

# **Township Times**

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**BOONTON TOWNSHIP**

**July 2019**

# SENIOR NEWS



## Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement

2018

### Eligibility Requirements:\*

- You were age 65 or older on December 31, 2017, or, if under age 65, you were receiving Social Security disability payments on December 31, 2017, and also on December 31, 2018;  
*and*
  - You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2007, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter;  
*and*
  - You have owned and lived in your home or have leased a site in a mobile home park for a manufactured or mobile home that you have owned since December 31, 2014, or earlier;  
*and*
  - You paid all 2017 property taxes by June 1, 2018, and all 2018 property taxes by June 1, 2019;  
*and*
  - Your annual income did not exceed \$87,268\* in 2017 and \$89,013 in 2018.\* **Note:** With few exceptions, all income must be taken into account, including Social Security, pension, etc.
- \*Eligibility rules, income limits, and benefits may be changed by the State Budget that will take effect on July 1, 2019.

**For Additional Information:**

Visit our website: [www.njtaxation.org](http://www.njtaxation.org) and select "Senior Freeze"  
Call the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1-800-882-6597

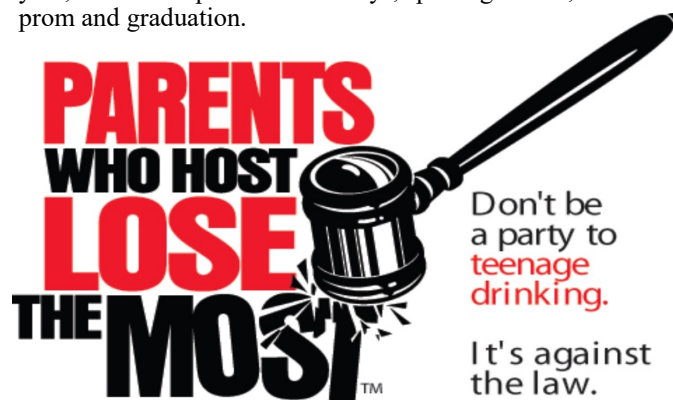


## *Municipal Alliance Update*

The Boonton Township Police Department in partnership with the Municipal Alliance Committee are asking families during this high school graduation season to help us prevent underage drinking parties. Please remember that ***“Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking. It’s against the law”***.

The ***Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking*** public awareness campaign was developed by Drug-Free Action Alliance in 2000. The campaign objectives are to educate parents about the health and safety risks of serving alcohol at teen house parties, and to increase awareness of and compliance with New Jersey’s Underage Drinking Laws.

Too often communities look the other way when it comes to teen drinking, assuming it is a “rite of passage.” It is not unusual for well meaning parents to provide alcohol to their teen’s friends at house parties and take away their keys in an attempt to keep them safe. The campaign takes place on both local and statewide levels and runs throughout the year, with an emphasis on holidays, sporting events, and prom and graduation.



## Update from the Township Committee

The Township Committee congratulates all of our 2019 High School and RVS Graduates. We wish those graduating from RVS all the best as they enter High School and hope that they continue participating in and volunteering for our community events. As the High School graduates plan for their future, we wish them success in their endeavors, whether it be attending college, entering the work force, or off to some other exciting adventure.

The Township Committee would like to give special recognition to two of our High School graduates, **Giancarlo Pisciotta** and **Connor Collins**. Giancarlo and Connor are Boy Scouts who have just been awarded the rank of EAGLE SCOUT. The rank of Eagle Scout is earned by a Scout who has been a Life Scout for at least six months, has earned a minimum of 21 merit badges, has demonstrated Scout Spirit, and has demonstrated leadership within their troop. Additionally he must plan, develop, and lead a service project that demonstrates both leadership and a commitment to duty. Giancarlo's Eagle Project was the construction, installation and organization of the Township's lending library located in the Municipal Building. Connor's Eagle Project was the creation and implementation of a robotics camp which was offered to Township children during last summer's camp programs. The attainment of Eagle Scout is a terrific accomplishment; Giancarlo and Connor are to be congratulated for their success.

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended the Township Picnic on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Special thanks to the RVUMC, the Morris County Health Department, Patty DiCenzo for providing current information on the new recycling requirements, the BT Historical Society, the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers from Mountain Lakes and Parsippany, and Glen Umland and his pard'ner from Wild West City. Thank you to our supporters - Mr. Johns' Catering, the YMCA, Cabana Family Dental, the Liquor Outlet, Baker's Perfection and Al Nelson - Water Services. This year the Township partnered with the BTEF (Boonton Township Education Foundation). Next year we look forward to expanding the partnership to all of the township's organizations - the PBA, the Fire Department, RVS H&S and the BTEF. It was fun to watch the RVS students line up to toss a ball at the dunk tank while Dr. Angelillo happily was "dunked" several times.

*-Michele, Paul, Tom, Bill and Brian*

**MORRIS COUNTY**  
**PROUD TO BE**  
**STIGMA-FREE**



## **A Message From the Boonton Township Police Department**

With the summer season underway, the Boonton Township Police Department would like to offer some general tips and precautions to help keep our residents and our community safe. As always, we ask you to remain vigilant and exercise caution when parking your vehicles at public parks and recreation areas. As the weather gets nicer, these areas in town typically see an increase in usage and activity from our residents; unfortunately, criminals are aware of this fact as well.

The Boonton Township Police Department as well as numerous neighboring agencies are investigating multiple recent incidents involving stolen and burglarized motor vehicles. Several of these incidents have occurred at public recreation areas such as the Tourne Park. It is vitally important to take the necessary and basic steps to protect your valuables at all times. Burglars are aware of the fact that it may be convenient to leave your wallet, purse, or other belongings in your vehicle while you are out enjoying any number of local parks, walking trails, or recreational areas. If you are unable to bring your personal items with you for any reason, we encourage you to store them in your glove compartment or locked trunk, as valuables laying in plain view are likely to attract a potential burglar.

As always, please remember to lock your vehicles in public and at your homes as well. Also, for any of our residents whom will be vacationing this summer season, we strongly urge you to notify the police department of your travel plans. Residents can stop by the lobby of police headquarters or visit our website at [www.btpolice.org](http://www.btpolice.org) to obtain a copy of our “closed house” form. This form notifies the police department when your house may be temporarily vacant for any period of time. Officers will then conduct periodic property checks of your home to ensure that your residence is safe and secure. Our closed house check program is just one of the many community service programs that our police department is proud to offer to our residents.

With those tips in mind, we hope that the rest of the summer is safe, healthy and enjoyable for all of our residents here in Boonton Township. If we can ever be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us, or stop by the department and see us. Our agency would be happy to provide you with a number of booklets and informational pamphlets which further discuss ways to keep you and your family safe. We are happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about our community. The Boonton Township Police Department is proud to serve the residents of this great community, and we are looking forward to a safe and successful remainder of 2019.

BOONTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Spotlight On Our Schools

July 2018

### ***From the Desk of the Superintendent/Principal:***

Last week we waved goodbye to another wonderful school year with many accomplishments and proud moments on which we can look back. Here are just a few highlights.



We're proud of the way we continue to “go green” by eliminating more and more physical paperwork for families. This year we used the parent portal for many of the ubiquitous “back-to-school” forms. We also began using My Conference Time to making signing up for conferences easier and more streamlined. We'll continue to look for ways to be “greener” citizens as we look ahead. The 1-to-1 laptop configuration that was started in September in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades was highly successful and we'll be rolling that down to 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the coming year. Our teachers spent a full day plus four more hours in Active Shooter/Self Defense Training. Although optional, nearly 100% of the faculty and staff stepped up to take an active role in school security and I couldn't be more proud of them.

Our Apex blended learning Geometry class has really added to an already rigorous math curriculum. Those students with a high degree of interest and ability in mathematics are able to augment their learning with Geometry, positioning them for honors math courses in high school. Teachers put a special effort this year into creating interdisciplinary lessons so students could really grasp how all learning is interrelated and no subjects are “stand alone” elements. Many interesting units of study and projects resulted from this teamwork on the part of our faculty.

Students gave us many exciting moments this year. Our athletes played their hearts out each season and our Boys' Basketball team won the County Championship. Our instrumental and vocal students scored Excellent and Superior, respectively, at this year's High Notes Festival. We also sent a team to the Rube Goldberg (engineering) contest with great success. Our students show lots of concern for others by generating fun fundraisers for a variety of organizations and by participating in our year-long efforts on behalf of

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Rockaway Valley School

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the Interfaith Food Pantry. We're as proud of these strengths as we are of their academic and extra-curricular successes.

Of course, I must take a moment to thank our community partners for all their help throughout the year. The Home and School Association and the Education Foundation provide us with extra financing and programming that truly enhance the opportunities for students to be engaged in the classroom and beyond. I know the Board joins with me in expressing gratitude to all the parents who find time in their busy days and weeks to serve in these two groups. We continue to appreciate our great partnership with the Boonton Township Police Department and thank them for their continued presence in our building. We look forward growing our relationship and to their help in continually updating our safety and security practices.

With the 2018-2019 school year in the books, we are beginning to look ahead! Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages to keep up to speed with everything Falcon-related! I wish all RVS families a restful summer with time for relaxation and yet, a few adventures thrown into the schedule as well. Don't forget to read every day (that goes for grown-ups too!) and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on September 3.

Christian Angelillo, Ed.D.

Boonton Township Parents who might have a handicapped child can get free help from our public school's Child Study Team. Our school district has a mandate to locate and provide services for children between the ages of 3 to 21 who might have a physical, mental, language, or emotional difficulties. Evaluation, professional guidance, and an educational program (if needed) are available free of charge if the student is deemed eligible. For information, call:

Mrs. Christine Voorhees, Director of Special Services  
Boonton Township Public School  
11 Valley Road  
Boonton Township, New Jersey 07005  
(973) 334-4162 x-370

*Your Health Matters:*

Keep an Eye on Ultraviolet (UV) Safety

With summer here, it is important to be mindful of ultraviolet (UV) rays especially for your eyes. Summertime means more time spent outdoors and more exposure to UV rays. Eye medi-



cal doctors (ophthalmologists) caution that too much exposure to UV light to increase risk of eye diseases including cataract, growths on the eye and cancer. Growths on the eye can show up in the teens or twenties especially anyone who spends long hours under the mid-day sun. Diseases like contract and eye cancers can take years to develop but each time you are without protection; you are adding damage that adds risk for these serious disorders. Follow these tips to protect your eyes from the sun:

Wear UV blocking sunglasses labeled 100% UV protection.

Wear a broad brimmed hat along with the sunglasses.

Do not be fooled by clouds. The sun's rays can pass through haze and thin clouds.

Never look directly at the sun.

Do not forget the kids and older family members.

It is best to keep children out of direct sunlight during the middle of the day.

Be careful in UV-intense conditions. Sunlight is strongest mid-day to early afternoon, at higher altitudes, and when reflected off water, ice, or snow.

For more information visit: <https://www.aao.org/eye-health/tips-prevention/sun>



### **Curbside Recycling Tag-it and Leave-it**

The Morris County MUA plans to implement a tag-it and leave-it program later this year. Those recyclables that are not properly prepared or contain unacceptable materials will be tagged and left at the curb.

The most frequently found infractions are recyclables in plastic bags, and/or plastic bags mixed with acceptable recyclables. There is only one exception for plastic bags at the curb on recycling day; shredded paper in clear or translucent plastic bags. Additional information and start date of this program will be announced. Thank you very much for recycling right!

### **The Township Times**

The *Township Times* is published quarterly with issues sent out January, April, July and October of each year. The Township Times is funded in part by the Municipal Alliance grant.

All community organizations and groups are encouraged to use the Township Times as a convenient way of letting Boonton Township residents know what your organization is offering, deadlines for sign-ups, dates of events or other similar news items worth sharing with our residents.

If you are interested in having an article appear in the Township Times contact the Township administrator at 973-402-4012 or by e-mail, [bshepard@boontontownship.com](mailto:bshepard@boontontownship.com) at least 15 days prior to the first of the month of the month the issue is due out (i.e.: June 15th for the July issue)

## TAKING CARE OF YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Always conserve water to reduce the amount of wastewater that must be treated and disposed of.

Stagger your laundry wash loads throughout the week.

Repair leaking faucets and toilets.

Discharge only biological wastes in to the septic system—no panty liners, cigarettes, q-tips, tampons, disposable diapers, dental floss or any other non-biological products.

NEVER flush chemicals, paints, waste oils, alcohol, pesticides into the septic system.

Have your septic tank(s) pumped every three (3) years !!

Garbage grinder or disposal units are prohibited.

Do not connect a water softener or conditioner into the septic tanks—this is a leading cause of failures.

Do not plant anything over your disposal area except grass. Tree and shrub roots can seek out pipes and clog them.

Do not drive over the disposal area or compact it in any way.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of events go to the  
Township Website:  
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## **Meetings**

July 2	Township Committee	7:00 pm
July 8	Township Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Health	7:30 pm
	Planning Board	7:30 pm
August 5	Planning Board	7:30 pm
August 7	Township Committee	7:00 pm
August 12	Township Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Health	7:30 pm
Sept 4	Township Committee	7:00 pm
Sept 9	Township Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Health	7:30 pm
	Planning Board	7:30 pm

## **Recycling**

### **Depot:**

July 6 and 20  
August 3, 17 & 31  
Sept 14 and 28

### **Curbside:**

July 11 and 25  
August 8 and 22  
Sept 5 and 19

## **SUMMER CAMP**

The summer camp programs are up and running and it's not too late to sign up for a week or two. Just visit the Township website.

## **The Oscar A. Kincaid Home of History Gets a Facelift with the Tools that Built America**

The Rockaway Valley Garden Club applied for and recently received a grant for garden tools from The Ames Companies, Inc. in partnership with National Garden Club, Inc. The largest manufacturer of garden tools in the U.S., Ames supplied the Club with two Spading Forks, one Digging Shovel, two Border Spades, one 2-prong Hoe, and a 3-cubic foot Poly Cart. All tools have been used in the bi-weekly property improvement of the Oscar A. Kincaid House of History in Boonton Township. Lifting, loosening, and placing soil, digging holes, shaping garden borders, cultivating around plants, removing turf, and carting away debris have been made easier because of the Ames tools.

Nicole Hudson, RVGC committee chair for this project, is guiding the improvements for the property. Initial goals



included planting boxwood and holly shrubs around the historic sign and then clearing the perimeter of The Farm Stand of weeds, followed by mulching and adding to the established irises with ferns, Barronwort, violets, white lilac, and other perennials. In addition, the removal of weeds and gravel from the roadside fence allowed for border shaping, mulching, and the planting of a climbing rose bush. A major physical undertaking for the club was the pruning of an overgrown Sweet Bush, taking a few weeks to complete. Finally, preparation for the foundation garden around the Kincaid House focused on removing turf, creating borders, and mulching. The foundation plants will come from members' gardens in the near future.

Ongoing tasks will focus on maintenance of all rehabbed areas, including watering, weeding, and planting additional perennials.

### BOOK CLUB

Summer is a great time to take a break and read a book. The municipal building hosts a well-stocked lending library.

Additionally—consider joining the book club which meets monthly at the Municipal Building.

July 9th—*Lincoln in the Bardo*  
by Greg Saunders

August 13th—*All the Light We Cannot See*  
by Anthony Doerr

Come join us at 7:00PM!