



READ ALL ABOUT IT...

...2016 ROAD PROGRAM

This year the Township is in the Pascack Valley Road Paving Cooperative. Bids were opened recently and paving should be complete in August. The lowest responsible bidder was D & L Paving at \$635,000 with an asphalt price of \$65.40 per ton. The following streets are being paved: President Road, Kennedy Drive, Adams Place, Calvin Street (N of Washington), Douglas Drive, Jacob Road, Hillcrest Road, Ridgewood Blvd. E, Ruby Court, Wayne Place, West Place, and White Birch Road. In addition, storm drain repairs will be made, catch basins will be retrofitted, and new lines will be painted at the Firehouse. Due to the shutdown of DOT projects, D & L was available to start the Township program earlier than expected. Thank you for your cooperation. Letters of notification, signs, and Swiftreach messages were used to communicate details on detours, times, road closings, and relevant information.

...STREET SWEEPING/TREE WORK

All streets were swept this spring by Paramus; a second sweeping is scheduled for August 15. Lewis Trees, a subcontractor for PSE&G trimmed trees away from the power lines on Ridgewood Rd and the roads off of Ridgewood Rd. between Lafayette and Walnut.

...EMPLOYMENT

Believe it or not, the Administration hired several new employees including a: full-time DMF Operator, full-time DMF Laborer, part-time Planning/Zoning Office Clerk; part-time Tax Assessor's Clerk, and part-time Recreation Clerk. Except for the additional DMF full-time laborer, the new hires replaced personnel who either retired or left for other employment. Also, the Acting DMF Superintendent left for a new job, and Bill Lawlor is in charge of the DMF at this point.

...POLICE DEPARTMENT

In terms of technology, Chief Glenn Hooper coordinated the purchase and installation of 6 new Panasonic ToughBook Mobile Computers as well as the purchase, installation, and data migration of a new fileserver and 15 workstations in the department. Additionally, we had to purchase a new accident program called Easy Street Draw to be compatible with the new technology.

Each patrol car is now equipped with an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), and a Lucas Cardiac Thumper Machine is on the road 24/7, 365 days a year.

Special Officer David Rosenbaum completed training and is currently working part-time as a dispatcher. Sgt. Michael Glock was accepted as a Municipal Member of the Fatal Accident Investigation Unit of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office. Cpl. Rio Fasciano coordinated the agreement with Bergen County for the GIS DATA EXCHANGE which has the geographical information necessary for mutual aid and public safety.

In 2015, the Department responded to 9,717 calls, made 142 arrests (juvenile and adult), handled 311 motor vehicle crashes, issued 2,239 summonses, and had 144 days of police education including mandatory and other training. From January to June of this year, the Department answered 4,210 calls.

Residents are encouraged to call the Police Department for installation of child restraint seats. The Department has certified Restraint Installation Technicians.

Chief Glenn Hooper and Captain Gregg Hackbarth along with Sgt. Michael Glock organized and implemented the 35th Annual Traffic Safety Poster Contest in our schools. Teachers and students worked hard to design and create posters that highlight safety. We appreciate all the sponsors who contributed to this very worthwhile community project.

Lt. Rich Skinner organized the regional JPA (Junior Police Academy) including Hillsdale, Westwood, and the

Township. It is an excellent program in which children participate in many activities, view presentations, and see many demonstrations.

It is important to know that specific motor vehicle details were performed on Washington Avenue from Garden State Parkway Exit 168 through the Fire House from 2013 to the present. The statistics, prepared by Captain Gregg Hackbarth, are listed on chart below.

...ENDURABLEND

Since 2005, the Police Department has been monitoring the intersection of Washington Avenue at Meisten Street due to a number of crashes involving westbound vehicles that lose traction when the surface is wet and either going off the road to the right and doing property damage or going across the double yellow lines into the path of oncoming eastbound traffic and striking oncoming vehicles or going off the road to the left and doing property damage. Although there are only 2 or 3 crashes a year, they tend to be serious collisions whereby injuries occur and property damage and vehicle damage is heavy. This mostly happens in late August through early winter when the road surface is wet and/or it is raining. The contributing factors are:

- Lack of traction due to wet conditions combined with slick conditions caused by residue from leaves
- Downward slope of westbound Washington leading to the intersection of Meisten Street
- Excessive speed of the vehicle involved in the crash. A partial solution to this problem is Endurablend, a red substance that increases the friction of the road surface and allows for greater traction on a wet road surface. Bergen County will be applying this surface in a 200' by 14' path before the end of August. We

are trying to have it done on a Saturday or at least a start time of 4 a.m. so that the road would be reopened by 4 p.m.

...COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

Members of the inaugural CERT Team including Lenny Sabino, Karla Williams, Brendan O’Sullivan, Jack Murphy, Danika Wortalik, and Emily Kratzer completed their first assignment at the Pascack Valley Relay for Life held on May 14 at the Westwood Regional Jr./Sr. High School where they assisted both the Township Police Department and the Relay for Life staff. The CERT members helped with pedestrian safety and traffic flow as well as being the “eyes and ears” of our Police Department and the Relay staff. If you are interested in volunteering for the CERT Team, please contact Cpl. Saverio Fasciano at the Police Department at 201-664-1140.

...DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

The DMF and all emergency services were well prepared for the blizzard of January 2016. Even though our new Road Department vehicles hadn’t arrived at the time, all of the generators, plows, and salt spreaders were ready to go. It was quite a challenge, but the members of the department deserve a big round of applause for the job they did keeping our roads open and safe for travel.

For your reference, plowing begins on the main streets and hills before the side streets. Once done, each member focuses on his particular zone to ensure continuity and comprehensive coverage.

**Motor Vehicle Enforcement Details on Washington Avenue
From Garden State Parkway Exit #168 Through the Fire House**

Year	Number of Details	Total Time On Details	Motor Vehicle Stops	Moving Violation Summonses	Non-Moving Violation Summons	Verbal Warnings
2013	32	25 Hrs. 23 Min.	80	26	16	31
2014	39	36 Hrs. 41 Min.	93	33	36	52
2015	43	52 Hrs. 11 Min.	162	44	70	90
1/1 – 5/18/16	15	16 Hrs. 30 Min.	39	15	25	9
Totals	129	130 Hrs. 45 Min.	374	118	147	182

Summary: It should be noted that the details mentioned above do not include any radar details (we generally have 100 to 120 radar details a year on Washington Avenue during the night and early morning hours), seat belt surveys/enforcement details (average 20 to 25 per year on Washington Ave.), or general motor vehicle stops from Officers on patrol who stop a violator on Washington Ave. during normal patrol time.

In addition, I thank PSE&G for their Snow Storm Alert. I expected more power outages due to high winds and snow coming down at several inches per hour. Maybe all the upgrades that PSE&G has done worked!

My request for two new dump trucks with plows and salters and sanitation truck was approved by the 2015 Council. This equipment was sorely needed, replacing trucks that were 21, 18, and 20 years old respectively. Fortunately, the bid was a little lower than the estimate.

I hope that you have noticed the new plantings and work done at the "Front Entrance" at the Hudson Avenue side of the Town Hall as well as at Veterans Circle. Stone Mill Nursery donated most of the plants. In addition, the yard is much neater and cleaner, the parking lot has been restriped, and several vehicles can be housed in the DMF building.

Even with the extremely hot, humid weather, the members have been working hard to maintain fields and the debris program. Also, they continue to fill potholes and solve problems as they arise. Thank them for their excellent work when you see them.

The Township is still in a position to offer the debris service at the DMF Yard on Tuesdays and Saturdays. However, it is a very expensive service that few towns offer. Please have your decal handy at the Yard.

...DEBRIS & GRASS COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Township Grass and Garden Debris (once a week) and Household Debris (once a month) programs are currently operating the same way they have in the past. However, please check your flyer for information on hazardous materials.

The next shredding event will be Saturday, October 15, at the DMF Yard 9 a.m.-Noon.

...FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to 192 calls in 2015 and 89 calls from January through June this year. It is important to note that the members answer many calls other than fire, for example, accidents including extrication from vehicles, flooding, and power outages.

On April 10, the Department honored Bob Thompson, a fireman who has given 60 years as a volunteer to help this community whenever that tone went out for help. It was awesome that the department made huge signs for the trucks and went through the town to make residents aware of this landmark event for such a long-time, great fireman! Federal, state, and local officials who attended this historical event include Congressman Scott Garrett, Assemblyman Bob Auth, myself, Council President Michael Ullman, and Councilmen Steven Cascio and Thomas Sears.

Members were very busy with a working house fire at 184 Howard Street in April. I thank them for the time and outstanding effort they gave to putting out this fire. Fortunately, a neighbor Joanne Toole, smelled the smoke and went to the house and got the resident out on time.

The Fire Department continues to sponsor or participate in community events such as the Egg Hunt; Antique Custom Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show; Memorial Day Parade; 9/11 Ceremony; Tree Lighting; and Town Day.

...AMBULANCE CORPS

The Ambulance Corps responded to 548 calls last year and 234 calls from January to June of this year. In January, the Ambulance Corps held the Annual Installation of New Officers and New Members as well as the Awards Program to recognize Members for their years of service and number of calls answered. Please thank Ambulance Corps members when you see them around town.

In addition, there was a fundraising effort to purchase 2 chest compressors, AED's, and other safety equipment for ambulance, fire, and police. More than \$34,000 was raised for life-saving machines by a committee led by Councilman Tom Sears that included Bob Stickel, Laura Rifkin, Dina Burke, and Eugene Greco. I thank Kevin Lynch, President and CEO of Oritani Bank, for his generous donation to this important cause.

...SAFETY MEETINGS

Victor Fadini, Risk Manager for the Township, continues to conduct monthly safety meetings that include representatives from Ambulance Corps, Fire Department, Police Department, Road Department, and Administration. This is a good opportunity for all safety units to communicate, keep informed, plan training sessions, and improve safety. Since 2011 and the first time ever, the Township has received 5 awards from the JIF (Joint Insurance Fund).

...RETIREMENTS

The Mayor and Council presented a plaque to Millie Lombardi who worked for the Township 35 years in the Tax Assessor's Office and the Tax Collector's office. She was an excellent employee who always had a smile and a kind word for our residents.

Dan Levy, Health Officer, worked for the Township 41 years coordinating and supervising an excellent Joint Health Program with several towns in our area.

John Horn, DMF Operator, worked for the Township 33 years using his expertise in drainage, sewer, and water to solve problems.

...HEALTH DEPARTMENT

We have three new members of the Health Board including Bob Stickel, Dan Scudieri, and Desserie Morgan. They are very interested in new initiatives including the Stigma Free Program. In addition, with the retirement of Health Officer, Dan Levy, we now have a contract with the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission for our services.

...GRANTS

The Township was recently notified that its Clean Communities Grant for 2016 is \$21,972.94. Since our grant applications for Department of Transportation funds for the remainder of Colonial Boulevard and all of Mountain Avenue were not “granted,” we applied for a Discretionary Grant for Mountain Avenue.

...TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The members of the Council are always researching and discussing solutions and getting feedback to meet various needs and make improvements for our town. Some of the ordinances they passed from January to May include 16-02 appropriating \$1,009,000 to fund the Road Program and improvements at the Municipal Complex and 16-04 adding streets to certain time limit parking.

With the Council’s approval of Ordinance 16-02, new flooring will be installed in areas of the Town Hall, the Office of the Court Clerk, and the Police Department. If you remember, the Township received a grant last year to renovate the senior center.

...2016 BUDGET

Mayor, Council, and Administrator worked very hard to prepare a budget that meets the needs of the Township and is fiscally responsible. Administrator Mary Anne Groh who is also a CPA was able to provide figures and make changes quickly and easily to help in making decisions. Even though there are more and more mandates being put on the municipalities, the municipal portion is actually lower than last year by approximately \$60 on a house assessed at \$464,000. However, taxes are comprised of three entities: school, county, and municipality.

...TERRIFIC TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

It’s wonderful to see the progress the Township Library has made in the past several years--amazing! It could not have been done without Director Laura Rifkin, Members of the Library Board, Friends of the Library, and the many

supporters of the programs. They have worked hard to make a difference in the community. You may have attended the Mardi Gras Concert, Chair Yoga, Sherlock Holmes Old Time Radio Show, Town Day Zombie Zone, Health and Wellness Talks, and/or the Annual Haunted House. New brochures with 2015 statistics and an overview of the programs and services are available on the Library website and in hard copy at the Library Circulation Desk. Please contact the Library at 201-664-4586 or visit the website at www.TwpofWashingtonPL.org for new programs such as Teen Lock In/Sleepover July 15 and Sciencetellers Family Program on July 19.

Mrs. Rifkin is currently exploring ways to have our local history room archives digitized and able to be searched from our library website. This will be an ongoing endeavor and a wonderful resource for the public.

Once again, the Library has been nominated for an American Heart Saver Award for educating the public with CPR/AED and First Aid classes. In addition, the Library is helping to organize a Stigma Free Program through classes, awareness, and municipal alliance.

...MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

In the same fashion as in her efforts to provide a Terrific Township library, Laura Rifkin has done a great job in the Municipal Alliance Committee, which has or is sponsoring many programs. **Schools:** 2 assemblies at the Westwood Regional High School for Respect Week, Drunk Driving program for Prom, Anti-Bullying program at George and Washington Schools, 6 Footprint for Life programs on anti-drug and underage drinking at George and Washington Schools for 3rd and 4th grade classes, and shirts for Peer Pals at George School. **Police/Town Day:** drawstring bags, dog tags, safety coloring books; pie eating contest plaque. **Adults:** Stigma Free supplies such as banners, t-shirts, and decals.

...MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Chief of Police Glenn Hooper coordinated the placement and installation of the new Security Camera Surveillance System at the municipal complex. Chief Hooper is working with Vladimir Wojno-Oranski, Engineering Director, to improve drainage at the Police Department.

...STIGMA-FREE INITIATIVE

The Bergen County **STIGMA-FREE Initiative** is a county-wide program which aims to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. It is dedicated to raising awareness of the disease of mental illness and creating a culture wherein residents who have the disease feel sup-

ported by their community and neighbors and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma. If you are interested in helping in the Township program, please contact Bernadette at Town Hall at 201-664-4404. For more information, check the Township website or the Bergen County website at www.co.bergen.nj.us/DocumentCenter/View/3370.

...DEDICATION OF THE CEIL RITTER PAVILION

The pavilion at Memorial Park/Field was officially dedicated as the Ceil Ritter Pavilion on Saturday, May 7. It was a standing room only crowd of friends, family, and co-workers who gathered to “celebrate mom.” Ceil was a dedicated, hardworking employee who loved her job, the town, and its residents. Her position included three areas: Recreation, Health, and Registrar. As registrar, Ceil had the opportunity to meet and know the generations...making and living the history of our community. How great was that! Ceil’s volunteerism was second to none as she often helped to collect fines at the Court, manage signups for sports, and distribute uniforms.

A beautiful plaque is now located at the Front of the Pavilion facing Pascack Road. See www.twpofwashington.us and the centerfold for photos of the dedication.

...PARKS/FIELDS/RECREATION

The problems with the well at Memorial Field, which was built in 2006, were diagnosed and repaired at a cost of \$7,768; the pump and pipes had to be replaced. Sprinklers at Sherry and Gardner were delayed this year because Suez Water required that a backflow valve be installed prior to installation of a seasonal meter.

New mulch was spread on the playgrounds at Clark, Memorial, and Gardner and repair to the “parking lot” at Sherry is underway.

...AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

The members of the Bergen Amateur Radio Association meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. If you are interested in joining or learning about radio communication, call James Joyce at 201-664-6725 or 201-294-7018 for details.

...MEMORIAL PARK/FIELD RENOVATION

There has been much discussion about improvements to Memorial Field/Park to provide a facility that can sustain a high level of utilization. This November, there will

be a Question on the Ballot in regard to funding improvements at the Field/Park.

Fortunately, we were able to obtain open space matching grants for a new roof, tables, and benches for the pavilion and a new fence for the perimeter of the park. In addition, we were awarded a \$22,775 Open Space Grant for Memorial Park Access Improvement for replacement of sidewalks along Pascack Road in front of the park and a \$21,093 Open Space Grant for replacement of the Basketball Court at the park.

...SCOUTING

Boy Scout Troop 321 recently held its annual installation and awards ceremony. The Knights of Columbus sponsor this troop. The parents, leaders, and scouts have done an outstanding job rebuilding this troop to more than 20 scouts. In addition, they participate in all our town events. I thank them for their community spirit. Congratulations to Alexios Jouvanis and Michael Richetti, Jr. of Troop 321 for achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Scouting.

Cub Pack 228 recently held its Blue and Gold Dinner where leaders were recognized for all their work, scouts were recognized for their accomplishments, and district leader Barry Messner and Eagle Scout Matt Davino made a presentation on scouting.

Currently, Girl Scout Troop 5564 is designing a community beautification project to fulfill requirements for their bronze award.

...RECYCLING UPDATE

From January to June of this year, you recycled about 573 tons. Keep up the good work to improve the environment and maintain revenue.

...LARGE CROWD SUPPORTS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Unfortunately, the Parade had to be cancelled due to the weather forecast. However, the Memorial Ceremony was held in the Senior Center, and I was every encouraged by the large crowd of people (standing room only) who came to honor the men and women who died in the service of our country. Bob Meier of VFW Post #6192 was the Grand Marshal of this event. He spoke about the history of Memorial Day and the importance of taking time to honor the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom.

...SHOWS FROM WCTV

The members of WCTV are volunteers who provide an avenue of communication for the public through the *GSP 168* shows that they produce and air on Cablevision, Fios, and YouTube. Some of the shows include Baseball/Softball Opening Day, Stigma Free Awareness, Memorial Day Ceremony, and Summer Musical Show.

...RECREATION

Two hundred forty-eight children participated in Basketball, 93 in traveling basketball, 67 in wrestling, and 186 in lacrosse. Currently, 320 girls and boys are in baseball and softball and more than 100 men are in softball. The Summer Recreation Program is in full swing with a registration of 144 children. The new coordinator is Christopher Pinto who has planned some great new activities for the children including the water slide.

...GOLDEN SENIORS CLUB

James Joyce, President of the Golden Seniors reports that the members of the club are enjoying trips to various places, attending exercise classes at the Senior Center, and working to restore the Veterans Wall due to the renovation.

The Golden Seniors Club raised \$2,000 for two \$1,000 scholarships that were awarded to Kristen DiLorenzo and Gary Peters, graduates of Westwood Regional High School. Kay Coppola, Committee Chairperson presented the awards.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call James Joyce at 201-664-6725 or 201-294-7018.

...TOWN DAY

Our annual Town Day Celebration/Family Festival will be on Saturday, September 17, from 11-4 p.m. Please look for information on events, vendors, demonstrations, rides, etc. that will be available that day. New to the Festival will be a Petting Zoo and a Kids Entrepreneurship Corner. If you are interested in volunteering, donating, or being a vendor, please call Bernadette at the 201-664-4404. Hope to see you there!

...*SWIFTREACH911*

In our efforts to provide reliable notification of emergencies and/or important messages to our residents, the Township has a contract with SwiftReach911 enabling us to send out mass telephone calls, text messages, and/or emails to specific people or specific areas of the Township in the event of an emergency or important notification. While the Township already maintains a confidential listing of every phone number supplied through the State of New Jersey's 911 network, we do not have the means to obtain listings of the ever changing cell phone numbers and email addresses of every individual who lives, works, or frequents the Township. Please help us maintain updated information by using the SwiftReach911 link on our website at www.twpofwashington.us to provide current information by registering personal contact information, be it your home phone, business, or frequented location.

An application with more information on making changes, additions, and deletions is included in this newsletter. Please register as soon as possible so that you can be contacted when necessary.

Sincerely,
Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor

Moody's Investors Service

Issuer Comment – 26 July 2016 – Washington Township (Bergen County), NJ

Annual Comment on Washington Township

ISSUER PROFILE

Washington Township is located in north central Bergen County, New Jersey, approximately 20 miles northwest of downtown New York City. Bergen County has a population of 933,572 and a population density of 4,007 people per square mile. The county's per capita personal income is \$73,536 (1st quartile) and the May 2016 unemployment rate was 4.1% (2nd quartile). The largest industry sectors that drive the local economy are health services, retail trade, and professional/scientific/technical services.

CREDIT OVERVIEW

Washington Township has a very high quality credit position, and its Aa2 rating is a little stronger than the

median rating of Aa3 for US cities. The key credit factors include a robust financial position, and a strong socioeconomic profile with a healthy tax base. It also incorporates a negligible debt liability with a moderate pension burden.

Finances: The financial position of the township is robust and is relatively favorable with respect to its Aa2 rating. The cash balance as a percent of revenues (41.6%) is slightly above the US median. Moreover, the fund balance as a percent of operating revenues (39.6%) is a little stronger than other Moody's-rated cities nationwide, and increased markedly from 2012 to 2015.

The full report is on the township website



Michael Richetti, Jr. and Alexios Jouvanis of Troop 321 were awarded the highest rank in Scouting at their Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Westwood Regional High School.



Meredith Martin, CERT liaison of the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management, Township volunteers Lenny Sabino and Karla Williams, and Relay volunteer Karim Bousleiman.



In June, the Fire Department sponsored its annual Antique Custom Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show at Westwood Regional High School.



Dedication of the Ceil Ritter Pavilion at Memorial Field/Park took place on Saturday, May 7.



Children enrolled in the Library Preschooler Drive In program made cars out of paper boxes, lights out of paper cups, and enjoyed the movie! It was another terrific event from the Township Library.



Cub Pack 228 enjoyed the Annual Blue and Gold Dinner where leaders were recognized for their work, scouts were recognized for their accomplishments, and District Leader Barry Messner and Eagle Scout Matt Davino made a presentation on scouting.



The Fire Department honored Bobby Thompson on April 10, 2016 for his 60 years of service to our town.



Tom Carbone and Vito Trause enjoyed the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Fire Department. I guess they were absent from the Bagel Store that day!

The "students" enrolled in the regional Junior Police Academy learned about the NJ National Guard and the Hackensack University Medical Center Helicopters. The JPA is sponsored by Hillsdale, Westwood, and the Township of Washington. Lt. Rich Skinner coordinates the program.



Stigma Free

On March 7, 2016, the Township of Washington joined 37 other towns in Bergen County as Stigma-Free Zone. We thank the Town Council and Mayor Janet Sobkowicz for passing this resolution. While still in the planning stages, the goal of this initiative is to involve community leaders and a task force in developing programs and activities that will engage and educate the community at large about mental illness in order to eliminate the stigma so often attached to those illnesses. Stigma is one of the main reasons why people don't seek treatment and don't reach out to family, friends and neighbors for support.

Mental illness is far more common than people realize. Mental illness covers a wide scope of ages from young boys and girls, adult population and veterans. We need to stop the fear of mental illness and become educated so we can learn the signs and truly understand that the illnesses of the brain are just that – illnesses. Like illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease, etc., mental illness is treatable and, the earlier they are treated, the better the chance for a positive outcome.

Stigma is experienced by children from a young age when their various symptoms and illnesses are often misjudged due to a lack of understanding. Such illnesses include, ADHD, OCD, Tourette, anxiety, depression, to name a few. The uninformed reaction to these conditions can bring on additional stress, pressure, and bullying from peers. Fortunately, as mental illness research continues to advance, we now have more resources to help us better understand and support our friends, family, and loved ones. For additional information on how you can help support the Stigma-Free Zone Initiative in the Township of Washington, please contact Thomas O'Donnell at Odonnell802@aol.com or Desserie Morgan at Desserie4@gmail.com

What is Stigma?

Stigma is a mark of disgrace, which results from the judgment by others. When an individual is labeled by their illness, they experience judgment and prejudice. Stigma brings experiences and feelings of shame, embarrassment,

distress, hopelessness and reluctance to seek or accept help. As a result, stigma is the primary reason individuals do not seek help when they experience symptoms of mental illness.

Quick Facts

- 1 in 4 adults experience a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year, approximately 61.5 million Americans.
- 1 in 17 adults live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder
- 8 million deaths are caused by mental health disorders each year.
- Just over 20 percent (or 1 in 5) children either currently or at some point during their life, have had a seriously debilitating mental disorder.
- Less than 20% of children & adolescents with diagnosable mental health problems receive the treatment they need. Half of all mental health disorders show first signs before a person turns 14, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of mental health disorders begin before age 24.

Visit these website for more information:

- <http://www.careplusnj.org>
- <http://www.bergenspromise.org>
- <http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/index.aspx?NID=1242>



Members of WCTV hosted a Stigma Free Show to inform the public and raise awareness of the importance of reducing the stigma associated with mental illness. From l to r: Mayor Janet Sobkowicz, Tom O'Donnell, Desserie Morgan, and Larry Lifrieri.

Township Fall Festival Kids Entrepreneur Corner

New to our Township of Washington Seventh Annual Fall Festival will be a "Kids Entrepreneur Corner." The Festival Committee is encouraging children between the ages of 8-18 to become entrepreneurs for a day. If you have a talent for pottery, painting, bracelets, or any of the many other arts and crafts, the Fall Festival is your opportunity sell your creations and get started on the road to a future career. No food items are permitted. If you are interested, or have questions, send an e-mail to PublicAffairs@TwpOfWashington.us describing your product or products. You will receive a confirmation if you are approved. Other new attractions include a Petting Zoo and Pony Rides. The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Memorial Field on Pascack Road, rain or shine. Admission is free. Visit our website, TwpofWashington.us, for more information about the Festival.

Contemporary Woman's Club of Washington Township

During the year 2015 GFWC/NJSFWC The Contemporary Woman's Club organized the following fundraisers to be able to donate to the causes listed below:

- Shake the Can • Plant Sales • Dinner & theater nights • Lord & Taylor Buffet/Fashion Show
- Personal items to Seaman's Church Institute and St. Joseph's Indian Schools
- Twelve (12) Christmas stockings filled with personal items for our troops
- Eight (8) "no sew" blankets for Operation Smile
- Two (2) \$1,000 scholarship awards for township students
- Seven (7) \$25 gift cards to Westwood High School graduating students
- \$160 to UNICEF
- Holiday bell to the winner of the Home Decorating Contest
- \$225 to Girls' Career Institute in order for a female student from Westwood High School, who has completed her Junior year, to attend workshops at Douglass College.
- \$250 to the Washington Township Library for the purchase of 36 passes to be used by township residents for free entrance to the Museum of Natural History.
- \$200 to Westwood Cares to provide assistance to needy families in Washington Township.
- Two (2) \$25 checks for the annual Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Washington Township Police Department.



Left to right Patti Trichon, Barbara Marino and Sandi Ellis making the blankets for Operation Smile

Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council #5427

Following are the **Fund Raising and Other Events** conducted every year. Our cash donations to charity for the Fraternal Year ending June 30, 2015, totaled \$54,201. We have an ongoing clothing drive that delivers clothing to St. Andrew's every Monday.

- January – Free Throw Contest
- February – Super Bowl Party
- February – Wine Tasting Party
- March – ARC Canteen
- March – St. Patrick's Day Party
- April – Developmentally Disabled Fund Raiser
- April – Testimonial Dinner
- May – Third Degree Ceremonial
- May – Right-To-Life Monument
- May – Beef steak Dinner
- May – Scholarship Awards
- May – Memorial Day Parade
- June – Spring Food Drive
- June – Golf Outing at Walkkill Golf
- September 10 - Annual Picnic
- September - Installation of Officers
- November - Memorial Mass
- December - Winter Food Drive
- December - Christmas Party



Santa and Mrs. Claus from the Christmas Party, December 2015.



Winter 2016 Food Drive



Clowns who entertained at the Christmas Party.

Update From The Township Of Washington Fire Department

Our Volunteer Fire Department has been hard at work making improvements to better serve our town. Some highlights:

- As part of our renewed focus on providing skills training for our firefighters, the WTFD hosted several key safety drills and seminars, including the proper use of AED units, CPR certification, and a multi-town PSE&G Emergency Skills Drill, which covered important procedures for dealing with live electrical wires and pole fires, natural gas & carbon monoxide leaks, and solar panel safety.
- WTFD Life Member Bob Thompson was recently honored by his fellow firefighters with a celebration in recognition of his 60 years in the Fire Service.
- The WTFD had 72 alarms to report to the Firehouse during the period of January through March, 2016. Calls included Fire Calls, Drills, and Training, for a total of 1,808 hours volunteered.
- Our website has been redesigned and updated to keep the community informed on department news, events and activities. **Please visit www.wtfd.us for details.**



(left to right: CPR training, PSE&G Emergency Skills presentation)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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| May | Memorial Day Service & Parade |
| June | Annual Car Show |
| July | Summer Camp Wet Down |
| September | School Visits |
| October | Ragamuffin Parade
Town Day |
| December | Santa Comes to Visit
Christmas Tree Sale (<i>grave blankets, wreaths, trees, etc</i>) |

CONTACT INFORMATION

For Emergencies, Dial 9 - 1 - 1
For Non-Emergencies: 666-0750
Email: info@wtfd.us
Website: www.wtfd.us

The Terrific Township Library

The Library had a wonderful 2015! New brochures with our 2015 statistics and an overview of programs and services are available on the Library website and in hard copy at the Library Circulation Desk.

A few of our most popular events were:

- Mardi Gras Concert
- St. Patricks Day Celebration
- Murder Mystery Dinner
- Town Day Zombie Zone
- Senior Chair Yoga
- Annual Haunted House
- Sherlock Holmes Old Time Radio Show
- Who-ville Holiday Celebration

So far this year we have sponsored:

- Jazz Concert
- Kids Stuffed Animal Sleepover
- Chinese Tea Tasting
- Look for us in the Memorial Day Parade!
- Health and Wellness
- Summer Reading Kick Off with Magician Steve Woyce
- Teen Lock In/Sleepover
- Sciencetellers Family Program

For more information on any of our great events, please contact the library at **201-664-4586**
or visit our website at **www.TwpofWashingtonPL.org**



Upcoming Events

September 11

9/11 Ceremony

8:30 a.m.

Senior Center Town Hall

350 Hudson Avenue

September 17

Annual Town Day Celebration

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Memorial Park

Pascack Road @ School Street

September 25

San Gennaro Feast

Library

October 15

Shredding & E-Recycling Event

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Town Hall Parking Lot

350 Hudson Avenue

October

Rag-A-Muffin Parade (TBA)

December 9

Annual Tree & Menorah Lighting

December 11

Charles Dickens

Library

MEETING SCHEDULE

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS - 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.

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