



## Have you been to the Library lately?

It's been a very exciting year! In fact, over 6,000 people came to library programs in 2013! Many new events and changes have taken place -- have you stopped by lately? If not take a minute to explore all that the library has to offer:

- ◆ Exciting programs and workshops each month
- ◆ Halloween isn't complete without a visit to our really cool interactive Haunted House for our younger patrons to enjoy
- ◆ Our new Girls Scout Garden is ever changing with the seasons
- ◆ Ongoing ESL classes
- ◆ We now offer Zinio! (Magazines online and direct to your e-reader)

Adults of all ages can find a variety of educational programs and workshops at the Township Library. In 2013, we hosted a number of musical performances from groups such as *The Glen Rock Pops Orchestra* & the piano talents of *Matthew Feinstein*; theatrical performances such as Skyline Theater's production of *Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol* delighted our patrons, while lectures on topics of digital photography and sports history helped promote a love of learning. We are also thrilled to be offering Zinio services in 2014! Zinio is an online magazine database that allows you to use your library card number and download digital versions of your favorite magazines right to your e-reader! A link to Zinio can be found right on the library's website, but patrons are welcome to bring their e-reader in for help from library staff.

Ongoing Adult programs include Chair yoga for seniors, Traditional Mat Yoga for Adults, Thursday afternoon movies, book clubs, monthly special events

and lectures. We offer a genealogy group, lead by local genealogist Fred Voss, who will guide you through uncovering your family history. This summer the library will be offering great healthy living workshops with Eva's Fresh – class themes will include Great Summer Salads, Healthy BBQ, Cooking from the Farmer's Market and more!

Teens are always welcome at the library too! Our growing collection of Young Adult books is paired with fantastic programs like cupcake decorating and our summer programs *Speak out!* and *Talk it up!* This summer we will introduce *Own the Night!* -- a variety of special programs like movie nights, Jewelry making, and much more.

Children and parents have also been delighted with the new programs being offered for our younger patrons. Music with Miss Fran, Baby Yoga, Friday Friends, Storytimes – you can take your pick! Test your building skills by joining our weekly Lego league or make a new friend with our reading buddies program. Parents be sure to check out the library website for a link to BOOKFLIX. Bookflix is a great online resource where children can watch educational videos, read books and have fun with learning games. Just use your library card number to access this great site from home, on your tablet or phone. No matter what your interest, there is something for children of all ages at the library.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Here are some new things to look for in 2014:

- ◆ The Library has received a grant for emergency preparedness workshops and events. Many people have already taken the Red Cross CPR & First Aid Certification course – have you? We will also be

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offering Pet CPR and First Aid classes as well as survival camp programs for local children and scouts. Check the library webpage or call to sign up!

- ◆ Summer Reading Club is not just for kids anymore! Adults and teens are invited to partake in the Library's summer reading clubs too. Kick off starts Wednesday, June 25th!
- ◆ Check out our table at town day- lots of prizes and fun to be had!
- ◆ Our Haunted House will return this October (with a fun circus theme for 2014) so keep your eyes open for updates and enjoy games, prizes, and Halloween fun!

This is just a small taste of what you can get at the Township Library. So be sure to check us out, get a new library card and meet the new Director! But most importantly, let us know what you would like to see from your library in the future. After all, the heartbeat of every town is its library.

To get regular updates on ongoing programs and events:

- ◆ Check out the library website at [www.twpofwashingtonpl.org](http://www.twpofwashingtonpl.org)
- ◆ Stop by the library and join our listserv to get a monthly email with information
- ◆ Like our Facebook Page (link from the library website)

## Some of Our Library Events



*Senior Chair Yoga - New programs include classes on health and wellness- including our ever popular chair yoga!*



*St. Patrick's Day Party - This March, the library hosted a special performance by the Ridgewood Irish Step Dancers.*



*Pet CPR Class - The library hosted a special Pet CPR class for local girl scouts!*



*Haunted House - Last October over 100 people (including some excited parents!) visited the library's first Haunted House!*

*— photo courtesy of Joyce Levine*

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## Friends of the Township of Washington Library

The Friends of the Library have enjoyed another successful fall season. We had our traditional “used book sale,” which was held in October and coincided with the library’s Halloween festivities. We also had our traditional basket raffle “Golden Harvest.” The raffle drawing was held in November, just before Thanksgiving, and our winner was a resident of our town, Susan O’Brien. Congratulations, Susan!!!!

Looking ahead to the spring, we are planning our next “**used book sale**” in March or April, depending on the weather, and of course, our **spring basket raffle** in April.

Due to the unusual weather we experienced in the last few months, we have delayed beginning our annual **membership drive**, but we are planning to get the letters in the mail and the flyers at the circulation desk very shortly. If you have contributed in the past, we thank you for your contributions and you should be receiving a reminder in the mail. If you are stopping by the library, please pick up a flyer at the circulation desk. Just a reminder that your contributions enable us to continue to enhance the library and the services it provides to the community. The Friends are all volunteers and, as a result, all the money you contribute is used for the library.

The Friends are pleased to have contributed the funds for a **park-like bench**, using contributions received through our membership drive and our fundraising efforts. The bench will be set up outside in the spring, and is provided for use by the patrons of the library.

Once again, we wish to thank the patrons of the library for their support of our fundraisers. The library is an important “**social and intellectual**” part of our community and welcomes young and old to visit often and explore all it has to offer.

The Friends meet in the Library, usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45 PM. To check on the meeting date, or if you would like more information, please contact the Library or stop by the Circulation Desk.

## Property Tax Reimbursement



Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) Applications are available. Eligibility requirements: You were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2012. You have lived in New Jersey since December 31, 2002, or earlier as either homeowner or renter. You have owned and lived in your home since December 31, 2009. Your total annual income for 2012 did not exceed \$82,880 and for 2013 did not exceed \$84,289\*. Please call the Tax Office for information and applications.

- \* Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program may be changed by the State Budget.

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## Municipal Alliance

The Municipal Alliance is still going strong and the Committee is working hard to implement new programs for the community as well as making sure that previous successful programs are still in place. The Municipal Alliance tab on the Township’s website has been updated and lists upcoming events. Please check it out!

If you would like to be a part of the Municipal Alliance Committee, or find out more information about what the MA is all about, please contact JoAnn Carroll, Municipal Alliance Coordinator, at [jcarroll@twpofwashington.us](mailto:jcarroll@twpofwashington.us). Also contact JoAnn if you would like to be placed on our mailing list to receive emails about programs available to the community.



*Paul Imbarrato and members of the Let It Grow baseball team stand by the crabapple tree and plantings for Earth Day donated by the Imbarrato Family and Let It Grow.*

**THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY TAKING  
REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP 2014.**

**PLEASE SEE THE TOWNSHIP’S WEB SITE ([WWW.TWPOFWASHINGTON.US](http://WWW.TWPOFWASHINGTON.US))  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR CALL THE RECREATION DEPT. AT 201-666-3312.**

# FAMILY FESTIVAL 2013

Once again over 2,700 people attended our Family Festival last year. We would like to thank our sponsors and our volunteers for the countless hours they put into this event to make it such a success. Pictures are from the new science area we had.

Sincerely, Dina Burke, Director of Public Affairs and Information and our Festival Committee:  
*John Brobson, Peter Calamari, Nina Casciano, Kay Coppola, Larry Davino, Victoria Dolan, Jim Dugan, Joanne Greco, Eugene Greco, Rick Hanley, Jack Kenney, Kelly Markowsky, Mary Anne Murphy, Laura Rifkin, Mary Scherer, Tom Sears, Rich Skinner, Mary Ellen Stickel, Bob Stickel, Janet Sobkowiez, Gloria Switlyk.*





## Veterans Of Foreign Wars POST 6192

Township of Washington,  
New Jersey 07676

The Veterans of Foreign Wars POST 6192 of Washington Township is pleased to announce a new meeting place. We now meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night of the month at the Knights of Columbus located at 79 Pascack Rd in the Township. The meetings start at 7:00PM. We invite all veterans who have served in foreign wars to join us. Please contact Steve Kohlreiter at (201) 358-1294 for information on becoming a member. It's a really good place to come and meet some new friends and share some stories while helping us help other veterans and their causes. We can help provide members with information on any benefits you may be entitled to.

## JIF Insurance award

The mayor was pleased to announce that for 3 years in a row, and the first time ever, the Township qualified for a JIF Insurance award including a plaque and \$1,000 award, which will be used for safety equipment. The Safety First Committee meets monthly to make improvements for our town.



*Vic Fadini, Risk Manager; Thomas Sears, Council President; and Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor.*



## Rx Drop Box

A permanent Rx Drop Box has been installed inside our police station. Drop off your unused and expired prescription medications. Keep them out of the hands of those who should not have them, and keep them from being flushed and affecting our environment.

# CONTEMPORARY WOMAN'S CLUB

Spring is here and once again the Contemporary Woman's Club of Washington Township will be busy with its spring projects, fundraisers and social events.

The Club will be donating scholarship(s) to a Washington Township student graduating from any high school in the area. In addition, seven (7) gift cards will be given to graduating students from Westwood Jr./Sr. Regional High School who have maintained high grades in specific areas of study, such as Art, Consumer Science, Drama, Education, Literature, Math and World Language.

We support the General Federation of Women's Clubs and New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC/NJSFWC) program, "Girls Career Institute" (GCI), by sponsoring a third year student from Westwood High School who is thinking of attending Douglass College at Rutgers. The three days spent at Douglass College will acquaint the student with courses offered, available educational programs, social life and sports. Every girl who has attended felt this was an inspirational and worthwhile experience which introduced them to realistic life at college. Applications for the club's scholarship and GCI are available in the Guidance Office on April 1st.

Coming in April, the citizens of Washington Township will enjoy watching pinwheels spinning around in a Pinwheel Garden at the town library. Children will have the opportunity to make pinwheels at the library on April 5th at 2:00 p.m. and take them home for their own gardens. This project is dedicated to the awareness and prevention of child abuse.

In support of our projects, we are selling \$5.00 tickets for the special Lord & Taylor event on April 3rd, which will entitle discounts on purchases made that day.

For tickets, call 201-666-8309. An annual plant sale in May and "Shake the Can" for Scholarships on July 4th weekend are also scheduled. We wish to thank all Township and neighboring residents for their generosity in the past and continued support in the future.

Besides contributing to charitable organizations, social events are also enjoyed. An active Literature Department meets monthly and a Conservation & Garden Department arranges informative trips during summer months. Luncheons, dinners and local theater productions are enthusiastically attended.

Interested in knowing more about the workings of our club? Please call 201-664-7059 or read about us on the Township website [www.twpofwashington.us](http://www.twpofwashington.us).

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## Mother Seton Council #5427

### Knights of Columbus News

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8, thanks to the terrific job done by Chairman Paul Elterlein. Members from Spectrum for Living, the moms and babies from Several Sources, along with family members and friends of the Knights enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of Christmas Cheer. The Clowns from Clowns 'R Us did a terrific job entertaining everyone and Mr. and Mrs. Claus handed out presents to all the children and posed for pictures. Thanks to Bob Catherman and Steve Timpanaro for a great job on the food, Jim and Sue Foley for playing the Clauses, Ken Kaphammer for taking all the photos, and everyone who helped serve and set up.

Jim McPeak did a great job organizing the Winter Food Drive on Saturday morning, December 12. With the help of Oritani Bank's Charitable Foundation, which paid for the printing and mailing of the flyers and The Pascack Press' exceptional promotion of the drive, the Knights were able to collect more than 300 bags of food and \$405 in donations for the Helping Hands food pantry in Hillsdale. Thanks to all who donated and to all who helped collect and deliver the food to the pantry.

At the K of C meeting on January 15, a check for \$2,500 each was given to cancer patients Corey Rooney of Westwood and Anthony Daniels of Ridgewood to help with their medical care. A check of r \$1,000 was given to Brianna Commerford for the Hope and Heroes Foundation. The money was raised at Chairman Bob Catherman's Beefsteak Dinner in December.

Jose Soto and Bob Catherman did a great job running the Super Bowl Party. Even though the game was a dud, everyone had a great time and we raised \$934 for the charity.

The Wine Tasting Party on February 8 was one of the most successful events ever at our council raising over \$16,000. Special thanks to Bernadette & John Pimpinella, Tammy & Fran Sullivan, Carmela & John Brunelli, Jen & Dan Licini, Darlene & Lou Pimpinella, Robin & Jesse Rodriguez, and Eileen & George Kuzma for doing an outstanding job putting it all together. Special thanks to the businesses and members that donated to the Tricky Trays and Silent Auction. Thanks also to the young men and women on the wait staff who donated their services free of charge: Kristen Sullivan, Sydney Watson, Samir Wadhvani, Lauren Seitz, Ryan O'Connor, George Ayob, Harrison Johnson, Kyle Smyth, Ryan DeLoughry and Katelyn Colman.

We held an award ceremony at the meeting on Thursday, February 28, to recognize multiple occasions. Plaques were presented to the winners of the Free Throw Contest that was held on January 26. Girls: Meghan Riedel (10), Jamie Verbovsky (11), Lindsey Sirois (12); Boys: Anthony Esposito (9), Ryan Myles (10), George Sengos (11), Anthony Corrubia (12), Joseph Cerasuolo (13), Robert Bumbaco (14). Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to those moving on to future rounds.

We also presented two checks from the proceeds of the Wine Tasting Party. A check for \$3,500 was presented to the Spinal Muscular Atrophy Foundation and a check for \$5,200 was presented to the Birney Family to help with medical bills as their four-year-old son Joseph who continues his battle with Cerebral Palsy.

On March 7, the Township of Washington Contemporary Women's Club, with help from Jerry Rider and other knights, hosted the developmentally disabled and their families from ARC of Bergen and Passaic County for a fun evening of pizza and music.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance was held on Saturday, March 15. Co-chairmen Jim Dugan and Paul Kearney offered a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, an open bar, performances by Piper Dan Boyce, The McLaughlin Irish Dancers, and a mix of traditional Irish tunes and lively dance music by DJ Frank DiGiovani. Thanks to all for your support.

The membership drive at OLGK was held the weekend of March 15 and 16. Members were outside church after all the masses and the knights sponsored a Coffee and Danish reception in the Rackley Room after the 10:30 mass.

The Shake-The-Can Fund Raiser was held run from Friday, April 11, through Sunday, April 13. Last year we raised \$10,286 and the OritaniBank Charitable Foundation matched that with a grant of \$10,000. The money was donated to six local charities that serve the developmentally disabled. We hope to do the same this year.

On April 26, Mother Seton Council held its 11th annual Testimonial Dinner to honor township volunteers for their service to our community. The 2014 honorees are:

Anthony Baldini – Service to OLGK

Thomas Lawton – Service to Community

Garrett Pinke – Service to K of C and VFW

Eamonn Twomey – Service to Recreation Programs

There are applications in the member's room for three scholarships that are available for the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of all members in

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good standing that are graduating high school this year. The Bishop Dougherty Scholarship is due by March 11. The James Picarella and Mother Seton Scholarships are both due by May 1. Each scholarship winner will receive \$1,000.

On Friday, May 2, at 8 p.m., we will be hosting the 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony. The ceremony will honor Frank Bottini, Sr. Frank dedicated his professional engineering skills to oversee the construction of the major renovation that resulted in the current council.

The Golf Outing to Wallkill is scheduled for June 13. Details are available in the K of C Members' Room.

Our Lady of Good Counsel established a fund to raise money for an organ for the church in memory of Ernie Mazzei, a longtime member of the Knights and a member of the OLGK choir for 25 years, who died January 2013. The organ was installed in the church in December 2013. A plaque in Ernie's memory is on the wall below the choir loft.

Jim Dugan, *Past Grand Knight*



## Township of Washington Volunteer Fire Department



Hopefully as you read this all the snow and ice has melted and you are enjoying the warmth of spring. This spring, as in years past, we look forward to holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt (dates to be announced). This is a day to bring your little ones down for fun and refreshments, plus a chance to win a prize. Another event our Department looks forward to holding is our annual Classic Car and Motorcycle Show. This year the show will be held June 8 at Westwood High School. Each year we hand out various awards to the top vehicles. This could not be possible without our many sponsors. If you or anyone you know would like to sponsor a trophy look on our website (WTFD.US ) to find out how. You don't have to own a car to enjoy the day, spectators are welcome.

Spring time is also our rainy season. Like years past, the chance of storm related power outages is always a threat. If power lines come down please stay clear and call it in to the police. The event of power outages brings on the usage of generators. Portable generators should be positioned fifteen feet from your house, and away from open windows or doors. Every year we respond to numerous Carbon Monoxide alarms some related to generators inside or too close to homes. Please check your CO alarms. Alarms should be no older than seven years and change the batteries twice a year along with your smoke detectors.

Our department is 100% volunteer, our members give up many hours with their loved ones in order to keep our town safe. Every year we go through many hours of training, not only to keep the residents safe, but to keep ourselves safe. We are always looking for more volunteers and have also recently started a cadet program. Our Cadet program is open to young men and women ages 16 & 17. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter or cadet firefighter please come down to the firehouse any Monday night for an application.

We take pride in serving this community and look forward to a safe spring and summer.

In the event of an emergency always call 911.

William Bilias, *Fire Chief*  
Township of Washington Fire Department

## Senior Press Release

The Washington Township Senior Center which is located in Town Hall will now be better prepared to handle cardiac emergencies on the spot thanks to the donation of an AED from LifeSavers, Inc. Bob Stickel, the company's president, and Township resident said the donation is from the CPR Challenge competition that his company held at Town Day. Charlotte Kazigian, a Township resident performed the best score at the challenge and chose the Senior Center as the recipient of the free AED and training.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the number one cause of death in the United States. About 47% of sudden cardiac arrest deaths occur outside a hospital according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Each year 383,000 Americans suffer sudden cardiac arrest before they reach a hospital. Bystanders or emergency personnel can save many of these lives using CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

An AED is an emergency medical device that delivers an electrical charge to a patient who is experiencing a life-threatening, abnormal heart rhythm or sudden cardiac arrest. The device, which "speaks" to the user to provide step-by-step instructions, automatically diagnoses the heart rhythm to determine if a shock is needed. The pre-set electrical charge administered by the device occurs only if a fatal arrhythmia is detected, eliminating the need for the user to make the decision to defibrillate.

Having defibrillation on-site with an AED increases survival rates for ventricular fibrillation (VF) cardiac arrest to as high as 74 percent, compared to just 5 percent if the place has no AED program, according to the American Heart Association.



*Bob Stickel, President LifeSavers Inc, Robert Kazigian, Mayor Janet Sobkowitz, Council President Thomas Sears, Charlotte Kazigian*

## NEW ORDINANCES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 2014

Ordinance No. 14-01 is an ordinance that modifies the salary ordinance by establishing an additional position and compensation for that position within the Department of Public Safety for the year 2014. This position is full-time dispatcher at an annual salary of \$37,500.

Ordinance No. 14-02 is an ordinance amending the rules established regarding the award of public professional service contracts. It states that no "professional business entity" may contribute more than \$300 to any local candidate or \$500 to a Bergen County candidate or party committee or to a PAC.

Ordinance No. 14-03 is an ordinance prohibiting smoking within parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas publicly owned or leased in the Township of Washington, all areas including but not limited to any seating areas, parking areas, walkways, driveways or drive aisles.

Ordinance No. 14-04 is an ordinance amending fees for Recreation Department Activities such as Summer Recreation Program, Football, Lacrosse, and Basketball.

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## CERT – Be a Member of Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

The Twp. of Washington Office of Emergency Management in conjunction with the Twp. of Washington Police Department is looking for members to begin a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be an all volunteer organization made up of residents and/or non-residents who are trained to support professional first responders (police, fire, EMT's, etc...) in all types of emergency and non-emergency situations. Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

CERT is part of a national program and is organized locally under the auspices of the Twp. of Washington Office of Emergency Management.

As a member of CERT, you will receive basic-level training in disaster preparedness, terrorism awareness, fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search

and rescue, CERT operations/Incident Command System, disaster psychology and animal rescue. The training provides members with basic skills and information on what to do before, during and after a disaster to aid themselves, their families and the community.

There is NO COST to participate in the CERT training course and program. The training is usually about 20 hours, scheduled in 2-4 hour modules, over a period of weeks or months. In order to address the scheduling needs of team members most of the training will be held in the Township of Washington.

At the completion of the program basic CERT safety equipment will be issued to each participant.

Interested participants should email at [oem@twpofwashington.us](mailto:oem@twpofwashington.us) or call police headquarters at 201-664-1140 ext. 125 (Cpl. Fasciano). Leave your name, address, telephone number and indication of your interest in the CERT program. Once applications are available, participants will be contacted.

### Basic Rules for Recyclables

#### Glass

- Remove lids and caps.
- **Dump out food residue and lightly rinse bottles.**

#### Plastic

- Wash out all containers.
- Remove non-plastic lids.

#### Metals (Aluminum)

- Cans only, siding and guttering not permitted.
- **Make sure cans and foil are free of food, liquid and any other contaminants.**

#### Newspaper

- Keep paper dry.
- Don't worry about glossy inserts.
- **Do not recycle newspaper you have used for birdcages, for housebreaking pets or for painting or art projects.**

#### Other Items

- Clothes hangers are not recyclable. They may be given to dry cleaners or second hand stores.

Following these rules permits the township to receive good ratings with our waste haulers. If a load is contaminated with food, liquid or debris, the whole load is contaminated and not recyclable. Also, do not use plastic bags for recyclable waste as plastic bags are not recyclable items. Place recyclables in a trash container, brown paper bags or corrugated box.



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## Did You Know That...

... on November 19, 2013, we received our 2011 recycling tonnage grant from the State; it amounted to \$24,125.46, more than double that of 2010. In addition, we received \$49,463.64 in revenue for 2013 from the items you recycled at the curbside program. However, April is the first month this year that we did not recycle more than the same month last year, some 13 tons less. Since the monthly revenue averages about \$4,000, it helps to defray the cost of the program, which is more than \$11,000 a month. Your participation in the shredding and e-recycling event on May 10, 2014 was great! Please watch for the date of the next one, which will be in September. It is very important to keep recycling as much as possible!

... Rio Fasciano, Deputy OEM; Catherine Steinel, Administrator; and I decided to apply for a FEMA sponsored hazard mitigation grant available as a result of power problems after Sandy. We received an allocation of \$142,000 for a project that includes replacement of the generator at the Fire Station with a natural gas generator, purchase of portable generators for use at major County intersections in our town, purchase of portable generator lights to illuminate the dangerous and other vital areas of our community during an emergency, and purchase and installation of an equipment shelter for the lighting systems. We are waiting for the final amount of the allocation.

... the cold, snowy months of January and February 2014 already put a dent in our Road Department budget. If you guessed \$84,652, you are correct. This amount included DMF overtime of \$23,251; salt \$24,623; vehicle repairs \$19,530; equipment parts \$4,000; vehicle parts \$11,669, and tires \$1,549. This makes it all the more important to keep a watchful eye on expenditures since we do not know what storms could come our way later in the year. However, we did get reimbursed \$35,688.90 from the County for plowing its roads. Our Road Department crews worked very hard to keep our roads open and safe for travel. Did you know that the municipal budgets have to bear the costs of prepping and clearing 75% of NJ's road mileage--28,933 of 38,752 total.

... in March 2014, Standard and Poor's raised the general obligation debt rating of the Township of Washington from AA to AA+. "We believe the township will likely maintain, what we consider, its very strong economic, financial, and debt factor scores," said credit analyst Linda Yip. This boost in our credit rating recognizes our sound fiscal policies and insures better rates for bonding.

... we received a JIF (Joint Insurance Fund) Excellence in Safety award 3 years in a row and for the first time ever! This year's award was \$1,000 and a plaque. Vic Fadini, our risk manager, is very proactive in providing safety training opportunities and meeting insurance requirements.

... the Police Department and Office of Emergency Management are organizing a CERT Program (Citizen Emergency Response

Team) composed of volunteers who are trained to support professional first responders in all types of emergency and non-emergency situations. Participants must be at least 18 years old. They will receive training and resources. Since the Township library recently sponsored emergency and preparedness programs through a grant award, the OEM feels that it is an opportune time to build a CERT team. Please contact Cpl. Fasciano, deputy OEM director, at the Police Department if you are interested in joining CERT.

... there are important personnel changes taking place in the police department. Due to the retirement of Sgt. Mino in December in 2013, Sgt. William Curl in April 2014, work-related injuries, and the anticipated retirement of Chief Randy Ciocco, the Township has been in the process of interviewing and hiring new officers to continue to provide for the safety and security of this community, increase efficiency, and reduce overtime. The new police officers are Christopher Osenbruck, David Ferrazano, and Michael Ferrarini. In terms of dispatchers, we currently have one full-time member, Alyssa Bobadilla, and two part-timers, Robert Held and Judy Hawkins; interviews are being conducted.

... Randy Ciocco became Chief of the Township of Washington Police Department on October 12, 2010. His 41-year journey in various positions in the department is outstanding and comes as a result of his work ethic, intuitiveness, knowledge, training, and dedication to our community. He has always been there for us! Chief Ciocco is retiring June 1, 2014. Please take the time to thank him for his service.

... Several officers have received promotions at this time; they are Cpl. Thomas Lawton to Sergeant and Cpl. Arsenio Pecora to Sergeant. Their records speak for themselves. Other promotions may be made by the time you receive this newsletter. It is important to note that it is very difficult to select officers for promotions when you have such an excellent department.

... The Pascack Valley Junior Police Academy (Twp. of Washington, Westwood, and Hillsdale) for children ages 10-14 will run from Tuesday, June 24 to Friday, June 27 with a daily schedule of 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Westwood Regional HS. For more information, contact Lt. Skinner at our Police Department.

... in January of 2014 I asked Chief Bill Bilius and his Fire Board to compile a complete Department Inventory. It was a monumental task, and I was very impressed with the results; it is an excellent resource for purchasing, insurance, efficient operations, budgeting, etc. The Fire Department sponsored its Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at Memorial Field. I was happy to see so many residents participate in this community activity. It was a great morning! In addition, the Department recently held its Annual Inspection, in which members spend weeks getting the trucks and equipment ready for the event. The Mayor and Council and visiting Fire Officers inspected the work. An award was presented to the team that

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did the best job! The Department is working through its mutual aid system to apply for a grant, Assistance to Fire Fighters. The goal is to improve incident control and command in emergency situations. On Sunday, June 8, 2014, the Department is having its 19th Annual Car Show from 8-3 p.m. at the Westwood Regional High School at 701 Ridgewood Road. Please support this event.

... the Ambulance Corps has been working very hard to get new members in order to provide more service to our residents and to those in its mutual aid system. The Corps has been successful in this venture and has installed several new members. The Ambulance Corps is to be congratulated in this effort and in the time and effort its members give to helping others. So far this year, they have answered more than 300 calls. Have you thought about becoming a member? It's a lot of work but it is very rewarding, and you get to work with so many nice people!

... Bill Kroepke, longtime member of the Ambulance Corps passed away; he dedicated his life to helping others and was the originator of the mutual aid system with the surrounding communities. Joseph Rinaldi, longtime member and Chief of the Fire Department, Director of the Police Department, and member of OEM passed away; he also dedicated his life to helping others in many capacities in service organizations and agencies. Both of these men had positions and awards at higher levels of government.

... our new Municipal Alliance Coordinator, JoAnn Carroll, has been actively recruiting members and ideas for programs. The committee teamed up with Westwood Municipal Alliance to sponsor the driving simulation program before the high school prom. Also, our municipal alliance will also be funding some programs for the teen center.

... registration for Summer Recreation is currently taking place. As you know, last year a new, larger program was designed and implemented; this year, the Department is making more improvements based on feedback from parents and counselors. The program runs from June 30-August 1 from 8:30-2:30 p.m. However, options are presented for before-care and after-care.

... more than 200 boys and girls are participating in the Township Lacrosse program; the Directors are Eamonn Twomey and Chris Santise and the Administration Director is Katie Fisher. The Men's Over 35 softball program is directed by Terry Hayes and Wayne Verost and has more than 100 players participating this season. Good luck to all our teams!

... the volunteers of WT Baseball and Softball did a great job preparing for their opening day ceremony at Clark Field on Saturday, April 26. It was a nice day to see neighbors, friends, and parents spending time together outdoors after the wicked winter. Bids have been advertised for new fencing around Memorial Field and a renovation to the Pavilion there. Both of these projects are from two matching Open Space Grants.

... the Cell Tower is up and running and the new generator for the municipal complex was installed and tested and it works!

... specifications for Phase 1 of the Road Program went out to bid and proposals from vendors are due in June. The streets included in Phase 1 are Sussex from Lincoln North to #206 Sussex Road, entire length of Grace Court, entire length of Morgan Court, entire length of Ridgewood Boulevard North, Hoover from Jackson to Manhattan, Crest Place from Jackson to Manhattan, and Colonial Boulevard. Other small specific areas that need corrective action from prior paving projects are also included.

... our current Township Administrator, Catherine Navarro-Steinel, is leaving her position. We thank her for the knowledge and experience she brought to her service in our community. A new Administrator, Matthew Cavallo, will be starting in June. He has a master's degree in public administration and certification as a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

... Township Clerk Mary Ann Ozment retired on February 28, 2014. We thank her for her many years of service to our town. The Council conducted interviews and appointed a new clerk, Elaine Erlewein, who is currently our tax collector. Mrs. Erlewein was the acting clerk after Mrs. Ozment's retirement, and is currently taking registered municipal clerk courses.

... since January 2014 the Council passed or amended several ordinances to address various situations. They are outlined in a separate article in this newsletter.

... the 2014 budget has a modest increase of approximately \$8 (\$11- \$3 reduction in library funding as per state formula) for a house assessed at \$464,000. This is for the municipal portion only; the overall tax increase which includes the School and County cannot be projected at this time. Your Mayor and Council only has authority to approve the "Local Municipal Budget." The Township underwent a revaluation effective calendar year 2014. Arriving at the budget is definitely a long and arduous task, to say the least. Working under a budget CAP of 2% yet seeing increases as high as 25%, the Mayor and Council, Administrator, and Clerk met week after week to review and revise figures to meet the goal. Several factors entered into the small municipal increase: zero-based budgeting approach, a \$53,000 reduction in pension payments to the state, increase in revenues, efficient management, an excellent tax collection rate, and a healthy surplus making it possible to use \$1,100,000 from surplus as revenue in the new budget.

... Polling places for voting in elections have changed. Districts 1, 3, and 5 will vote at the Municipal Library 144 Woodfield Road and Districts 2, 4, and 6 will vote in the Town Hall at 350 Hudson Avenue. The new polling places will be listed on the ballot.

Sincerely,  
Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor

## MEETING SCHEDULE

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS - 7:30 p.m.

### MAYOR/DIRECTORS

3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

### PLANNING BOARD

1st and Last Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m.

### RECREATION BOARD

2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.

### BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.

### MUNICIPAL COURT

1st and 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

Meeting dates are subject to change  
by the respective bodies due to holidays, etc.  
All meetings are held in the Municipal Courtroom.

### WCTV CABLE TV

2nd Monday, 8 p.m.

### MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

## DIRECTORY

MAYOR: Janet Sobkowicz . . . . . \*664-0361

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Tom Sears . . . . . \*666-4153

### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Glenn Beckmeyer . . . . . \*664-0698

Peter Calamari . . . . . 833-4801

Dr. Steven Cascio . . . . . 664-5008

Richard Hrbek . . . . . \*664-9344

### ADMINISTRATOR:

Matthew Cavallo . . . . . 664-4404

### TOWNSHIP CLERK:

Elaine Erlewein (Acting Clerk) . . . . . 664-4425

### DIRECTORS:

LAW: Kenneth Poller . . . . . 712-1122

PUBLIC SAFETY: William Cicchetti. . . \*666-9024

BUILDING INSPECTOR: John Scialla . . 666-0462

DMF: Chris Riedel . . . . . 664-3268

ENGINEERING: David Frank. . . . . \*476-1962

FIRE: Brendan O'Sullivan . . . . . 913-1365

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Dina Burke . . . . . 664-4404

PUBLIC CABLE TV: Bob Visich . . . . . \*358-2626

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Laura Rifkin . . . . . 664-4586

PUBLIC HEALTH: Jeanne Covello. . . . . 666-8512

RECREATION: . . . . . 666-3312

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adminsec@twpofwashington.us

All Emergencies – Police, Fire and Ambulance . . . . . 911

Police. . . . . 664-1140

\*Home Number

# Washington Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

The Volunteer Ambulance Corps. was inaugurated 57 years ago, on March 17th 1957, St Patrick's Day, I guess that's why our uniforms have always been green! However, when we are responding to calls, we wear the regulation high visibility colors for protection.

In the past few months we were very happy to be able to welcome no less than 6 new members, all fully qualified EMTs all ready to take up duty right away, mainly on weekends and, subject of course, to their high school or college commitments. We are still in dire need of volunteers to cover mid-week daytime shifts, and for those we mostly depend on retirees, life members who have already given years of service to their fellow citizens.

In 2013 the corps. responded to 632 calls, many of them were true life threatening emergencies. This is fewer than in some previous years, and we had to depend on our mutual aid system somewhat more often than in the past due to shortage of mid-week daytime members.

The mutual aid agreement that we have with our neighboring ambulance squads enables us to provide 24/7 emergency care to our friends and neighbors, but we are always in need of new members.

Training and uniforms are provided by the corps., You will learn skills that you will value all your life, and you might even have the privilege of saving a life, and maybe the life of a family member.

Call 201 664 3784 for information.

**-- FOR EMERGENCY CALL 911 --**

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