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From the Desk Of Mayor David Silverthorne

As we enter a new year and the Spring/Summer edition of our Township newsletter, it is with humble appreciation that I am privileged to address you as Mayor again for 2024. I look forward to continuing and completing the many goals we as your governing body have embarked upon.

Some noteworthy accomplishments have been: Updating & enforcing our property maintenance ordinances;



AND TOWNS

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Stuff the Rig - Food Drive for Thanksgiving & Christmas with Mayor Silverthorne & Linda Larsen

Creating new tools to combat illegal loophole marijuana operations caused by the poorly crafted, mis-guided Trenton law; Encouraging the preservation of our farmland & open-space utilizing county & state funding when possible; and always ensuring that our municipal employees have every reasonable tool at their disposal to keep our park, roadways & infrastructure in top condition.

Along with being a new year, it also is time for a new budget. We approach this every year with the utmost diligence and always attempt to deliver equal or better services with ever tightening resources. We fortunately have been able to utilize American Rescue Plan grant funds and shared service agreements to help lessen an ever-increasing burden placed upon us by Trenton with unfunded mandates & edicts. We will continue to do everything possible to keep the municipal tax burden low, it is mainly through the resourcefulness & tireless dedication of our many municipal employees & citizen volunteers that this is possible. We appreciate & applaud their service.

Myself and the committee look forward to serving you this year. Please always feel welcome to attend any of our meetings and/or give us a call if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David J. Silverthorne, Mayor

MARLEEN S. HORLACHER, ESQ. mshesq@horlacher-law.com



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- Drafting and Review of Contracts
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From the Office of the Municipal Clerk



FOSTERING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

By Lori Nienstedt, Municipal Clerk

If there is one thing I have learned about Frankford in my 5 years here as your Clerk, it is that this wonderful town has an immense sense of community spirit. Like the pep rallies of our old school days, there are those acts which support and grow a sense of one-ness in a community. As the Collins English Dictionary puts it "Community spirit is associated with voluntary work, favours and gestures of goodwill by residents and local businesses. A dictionary definition of "community spirit" is "willingness and desire to participate in activities that promote a community".

Here at the Municipal Building, the vast majority of our employees do not reside in Frankford, yet we enjoy volunteering to help at events we've developed and sponsoring activities that build up the Frankford community. For example, we hold the annual Trunk and Treat extravaganza, the annual Miss Frankford competition, our new Kids Cruise movie night, and ongoing food drives for people and pets, to name a few. Then there is the work of our volunteer sub-committees such as the Park Commission and Open Space, preserving and maintaining the beauty of Frankford for all to enjoy. The volunteer work of the Board of Health members in developing and maintaining the Ordinances safeguarding Frankford's dwelling conditions. The list goes on and on.





The various departments of the Frankford Township Municipality are here to be of service as you continue to grow your community each step of the way. From exploring grant opportunities to lighten the taxpayer's load, keeping our

streets clear and safe to traverse all times of year, collaborating with State and County offices to preserve farmland, working with local organizations and businesses to promote their missions, and so much more.

On behalf of myself, fellow officers, and staff at Frankford Municipal, DPW, and Court, thank you for letting us serve the Frankford community!

2024 rimary Election Time

Much thanks to the Sussex County Clerk's office (Sussexcountyclerk. org/elections) for the following information on the June 4, 2024 Primary Election:

Choosing or Changing Political Party Affiliation

Voters can declare or change their party affiliation by completing one of two forms: a Voter Registration Application (deadline to register to vote is May 14, 2024) or a Party Affiliation Form (deadline to change or declare party affiliation is April 10, 2024) which can be found at the Frankford Municipal Building or on our website under Elections. **Both forms are submitted to the County Board of Elections, 83 Spring St., Suite 305, Newton, NJ 07860.**

The Primary Elections

Each year in June, New Jersey holds two Primary elections: the **Democratic Primary** and the **Republican Primary**. The primary elections allow voters to determine which candidates in their respective party will represent them at the next ensuing General Election in November.

New Jersey's primaries are "closed," which means that registered voters of the state must declare [or affiliate with] either the Republican or Democratic party in order to vote in that party's Primary Election. If it is your first time voting in a primary you are able to declare a party at the polls or at the time you request a mail-in ballot if voting by mail. You would then will be affiliated with that party unless and until they change party affiliation or declare themselves unaffiliated.

There will be THREE ways to vote this June ...

- 1. Vote early in person from Wednesday, May 29 thru Sunday, June 2 at one of three Early Vote Centers in the County;
- 2. Vote early by mail-in ballot; the last day to request a mail-in ballot for the June 4 election is Tues., May 28. After May 28th, voters can apply in person to vote a paper ballot at the Clerk's Office up through Mon., June 3rd before 3 p.m.
- 3. Vote on Election Day, in person using a voting machine at your assigned polling place. Election Day polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more detailed information about these options, click the corresponding tab on our Elections page.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO! If you have questions about Vote By Mail, call the County Clerk Election Office at 973-579-0900. If you have voter registration or party affiliation questions, call the County Board of Elections at 973-579-0950.



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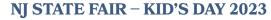


Mattison is currently enrolled in East Stroudsburg University and is in the process of obtaining her Bachelors Degree in Social Work. She was on the Dean's List as well as having received a merit scholarship. A graduate of Sussex County Technical School with a Theatre Arts major, she continued her education by attending Sussex County Community College obtaining an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts.

Mattison is currently working as a Dance Teacher/Choreographer at Trinity Studios in Sparta where

she is an instructor for children 5-17 teaching all types of techniques and choreography for dance competitions, as well as children with special needs.

Mattison is hardworking, compassionate, patient and enjoys helping people and animals of all ages, especially children. She has been working at the Sussex County Fair since 2019, and as a babysitter since 2018. Mattison will be appearing at various Frankford events in the upcoming year. Congratulations!



The Frankford Township Clean Communities program hosted the "Kid's Day" event under the performing arts tent this year at the New Jersey State Fair and Sussex County Farm & Horse Show at the Fairgrounds. Invitations were extended to all the County organizations that are instrumental in the well-being of children in our community, and each were asked to provide a child friendly craft or handout. Clean Community Grant monies were used to provide an Assembly/Performance, and attendees were educated about

the Clean Communities Program, as well as given information on how to volunteer in our community. The Clean Communities Coordinator handed out coloring books and crayons to the children and spoke to them about the many ways they can make a difference in our community. This event was called on of the most "well attended" event at the fair this year with over 3000 people coming in and out of the tented area.

ANNUAL TRUNK 'N TREAT EVENT 2023

Frankford Township's annual Trunk 'N Treat brought out a whole host of spooky ghosts, goblins, faeries, and monsters to the Sussex County Fairgrounds. This event was coordinated by Frankford Township Clean Communities in an effort to bring the community together in a positive way.

Diane Brauchle, Frankford's Certified Clean Communities Coordinator would like to thank the following event contributors: Harmony Ridge Campground owner, Ed Risdon, Jr. who provided attendees with a fun Hay Ride; Dr. Shari Talbot of Branchville Country Vet who was our very own headless horseman; then there was Skyland's Stadium, Provident Insurance, Frankford Township PTA, Frankford Teacher's Association, and Wawa.

everyone's safety, and Miss Frankford, Mattison McCurry for her assistance in judging and help with children!

Benny's Bodega did a Spooky Walkthrough that wowed the crowd! Food Donations collected on that day were also donated to the Bodega. Always a big hit, the Frankford Township Volunteer Fire Department donated Hot Dogs and refreshments to the crowd. A special thank you to Hillcrest Farm & Dairy and Pochuck Valley Farms for their donations, as well as Frankford OEM Coordinator Jeff Lewis for ensuring





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Frankford





The community recycling center is located on Wantage Ave. Keith Whitehead: Recycling Center Supervisor Diane M. Brauchle, CRP, SRMP: Certified Recycling Professional Email: Deputyclerk@frankfordtwp-nj.com Phone: 973-948-5084

The recycling center is open Fridays and Saturdays—except for July and the second week of December, when the days will be Thursday and Friday. Schedule is subject to change. The hours of operation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following 2024 dates:

2024 SCHEDULE

Schedule subject to change

MONTH	DA	ГES
January	12 & 13	26 & 27
February	9 & 10	23 & 24
March	8 & 9	22 & 23
April	12 & 13	26 & 27
Мау	10 & 11	24 & 25
June	14 & 15	28 & 29
July	11 & 12	25 & 26
August	8 & 9	22 & 23
September	13 & 14	27 & 28
October	11 & 12	25 & 26
November	8 & 9	22 & 23
December	12 & 13	27 & 28

WE DO TAKE:

- Newspaper, cardboard, and magazines (empty and flatten boxes)
- Commingled recycling
- Plastic bottle and food containers (including berry boxes and yogurt cups)
- Glass bottles and jars (labels are ok)
- Metal cans only
- Cartons
- White appliances and scrap metal

WE DO NOT TAKE:

- Car batteries / batteries
- Propane tanks

SMART TIPS TO RECYCLE RIGHT:

- NO plastic bags or plastic wrap
- Empty or flatten boxes
- Rinse containers before recycling

YOUR SUSSEX COUNTY RECYCLING AND GARBAGE COLLECTION INFORMATION IS JUST A CLICK AWAY.

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• A What type of recycler are you? quiz









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FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP TIRE AMNESTY WEEK

WHERE? RECYCLING CENTER PERRY ROAD & WANTAGE AVENUE

JULY 11TH & 12TH

Frankford Township Residents Only; proof of residency required



- Maximum of four (4) tires
- Tires accepted: auto; pick up truck and garden tractor tires
- No rims allowed to be on tires
- Free of dirt, debris and water please!

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP CLOTHING DRIVE JUNE 6TH THROUGH 10TH UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

The following items will be acceptable for the clothing drive:

- Clothing of any size (except NO winter clothing at all);
- Shoes of any size (except NO winter boots or high heels);
- Accessories such as purses, belts, hats and backpacks;
- Linens such as sheets, towels, curtains, comforters and bedsheets;
- Toys (stuffed and hard toys, but must be 14" or smaller). It is helpful to our staff if donors put toys into separate bags that are clearly marked.

Everything must be in reusable condition – no stained or torn items. Please use white 13-gallon kitchen trash bags – no boxes or loose items will be accepted. If using large, black bags, please only fill them halfway or they will become too heavy.

Nothing will be shred, and 100% of the donations will be sent to residents in third world counties that are in dire need of these items. For more information you can visit our website at www.frankfordtwp.org.

> DROP OFF AT FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICES 151 US HIGHWAY 206, AUGUSTA, NJ DURING BUSINESS HOURS ONLY!!!

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP SHRED DAY - FREE EVENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 9:00AM - NOON

 Any document that contains confidential material

 Help prevent identity theft
 Any questions can be direct to Deputyclerk@frankfordtwp-nj.com





RECYCLE YOUR BOAT SHRINK WRAP







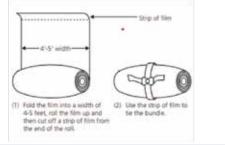
KEEP SHRINK WRAP CLEAN AND DRY

REMOVE WOOD, ZIPPERS, VENTS, ROPE, TAPE, ETC.

PLACE ONLY WRAP IN THE DESIGNATED CONTAINER

BUNDLE AND TIE WITH EXCESS WRAP

PLACE TIED WRAP AS FAR BACK AND AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE INTO THE CONTAINER TO SAVE ROOM



FUTURE TIPS FOR WASTE REDUCTION

REDUCE:

INVEST IN A TRADITIONAL BOAT COVER, WHICH CAN LAST 10-15 * YEARS AND WILL PAY FOR ITSELF WITHIN 3 - 5 YEARS THROUGH SAVINGS IN WINTERIZATION.

REUSE:

REMOVE SHRINK WRAP CAREFULLY SO IT CAN BE REUSED THE * FOLLOWING SEASON: MOST WRAPS CAN BE USED 2 TO 3 TIMES.

HELP FOSTER A VIBRANT AND HEALTHY LAKE BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES

SHRINK WRAP CAN BE RECYCLED FREE OF CHARGE AT SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY MONDAY - SATURDAY 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT: SCMUA.ORG







The Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation in conjunction with Frankford Township Clean Communities is sponsoring a cleanup of

Culver Lake & Lake Owassa Area Streets

Please volunteer to help improve *your* environment and to help GCL WCF earn money toward our other watershed protection projects shown on our website: **GCLWCF.org.**

Clean-up starts at the Normanoch Clubhouse on East Shore Culver Road between 8:30 and 9:30 AM.

Clean up supplies will be given out: bags for trash and recyclables, orange vests, and gloves (although you may prefer to bring your own gloves). Areas will be assigned as well.

Completion and return of supplies and trash is until 12 noon.



For more information please contact – Danae Dotz at <u>Machebon@aol.com</u> or

TerryMcQuillin at terrymcquillin@me.com



Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation





UPDATE FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We would like to thank everyone who came out to help us celebrate our 75th anniversary, and wet-down our new tanker. Our favorite activities are the non-emergencies where we get to spend time with our friends and neighbors. Hopefully, the future will bring more events like this.

Shortly after this celebration, we took delivery of our second vehicle of the year, a new engine (pumper). The 3,500-gallon capacity tanker and 2,000 gallon per minute engine, both replaced older pieces of apparatus. None of these upgrades would be possible without the support we receive from YOU, our township committee, and the many hours our members put in at our fundraising events. While we strive to keep all our vehicles and equipment well maintained and up to date (many of our equipment replacements are required by Federal and State regulations), we remain forever vigilant with all of the funds

we receive.

If you are on Facebook or Instagram, please "Like" and "Follow" our pages to stay up to date on all our activities. We will be having another drive-thru Fish & Chips dinner in May, and our fund drive letters have already been mailed. Your response to these events is always encouraging. If you haven't received our letter, donations can always be mailed to; P.O. Box 419, Augusta, NJ 07822. Additional online donation, and membership information is available at frankfordtownshipfiredepartment.org.

Please stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you at our next social event!

Sincerely, Mike Fox, President

FOR A REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER FOR YOUR HOME/PROPERTY, THE APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.



Sheriff Michael Strada

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REAL ESTATE SCAM ALERT

We recently received this head's up from Debbie Kistle of Kistle Realty about Real estate agencies getting calls from people claiming to be owners of vacant land wishing to sell. They are stating they live far away and have owned for years, but need to sell for various reasons. Some properties are getting listed for sale, getting offers accepted, and heading into the purchase process. In fact, here in Sussex County one actually went to closing with funds being disbursed to the fraudulent owner.

These "scammers" are very good at convincing individuals that they are the owners. They've even made/forwarded to Realtors fake licenses and other forms of identification. They have people who will accept overnight documents and have even gotten some notaries to notarize the sale documents.

The optimal way to fight this type of fraud is to continue to be a mindful community and keep our guard up. We ask that you please be cognizant of your neighbor's vacant land or even vacant or seasonal homes. If you see a "For Sale" sign go up, reach out to your neighbors to confirm they are selling. If they say they are not selling, we advise you have them contact law enforcement.

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling. SAFETY TIPS 'ROPANE Grills Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors. Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each))) The grill should be placed well away from the year. Apply a light soap and water home, deck railings and out from under eaves and solution to the hose. A propane leak will overhanging branches. release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test,))) Keep children and pets at least three feet away and there is no fiame, turn off both the from the grill area. gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops get the grill serviced by a professional M Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill. before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you))) Never leave your grill unattended.

))) Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

-))) There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
-))) If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
-))) Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
-))) When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill

If the fiame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and walt at least 5 minu before re-lighting it.



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SENIOR FREEZE (PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT)

The Senior Freeze Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax or mobile home park site fee increases on their principal residence. To qualify, you must meet all the eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the application year.

Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available for all property tax relief programs are subject to change by the State Budget.

2023 Applications

The State Division of Taxation began mailing Senior Freeze applications on February 12, 2024. If you do not receive your booklet by late March, you may contact the Division of Taxation at 888-238-1233.

First-time filers or those who must reestablish a base year may print the PTR-1 application and/or instructions from the Division of Taxation website.

Frankford Township Senior Citizens Club

2023 Filing Deadline

The deadline for 2023 application is October 31, 2024.

2023 Payment Schedule

The State will begin issuing 2023 payments to qualified applicants in July.

Important Program Changes

Beginning with the 2023 filing season, new legislation increased the income limit for the program to \$150,000 for Tax Year 2022, benefiting those filing a 2023 PTR-1. The law also eliminated the requirement that an applicant must be a New Jersey resident for 10 consecutive years to be eligible for the program. The age/disability and three-year homeownership requirements remain unchanged.

The Frankford Township Senior Citizens Club of Sussex County, Inc. is a New Jersey non-profit corporation. The purpose for which this club is formed is to promote the social and educational well-being of our members.

Persons must have attained the age of 55.

Persons residing in Frankford Township may become a member at any time.

Members meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12 noon for fellowship, refreshments, program and meeting at the Frankford Plains United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 99 Plains Road, Augusta. Call Irene at 973-875-9592 for more information.





ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE Ann Bell, Zoning Officer

Feel free to contact the Zoning Office to schedule a meeting to discuss any upcoming projects that you may be considering. Both Zoning and Construction permits may be required when adding any structures or improvements to your property.

COMMON ITEMS NEEDING ZONING PERMITS -

Permanent Standby

Generators

• Sheds

- Swimming pools
- Decks
 - Garage/Barns
- Additions
- New Houses
- Change of Use
- Ground Mount Solar

The Zoning Department is undertaking an intensified approach at enforcing the Township's Property Maintenance Code. You may notice the Zoning Officer's increased presence throughout the Township. If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints please call the Zoning Office to discuss any issues with the Zoning Officer.

Vital Records and Motary Services

VITAL RECORDS: MARRIAGE LICENSE FAQ

Waiver of Marriage and Civil Union License Fees

**\$28.00 fee is no longer being waived effective July 1, 2023.

Are appointments required to complete all Marriage License applications?

Appointments are needed for all Marriage License applications. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call 973-948-5566 ext. 226 to speak to the Registrar.

How to apply for a Marriage License

Complete the Marriage License Application form. Applications are also available at the Registrar's office or found on the Township website under Registrar under the Forms and Applications page. Do not sign the marriage application form before going to the Local Registrar, those signatures must be signed in the presence of the issuing authority under oath.

Requirements for entering into a marriage

Not be a party to another Civil Union, Domestic Partnership or Marriage in this State or recognized by this State and be at least 18 years of age.

Where to apply

Apply for the Marriage License in the New Jersey municipality where either party resides. The license is valid throughout New Jersey. If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, submit the application in the municipality where the marriage ceremony will be performed. In this case, the license is only valid in the issuing municipality.

Required documents when applying for a marriage license

- Proof of identity by presenting your driver's license, passport or State/Federal I.D.
- Proof of residency by one applicant if a NJ resident
- Social Security Number Your social security number is required by law for US citizens and will be kept confidential.
- A witness, 18 years of age or older

After you apply

There is a 72-hour waiting period before the license is issued. The waiting period begins when the application is filed with the Local Registrar. There is no 72-hour waiting period for a remarriage; however, you must bring a certified copy of your existing marriage.

The marriage license application is valid for six months from the date accepted, unless the Registrar has given prior approval to extend the validity of the application to a maximum of one year.

Please contact Diane M. Brauchle, Registrar at 973-948-5566 ext. 226 with any questions.

NOTARY SERVICES

Notary Services are available for Frankford Township residents at our Municipal Offices. <u>Valid</u> photo identification is required, and we do not notarize Wills or Real Estate Transactions of any type. Please make sure you DO NOT sign the document until you are in the presence of the Notary. For your benefit and ours, kindly call Deputy Clerk, Diane Brauchle, in advance, for an appointment at 973-948-5566 ext. 226.



THE IMPORTANCE OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

by Lori Nienstedt, Municipal Clerk

Frankford Township has several shared service agreements with other towns. These shared services are agreed upon when it makes good business sense and provide, ultimately, a savings to our taxpayers. One of these shared services is for Animal Control, where we contracted with Newton Town for this service.

The mission of Animal Control is an important one. They reunite lost pets with their owners, rescue injured and stray animals or wildlife, and enforce both local and State animal laws, including the investigation of dog/cat bites and animal attacks, animal welfare checks and nuisance complaints. In addition, they provide a degree of education to those who want to better understand how to co-exist with local wildlife.

Frankford's Animal Control Officer, Jessica Vollero, and her team operate under the supervision of the Newton Police Department. Newton now has a new impound facility where found dogs and cats can be housed by Animal Control until reunited with their owners. To that end, please make sure to license and microchip your pets. Licensing is mandatory by law and microchipping just makes good sense. It can be provided to you by your veterinarian or at Frankford's annual rabies clinic, which will be held this year on November 1, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All dogs 7 months and older are required to be licensed per State statute. The clinic will be held at the Farmer's Market Building at the Sussex County Fairgrounds.







If you have a situation that falls under any of the above categories, please do NOT call the Municipal Building. You must contact Newton Dispatch directly at 973-383-2525 and ask to leave a message for Animal Control. Jessica will return your call, rest assured.

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP DOG LICENSE FORM

NEW REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!!!

MAIL TO FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP, 151 US HIGHWAY 206, AUGUSTA, NEW JERSEY 07822 RENEWALS WILL BE MAILED AT THE END OF DECEMBER

OWNER'S NAME	PHONE NO	
STREET ADDRESS		
TOWN	STATE	ZIP CODE
	ANIMAL INFOR	MATION
DOG'S NAME		AGE
SEX	BREED	COLOR
HAIR: Circle One – Short	Medium Long	
SPAYED OR NEUTERED – DA	ATE	PROVIDE PROOF
RABIES EXPIRATION - DATI	<u> </u>	PROVIDE PROOF
	FEES	
RABIES VACCINATI3-YEAR LICENSE:\$48.	ION MUST BE VALID THROU	\$57.00 (NON-SPAYED OR NEUTERED)

****ALL DOGS' LICENSES MUST BE RENEWED BY JANUARY 31ST OF THE YEAR THAT THE LICENSE EXPIRES**** ALL CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO: "FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP"



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The purpose of this contest is to highlight Frankford Township. Anyone with a camera is invited and encouraged to submit photos that capture the beauty, history, happenings, emotion and / or unique details of the area. Photos must be taken within the boundaries of Frankford Township, and the subject can be anything within Frankford Township that reflects our community.

Prizes, in the form of gift certificates to local businesses, will be awarded in the following categories: Junior Photographer – 17 years and younger (category submissions may be of any subject), Lake Life, Fair Fun, Recreation at Frankford Park, Nature and Wildlife, On the Farm, and Architecture. A panel of judges will select one winner for each category and an overall Grand Prize winner.

Photos can be submitted by email to officeassistant@frankfordtwpnj.com with "Photo Contest Entry" in the subject line. Photos must be high resolution (no thumbnails), JPEG or PNG format, file size no larger than 4MB. Submissions must include your name, address, phone number, photo caption, who took the photo, age of the photographer and where the photo was taken with each entry (limit of 3 entries per household.)

All entries must be received by July 5th, 2023. Winners will be announced on July 26th, 2024.



PHOTO CONTEST FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP

HOW TO ENTER:

 Submit your digital photograph that captures the beauty, history, emotion and/or unique details of the area. Photos must be taken with the boundaries of Frankford Township.

2. Photos must be in .jpeg or .png format, not more than 4 MG.

 Each file must include full name, age of photographer, address, phone number, photo caption, location of the photo & category.

4. Maximum of three (3) entries per category per household.

5. Photos should be mailed to:

officeassistant@frankfordtwp-nj.com.



CATEGORIES

- JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHER (17 & Under)
- LAKE LIFE
- FAIR FUN
- ARCHITECTURE
- NATURE
- WILDLIFE
- ON THE FARM
- RECREATION
 AT FRANKFORD
 PARK

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 5TH, 2024. VISIT FRANKFORDTOWNSHIP.ORG FOR COMPLETE RULES AND REGULATIONS

By entering this contest, you are giving Frankford Township unlimited use of the photos with the right to publish your submission and use it for promotional purposes for Frankford Township now and in the future. Any identifiable people in the photos must sign a release form, or if under 18 years of age a parent/guardian must sign a release in order for the photo(s) to be eligible for use in community projects. The entry cannot defame or invade publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person's personal or property rights or any other third-party rights. Frankford Township reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any entry it deems to be offensive, inappropriate, that is not keeping with the terms of these official rules. If for any reason, Frankford Township does not feature any of the entries on their website, no compensation or substitution will be provided. Frankford Township is not responsible for lost, garbled, damaged, incomplete, delayed or misdirected entries. If for any reason the contest is not capable of running as planned, Frankford Township reserves the right, at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest.



FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP FREE RABIES CLINIC

FARMER'S MARKET

Sussex County Fairgrounds -37 Plains Road, Augusta, New Jersey 07822

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.



The clinic is open to all Sussex County Residents. Microchipping available for \$25.00.

All dogs and cats should be leashed or in a pet carrier accompanied by an adult.



American Legion Post #157 325 US Highway 206 Branchville

MAY 1, 2024 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

On the day of drive: Eat a big breakfast, drink plenty of fluids, and bring ID.

By R. Michael Dolan, Chair

The voluntary work performed by your Agricultural Advisory/Open Space Committee is ongoing and, more importantly, producing results!

We have some good news for those considering preserving their farmland. Not only is our comprehensive farmland preservation plan updated, but there are developments at the NJ legislative level* this year as well:

- Farms with \$10k in annual production can host up to 26 events annually (A-4729/S-3279).
- The appraisal methodology has been liberalized to benefit landowners (A-4729/S-3279).
- Eligibility for deer fencing grants has been expanded and improved (A-5486/S-3916).

*Thanks to Commissioner Jack DeGroot for his visit and enlightening us about these measures.

We advocate for and partner with the Greater Culver Lake Watershed Foundation and will continue to assist where we see benefit to the community. They have, in fact, completed the Ridge Road property acquisition and should close on the former Culver Lake Golf Club property shortly. There is also another project in progress at the north end of Lake Owassa.

Still in the works are the Reservoir and Paulins Kill projects mentioned in our last newsletter, another testament to both our tenacity and the glacial pace of progress we often face. However, due diligence is priceless and we tend to be mindful stewards. We are currently evaluating the Dry Brook Preserve trail system and have some ideas for improvement at very little cost, so stay tuned.

We recently exchanged ideas regarding Frankford Park and how we might better integrate Open Space funding with the Park Commission in both project planning and stewardship. We expect you will begin to see the benefits of this enhanced partnership in the near future.

As I reflect on the potential for 2024 and beyond, I would be remiss in not mentioning the dedicated work of our Open Space Committee members as well as the support that we and our recommendations receive from the Township Committee itself. Thank you for everything you do!

Goings On At Frankford Park

By John Preste, Frankford Park Commission Chair

Frankford Park continues to be a hub of activity; whether recreation games on the fields, pickup basketball or volleyball games, or residents walking the many paths throughout the park. The maintenance staff has been working hard to maintain a beautiful setting for all people utilizing this wonderful space.

Amongst our most recent updates to the park has been completion of the irrigation on multipurpose field #9. This enables us to maintain the grass during the hot weather that comes in the summer so the field can be safe for the spring and fall use.

Just beyond field #9, we have finished the Woods Walking Trail, which is open to all who want to enjoy a quiet stroll or bike ride. We

will be adding seating around the trail so people can take a break and take in their surroundings, as well as adding signs at the parking lot trail head and entry so it can readily be seen from the parking lot. Additionally, we are exploring utilizing State grants and funding that are available for adding even more amenities to our already beautiful park.

We are currently addressing the wooden railing in the parking areas through the grant process as well. It has been many years since they were originally installed, and sections need replacement.

Please come out and see what the park has for you and your family. The park is open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily!

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP CLEAN COMMUNITIES PRESENTS... 1ST ANNUAL DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A CRUISE NIGHT EVENT AT FRANKFORD PARK, 358 WANTAGE AVENUE, BRANCHVILLE (FIELD #2) ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024 BEGINNING AT 8:00 P.M. ATTENDEES ARE ENCOURGED TO BUILD THEIR CRUISIN' VEHICLE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS. THERE WILL BE SNACKS PROVIDED, AS WELL AS PRIZES FOR THE BEST & MOST ORIGINAL CARS BUILT.

PLEASE RSVP BY: E-MAILING YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO OFFICEASSISTANT@FRANKFORDTWP-NJ.COM BY JUNE 7TH!

FORMS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE. NO LATE ENTRIES...

THIS EVENT IS FOR CHILDREN FROM PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE.

THE MOVIE FEATURE IS: DISNEY'S WISH (OR OTHER AGE APPROPRIATE MOVIE)









2024 MISS FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP PAGEANT



THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

SIGN UP AND BECOME A CONTESTANT AND YOU COULD BE FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP'S NEXT QUEEN!

Must be Age 17 by 8/4, but no older than 21 by 8/4 Application Deadline: June 3, 2024

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL, YOUR SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE & OUR WEBSITE www.frankfordtownship.org

SUSSEX PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL (SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS) SKYLANDS STADIUM FIREWORK'S SCHEDULE

May 11, 2024	June 1, 2024	June 29, 2024	July 13, 2024
May 18, 2024	June 15, 2024	July 4, 2024	July 25, 2024

SUSSEX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Boyscouts of America – October 26, 2024

May 10, 2024 - Fairgrounds May 24, 2024 – Fairgrounds

August 17, 2024 August 31, 2024

Weddings 2024 - Conservatory



2024 EXTRA SPECIAL EVENTS - Sussex County Division of Senior Services www.sussex.nj.us/seniorservices 973-579-0555 Email: seniorservices@sussex.ni.us

OLDER AMERICANS DAY at the Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta Friday, May 10th 9:00 a.m. Entertainment - Exhibits - Prizes

PUBLIC HEARING at Knoll Heights Village, Sparta Thursday, June 6th 1:30 p.m. Let your voice be heard!

SENIOR DAY at NJ State Fair, Augusta Thursday, August 8th 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. *New Time Entertainment - Exhibits - Prizes VETERANS PICNIC at Hamburg Fire Dept. Pavilion, Hamburg Saturday, August 17th - 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

HEALTHY LIVING FESTIVAL at Bristol Glen Friday, September 20th 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Health Screenings - Exhibits -Life Enrichment Programs

CAREGIVER EXPO at the Farmstead Golf & Country Club, Lafayette Thursday, October 24th - 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Seminars - Exhibits SALUTE TO MILITARY VETERANS Sussex County Fairgrounds Sunday November 3rd 1 p.m. Parade - Entertainment - Exhibits

SENIOR SERVICES OPEN HOUSE Sussex County Community College -Performing Arts Atrium One College Hill Road, Newton Friday, December 6th 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Information - Resources- Lunch



Eligibility:

- The individual must be a Frankford Township resident
- He/She should be an inspirational role model and have demonstrated an Active interest and involvement in community affairs.
- This person should somehow contribute to the betterment of our community.

NOMINEE:	
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NOMINATOR:	
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Address:	
Phone:	
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E-mail:	

*Please attach a brief summary of why this person should be nominated and how he/she has made a difference. Email all entries to Deputyclerk@frankfordtwp-nj.com.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JULY 5, 2024.



ON THE ROAD WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

When it comes to controlling stormwater runoff, challenges are faced as high levels of both organic and inorganic contaminants in street dust represent a source of dual risk to stormwater and air quality. Street sweeping is a vital tool to use as Frankford Township is committed to protecting its waterways by improving stormwater runoff quality.



To that end, Frankford Township DPW has recently acquired an Elgin Whirlwind 1 vacuum

street sweeper. This single engine sweeper is equipped with the latest technology, is more efficient, low maintenance, and cost-effective. It removes fine dust more efficiently than its mechanical counterparts by drawing in air with a fan, collecting dust, contaminants, and debris and then exhausting the air. Additionally, we will be able to clean our own catch basins once again since this is a vacuum truck with rear suction for basin cleaning. We thank Andover Township for their shared service over the last several years for helping us clean basins with their vac truck!

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 Elizabeth, NJ 	230 Commerce Place	Tel: 908-441-9500
• Dover, NJ	10 W. Blackwell St.	Tel: 973-749-1600
• Augusta , NJ	85 A US 206	Tel: 862-397-1004
 Phillipsburg, NJ 	200 Fayette St.	Tel: 908-417-4525
 Lakewood, NJ 	1900 Swarthmore Ave.	Tel: 732-201-4909

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Municipal Directory

Municipal Clerk's Office		Fire Prevention		
Lori Nienstedt, MBA, RMC, CMR -	973-948-5566 x 227	Mark Snook - Fire Prevention Official	973-948-7592	
Municipal Clerk, Administrative Officer,		Katie LaBrunda -	973-948-7592	
Public Info Officer		Fire Prevention Secretary		
Diane M. Brauchle, CMR - Deputy Municipal Clerk	973-948-5084	Zoning and Code Enforcement		
Office Assistant	973-948-5566 x 229	Ann Bell - Zoning Official	973-948-6453	
		Public Works		
Registrar's Office		Mark Yetter, CPWM – Supervisor	973-948-4230	
Diane M. Brauchle, CMR – Registrar	973-948-5084	Jeremy Westercamp – Foreman		
Lori Nienstedt, CMR - Deputy Registrar	973-948-5566 x 227	Joint and Shared Municipal Court		
Finance Office		Peter J. Laemers, JMC - Judge	-	
Sharon Yarosz, CFO - Chief Financial Officer	973-948-7335	Alicia Ferrante, Esq. – Prosecutor		
		David Dumbroff, Esq Public Defender		
Katie LaBrunda - Finance Clerk	973-948-7335	Shannon Geddis, CMCA -	973-948-4045	
Tax Office		Court Administrator		
Stephen Lance, CTC - Tax Collector	973-948-4621	Donna Zuidema, DMCA – Deputy Court Administrator		
Jason Laliker, CTA - Tax Assessor	973-948-7335			
Construction Office		Carol Cosh, DMCA – Deputy Court		
Bob Huber - Construction Official,	973-948-6453	Administrator		
Plumbing Subcode Official		Shari McSweeney, VC - Violations Clerk		
Andrew Simonis -	973-948-6453	Health Department		
Electrical Subcode Official		Diane M. Brauchle -	973-948-5566 x 226	
Joseph Serrecchia - Fire Subcode Official	973-948-6453	Health Department Secretary		
Ann Bell - Technical Assistant	973-948-6453	Clean Communities & Recycling		
to the Construction Official Office Assistant	973-948-5566 x 229	Diane M. Brauchle, CRP, CCCC –	973-948-5566 x 226	
	77 J-940-0000 X 229	Coordinator		
Land Use		Animal Contro	[
Katie LaBrunda - Land Use Secretary	973-948-7592	ACO - Newton Animal Control	973-383-2525	

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Township observes the following legal holidays. Municipal and Court offices will be closed on these days.

HOLIDAY	DATE
Memorial Day	May 27
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 2
Columbus Day	October 14
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	November 28
Day after Thanksgiving (municipal holiday)	November 29
Christmas Day	December 25





Find food pantries, free markets, soup kitchens, and service agencies near you.

View Zufall Health's Sussex County Food Resource Map at **bit.ly/sussex-food-map** or use the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code below.

While we work to ensure the map information is up to date, we recommend calling ahead to confirm locations, hours, and services.











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