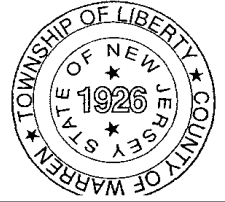


LIBERTY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER 2017



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents,

We are pleased to once again bring you this newsletter to share information about Township business and activities. We may be a small community, but there is plenty going on.

The Pavilion at Mountain Lake will be available for residents use this summer, as well as additional improvements to the recreation area. The beach is open daily throughout the season and without charge.

Those traveling on Pequest Road will be happy to know the repair and resurfacing is first on the list of spring projects. A contract for the work was awarded last year, but delayed after the State's Transportation Trust Fund was temporarily suspended.

Another road project taking place is the stabilization of Lakeside Drive West, which was undermined earlier this year. This unexpected expense will account for very slight increase in the Township tax rate; from \$0.314 to \$0.319 per \$100 of assessed value. This is the first increase since 2009.

The Township has purchased more than 100 acres on Marble Hill Road, which had been slated for a 31-home subdivision. This purchase, which was made using dedicated Open Space funds, will not only preserve the land and provide additional recreational opportunities, but avoid nearly \$800,000 annually in school expenses for the potential children the development could have brought in.

When you receive your 2017 tax bill this summer, you will notice one significant change - you will now be able to pay your property taxes electronically. Making your tax payment online will be fast, easy and safe with the option to pay by checking account ACH payment or by credit card. We will be working to install the system over the next few months and will have it available for third quarter tax payments in August. Keep your eye on our website for updates on availability.

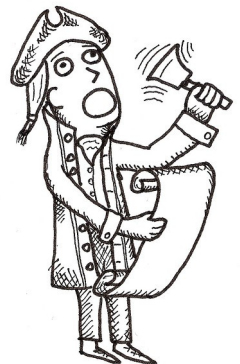
As always, many thanks to all of the volunteers, staff and officials who make Liberty Township a great place to live. This is my 20th year serving on the Township Committee and although there are challenges, I am proud of Liberty Township and all it has to offer.

Mayor John Fusco

Spring 2017

Special points of interest:

- Mayor's Letter
- Clean Up Day Schedules 2017
- Report from Recreation Commission
- Report from Environmental Commission
- Stormwater Management





2017 Environmental Commission Programs

Join the Liberty Twp. Environmental Commission at our monthly meetings, every third Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Municipal Building, or come to an upcoming event!

Saturday, March 25th Cabin Fever Workshop at the Liberty Twp. Municipal Building. Join us for a fun craft and a movie, *Hometown Habitat*. Dr. Doug Tallamy, renowned entomologist, demonstrates and discusses how native plants are critical to supporting local wildlife, such as birds, butterflies, moths, etc. Refreshments, snacks and craft materials will be provided. This event is free and open to all ages!

9:30 am: Craft time: Stuff twig balls with wool nesting material for the birds

10:15 am: Special presentation of *Hometown Habitat*. A movie sharing inspiring stories about how to support birds and wildlife we love to see.



Saturday, May 6th Tree Seedling Giveaway. Come to the Pavilion at Mt. Lake between 9am and 11, for **free** 2 year old tree seedlings. Trees provided by the NJ Tree Recovery Program.

Light Pollution: Be the solution

Check your property at night. Do you need to shield your eyes from glare? Do your lights shine onto roads or neighboring property? Take our quick online survey to find out more. See the Environmental Commission page on www.libertytownship.org.

Liberty Township Recreation Commission

Baseball/Softball /T-ball - Registration began in February

Fall Soccer - Registration begins in June

Basketball - Registration begins in September

Summer Recreation - Registration begins in May

Community Day - 10 June 2017

Beach - opens mid-June

For more LTRC information please go to www.libertytownship.org/municipal/recreation or email ltrcnj@gmail.com



LTRC meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Liberty Township Recreation Commission is a volunteer based organization. If you have suggestions on improving LTRC services, interested in starting a new community activity or interested in volunteering to support an on-going activity, please contact us at the email above.

Liberty Township Recreation Commission welcomes new volunteers and new ideas!

Residential Clean Up Rules



Spring Residential Clean-up is scheduled **May 22–27, 2017**

Fall Residential Clean-Up is scheduled **October 9–14, 2017**

**Clean Up
Days 2017
are scheduled**

A voucher system will be used. Each voucher permits (1) one car, pick-up or small trailer size load to dump at the Warren County Landfill.

Vouchers are available, with proof of residency, at the Municipal Building.

One voucher shall be issued per residence.

An occupying tenant has priority for voucher receipt.

Each voucher must contain the raised seal of the municipality to be accepted by the Landfill.

Vouchers shall not be issued for businesses.

Voucher confirmation must be signed by the individual.

**May
22-27**

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**October
9-14**

Landfill hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 2:30pm and Saturday from 7:00am to 11:00am. The Landfill is closed on Sunday

Local Scrap Metal Companies

The businesses listed below will purchase your scrap metal.
Call for additional information and pricing per weight.



George’s Salvage Co., Inc.

10 South Park Drive
Newton, NJ 07840
973.383.4471

Kucharski’s Salvage

60 Ryan Road
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
908.852.3175

Multiple Metal Processing Inc.

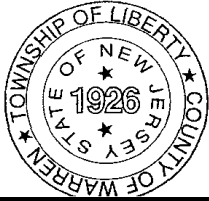
492 County Route 519
Belvidere, NJ 07823
908.475.2566

Ray Craft & Sons Industrial Metals & Recycling

2476 Riverside
Bethlehem, PA 18015
908.859.1990

Liberty Township
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Phone: 908.637.4579
Fax: 908.637.6916
Web site: www.libertytownship.org



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Stormwater Management in Liberty Township

Stormwater is from rainfall or snowmelt. It washes pollutants into our storm drains and directly into our rivers, streams and lakes.

Non-point source pollution is contamination of our waterways that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil, and littering.

With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed into storm drains that flow into our waterways. Each one of us contributes to this pollution through our daily lives, threatening our precious natural resources. The good news is that we can make a difference by simple changes in our lifestyles.

What can residents do?

Reduce runoff from your property:

- Reduce the amount of lawn & pavement
- Plant groundcovers and trees
- Create gardens, no mow zones and meadows
- Use vegetative borders between hard surfaces
- Only water lawns when absolutely necessary

Reduce pollution in runoff:

- Clean up after your pets
- Limit use of fertilizer
- Do not feed the geese
- Compost leaves and grass clippings
- Keep objects/fluids from draining into catch basins

Liberty Township has three non-point pollution control ordinances to help protect our water.

- Prohibiting the Feeding of Waterfowl
- Limiting the Application of Phosphorus Fertilizer near Water
- Regulating the Disposal of Pet waste