



Across the Board from 2011 to 2012

...was very busy and very productive for the Township of Washington!

In 2011, we experienced three major snowstorms in January followed by a snow/ice/rain storm in February, bringing us a total of some 24-30 inches of snow. Hurricane Irene arrived on August 29 with winds of 40-45 miles an hour and torrential rains of about 6-8 inches, leaving extensive damage in our area. Two months later on October 29 a rare storm brought heavy snow, hazardous driving conditions, downed wires and tree limbs, power outages, and flashing lights. Even with these conditions and more than half the town without power, there were no major injuries. The Office of Emergency Management, Ambulance Corps, Department of Municipal Facilities, Fire Department, and Police Department worked hard to keep our community safe. We thank them and the residents who helped neighbors and friends. So far this year the weather hasn't been as problematic; actually, we had a mild winter but a hot and humid summer.

Again, being frugal had its rewards. Even with the high cost of Hurricane Irene and the Halloween Snowstorm (approximately \$231,000), the Township had enough current funds to pay the storm expenses. At this point, reimbursement from FEMA totals \$167,614.

The **Office of Emergency Management**, directed by former Chief William Cicchetti, includes residents who have knowledge and/or skills in communications, emergency services, public safety, health, and utilities. Corporal Rio Fasciano, OEM Deputy, prepares the extensive reports on the storms for the state OEM and/or FEMA (Federal Emergency Management) to document statistics as well as to qualify for the reimbursement indicated in the above paragraph.

The **Department of Municipal Facilities** under the expert leadership of Director Chris Riedel worked very hard to keep our town safe during the infamous storms of 2011. With a bare bones staff of six employees, they responded to problems, met the needs of day-to-day operations and events, and took a proactive approach. For example, the old sewer truck was converted into a multi-purpose utility vehicle for leaf pickup, brining, and general purposes. It was done in house at a minimal cost and was accomplished due to the experience of Director Riedel, Superintendent Bob Hamilton and Foreman Tom Clossey. However, Bob Hamilton retired on July 31, 2012. Currently, we have seasonal workers on board to supplement the permanent members.

The **Ambulance Corps** is always there for us! They answer emergency calls at any hour, participate in every event, raise funds to maintain the building and equipment, provide pre-hospital care in medical and trauma emergencies, help in every storm, maintain an excellent mutual aid system, attend classes to maintain certification, and work closely with police, fire, and advanced life support (ALS) personnel. There were 882 ambulance calls last year! On March 22, 2011, Oritani Bank celebrated its 100th Anniversary and presented the Ambulance Corps with a check for \$50,000 as part of a matching fund drive. A sincere thank you goes to Oritani and all the residents who contributed.

The **Fire Department** is always there for us! They participate in every event, answer calls at any hour, sponsor events such as the Annual Egg Hunt, help in every storm, attend seminars, and respond to fire and other emergency calls such as using the Jaws of

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Life in auto accidents. There were 237 fire/accident calls last year! Director Tom Sears, an expert in communications and firematics, does an excellent job and is proud of these improvements in the department: instituted e-dispatching to coincide with our fire radio dispatching system to alert members through cell phones, installed washer and dryer for cleaning fire gear in house, and started a cadet firefighter program for young adults 16 and older.

Police Department. Chief Randy Ciocco demonstrated his leadership ability as he did an excellent job steering the department through a very difficult year (2011) of incidents, accidents, and illnesses. The cooperation of the members of the police department was appreciated. Chief Ciocco has been proactive in policy development, supervision, and effective delivery of police services to the community. When it became necessary to hire new officers, Director Bill Cicchetti, Chief Randy Ciocco, Captain Glenn Hooper, Lt. Rich Skinner, and Det. Sgt. John Calamari set to the task of developing a hiring process for the department. It included a resume review, several rounds of interviews, and extensive background checks that resulted in the hiring of Travis Cangialosi, Christopher Reilly, and Vincent Santa. This followed the retirements since 2010 of Chief Bill Cicchetti, Lt. Jack Oppelt, and Sgt. Ryan Smith, longtime members of the department; officer Christopher Kelley left for a position at the County Prosecutor's Office. In addition, officer Christopher Reilly left earlier this year for a position in Old Tappan. So, for 2012, the category of salaries and wages in the police department was lower than 2011. We continue to add part-time dispatchers where possible and monitor overtime very closely as you will note below. Glenn Hooper, captain of the Police Department, reports that overtime from January 1 to July 31, 2012, was \$162,821 less than the same time period for 2011. Admittedly, last year there were some extenuating circumstances.

The **JPA, Junior Police Academy**, with a record enrollment of 100 children ages 10-14 was organized on a regional basis with Westwood and Hillsdale and focused on safety resources, discipline, decision making skills, careers in law enforcement, consequences of violations of the law, and the dangers of drugs. Lt. Skinner is the coordinator of this successful program which served as a model for the towns of Bogota and Ridgewood, who had their police officers on hand to observe the day-to-day operations.

The **Township Council** passed several ordinances in response to needs and to make improvements for our community across the board. Some of these are 11-15 requiring a certificate of occupancy (CCO) to

close out open permit situations to ensure smoother transitions in the future for residents if and when they sell their homes, 11-05 removing snow from around fire hydrants, 11-13 modifying the table of organization of the police department, 11-7 restricting the height of cell towers, and 11-09 limiting the budget increase to 2% unless authorized by ordinance. However, the budget was well below the 2% State cap due to several factors including zero-based budgeting, a reduction in expenses, and a favorable change in school formula between Westwood and the Township. It was a challenging task for the Mayor and Council. Council members are Rich Hrbek, President; Joe D'Urso, Vice President; Glenn Beckmeyer, Steve Cascio, and Fred Goetz. Very recently the Council passed ordinances 12-12 authorizing the purchase of a bucket loader, a necessity for the leaf season, and 12-13 authorizing the installation and bonding of sod to improve conditions at Memorial Field.

It is important to note that the Mayor and Council are always looking for more efficient ways to do things and to "watch over" spending.

Finance Department. Elaine Erlewein, tax collector, reports that she has saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars in the last two years by printing the tax bills herself rather than using a service and by checking for lower prices on tax bill forms.

Revenue. Due to your diligence in recycling, the Township received a revenue of \$72,546.62 for 2011, \$16,390 more than 2010. Good job! However, this year prices are softening and revenue is down in this area, making it very important that you try to double your recycling! Paper includes newspapers and corrugated cardboard. Commingled consists of: Aluminum Cans (UBC), Tin Cans (Steel, Tin and Bi-Metal Cans), Plastic labeled with numbers 1 through 7, Glass Bottles (Clear, Brown, and Green only), Milk Cartons (gable top cartons), and Aseptic packages (shelf stable juice boxes).

Recycling. Greenstar, our receiver of recycled items, donated three document shredding/electronic recycling events. This benefits our environment and ensures compliance with the e-waste recycling law of January 1, 2011. On Saturday, March 26, 2011, in conjunction with shredding and e-recycling, the Green Team sponsored Green Awareness Education Day. They braved the cold weather to educate residents on conservation. Our next shredding/electronic recycling event will be Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is your third and last chance for 2012.

Dina Burke, **Director of Public Affairs and Information**, does an outstanding job planning,

organizing, and implementing township events such as the Memorial Day Ceremony/Parade and Town Day. She appreciates the initiative and hard work of the many volunteers who give selflessly of their time and expertise to provide events and programs for our community. Mrs. Burke also appreciates the enthusiasm of organizations interested in submitting information for *The Citizen* newsletter, which she prepares. In addition, she coordinates the Municipal Alliance Program to organize and implement excellent programs for our schools and our community.

Website. Heather A. Henry does a great job with our website; she instituted an e-alert newsletter to provide up-to-the-minute communication. If you want to sign up by text, just text the word **TOWNSHIP 22828** which will then reply asking for your email address. It's that easy!

Recreation. Director of Recreation Judy Monocky and Superintendent Margaret Koesel do an excellent job and report that Township programs for 2011 flourished with enrollments of 204 in summer recreation, 248 in lacrosse, 57 in wrestling, 339 in basketball, 101 in traveling basketball, 150 in football, 114 in cheerleading, 70 in men's basketball, 110 in men's over 35 softball, and 34 in men's baseball. We are currently assessing the summer recreation program to possibly make some changes there. The teen center and the special needs program are shared with Westwood. Ice hockey had some pilot days. Baseball, softball, and soccer are run by independent groups. The Recreation Department and Heather A. Henry, website coordinator, worked hard to implement an online registration program using *Capture Point* software.

Engineering. David Frank, Director of Engineering, and Azzolina and Feury, Township Engineering Firm, continue to evaluate situations and complete and monitor various projects such as the Cell Tower, George School sidewalk grant program, and projects from outside agencies such as United Water and PSE & G. Also, Paul Azzolina wrote the \$25,000 matching grant that the Township received for items at the Memorial Field Complex.

Health Department. Director Jeanne Covello continues to organize and implement various programs beneficial to our residents. Most recently, the department offered a free vision screening program. Dan Levy, health officer, has also spent a lot of time implementing programs and inspecting properties for health violations and to solve problems. Ceil Ritter who worked as health and recreation secretary for 37 years retired last July.

Fire Prevention Bureau. Last year the Bureau was reorganized with James Strabone as chief and Joe Caporale, Paul Langone, and James Stewart as inspectors. Their duties include inspecting buildings for fire hazards, reviewing building plans for compliance with fire prevention ordinances and codes, and educating the public about Fire Prevention.

Our **Regional Shared Services** committee of elected officials from the Township, Westwood, and Hillsdale meet to discuss and research areas such as dispatching, courts, e-recycling, and cost-saving measures. Township members include Councilman Steve Cascio, Council President Rich Hrbek, and Mayor Janet Sobkowicz. Much time, effort, and research is being given to dispatching in order to fully investigate the ramifications of each proposal. In the not too distant past and currently, discussions include the County Dispatch at Mahwah, Northwest Bergen Center, Pascack Valley Communities, Twp. of Washington/Westwood, and part-time and full-time in house dispatching. Recently, Acting Administrator Catherine Steinel established an interlocal agreement with Paramus for diesel fuel; also, Paramus is now a vendor for repair of heavy equipment and street sweeping.

Grants and Awards. Last year Administrator Lilly Chin applied for and received a NJ Clean Energy Conservation and Block Grant for the Municipal Complex as well as a Community Development grant to install electronic doors at the Municipal Building and Senior Center. This year, administrator Catherine Steinel is working with Engineer Paul Azzolina on an Open Space grant to upgrade the pavilion at Memorial Field and on a Department of Transportation grant to pave roads.

We congratulate Chief Randy Ciocco, Lt. Gregg Hackbarth, and the department for receiving the highest award of excellence from the American Automobile Association in 2011 and the very special Crystal Award in 2012 for our traffic safety programs.

Last year Lt. Hackbarth applied for and received an *Over the Limit and Under Arrest* grant; this year he applied for and received the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* grant. The goal is to reduce the number of alcohol-related accidents.

WCTV Upcoming Program...

Chad Melton, CEO of Pascack HUMC and Mayor Janet Sobkowicz will be the guest speakers on our WCTV show on Friday, September 28, at 8 p.m.

The **Safety First Committee**, organized by insurance manager Vic Fadini, meets on a regular basis to ensure that we are in compliance with the JIF (Joint Insurance Fund), promote safety in the workplace through accident prevention classes, review driving records, and document safety measures. Their work did not go unnoticed as the JIF just presented the Township with the Gold Award, which included a check for \$1,500.

The **Golden Seniors**, with the able leadership of President Kay Coppola, again raised money for two scholarships for high school seniors, organized various activities with the Community Development Senior Grant, served on town event committees, and volunteered to work at events such as Memorial Day and Town Day. They ran the very popular gold fish game and the ring toss at Town Day and will be doing the same this year.

WCTV, a talented group of volunteers, deserves a sincere thank you for all the time and effort they put into providing yet another avenue of communication with the public including shows and posting of information and emergency notices on their bulletin board.

The **Public Library** Board of Trustees and the employees have been working hard to improve resources available to the public, especially technologies. They have updated and/or instituted new programs including monthly exhibits by local artists, book discussion groups, "Talk It Up" summer reading with Westwood Public Library and the school system, launch of a gaming collection, expansion of film library, a large print collection, and a new program called Friday Friends for children ages 6 months to 3 years. In addition, the Library Board is restructuring personnel, finance, and buildings and grounds responsibilities.

The **Veterans of Foreign Wars** held their annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans Day service to honor the men and women who gave their lives to protect our freedom and who currently serve in the armed forces.

The **Knights of Columbus** with the assistance of Oritani Bank sponsored a Farmers Market last year. Judy and Stacy Remiszewski worked with the K of C to organize this excellent service to the community.

Despite the weather, community events flourished including the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade with a special float created by the Burke Family to honor our veterans, the 9/11 Tenth Anniversary Remembrance at the Township Memorial and at the Knights of Columbus, and our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Town Day was bigger and better than the first year—the committee really outdid themselves.

Hundreds of volunteers helped that day! Don't miss **Town Day 2012**--many new and exciting things are being planned for Saturday, October 6, from 11-4 p.m.

Believe it or not, the cell tower is finally on its way--slow but sure? Testing is complete and "zoning" drawings are being finalized for Planning Board review in October.

Zoning has become quite a concern in the Township especially with applications at the intersection of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue. This is complicated by the amount of traffic there and at Garden State Parkway Exit 168. The Township has had several meetings with officials from the State Highway Authority and with engineers from Bergen County Planning and Economic Development to address the construction plans at GSP Exit 168 and issues at Exit 168 and Exit 171.

After years of hard work, the HUMC North at Pascack Valley is a step away from becoming a reality. This monumental task is being coordinated by representatives from LHP Hospital Group and Hackensack Medical Center. Watch for notices from WCTV, our volunteer TV group, as they plan a live interview with Chad Melton, new CEO of HackensackUMC North at Pascack Valley. Mr. Melton will update the community on the progress of the hospital.

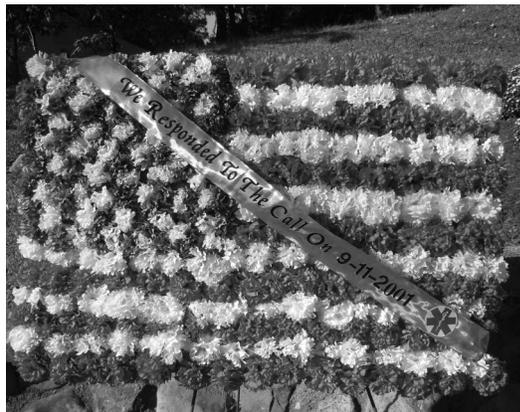
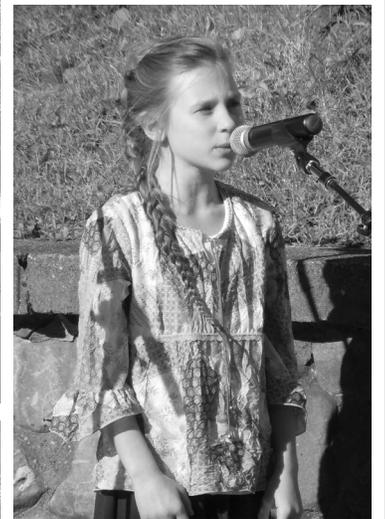
The Citizen is a good opportunity to thank you for helping to make our community better! I encourage you to read the e-sign at the Town Hall, visit our website, register for e-alert, read the Citizen, and watch WCTV.

Sincerely,
Janet Sobkowicz, Mayor

CONGRATULATIONS.....

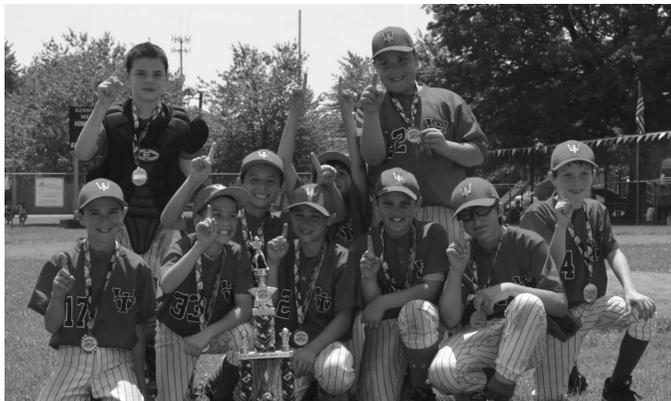
Vincent Grosso was recently commended by the Mayor and Council for his success in the preliminary and semi-final rounds of the Classical Singer Competition at New York University and Chicago respectively. He was recognized by top classical singers and university professors for his unique tone, expressiveness, and the ability to sing a relatively new repertoire with strength, confidence, and total commitment. *Congratulations!*

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL SERVICE



— 9th Bergen County Charity Classic Baseball Tournament —

Over the Memorial Day Weekend, the Washington Township 10u and 11u teams competed in the 9th Bergen County Charity Classic Baseball Tournament. The teams both achieved a perfect record of 5-0 and crowned champions. The tournament reached a new record of 275 teams plating on 120 fields throughout Bergen County and raised over a \$125,000 to donate to charity.



10 U team - Joseph DeSena, Matt Stapleton, Thomas Dougherty, Vincent Moleti, Tommy Eboli, Tyler Giordano, Mario Belfiore, Nicky Baez, Michael Salerno, Sean Laube. Team was managed by Michael DeSena and coached by Anthony DeSena and Christopher Giordano



11 U team - Anthony Rucereto, JJ Beites, Eric Zeltner, Dylan Cipolla, Michael Pappas, Anthony Corrubia, Michael Ryan, Steven Riedel, Trent Furman, Roy Scherer, Brendan Podest, Joseph Lagomarsino. Team was managed by Russ Zeltner and coached by John Beites, Paul Lagomarsino and Jeff Pappas

— SIXTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM —

Coach Peter Neary reported that the Township of Washington's Sixth Grade Boys Basketball Team won a championship this year! They played in the Bergen County Travel Association which is a very competitive league. There are five divisions: National Guard, Coast Guard, Air Force, Navy and Army (the top flight). Last year the boys did very well in the Air Force and made it to the playoffs, but this year they moved up to the Navy Division and won the Championship by defeating Cresskill.

The boys played hard every game and really came together during our playoff run. They worked together and all realized they are better playing as a team than an individual. Their win at the end will put them into the Army Division next year where they will be playing the best of the best. They are ready for the challenge!

We had ten boys on our team: Michael Feaster, Sean Hopkins, Joseph Hyland, Tal Kopman, Joseph Lagomarsino, Colin Liddy, PJ (Peter Joseph) Neary, Brendan Podest, Sam Waldinger, and Erik Zeltner. The coaches were: Dan Waldinger, Russ Zeltner, Dan Hopkins, and Peter Neary.





FALCON CHEERLEADERS

The Falcon Cheerleaders and their families celebrated the end of a successful 2011 Football Season with their annual Awards Dinner Dance held at the Knights of Columbus in the Twp. of Washington. Mayor Janet Sobkowicz joined our celebration by presenting Falcon Coaches and Volunteer Squad Moms certificates of appreciation from the town. The Squad Moms and Coaches presented each Falcon Cheerleader with a Trophy and gifts. Everyone enjoyed a fantastic meal cooked by Bob Catherman and danced the night away to music played by local DJ Bill Phayre.

Keeping with tradition, the Senior Falcon Football Team came to celebrate at the end of the night with the Senior Falcon Cheerleaders. Food donated by those attending the party has been given to Cristina Hywel, a senior at Westwood Regional High School. Cristina is currently collecting food donations through the Westwood and Twp. schools for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey.



Squad Mom Lisa Lawton celebrates with her son Ryan a Senior Falcon Football Player



Senior Falcon Football Players and Cheerleaders

From our Police Department....

Prescription drug abuse is the nation's fastest growing drug problem and in New Jersey it has reached epidemic proportions among our young people. One person dies every 19 minutes from prescription drug abuse in the U.S, the CDC says. "Emergency room visits have doubled in the last five years from young people abusing prescription drugs" said Angelo Valente, executive director of the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey.

Township Police have noticed that drugs like Percocet, Vicodin, Oxycodone, and Xanax are being abused by teens who often mix them with alcohol, causing overdoses. For all the parents, the access point is your medicine cabinet. Most teens who are using prescription drugs have said they got it from a friend or relative. Teens have a false sense of safety when experimenting with drugs they find at home. The suburbs are not immune to this alarming trend and in the Township, Police are educating themselves to combat this.

This trend has taught us that teens starting out by abusing prescription painkillers often turn to heroin. "Drug related crimes in our area have definitely increased due to prescription drug and heroin addiction amongst our young people."

Chief Randy Ciocco

Governor Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) and the Municipal Alliance Network to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was created in 1989. The Municipal Alliance Program is based on the understanding that the communities in the state would work together to achieve a common goal of reducing the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse. The purpose of the Municipal Alliance Program is to plan and implement alcoholism and drug abuse prevention through public awareness programs. This has had a meaningful impact on substance abuse prevention in New Jersey.

Through the GCADA the Township of Washington has provided programs and seminars within our school district.

The Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse strives to create healthy and safe communities. To learn more about this program visit www.twpofwashington.us. You will find us under Boards/Committees follow us to the Municipal Alliance.

OPERATION TAKE BACK

The Township of Washington Police Department would like to thank all who participated in Operation Take Back. This program, initiated by the Drug Enforcement Agency, is used to remove expired and unwanted prescription medications from our medicine cabinets, and out of the hands of our children.

We collected over 130 pounds of narcotics, more than any other municipality. Again, this was due to our residents who took the time to remove these dangerous drugs from their homes. As reported earlier, emergency room visits due to prescription drug abuse has risen dramatically over the past several years. Our involvement with the D.E.A. will help turn around this alarming trend.

Operation Take Back will happen again next spring, and we hope that there will be the same level of participation. Thanks again for your cooperation in this important program.

Chief Randy Ciocco

AAA North Jersey honors Police Chief's Association Presidents

AAA North Jersey recently honored the presidents of Bergen, Passaic and Hudson County Police Chief's Association award. The prestigious awards were presented at AAA's Annual Community Traffic Safety Program Luncheon attended by over 200 Officers and various town officials. In addition, the Township of Washington Police Department received a special recognition award.



AAA North Jersey's Vice President James Dugan Jr. presents a special recognition award to the Township of Washington Police Department for their exceptional safety programs. Pictured left to right are: Lt. Gregg Hackbarth, AAA North Jersey Vice President James Dugan Jr., Chief Randy Ciocco and Police Director William Cicchetti.

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At AAA's most recent **Annual Community Traffic Safety Awards Program**, The Township of Washington Police Department received two prestigious awards. The first was the Outstanding Achievement Award, one that we have received eight times previously. More importantly, AAA North Jersey's Vice President James Dugan Jr. presented us with The Crystal award, a special recognition award, given for the first time to a police agency in North Jersey. These awards are on based upon all phases of traffic safety. We were recognized for:

- Our enforcement of traffic laws
- An increase in the number of Drunk Driving arrests
- Traffic surveys which help us to isolate problem areas
- Programs aimed at our grammar school students and new drivers, such as our Traffic Safety Poster Contest
- Motorcycle safety programs
- Specific documentation on all of the above

Congratulations are in order to Lt. Gregg Hackbarth, head of our Traffic Division, and all of our officers who enforce New Jersey's motor vehicle regulations twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.



Township of Washington Volunteer Fire Department

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Smoke detectors do save lives. That is an undisputed fact.

A few things must be in place prior to them working however. First they must be installed. Second they must be in working condition (i.e. batteries installed)

We have a responsibility to ourselves and most important our family. Our young children and elderly can't always fend for themselves. It is our duty to be sure they are as well protected as possible. Recent news of the injury and deaths of children and elderly people is only exacerbated by the fact that if the house they were in had working smoke detectors installed then most likely those people would still be with us.

All smoke alarms should be tested once a month and their batteries replaced annually. Most smoke alarms should be replaced every five years (The manufacture date can usually be found on the back of the detector.) Every family should develop a fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year. You should never disable your smoke alarm because you experience "nuisance" alarms while cooking or showering. These things will increase your protection in case of a fire.

Your fire department will gladly provide any resident with additional information they may have regarding smoke detectors. You can contact the fire department at 201-666-0750 or the Washington Township Fire Official at (201) 391-0376.

For some very useful information please visit the US Consumer Product Safety Commission website at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/5077.html>.

Sincerely,
Jamie Powell, *Fire Chief*

CALLING MILITARY RESIDENTS

If you have a son or daughter in the military that would like to join us in our 2013 Memorial Day Parade, perhaps hand out flags, walk with our vets, speak at our ceremony please contact Bernadette at the town hall at (201) 664-4404.

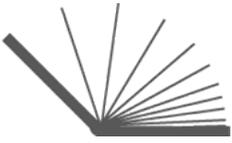
~ Town Events ~

Our town events are put together with the help of many volunteers. Without these volunteers these events would not be possible. If you would like be involved, check our website throughout the year for information.

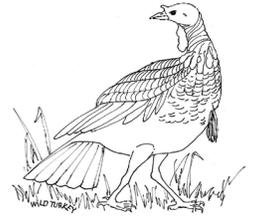
Home Energy Myths

A heating and cooling system works harder to reach a comfortable temperature after setback or set forward. Many homeowners do not adjust their thermostats at night or when their home is unoccupied because of the common misconception that the heating or cooling system must work harder or use more energy to reheat or re-cool the house, but this is not how thermostats work. The system turns on to reach a set level and shuts off when that level is reached. It operates more like a switch that shuts on and off than a car that accelerates when you step on the gas pedal.

Closing off vents will help to lower heating and cooling costs. Closing or covering up vents is typically not a good way to save on energy costs. Heating and cooling systems balance their load throughout the duct system. If one vent is closed off, it throws the system off balance. Pressure can build up in the ductwork, causing leakage and reducing the amount of air circulating in your home. This reduces system efficiency and home comfort. (source *Tempo*, publication of the Contemporary Woman's Club)



From the Township Public Library



Have you recently visited YOUR Library? Are you aware of all the resources available there? Don't you want keep up with your interests and remain engaged in living? This is THE WORLD right here at your doorsteps. Why not take advantage? To paraphrase the famous ad: "It isn't just books!"

We have an array of technologies for your use: Internet, computers with latest software, and Wireless access. Not only print books but also in audio formats such as Playaway and on CDs. A brand new eBook collection is now accessible. We have access to a myriad of online databases. And let's not forget a large collection of new and classic movies, including many foreign ones. How about checking out games, music CDs and our periodicals? Don't you want to attend programs for children or adults, or join one of our book discussion groups?

A new program, Friday Friends for children ages 6 months to 3 years, is beginning this fall for children ages 6 months to 3 years. This informal social/play group will be offered Fridays from 10:30 - 11 a.m. and will have toys, puzzles, some music, and board books available. Please register in person to obtain more information.

We are presenting an art exhibit by Betty Fernandez in the program room for the month of September titled "Views of Schlegel Lake."

Considering the existing economic situation, lets not forget the community online access to job and career searches. Let's also remember that we offer free ESL [English as a Second Language] program.

And so much more...

Where else can you find such opportunities, a place open to all segments of the population, whether you are young, old or in-between? Yes, they exist at YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY. Check us out at: washingtontwp.bccls.org.

From the Friends of the Township of Washington Library

The Friends have enjoyed a very busy fall and winter season. Through our book sales and basket raffles, we are able to continue to donate toward the purchase of **large print books**. There is a great demand for these books by the members of our community, but as they are more expensive than regular print books to purchase, only a few can come out of the library's restricted budget.

Our **Fall Basket Raffle**, the "Tailgate Basket", was very successful. The winner of the basket was Elizabeth Delaney, who lives in the Township. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

The Friends sponsored quite a few special children's programs last year, one of which was the Pearl Observatory Traveling Planetarium. We also sponsored The Turtle Show by Full Effects Productions. We hope all the children who attended enjoyed the show. In addition, a supply of the **Township History Coloring Books** has been donated to the children's library for distribution. These books feature many designs by local artists, and provide an opportunity for discovery and discussions about our town. The Children's Librarian also offers a special early learning program called "**Baby Signs**", sponsored by the Friends.

If you have visited the library lately, you may have noticed the **chess table** and the **puzzle table**. Everyone enjoys the challenge of the puzzle table! The puzzles are changed regularly, so visit often!!!

Most recently, the Friends contributed \$1,750 to the library for the purchase of 10 wide screen high resolution **computer monitors** to replace the smaller ones presently in use.

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 7:00 PM. To check on the meeting date, or if you would like more information, please contact the Library or stop by the Circulation Desk.

Mother Seton Council #5427 Knights of Columbus News

Mother Seton Council #5427 Knights of Columbus received the Columbian Award, which is recognition from the K of C Supreme Council in New Haven, CT. This award is given to Councils that have at least four projects in all five service program areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth. Mother Seton Council added 21 new members, had 30 projects, and donated \$31,000 to charity last Columbian Year.

A Charity Beefsteak Dinner on December 9, organized by Bob Catherman and Steve Timpanaro, raised \$5,590 of which \$3,000 was given to support Hyundai Hope on Wheels helping kids fight cancer with the remainder going to local charities.

The Winter Food Drive on December 10 collected 400 bags of goods and also received \$200 in other donations. Thanks to Chairman Jim McPeak and all his volunteers.

The annual Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw contest, chaired by Fran Sullivan, was held on Saturday, January 28. Congratulations to Girls Champions Rachel Bussanich, Emily Prendergast, Allyn Lilian, and Samantha Yates. The Boys Champions were Patrick Prendergast, Alec Kalfaian, and Colin Liddy.

The traditional Super Bowl Party on February 5 was chaired by Jose Soto, who did his usual outstanding job of organizing the event, which raised \$1,000 for charity.

The Wine Tasting on February 11 was another remarkable success. On an evening when everyone had a wonderful time, the event raised an astounding \$9,400. Thanks to the organizers; the Pimpinellas, Licinis, Brunellis, Rodriguezes, Sullivans, and Kuzmas; Bob Catherman and Steve Timpanaro, who did an amazing job preparing the many dishes served with the different wine selections; and the team of volunteers, who did a great job helping with all the serving and clean up.

On March 9, the Township of Washington Contemporary Women's Club, with help from Jerry Rider and other knights, hosted individuals with developmental disabilities and their families from The 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 17. Co-chairmen Jim Dugan and Paul Kearney planned the evening, which included a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, performances by Piper Dan Boyce, and The McLaughlin Irish Dancers, and a mix of traditional Irish tunes and lively dance music. Thanks to all who supported this fun-time fundraiser.

On April 21, Mother Seton Council held its ninth annual Testimonial Dinner to honor township volunteers for their service to our community. The 2012 honorees are: Kris Best, Foster Mom; Craig Carmilani, Township Wrestling Program; Brianna Commerford, Hope and Heroes Children's Cancer Fund; Janet and Deacon Bob Glasner, OLG Parish; and Kevin Lynch, OritaniBank Charitable Foundation.

From Thursday through Saturday, April 19-22, our Council held its annual fundraiser for the developmentally disabled. Brother Knights will be "shaking the can" at key locations in the Township requesting donations. We trust that you will continue your generous support to help us reach our goal of \$10,000, which will be matched by a grant from Oritani Bank's Charitable Foundation.

Jim Dugan, Past Grand Knight

Washington Twp Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

When a health emergency occurs, our citizens call 911 and the ambulance corp. shows up. Now the shoe is on the other foot and the ambulance corps. is asking our citizens to answer the call and respond to our emergency.

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

We have an acute shortage of day-time help. In general, our week-end and overnight calls are handled by those members who have full time jobs, mostly out of town. They are seldom available to respond to daytime calls during the week.

In the summer, during high school and college breaks, we are fortunate to have our student volunteers to help, especially in the day-time. These young people, busy as they are, have taken the time to become qualified EMT's but, they have to leave again to resume their studies, or start their careers.

Most ambulance calls are day-time calls and are answered by a very small group of members, almost all retirees. They are the busiest members on the corps. They could use a lot of help!

In the past the corps. could depend on those "stay-at-home moms" for daytime coverage but, this pool of talent is no longer available.

The mutual aid arrangement which we have with our neighboring ambulance corps. guarantees that we can provide 24/7 emergency service, but they are also experiencing a lack of volunteers.

We are grateful to our friends and neighbors for their encouragement and financial support but our pressing need now is for an increase in membership.

Call the ambulance corps. if you can find the time (or make the time) to help.

Training and uniforms are provided. You will make a difference. You may save a life, maybe the life of a friend or family member, but you will make a difference.

Call 201-664-3984 for information. Leave a message and we will get back to you.

AMBULANCE DINNER



92- Cpl. Michael Glock and Officer Jason Gugger



94- Cpl. Michael Glock, Officer Steve Riedel



THE CONTEMPORARY WOMAN'S CLUB OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

The following projects have kept **The Contemporary Woman's Club of Washington Township** busy over the past few months:

In September, members held their annual "Shake the Can" fundraiser for their Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all our residents and neighbors who generously contributed so the Club could donate \$2,000 in scholarship money to two graduating high school students who live in the Township. In addition, seven \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bonds were awarded to senior students at Westwood Regional High School for outstanding work in a particular subject.

In October, the Club participated in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs "Day of Service" by collecting new clothing and hygiene products which were donated to the Veteran's Home in Paramus.

The Club continues to support the annual Traffic Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Township Police Department by awarding two \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bonds.

February found the members participating in a Heart Healthy dinner to make members aware of good nutrition and the signs of heart attack, particularly in women. Literature was distributed to the members that evening and also at their meetings.

In March, the Club holds a Canteen for developmentally disabled adults of the ARC of Bergen and Passaic Counties in conjunction with the Township Knights of Columbus Council #5427. The Club provides refreshments and music while the Knights provide favors, soda and the use of their facility. This event has been held for over 25 years. Many, many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity and their full cooperation for whatever is needed.

At the end of this administration, donations will be given to several Township organizations and Guilda's Club, which provides support for cancer patients and their families.

FAMILY FESTIVAL...THIS OCTOBER

This year our Family Festival will be held at Memorial Field on Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date is October 20. Parking will be in designated areas across the street at the Bergen County YJCC.

Representatives from Teterboro Airport, US Army, and Van Saun Park are some of our new booths this year.

Join us for rides, food, games, music, various information tables. We will have karate and dance demonstrations, wire name art, balloon art, face painting, a CPR challenge event, and much more. Air One, a military Medi-Vac helicopter, US Army Humvee, County Police K-9s, and Sheriff's horses will be part of the program.

Our town businesses will once again serve up \$1 sample foods along with hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks cooked from our town council.

If you would like to be a food vendor, volunteer, or sponsor see our website for more information.

This year Washington Township based Oritani Bank will be sponsoring our rides. The Oritani Express train ride will be back by popular demand. Pictured is Carmella Pascarella and CEO Kevin Lynch from Oritani Bank.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2012



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.

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CONGRATULATIONS ...



Westwood High School Girls Indoor Track Team

1st PLACE WINNERS

The New Balance Indoor Nationals
at The Armory, N.Y.C.

Emerging Elite - 4 x 800 Relay - 9:26.38 Friday, March 9, 2012

Dana Bianchi, Alana Milazzo, Julia Senkevich & Gabriela Sloezen

Coach George Glover

**Also a Westwood HS Indoor Track record*

Coming Soon...

Shredding and e-recycling on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Municipal Complex at 350 Hudson Avenue. Bring your papers to be shredded (can include paper clips and staples) and your e-recycling (TVs, monitors, personal computers, laptops, etc.). This will be the last one for 2012!

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