don't despair: Your tailgate spread doesn't have to sideline your weight loss plan. Grilled kabobs are great fare on the field. Just skewer veggies, fruits, and lean meat, and soak in your favorite marinade. Seafood, salsas, wraps, and stews are good eating, too. A Crock-Pot of chili -- loaded with high-fiber, high-protein beans -- is a classic tailgate dish.

Keep in mind, alcohol is packed with calories. Enjoy your favorite brew, but switch it out for zero-calorie beverages as the party rolls along. It's all in how you play the game!



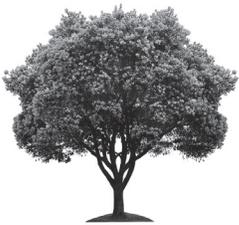
Enjoying a Fit Fall

Fall can be a treat for the senses: the crisp air, apple picking, pumpkin carving, a gorgeous canopy of fall foliage, and the crunch of leaves underfoot. These months are a great time to exercise outdoors and enjoy cooler temperatures.

Discover park trails and take in some new scenery, whether you're walking, biking, or jogging. If you're near a lake, try kayaking or canoeing, for an excellent whole-body workout and a great change of pace.

Remember, it doesn't have to seem like exercise to be a great workout.

Property Maintenance



TREE PRESERVATION

Chapter XIV of the Township Code details the Township regulations with respect to tree removal in the Municipality. A link for the Township Code can be found at the Township's website mahwahtwp.org in the dropdown menu under "Municipal Code".

This Chapter of the Township Code describes in detail prohibited and permitted activities in the Township. One exempt activity is the cutting or removal of not more than five (5) trees per lot during any 12 month period. While a permit is not required and a Tree Preservation Application does not need to be submitted to the Township, it is recommended that the property owner contact the Township's Property Maintenance Inspector at 201-529-5757 x246 to schedule a site meeting to review, confirm and document any tree removal prior to any work being performed. As a reminder, a tree is defined as "any woody perennial plant having a diameter or width greater than 12 inches and/or a circumference greater than 38 inches measured at ground level. If a plant has multiple stems, then the aggregate of the stem diameters and/or the aggregate circumferences shall be used in determining whether the plant is a tree."



MAHWAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dedicated Members of Our Community



These photos were taken during controlled training exercises under the supervision of Company officers.

Did you know that the Mahwah Fire Department is staffed 100% by volunteers? Approximately 120 of your neighbors are serving in the five fire companies throughout the Township. Many of you may only get a glimpse of our Fire Department during town celebrations such as Memorial Day or Mahwah Day. Residents may not realize that our volunteers respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Mahwah Fire Department responded to 785 calls in 2015.

Being a volunteer firefighter requires dedication, commitment and sacrifice. To continually provide professional firefighting services to the Township, our volunteers train on an ongoing basis. To become a firefighter, one must complete the NJ State Certified Firefighter 1 course consisting of 164 hours of training. A firefighter's job can be unpredictable. In order to survive any situation, firefighters must be able to think critically and clearly to solve problems quickly while under extreme stress. Training is the best way to ensure our firefighters are ready for anything they may encounter. Mahwah volunteers train on a weekly basis by attending drills one night a week for three hours which equals an additional 156 hours of training per year.

The following pictures are of our firefighters during training drills. The pictures cover Part One of a two part series on our training program. Part One covers our refresher training courses and our basic skills training. Part Two will be included in the 2017 Spring Newsletter and will highlight our specialty training.

BASIC SKILLS



A primary search is something firefighters do often depending on the type of construction and conditions upon arrival. A primary search is performed quickly and methodically to look for the source of the fire and victims. In this photo the firefighter is wearing a blacked out training mask to simulate smoke, in reality he would be using his mask and air pack.

BASIC SKILLS - CONTINUED



This photo may seem as though the firefighters are simply climbing a ladder. In fact, they are, but look closely. They are also carrying a second ladder that they will hoist onto the slope of the roof and lay flat so they can climb the roof easier. This provides safer footing while working on the roof. They are on the roof to either perform ventilation or inspect chimneys, vents or ac units. Proper angle, height, and clearance from overhead wires are all important factors when placing a ground ladder. This is a skill they must retrain on annually.



This photo was captured at the Bergen County Fire Academy. Firefighters trained on the Roof Fire Simulator. They practiced using roof saws to cut ventilation holes in a roof of a building on fire. Ventilation is performed to remove smoke and heat trapped inside the structure.

FIREFIGHTERS AT MASK CONFIDENCE COURSE

Firefighters practiced their survival skills while navigating a MASK Confidence course. The purpose behind this training is for firefighters to gain confidence and maintain their composure in order to get themselves out of a room or building if they become trapped either by fire or a structural collapse. The firefighters wear masks that are blacked out to simulate heavy smoke conditions. The obstacle course tests a firefighter's ability to navigate small spaces without having to completely remove their air packs.



This obstacle simulates a firefighter who may have to break through a wall in order to get to a safer area or to reach a window or door to exit the building. While passing through the wall studs, the firefighter must maintain contact with his air pack, possibly having to take the pack off one shoulder in order to fit through the obstacle. It is important to practice removing the air pack in training so the firefighter does not panic in a real situation.



In this photo we are simulating a firefighter trying to navigate through wires that have fallen from a ceiling or walls. As you can see it would be easy to get tangled and panic. The firefighter has to feel his way through as visibility may be limited and cutting your way through may not be a safe option.

Upcoming Recreation Department Events & Programs

Dawn DaPuzzo, Director – 201-529-5757 ext.254

22ND ANNUAL MAHWAH DAY Saturday, September 24 – Commodore Perry Field

Join us for an afternoon filled with fun!

KIDDIE RIDES • PONY RIDES • GAMES • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD

- 12 PM Kick Off Parade - Along East Ramapo Avenue
- 1 PM Presley and Melody - Interactive family concert enjoyed by both kids and adults
- 2 PM Outreighiss Pets
- 3 PM Matt Clark - Musical Entertainment
- 4 PM Shido Kan Karate - Demo
- 4 PM Dog Show - Prizes For: Best Looking, Best Trick and Best Dressed
- 5 PM Will Shaw - Dazzles you with his juggling and magic skills
- 6 PM The Mighty SPECTRUM - Live Band – Brought to you by TD Bank
- 8 PM Fireworks - Brought to you by Ramsey Auto Group

Access Transportation buses will be accessible to shuttle visitors to and from the Lincoln Tech parking area off Island Road.

Be sure to stop by the Mahwah Marine Moms' tent and the Center For Food Action tent to drop off a donation.

A list of their needs is on their websites.

Mahwah Adult Sports – Sponsored by Mahwah Recreation

Open to Mahwah residents only.

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL

Please note that this is a recreational league. Games will be played on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 7, 2016 and ending June 14, 2017 at Joyce Kilmer School. Games are played in the New Gym from 7-9 PM. If school is closed for any reason the game is canceled.

ADULT MEN'S BASKETBALL

Games will be played on Wednesday evenings beginning September 7, 2016 and ending June 14, 2017 at Ramapo Ridge School. Games are played in the gym from 7:30-9:30 PM. If school is closed for any reason the game is canceled.

ADULT BOCCE LEAGUE

Open play Bocce League. Matches are played at Continental Soldier's Park every Saturday at 9 AM. If you would like to join in the fun, just show up. No preregistration required. If you have any questions, please contact Nic Giancaspro at refereenj@gmail.com.

For information on all recreation events and for registration forms for volleyball, basketball and bocce, go to WWW.MAHWAHTWP.ORG... DEPARTMENTS... RECREATION

Halloween Costume Parade and Trunk or Treat Event

Sunday, October 30th at 3:00 PM



Rain or Shine in the front parking lot at the Mahwah Municipal Building. A costume contest for children (infants through grade 5) will be judged by age group and prizes awarded for best costume. The Trunk or Treat begins at 3:30 PM. For safety reasons those who wish to set up their cars to distribute candy should arrive between 2:30 PM and 3:00 PM

Veterans Day Service

Friday, November 11th at 11:00 AM



Show appreciation to our veterans for their service and sacrifice by joining them at Veterans Memorial Park, located on Franklin Turnpike between Miller Road and East Ramapo Ave. This event is sponsored by the Mahwah Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7124 and the Mahwah Recreation Department. Thank you to the Mahwah Boy and Girl Scouts, the students of Betsy Ross School, Mahwah High School and St. Paul's School for their continued participation in this event.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 4th at 4:30 PM



Santa Claus has made special arrangements to join us at the Mahwah Municipal Building on Corporate Drive for the occasion. Since we can't count on having snow for his sleigh, the Mahwah volunteer firefighters have generously offered to escort Santa on their fire trucks! Santa will hear all requests for holiday gifts from kids of all ages. All are welcome to join us to hear seasonal favorites sung by the Joyce Kilmer Chorus and enjoy delicious refreshments as our tree and our hearts are lighted.



An Update From Mahwah CERT

PREPAREDNESS, SAFETY, AND SERVICE

The mission of the Mahwah CERT team is to harness the power of every team member through education and training to make our community safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. During a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services. The goal of the Mahwah CERT team is to respond as a team to assist first responders and to the immediate needs of the community when emergency services are not available.

ONGOING EDUCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES AND MEETINGS



Cold Weather Western Shelter Exercise: The Mahwah CERT team participated at the Bergen Law & Public Safety Institute in Mahwah. This exercise was in conjunction with Bergen County OEM, a number of Bergen County CERT teams, Bergen County Department of Health Services, and the New Jersey EMS Task Force. The Mahwah CERT team has been designated to set-up and dismantle the Western Shelter in Northern Bergen County should the need arise. Once the shelter is set-up, the Department of Health Services will have responsibility to run it. They have limited staff to run it should a mass casualty or major disaster occur so Mahwah CERT and CERT teams from other municipalities will be called in to assist.

Bergen County has 3 Western Shelters and the North Arlington CERT team has been designated to set-up and dismantle the shelter in South Bergen County. The Mahwah CERT team was designated as the North Bergen team because of the number of active members on our team, our participation in Bergen County events and countywide trainings and our overall training and being one of the most active units in the county.

The Western Shelter is a configuration of tents and trailers designed to maintain an inside temperature of 72 degrees when the outside temperature is 15 degrees. If deployed during an emergency, the system can be used for anything from a human or animal shelter to a point of distribution (POD). The system also has an electrical system and lighting and, if necessary, bathroom facilities as well as air conditioning can be added to the system.

- Since we will be working with Mahwah's EMS, it is important that we know the terminology of all equipment and supplies on the ambulance and where they are located. The Mahwah EMS and several EMT's were on hand to familiarize us with the equipment and supplies on the ambulance.
- We were instructed on the proper use of a tourniquet. We also distributed tourniquets to all team members.
- Refresher training on traffic control to help prepare for March of Dimes.
- 14 CERT members attended the first of two Point of Distribution (POD) Leadership training. The first training was theoretical and the next training will be practical. Attendees learned about the county assets utilized to provide for the safe distribution of medications and/or commodities for Mahwah. The course also covered the registration process of POD workers, the registration of the public into the POD, the distribution of medications and the closing of the POD.
- Barry Leventhal, former Bergen County police sergeant and now the training and operations officer for the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management made a presentation on Damage Assessment. It is important that each of our members know the fundamentals of damage assessment in order to be prepared to assist any agency requesting damage assessment support.
- We were called upon by the Mahwah Police Department to assist in a search for a missing 82 year old man. Because of the nature of this search, they requested only several CERT personnel to assist with this search which also included the NJ Search & Rescue team. Fortunately the man was found in good condition during the night.
- The health educator from the Northwest Regional Health Commission made a presentation on the Zika Virus and gave us an update of where it stands today.
- Members of our CERT team attended a medical shelter training offered by the Bergen County Department of Health Services. This training included the role of CERT setting up, maintaining, sanitizing equipment and personal safety in a medical needs shelter.
- Many of our members attended a self-defense course which provided hands on training on how to stay safe in common real world violent situations. The basis of the course was to utilize physical confrontation to hurt an attacker by aiming for the parts of the body where you can do the most damage easily.



Check out our new Mahwah CERT website on the Mahwah Township's internet site.

Interested in Becoming a Member? The next county CERT course will be held at the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute in Mahwah from September 27, 2016 - December 13, 2016. The classes are from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM on Tuesday evenings.

For more information about Mahwah CERT, contact CERT Coordinator Allan Becker at 201-960-1932 or mahwahcert@optonline.net

Introducing... Access For All Commission



Access For All Commission was established in May of 2016, with the very specific charter of providing Mahwah residents of every age (children, adults, seniors), a dedicated and community focused commission to serve those with special needs, developmental disabilities, and physical access needs.

The team is comprised of community and Township appointed members, each providing diverse experiences and unique skillsets, with a laser focus on improving and enhancing the lives of Mahwah community residents; by creating and magnifying awareness, providing a voice to Mahwah leaders in an advisory role, and serving as an educational and social forum for those in need.

For questions or to participate please visit the Access For All Commission webpage located in the **Boards, Commissions & Committees** section of the Mahwah Township website.

Beautification Committee

Our Mission is to preserve, restore, revitalize and maintain the community of Mahwah, New Jersey.



We are seeking new members to share ideas to enhance the beauty of Mahwah. The Beautification Committee meets once a month to determine projects to implement. Do you have an opportunity near you?

Currently we've designed and installed a beautiful "Welcome to Mahwah" sign on Macarthur Boulevard, and with the help of the Department of Public Works (DPW), we will install eight replicas of this sign at major entry borders around town. In addition, working with our DPW partners and with the help of grants, we implemented the planting of 24 large Maple trees at Commodore Perry Field.

Together we can make a lasting difference for all to see! No experience needed, just a desire to help. Email Susan.Stedtler@verizon.net or call 201-529-1177

Solutions To Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings; you name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to a cleaner water, and it saves the high costs of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines and other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to help protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is expected.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that require little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous waste disposal facilities.

Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce local pet waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
 - Use newspapers, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
 - Dispose of wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
 - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org
Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Web sites: www.epa.gov/npdcs/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulations Program 609-633-7021

Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission



Michael Delcher, Eagle Scout candidate from Mahwah Boy Scout Troop 258, is finished with restoring the exterior of the Quackenbush Barn. The Historic Preservation Commission relies on donated help from Scouts and other community members to help maintain our historic structures. Thank you to Michael and his fellow Scouts!

The Quackenbush Barn will be included in the new Historic Sites brochure. Stop by our booth at Mahwah Day to pick up your free copy!

Follow us on Facebook to learn more at
MAHWAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Bergen County Utilities Authority

RECYCLING EVENT

Tire Recycling • Electronics & Computers • Mobile Paper Shredding



Mahwah

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road
Sunday, October 23 • 9 AM – 2 PM • Rain or Shine

SAFE AND FREE COLLECTIONS FOR BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS
PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED
NO BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS EVENTS



Paramus

Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Road
(Entry via Paramus Rd. Only)
Sunday, October 16 • 9 AM – 3 PM

Moonachie

Bergen County Utilities Authority
Foot of Empire Blvd.
Saturday, November 12 • 9 AM – 3 PM

All collection sites open (Rain or Shine). Close promptly at 3 PM

**FREE OF CHARGE FOR BERGEN COUNTY
RESIDENTS ONLY – ID REQUIRED!**

**Businesses must pre-register prior to attending
BCUA sponsored Hazardous Waste Collection events.**

**A disposal fee will be charged and collected.
Call 201-807-8696 for further information.**

**DO NOT BRING electronics, paper shredding, or tires to
Hazardous Waste Collections!**

Visit www.bcu.org for additional information.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
MAHWAH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Kit for Your Pet

The Mahwah Office of Emergency Management is always encouraging our residents to prepare for emergencies and disasters. Very often we forget some very important members of our families, our beloved pets. If a major disaster occurs, you'll want to make sure your pets are healthy and taken care of so you can concentrate on other things.

When making your family's emergency plan and kit remember to make one for each of your pets. Before an emergency, plan where you will take your family and pets if you are ever asked to evacuate your home.

Here are a few tips and resources to help you get started.

- ID your pet. Make sure your pet's tags are up-to-date and securely fastened to your pet's collar. If your pet gets lost, their ID tag could be the key to finding them quickly. Consider microchipping your pets and keep a record of the number.
- Make sure you have a current photo of your pet for identification purposes.
- Have a secure pet carrier, leash or harness for your pet so that if they panic, they can't escape. Emergency shelters that allow pets require them to be in a secure pet carrier so they can be kept in a separate area away from other residents.
- Be prepared and make an emergency kit for your pet. Some simple items that should be included are:
 1. Pet food: Enough for at least 1 week
 2. Pet treats and toys
 3. Several gallons of water
 4. Pet medications and supplements: Enough for 2 weeks
 5. A copy of the health and veterinary records
 6. Disposable trash bags or newspaper for cleanup
 7. Cat litter and tray
 8. Manual can opener
 9. Food & water bowls. Collapsible would be preferred to save space
 10. First aid kit and other supplies
 11. Grooming supplies for extended stays
- Identify shelters in advance if possible. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. **Find out which motels and hotels in the area you plan to evacuate to that allow pets** well in advance of needing them.

Here are some additional resources:

www.Ready.gov/caring-for-animals

American Veterinary Medical Association: www.avma.org

Mahwah Senior Activity Center JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

Each month The Mahwah Senior Activity Center hosts luncheons for our senior members. All lunches include either a dance, entertainment, or an informative session on different topics of interest for our seniors.

The October luncheon features both an informative session and entertainment! The Honorable John S. Hogan, Bergen County Clerk, will speak about Political Awareness, as well as discuss the services provided by the County Clerk's office such as issuing passports, trade names and photo cards for seniors, veterans and exempted firefighters and notary public registration. After the presentation stay to enjoy the afternoon with DJ and Entertainer Nick Del Giudice. Lunch begins at 12 PM. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Mahwah Museum's Fall Exhibits



The Mahwah Museum will open with two new exhibits this fall. "Mahwah's Herstory, The Changing Roles of Women in Mahwah's History" and "Medicine in Mahwah, A historical view of health care in and near the Township". These exhibits will be offered until June, 2017. Located

at 201 Franklin Turnpike, the museum is open weekly on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 – 4 PM More information is available on the web at www.mahwahmuseum.org or by phone at 201-512-0099.

The museum is pleased to continue offering the popular Les Paul exhibit. See the web site for details.



The Donald Cooper Model Railroad continues to be one of the favorite exhibits. A permanent offering, the HO gauge railroad is actively supported by a staff of over a dozen volunteers. There are four levels of track, a functional switching yard and fully operational computer controls allowing up to nine trains to run at once.

The archive collection is in process of being digitally recorded with the objective of making the entire collection available remotely. It is a long process and will take years to complete. The collection is however, open to researchers and historians by appointment and inquiries are welcome.

The monthly lecture series will continue at the Ramapo Reformed Church, 100 Island Road, Mahwah, usually on the second Thursday of the month. Starting at 7:30 PM, admission is free for members and \$3.00 for non-members. Light refreshments will be served. Please visit the museum web site, www.mahwahmuseum.org for the lecture schedule.

Gallery talks take place in the upstairs gallery of the Museum. They provide an in-depth look at various subjects and allow participants to ask questions and add to the discussion. Gallery talks take place on Sunday afternoons at 1:15 PM and are free to museum members or with paid admission to the museum. Reservations can be made by e-mail or by calling 201-512-0099.

Please note – parts of the Museum exhibits may have limited access during Gallery Talks and will reopen once the talk has finished.

For information on membership, volunteering, upcoming events, support opportunities or research, please visit us at www.mahwahmuseum.org or contact us at director@mahwahmuseum.org.

The Mahwah Museum receives operating support from the New Jersey Historical Commission in the Department of State.

Press Contact director@mahwahmuseum.org or 201-512-0099

DPW Happenings

KEEPING MAHWAH BEAUTIFUL

Have you noticed the recent improvements happening around the Township? The DPW has been continually working to improve the look of Mahwah. Improvements to the ballfields and recreation areas, as well as the new tree plantings, are just to name a few. By taking advantage of technology and new equipment, we have been able to work more efficiently and complete tasks in a more timely fashion. Working diligently with other departments and committees in the Township, the DPW hopes to continue to make more improvements in the near future.

DATES TO REMEMBER

RECYCLE CENTER CLOSURES

October 8
November 8, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26
December 24, 26

GARBAGE HOLIDAYS – NO COLLECTION

Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25
Monday, December 26

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP – 2017

Christmas trees will be picked up from January 1 – February 3, 2017. Trees must be placed in a visible spot at the curb for our crews to collect. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE TREES IN THE ROADWAY.** All lights and stands must be removed. If you place the tree in a plastic bag to remove it from your home, you must remove the bag when you place the tree at the curb.





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OCTOBER 1, 2016

TRIPLE AMBULANCE WETDOWN

Triple Ambulance Wetdown!

It's rare that municipalities celebrate and support their emergency medical services with more than 1 new ambulance every few years. Through generous donations and Township capital, Mahwah EMS will be celebrating the arrival of 3 new Horton ambulances. The squad has received EMS 1&2 and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of EMS 3.

Please join us for this special event!

**Sheraton
 Crossroads**

1 International Blvd

2:00-6:00 PM

Food • Drinks • DJ

50-50

MAHWAH EMS
 52 Fardale Ave.
 Mahwah, NJ 07430

Mahwahems.org

October 1, 2016
 2:00-6:00 PM