



...NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

There was no escaping the repeat performance of the snow and ice storms of last year. It was quite a challenge to Dan Kiely, the new Superintendent of the DMF, and the members of the department. They deserve a round of applause for the job they did keeping our roads open and safe for travel. Again, the costs of salt, vehicle repairs, equipment parts, and vehicle rental totaled more than \$90,000 and put a large dent into the budget very early in the year. What are your predictions for this coming winter?

Thomas Clossey, Superintendent/Foreman of the Road Department retired in January 2015 after 40 years of service to the residents of our community. Tom's work ethic, knowledge, training, and commitment to people are well-known. He has always been there for us!

Marie Weber, secretary to the Road Department, retired at the end of November 2014, after 18 years of service to the residents of our community. Marie's work ethic, knowledge, and commitment to people are also well-known. She cared! Lisa Anastasio is the new secretary.

Unfortunately, since December 2014, several full-time employees have been on medical or injury leave of absence. Two additional seasonal employees were hired in order to provide uninterrupted services. Grass and garden debris will be picked up each week according to the schedule until Friday, October 26; household debris will be picked up until September 18.

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. 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. All Township streets were swept the week of May 18 by Paramus Public Works.

Recently, the Town Council authorized the purchase of two dump trucks with plows and salters and one garbage truck. This equipment is sorely needed; the dump trucks being replaced are 21 and 18 years old and the garbage truck being replaced is 20 years old. Fortunately, the bid came in a little lower than the estimate.

The Township offers the debris service at the DMF Yard on Tuesdays and Saturdays. However, it is a very expensive service that few towns offer. Please make sure that you have your decal handy at the Yard.

Currently, the department is working on fields, parks, household and garden debris, potholes, catchbasins, preventative maintenance, and other items as they arise. Also, the Musial Architecture Group who has been conducting a needs study of the Department will be submitting its report in September.

...AMBULANCE CORPS ALWAYS READY TO HELP

On January 30 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.

From January to June 30, 2015, the Ambulance Corps was dispatched 386 times. However, neighboring towns cover us when WTVAC is out of service. These figures are not included. The members

of the Corps are always working hard to get new members to provide more service to the residents. Have you thought about becoming a member? It is a lot of work, but it is very rewarding.

You can also greatly help the Corps by contributing to the fundraising effort started by Councilman Sears to purchase a chest compressor machine that can save lives. Donations can be mailed directly to the Corps or brought to the Township Library; please mark the check for "heart healthy." In addition, Councilman Sears and I had met with the general manager of the Township Charlie Browns and the marketing director of the chain, and they are going to sponsor Donation Days on September 15 and 16 to donate a percentage of what people spend on those days to the Heart Healthy Campaign. They will also be participating in Town Day.

...FIRE DEPARTMENT ALWAYS READY TO HELP

On January 24, William Maul, a member of the Township of Washington Fire Department, was honored for his 50 years of dedicated, volunteer service to the residents of this community and other communities he has helped. It is estimated that Bill probably answered more than 5,000 calls during his 50 years. If you see him, please thank him for a job well done!

Did you know that there were four other 50-year volunteer fireman in our department who attained this honor—James Carney, John Hoover, Joseph Orocchi, and Bobby Thompson. This is quite an accomplishment! Congressman Scott Garrett attended this event and was very impressed that the Township had three, 50-year firemen in the room and he could talk with them about their service.

In response to requests, the Fire Department did an outstanding job in reviving the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast at the firehouse. Even though seats were available upstairs and downstairs, there were waiting lines during the event. It was good to see so many of you there to support the volunteers.

The Fire Department held their annual Egg Hunt on April 4 at Memorial Field; the wind and cold weather did not keep parents and children away! Their Annual Inspection of Vehicles and Equipment was held on May 16. The Department also sponsored the

Annual Antique Custom Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show on June 14.

From January to June 30, the Department answered 102 calls to service including fires, rescues, auto accidents, flooding, and other needs.

...POLICE DEPARTMENT VERY ACTIVE

The Department made several arrests in regard to cell phone insurance scams; the actors were charged, referred to the County Prosecutor's office, and are part of the larger federal investigation of this issue.

It is important for you to be aware of teller banking scams. In conjunction with bank security personnel and police officers, an arrest was made and the party was charged with various indictable crimes. Please make every effort to check all your bank statements to verify all balances and call our police if you notice anything suspicious.

You should also be aware of the ongoing SCAM phone calls from people claiming to be the IRS or public utility companies saying that you owe money. The scammers ask the victims to pay by going to a local store and getting a PAYPAL GREEN DOT MONEYPAK. They want the scratch off code to access the moneypak. This is virtually untraceable once the access code is given out.

A report of the arrests made by our Police Department operated by the Automated Traffic System and Automated Court System (ATS/ACS) for January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 and January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 is interesting. There were 7 arrests in the 2014 time period and 34 arrests in the 2015 time period! The ATS and ACS arrests stem from our police officers checking the state computer system when they make motor vehicle stops. As you can see, our officers have been very proactive in using the technology to provide for the safety and security of our community.

The Department continues to participate in the statewide Click It or Ticket Program and various special details; summonses and warnings are given. The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown was held from August 21 to September 7, 2015. It is part of a state and national effort to help raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Please be aware that there is no parking on any Township street from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. If you have

the need to park overnight, please call the Police Department at 201-664-1140 to have it on record.

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 and Police Officer Heather Castronova organized and implemented the 34th Annual Traffic Safety Poster Contest in our schools. Teachers and students worked hard to design and create posters that highlight safety. The themes were: Pedestrian and Child Passenger Safety, Getting to School Safely, and How to Be a Good Passenger. We appreciate all the sponsors who contributed to this very worthwhile community project.

This year, the regional JPA (Junior Police Academy) including Hillsdale, Westwood, and the Township had a record number of 126 applicants for this popular program. The children participate in many activities, view presentations, and see many demonstrations. Lt. Richard Skinner coordinates this program and continues to organize an excellent experience for the participants.

The American Automobile Association presented an Outstanding Achievement Award to Chief Hooper and Captain Hackbarth for their exceptional traffic safety program activities.

Cpl. Steven Riedel and P.O. Richard Parsells received a Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award from MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their efforts in keeping NJ roads safe from impaired drivers.

Also, it is very important that you call when you see or experience something suspicious!

...MEETING WITH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

In February, Chief Hooper, Captain Hackbarth, and I attended a meeting with Dr. Gonzalez, superintendent of the Westwood Regional School District. We discussed PARCC testing, safety issues, and the renovation of the facade and roof east of the main entrance.

...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 Health Office. This is a good opportunity for all safety units to communicate, keep informed, plan training sessions, and improve safety. Since 2011, the Township has received 4 awards from the JIF (Joint Insurance Fund) including Best Overall Performance, Certificate of Excellence, and 2 Gold Awards. Good job!

Also, members of the Council and I completed a JIF seminar to learn about new procedures and policies; there is an incentive to attend--the \$250 credit the township gets on the annual payment for each official who attends up to \$1,000.

...RETIREMENTS

The Mayor and Council presented plaques to employees who retired since December 2014 to recognize their years of service to the Township. These employees are: DMF Superintendent/Foreman Tom Clossey 33 years, Deputy Treasurer Rosemary Cunningham 18 years, DMF Secretary Marie Weber 18 years, Police Chief Randy Ciocco 41 years, and Township Clerk Mary Ann Ozment 27 years. Councilman Richard Hrbek also received a plaque for his 12 years of service as a Councilman in the Township.

...TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The members of the Council are always researching and discussing solutions to meet various needs in the Township. From January to June 2015, the Council passed the following ordinances:

- 15-01 Board of Adjustment Fee Schedule
- 15-02 Towing and Storage of Vehicles
- 15-03 Amending Sections within the Department of Finance
- 15-04 Improvement of Memorial Field/Park with an initial appropriation of \$150,000 for design and specifications
- 15-05 Amending Fees for Recreation Department Activities

15-06 Budget Cost of Allowance to establish a Cap Bank

15-07 Bond ordinance for the 2015 Road Program to improve various roads in the Township

15-08 Appropriation of \$25,000 from the General Capital Fund, Fund Balance Account to finance the cost of the replacing the Senior Center floor; however, this project is being funded by a grant from Community Development

15-09 Acquisition of new vehicular equipment (2 dump trucks, 1 garbage truck) for the Department of Municipal Facilities

During this time, the Council has also been active with respect to various Township needs and projects including the road resurfacing program, utilization of the former VFW property for housing with a preference for veterans, capital planning, a DMF needs study, Exit 168 and 171 issues, and the Washington Avenue/Pascack Road intersection.

...MEMORIAL PARK/FIELD RENOVATION

There has been much discussion of the pros and cons about the proposed improvements to Memorial Park. The goal is to provide a facility that can withstand the high utilization that occurs there, reduce maintenance costs, improve safety, improve aesthetics, and preserve our small town feeling. Prior Councils have attempted to address the problems with Memorial Park, much of which are due to the large number of participants, children and adults alike, who utilize the field for recreation including soccer, football, lacrosse, cheerleading, baseball, softball, adult softball, summer recreation programs and more. The field has been re-sodded several times, and has been treated with all manner of techniques in an attempt to maintain a safe playing surface for all the athletics and events that take place on the field. It is difficult to provide a field which can sustain the level of use which our Township requires.

The geography of the field reflects a 6.5 foot slope from west to east; this creates runoff from grass, dirt, and clay which pours onto the basketball court, parking lot, pavilion, and playground and makes its way to the drainage sewers and into surrounding waterways. Other factors that contribute to expensive maintenance costs include grass cutting,

constant relining of the field, leveling and raking, frequent replacement of sod, fertilization, repair and maintenance of sprinklers, and repair of very old and inefficient lighting fixtures. At the end of the day, the field is simply inadequate for the Township's needs.

The proposed renovation includes construction of retaining walls, improved drainage, asphalt/concrete work, installation of an artificial surface on the field areas, installation of more efficient lighting, a walking track around the field, and ballfield equipment. In addition, the serious drainage issues experienced by the field in the past will be alleviated with a new drainage system designed for a turf field which will eliminate runoff.

As for other improvements associated with Memorial Park, in the past several years, we have been able to obtain open space matching grants to purchase new playground equipment; a new roof, tables, and benches for the pavilion; and a new fence for the perimeter of the park. Currently, 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.

As of press time, information for this project is still being gathered, reviewed, evaluated, and discussed, and input from the public has been sought as part of the review process.

...SCOUTING

Cub Pack 228 held its Blue and Gold Dinner on March 8. The leaders were recognized for all their work; scouts were recognized for their accomplishments as they move to new levels in the pack; the Webelos 2 bridged into the Boy Scouts.

Troop 321 held its Annual Anniversary Dinner and Court of Awards Ceremony on March 21 to welcome the Webelos 2 from their bridging ceremony and to distribute awards for projects. Again, the leaders and parents have done a great job providing excellent opportunities and projects for these boys.

On Saturday, April 5, Leaders Roberta Kenyon and Maria Trimarchi of Girl Scout Troop 5559 organized a yoga program at the Library which was given by Laura Litchult from Cradles to Crayons Day Care Center in Emerson.

Alex Jouvanis of Troop 321 recently completed his Eagle Scout project at Lincoln Park by enhancing

the entrance with a new sign and plantings and reconstructing a new walking path. What a difference an Eagle Scout project makes!

Junior Girl Scout Troop 4343 completed its Bronze Award Project which is a *Welcome Handbook to Kids from Kids* for new families that move into town so that they are familiar with all the wonderful things that the Township of Washington has to offer. The Handbook is posted on the Township website.

Scouts Antonio Vinagre and Stephen Munson offered to play TAPS at the Memorial Day Parade. They did a great job!

Scouts Michael Kazigian, Trevor Murphy, and Nick Covello of Troop 321 participated in the Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps' mass casualty incident drill held at Pascack Hills High School.

Ethan O'Malley also of Troop 321 is currently working on his Eagle Scout plan to build a Veterans Wall at the Municipal Building that will include a monitor for current information.

...AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

The members of the Bergen Amateur Radio Association meet the first Sunday 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.

...RECYCLING

It is important that we step up our recycling efforts; we are 66 tons behind (650-584) January to June 30 of last year. It doesn't sound like much, but it is a difference of \$3,171 in revenue. Please recycle as much as possible; it helps to defray the cost of the program which costs about \$11,807 a month.

...LARGE CROWD SUPPORTS THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

It was wonderful to see the large crowd of people at the Parade to honor the men and women who died in the service of our country.

May is National Military Appreciation Month, and it was an opportunity for us to think about the branches of the military and how they serve our country. This year we included flags of the military branches along the Veterans' Place wall to honor the men and women who served and made the ultimate

sacrifice for us in the five active-duty Services and their respective Guard and Reserve units: Army, Navy, Marine Corps., Air Force, and Coast Guard.

Vito Trause of VFW Post #6192 was the Grand Marshal of the 2015 Memorial Day Parade. He was a prisoner of World War II who was able to escape captivity from a prisoner of war camp and make it home to freedom! Vito stressed the importance of taking time to honor the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom.

You probably are aware of the 90th birthday celebration for Vito Trause given by his daughters Victoria and Cindy with the support of Bobby Keane and many other people who honored Vito for his military sacrifices and community support including State Assemblyman Robert Auth who presented a joint resolution from the State Senate and the State Assembly.

...VISIT WITH MR. WILLIAM MUMMERS

At the suggestion of Naomi Theisz of our Ambulance Corps, Chief Glenn Hooper and I visited with Bill Mummerts of the Township, a 96-year-old World War II veteran of the 4th Infantry Division of the United States Army. Mr. Mummerts participated in the D-Day Invasion on June 6, 1944, when some 156,000 American, British, and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region.

After being injured in combat, Mr. Mummerts was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his role in invasion. We were honored to be able to speak to Mr. Mummerts who served with distinction helping to preserve the freedom we enjoy today.

...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 Winter Music Show, Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, Chest Compressor Informational Presentation, Baseball Opening Day, and Summer Musical Show.

They also produced shows to interview coaches and players from the 2015 Championship Teams of Westwood Regional High School for Boys Bowling, Girls Basketball, and Boys Golf.

...RECREATION

The recreation calendar was very full from January to July with Basketball, Wrestling, Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball, Men's Over 35 softball, and the Summer Recreation Program.

About 160 children were enrolled in the Summer program and enjoyed many activities, rides, and trips. Examples include Outragehiss Pets, Jackals Baseball, Library, Crabgrass Theater, Magician, Sports/Olympics Day, Kickball Tournament, Darlington Swim Park, and Township Swim Club.

The Falcons Football program just started and now belongs to a smaller, newly formed league called the North New Jersey Junior Football League. This should provide a more "level playing field." The program is open to children entering grades K-8 in September 2015.

The Falcons Cheerleading has started and welcomes girls entering grades 3-8 to the program.

...MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Laura Rifkin, chairperson of our Municipal Alliance Committee, reports that the Alliance has supported many programs this year including: Footprints for Life at the Washington and George Elementary Schools, coordination of the Drunk Driving car at the High School, and the WISE (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education) program for senior citizens.

...ROAD PROGRAM 2015

Bids for the 2015 Road Program were accepted on July 7 with D & L Paving Contractors from Nutley being the lowest responsible bidder. Paving should begin shortly. The following streets are included: Fillmore Drive, Standish Place, Cleveland Avenue, Hoover (South of Edison), Julia Court, Chestnut Street (Wash to Cleveland), Cosman Street, Darlene Terrace, Gorga Place, Hampshire Road, Jackson Avenue (South of RBE), Lindenwood Court, and Roberts Court.

NOTE: Hoover Avenue from Edison to Manhattan will be paved and funded by United Water since they were doing main replacement last year when that part was scheduled; Standish and Hampshire will be paved by Rockborn Trucking and Excavation through a joint effort with the Village of Ridgewood.

...JULIA COURT AND WOODFIELD ROAD

Julia Court and Woodfield Road are undergoing necessary repairs; there will probably be some detours on Woodfield. Signs will be posted and the residents in that area will be notified by letter and reverse 911 message.

...GOLDEN SENIORS

James Joyce, President of the Golden Seniors met with me, Administrator Matt Cavallo, and several members of the club to select the new tile for the floor in the Senior Center which must be replaced. Fortunately, we applied for and received a Community Development grant of \$22,890 to fund this project, which is being completed this fall. Since the Road Department staff removed the old tiles, there was enough savings to paint the Center also. What a difference!

The Golden Seniors Club raised \$2,000 for scholarships that were awarded to seniors at Westwood Regional High School by the Committee Chairperson, Kay Coppola.

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

...LOTS OF GREAT PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

If you had the time, you could spend almost every day at the Library enjoying various events such as poetry month, art and health workshops, mother/child painting workshop, Disney discount lecture, Mother's Day crafts, audiology seminar, genealogy program, defensive driving class, chair yoga, story times, and much more!

The Summer Reading Club, which ended August 7, included weekly programs and special events that featured art, science, crafting, and new teen and tween programming. On Thursday, July 16, the library sponsored Touch-a-Truck Day featuring trucks from the Department of Municipal Facilities. I am very pleased to report that more than 70 children ages 4 and up plus parents attended and enjoyed this event. The program also includes vehicles from Fire, Ambulance, and Police.

On July 21, there was a magic show with more than 45 children plus their parents. It was a very entertaining program.

In August, the library featured family theme weeks such as Shark and Life Size Gaming. A lego contest was held on Wednesday, August 19. Please check the library website at twpofwashingtonpl.org for exciting programs and events. Adults should look for a special evening program—a Murder Mystery Dinner designed by a retired Philadelphia Detective.

...TOWN DAY

Our annual Town Day Celebration/Family Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3, from 11-4 p.m. New to this year's event will be Art and Music. Please look for information on events, vendors, demonstrations, rides, etc. that will be available that day. If you are interested in volunteering, donating, or being a vendor, please call Bernadette at the 201-664-4404. Hope to see you there!

...BUDGET/TAXES

The 2015 municipal budget process went very well. The Administration and Council worked together to get the job done in a timely, efficient manner. The increase for the municipal portion of the taxes was \$13 per house assessed at \$464,000 which equals a 0.9% increase. Surplus was used as revenue to stabilize municipal taxes. However, the total tax impact includes the school and county tax rates and the Township does not have a say in their budgets and expenditures.

The municipal budget is like a balancing act all during the year, continually watching revenues versus expenses and seeing what was estimated and what we are spending.

It's important to note that with our excellent financial picture we can now take on some necessary Township projects as our outstanding debt for prior projects dropped a few years ago (it is a smaller percentage of the tax dollar), our bond rating increased to AA+ (due to sound financial planning and policies as recognized by bond rating authorities such as Standard & Poor's) which should result in better borrowing rates, and prices are still coming in lower such as the cost for the road program last year which came in lower than estimates enabling us to pave and do some drainage work at the firehouse parking lot.

...SWIFTREACH 911

A registration form for this system is on page 11. Please complete and submit to Administrators Office.

...BANKING RFP

Administrator Matthew Cavallo and CFO Judy Curran prepared a *Request For Proposal* for Banking Services. As a result, Oritani Savings Bank will be the main bank for the Township based on the rates and services provided. This is a project that is not a "visual" type like fencing, roofing, or roads but requires a lot of time and effort to implement and has a lot of positive effects for our community. I thank the Administrator and CFO for their work in getting this project done.

In addition, our payroll process has been evolving. The library is doing their own payroll, and more aspects of the town payroll are being done by ADS specifically paying pension, taxes, etc. Our Purchasing Coordinator and Administrator have been very instrumental in making these improvements.

...GRANTS

Our Clean Communities grant for this year is \$19,216.96. Recently, we were notified that we will be receiving a \$40,000 Community Development Grant for Handicapped Accessible Curb Cuts.

...NEW BUSINESSES AT THE SHOPPING CENTER

There are several new businesses at the Shopping Center including Bark Place, Pho Miu Vietnamese Restaurant, Prime Steakhouse which will be Libi's Bistro shortly, Alpine Investments LLC, and Rocket Fizz. In addition, Rite Aid Pharmacy has been totally remodeled. Unfortunately, A&P has recently filed for bankruptcy, but hopefully the store will be taken over by another food market through the bankruptcy proceeding. Please support our local businesses.

...SHREDDING AND E-RECYCLING

Our first shredding and e-recycling event this year was held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 9-12 p.m. Residents were able to bring debris to the DMF, watch their papers being shredded, get rid of electronics, and drop off old medications to the Police Department in one trip! Our next shredding and e-recycling event will be Saturday, October 17, 2015.

Sincerely,
Janet Sobkowicz
Mayor

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony



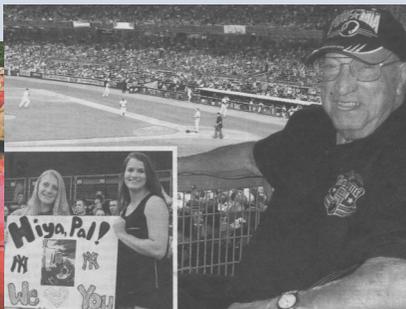
2015



Vito Trause, POW

World War II

Grand Marshal 2015 Parade



Fire Department Annual Antique Custom Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show on June 14.



Motorcycles on exhibit at the show



Bill Maul and Bobby Thompson, both 50-year members of the Fire Department of the Township, discuss their service to the community. Thank you Bill and Bobby for your service!



Kevin Lynch, president of Oritani Bank accepts an award for his car.



The Scudieri Family won the Lunch with the Mayor program. Michael and Christopher took a tour of the Town Hall where they visited the TV Studio, learned about safety equipment from Lt. Richard Skinner and Police Officer Vincent Montalbano, and visited the Council Chambers. Future Councilmen?



Members of Knights of Columbus #5427 had another successful food drive; Jim McPeak, Chairman of the drive, noted that residents were their usual generous selves donating more than 150 bags plus monetary donations for the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Hillsdale. Mr. McPeak thanked Scouts from Troop 321 for working on the collection and Kevin Lynch, President of Oritani Bank, whose Charitable Foundation contributed \$1,000 for flyer printing and mailing costs.



Michael Kazigian, Trevor Murphy, and Nick Covello of Boy Scout Troop 321 recently participated in the Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps' mass casualty incident drill held at Pascack Hills High School.



Melissa Mertz of the Washington Township PSO presented checks of \$521.50 to both the Volunteer Fire Department and the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. left to right: Donna Asfar, PSO; Gena DeVirgilio, PSO; Laura Merkle, President of the Ambulance Corps.; Bill Bilius, Chief of the Fire Dept.; and Melissa Mertz, PSO.



Barbara Marino, member of the Contemporary Woman's Club won a Gold Award at the Annual Palisades District Achievement Day.



Firemen Jason Hrbek and Tom Sears welcome people to the Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast. Peter Neary was the Committee Chairman.



William Mummers of the Township, a 96-year-old World War II veteran of the 4th Infantry Division of the United States Army, participated in the D-Day Invasion on June 6, 1944, and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his role in the invasion.

Touch-a-Truck Day

Children and parents had the opportunity to explore and to learn about the special trucks used in the Department of Municipal Facilities and the work that they can do. In addition, crafts and stories were also available at this event.





EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (REVERSE 911)

The Township of Washington now uses an Emergency Notification System with enhanced features and capabilities, 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. The system has the ability to blanket the Township of Washington with notification of emergencies within minutes. The enhanced system is capable of trying multiple telephone numbers in its attempt to complete a notification to any individual or location, and it knows which one was successful so that it does not need to keep trying alternate means.



While the Township of Washington already maintains a confidential listing of every land line phone number in the Township 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, text message numbers and email addresses of every individual who lives, works or frequents the Township of Washington.

To enhance our Emergency Notification listings, we request your assistance in building and maintaining current information about people and locations in the Township of Washington by registering your personal contact information, be it for your home, business or any frequented location.

PLEASE READ THIS SECTION BEFORE REGISTERING:

- Submit multiple registrations for every individual associated with a specific location who has their own means of contact (cellular phone, email, business phone, etc.), as well as submitting multiple registrations for every address each individual is associated with inside the Township borders.
- The address documented must be in the Township of Washington, but the phone number can be for anywhere!
- The Primary Phone Number below should not be your traditional landline telephone number at the location in the Township of Washington as we already have that as part of our 911 database. In most cases the Primary Phone Number should be your cellular number or work number, and you should not list your home landline number in Washington at all.
- You may also update or remove yourself from our lists by selecting the appropriate options.
- Additionally, please be advised that before your registration is listed in our system, you will be contacted to review the data and authenticate your information, except during major emergencies when the Township reserves the right to update listing globally and without verification.

ADD

DELETE

UPDATE

Name	Text Message Number
Township of Washington Street Address	Cell Phone Provider (<i>Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, etc.</i>)
Primary Phone (<i>not your traditional landline telephone #</i>)	Pager Number
Alternate Phone One	Pager Provider (<i>USPage, DataPage, PageOne, etc.</i>)
Alternate Phone Two	Enabled TTY/TDD for the Hearing Impaired? (<i>YES/NO</i>)
Alternate Phone Three	Signature Date

Submit Completed Forms to:

**Township of Washington, Administrator's Office
350 Hudson Avenue, Twp. Of Washington, NJ 07676**

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.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

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Peter Calamari *833-4801

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All Emergencies – Police, Fire and Ambulance 911

Police 664-1140

*Home Number

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Township is moving ahead with converting the former Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building into housing for veterans and seniors. In collaboration with the Township, Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County plans to construct two houses, with four units available for sale to moderate income veterans and seniors of Bergen County. The project is still in the early stage but we estimate construction will begin towards the middle of 2016. Volunteer assistance will be needed during the construction of the houses. We appreciate the work that Jacey Raimondo, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County, has been doing to obtain the necessary funding to bring the project to fruition.



Upcoming Events

September 11 – 9/11 Ceremony
5 p.m. – Senior Center, Town Hall
350 Hudson Avenue

October 3 – Annual Town Day Celebration
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Memorial Park
Pascack Road @ School Street

October 17 – Shredding & E-Recycling Event
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Town Hall Parking Lot
350 Hudson Avenue

December 11 – Polar Express
4:30 p.m. – Township Library
144 Woodfield Road

December 11 – Annual Tree & Menorah Lighting
6 p.m. – Town Hall & Township Library
Pascack Road @ Finnerty Place



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