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BOONTON TOWNSHIP

January 2020

SENIOR NEWS

THE SENIOR PASS - An affordable lifetime Pass - available to U.S. Citizens and permanent residents who are 62 years and older - that provides access to recreation areas managed by five Federal agencies.

The cost of a life-time Senior Pass is \$80, or if you are on a fixed budget you can purchase an annual Senior Pass for \$20 and 4 annual Senior Passes can be traded in for a life-time Senior Pass. and it is valid for the lifetime of the pass owner. To be eligible for the pass you must have turned 62.

A Senior Pass can be obtained **in person** from a participating Federal recreation site or office.

- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Fish & Wildlife Service
- USDA Forest
- National Park Service

New Jersey State Parks

New Jersey residents who are age 62 or older or who are disabled may be eligible for a Senior Citizen Pass or Disability Pass, which grants free entrance to the parks and discounted camping rates. Our Senior Citizen and Disability Pass are currently being updated. The Senior Citizen pass may still be obtained at any of our state park/forest offices or through the Trenton Office. For further information, please contact 1-800-843-6420



Municipal Alliance Update



Satisfy your
teen's hunger
for attention.



Invite her to dinner. In fact, having just one meal a day with your child could decrease the likelihood that she'll try marijuana by up to two-thirds. Bon appetit.

Partnership For A Drug-Free New Jersey
In Cooperation With The Governor's Council on Alcoholism & To
New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services
908-476-3117 - drugfreejnj.org

HUDSON COUNTY
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
JULY 2018

MORRIS COUNTY
PROUD TO BE
STIGMA-FREE

Stigma is a mark of disgrace which results from the judgment by others. When an individual is labeled by their illness they experience judgment and prejudice. Stigma brings experiences and feelings of shame, embarrassment, distress, hopelessness and reluctance to seek or accept help.

Interested in joining the Boonton Township Municipal Alliance Committee or learning a bit more about it? We are always seeking new members. If interested give us a call at 973-402-4002.



Celebrating The New Year Safely
A Message From the
Boonton Township Police Department

As another calendar year comes to an end and we welcome in 2020, we would like to take this opportunity to provide some practical safety tips to ensure that the New Year is as safe and peaceful as possible for all of our Township residents. With the winter season fully underway, we typically experience a rise in travel and vacations, as well as hazardous road conditions and poor weather this time of year. Keeping all of these factors in mind, it is truly important to take general precautions and safety measures this time each year.

During the winter season one of our main concerns lies with our motorists; this is especially true with our teen drivers. The Boonton Township Police Department is proud to announce that we just wrapped up another successful "Alive at 25" safe driving initiative with our high school students. "Alive at 25" is a driver safety course taught by specially trained officers from the Boonton Township Police Department. This program is available for all new drivers at Mountain Lakes High School, as well as their parents. This program aims to provide practical advice to teens who are just getting behind the wheel for the first time. The program stresses the importance of acquiring first-time driving experience under low risk conditions. The winter season typically presents a challenge to first time drivers as hazardous road conditions combined with overall inexperience can be such a dangerous combination. We would like to remind our youth to make safe and responsible decisions during this rather busy time of the year. We also need to stress to parents that they also have a vital role in regards to keeping our children safe during the winter season. Parties and celebrations have become a routine occurrence as we ring in the New Year. It should go without saying that underage consumption of alcohol is illegal, and we would like to remind parents of the criminal and civil liability associated with hosting underage drinking parties.

We also want to again remind our residents to take steps to ensure the safety of their homes and valuables all throughout

the winter. As weather conditions deteriorate and residents feel the need for a quick getaway, vacations become a popular solution. Unfortunately, criminals are aware of this as well. We can't stress enough how important it is to engage in general safety practices to deter potential burglars during this time of the year. Locking your doors, turning on your motion sensor lights, and activating your burglar alarms should be a priority. It is also a good practice to keep the appearance that your home is occupied when you are away. Leave a car in the driveway, leave lights on, don't let excessive amounts of uncollected mail pile up, and let a trusted neighbor know about your travel plans. Homes which appear to be vacant and unoccupied are typically targeted more by burglars. And most importantly, if you see something, say something! Most of the time your initial instincts are right, and if something seems out of the ordinary it probably is. Our officers would much rather respond to a "false alarm" than to not be notified at all. It is important to be a good neighbor and keep a watchful eye over your neighborhoods. We also remind our residents that they can notify the police department when their house will be empty for any period of time. The vacant house form can be located in the lobby of our police department or on our website at www.btpolice.org. This form lets us know when your house will be empty, and our officers will conduct periodic property checks of the residence while you are away. For those of you that are not retreating to warmer weather, please try to keep your driveways and outdoor stairways free of snow and ice so that our officers can assist you more easily in the event of an emergency. We also urge our residents to check on their elderly neighbors from time to time, and please let us know if they require any extra assistance.

We hope that 2020 is a safe, healthy and happy year 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. 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 New Year

BOONTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Spotlight On Our Schools

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 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

Pre-K Open House

January 7, 2020

Noon to 1 PM

School Lobby
11 Valley Road



**ROCKAWAY
VALLEY
GARDEN CLUB**



January 14, 2020-PROGRAM
11:00am. "Butterfly Gardening with
Native Plants."

Jane Hurwitz, editor of "Butterfly Gardener" magazine, and former director of the Butterfly Garden and Habitat Program for the North American Butterfly Association will talk to us about how to attract and retain butterflies to your garden. Butterfly gardening is a method used to protect the entire life cycle of butterflies. This talk explores the relationship that butterflies have with specific native plants and suggests easy steps to protect these relationships in order to enhance our local ecosystems, as well as your own garden.

February 11-PROGRAM 11:00 am. "Mixed Borders – Creating Gardens for Every Season." Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens, will present our program. How many times have you looked out your window during the Spring, Fall or Winter and wished that your garden had more interest? Or, it is mysteriously lacking "something". Many gardens can be enriched by combining shrubs and herbaceous materials such that each enhances the other throughout the year. Through examples and design suggestions, Bruce looks at various combinations that will provide a stronger garden for year-round interest.

March 10 -PROGRAM 11:00 am. "Indoor Gardens in Winter and Spring". Leslie Dempsey is an indoor plant expert and member of two orchid societies. She is the sole proprietor of Leslie Dempsey Home Plant Care in Middlesex NJ, with over 20 years' experience. She also runs a plant hospital where sick plants can be sent. Leslie will give a delightful presentation on the care of house plants. She will and can diagnose many types of problems. You will enjoy Leslie's Irish humor as she gives examples of many common mistakes made by house plant owners. Bring along your troubled plant for diagnosis and treatment by Leslie.

The Rockaway Valley Garden Club generally meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 10:00 am (with coffee at 9:30 am) and are held at the Boonton Township Municipal Building, 155 Powerville Rd. Guests are always welcome and we encourage you to join us to see what we are about. Check us out at

2020 BOONTON TOWNSHIP RECYCLING INFORMATION

RECYCLING DEPOT	CURBSIDE COLLECTION
<p style="text-align: center;">January 4th and 18th February 1, 15 and 29 March 14 and 28 April 11 and 25 May 9 and 23 June 6 and 20 July 11 and 18 August 1, 15 and 29 September 12 and 26 October 10 and 24 November 7, 21 and 28 December 5 and 19 (*Depot will accept Christmas trees) SATURDAYS 9 - NOON <u>WEATHER PERMITTING-SEE ABOVE CALENDAR</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NEWSPAPERS, JUNK MAIL, MAGAZINES 2. ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS 3. CORRUGATED, BROWN BAGS & CHIPBOARD 4. PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS 5. METAL GOODS, WHITE GOODS*, ELECTRONICS 6. GLASS BOTTLES 7. LARGE RIGID PLASTICS 8. CAR BATTERIES, PHONE BOOKS & MOTOR OIL 	<p style="text-align: center;">January 9 and 23 February 6 and 20 March 5 and 19 April 2, 16 and 30 May 14 and 28 June 11 and 25 July 9 and 23 August 6 and 20 September 3 and 17 October 1, 15 and 29 November 12th December 10 and 24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EVERY OTHER THURSDAY ** <u>SEE ABOVE CALENDAR</u></p> <p>Recyclables must be placed at the curb the night before collection day.</p> <p>RECYCLABLES. Labels and containers are available at the Municipal Building or at the Recycling Depot. *Items with freon are accepted at the depot for a fee. If your curbside collection was not made please notify Patty DiCenzo 973-402-4024 no later than 9:30 AM the Friday following the collection.</p>
OTHER MANDATED MATERIALS	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
<p>YARD WASTE - Compost leaves, twigs, etc. Cut and leave grass clippings on the lawn. TIRES - Can be properly disposed of at many local service stations. OIL CONTAMINATED SOIL - Tilcon/Mount Hope Rock Products 973-366-7741 STUMPS, LOGS & NATURAL WOOD - Northeast Products Factory 973-684-6696.</p> <p>The Township will ONLY ACCEPT Plastics coded:1, 2, and 5.</p>	<p>The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority operates a permanent household hazardous waste facility. For more information or to make an appointment please call them at (973) 829-8006 Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>BOONTON TOWNSHIP RECYCLING</p> <p>COORDINATOR - Patty DiCenzo 973-402-4024</p> <p><i>IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER Please refer to the Morris County MUA Website at www.mcmua.com to determine if curbside collection has been cancelled.</i></p> </div>

PLEASE READ AND SAVE - RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER AT THE END OF THE YEAR-

Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

SINGLE-STREAM
all-in-one
RECYCLING

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority "all-in-one," single-stream recycling collection program allows cans, bottles, cardboard and all other paper to be mixed together for recycling. All of these items can go into one recycling container.

IMPORTANT

- All items must be empty, dry, and free of food residue.
- Recycling containers must not exceed 50 pounds. 32-gallon containers are recommended.
- Only use plastic bags for shredded paper. All other material must be loose in a container, not in a bag.
- Do not tie cardboard or newspapers, put them in reusable containers loose, or stack folded boxes into one box.
- Label your recycling containers with free decals from your town or the MCMUA.
- If necessary, use multiple recycling containers. Containers must have handles. Lids are strongly recommended.
- Put all Styrofoam into the trash; it's coded #6 and is not acceptable in this program.

Paper
Cardboard



Plastics coded



Aluminum cans,
foil, pie plates,
trays. Metal cans*

Glass jars,
bottles**



Do not
recycle
plastics coded:



*Metal: Recycle aluminum and steel (tin) cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, clean aluminum foil, pie plates and trays. Containers must be empty.

**Glass: Recycle glass jars and bottles with caps and lids removed. Recycle loose metal caps and lids. Jars and bottles must be empty.

Shredded paper must be in clear or see-through plastic bags, such as grocery bags. No dark-colored bags. Nothing else should be in a plastic bag except for shredded paper. Shred only confidential information.

NO PLASTIC BAGS EXCEPT FOR SHREDDED PAPER



WWW.MCMUA.COM



MORRIS COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE



Ten Easy **Green** New Year's Resolutions

1. Bring your own shopping bags.
2. Cook from scratch
3. Eat organic as much as possible.
4. Eat better meat, and eat a lot less of it.
5. Avoid fast fashion.
6. Bring your own water bottle.
7. Turn down the heat by 3 degrees in the winter & the a/c 3 degrees in the summer.
8. Hang your laundry to dry.
9. Compost food waste and vegetative waste.
10. RECYCLE!!!



Tree Pickup

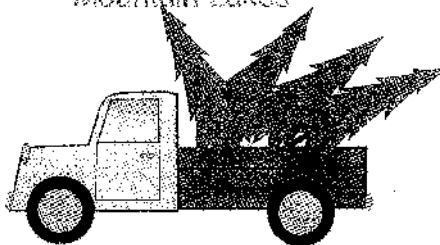
Boonton Township Boy Scout Troop 69 will be conducting a fundraiser by providing a Christmas Tree Pickup & Recycling Service.

All fees will go towards supporting our Troop Activities.

Pickups will be on **Sundays 1/5 & 1/12** between **1:00 and 3:00PM**.

Pickup Order forms: <http://xtrees.btroop69.org/>

Boonton Township
&
Mountain Lakes



**Please recycle your Christmas tree at
the depot on January 4th & 18th.
Trees must be free of lights
and ornaments.**

When The Snow Falls



Please make sure that you or your contractor do not shovel, blow or plow snow from your driveway into the road. It is important to keep the roads clear of snow.

In order to avoid having the edge of your property (lawn, curbing, etc.) damaged please consider placing some 3' high markers along the edge of your property. This provides a reference point for the plow drivers while clearing the roadways.

Time to License that Dog



All dogs over the age of 7 months are required to be licensed. Current rabies vaccination is required. If your dog's rabies vaccine expires before October 31, 2020, you must have your dog re-vaccinated and send a copy of the proof in with your renewal form.

To avoid any late fees, licenses must be purchased by January 31st. You can purchase your license via mail. Cash and checks are accepted.

Any questions call 973-402-4024

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of events go to the
Township Website:
www.boontontownship.com

Meetings

January 6	TC Re-organization	7:00pm
	Planning Board	7:30pm
January 8	Township Committee	7:00pm
January 13	Township Committee	7:00pm
	Board of Health	7:30pm
February 3	Planning Board	7:30pm
February 4	Township Committee	7:00pm
February 10	Township Committee	7:00pm
	Board of Health	7:30pm
March 2	Planning Board	7:30pm
March 3	Township Committee	7:00pm
March 9	Township Committee	7:00pm
	Board of Health	7:30pm

Recycling

Depot:

January 4 and 18: *Christmas trees accepted—
free of lights or ornaments*

February 1, 15 and 29

March 14 and 28

Curbside:

January 9 and 23

February 6 and 20

March 5 and 19



RECREATION NEWS



Holiday Celebration

Thank you to all who helped with the Holiday Celebration. We truly made it a “Giving Holiday” to help those in need. Thank you for all the generous donations. The children enjoyed making cookies for the shelter and meeting Santa. Many thanks to all our elves that helped make this day so wonderful.

Food and Coat Drive

Please help the food pantry by dropping non-perishable food and gently used coats at the Municipal Building - Open 8:00-4:00.

Basketball Leagues

We currently have over 150 children playing in our new various basketball leagues. Thank you to all who helped put the leagues together and are volunteering their time weekly to help coach our teams.

Men's Basketball

Head over to RVS on Tuesdays at 7:30 for men's basketball. These are informal pick-up games. All are welcome.



RECREATION NEWS



Yoga

Renew Yourself in the New Year!

Yoga classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 and Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 at RVS in January -February. Cost is \$65 per person for 6 weeks.

Free Youth Baseball Clinic

Focusing on fielding, throwing, and pitching. Open to all baseball players ages 8 to 12. Saturday mornings from 10am to 11:30am from January 11th - February 29th. Rockaway Valley School Small Gym. Bring your baseball glove and wear sneakers. Any questions regarding this clinic, please contact Steve Kern at stevenk@turtle.com

Tri-Town Little League

Spring 2020 registration is now being held for children ages 5-14. Registration closes on January 31st. Register online at www.tritownll.org/registration

We would like your email!

Would you like to receive recreation fliers and newsletters? Please email the Recreation Director if you would like to be added to our email list.

*Any questions, ideas or suggestions please contact Kristin Groeneveld
recdirector@boontontownship.com*