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Fall 2023

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2023 Citizen of the Year

LOIS A. PELLOW



Lois A. Pellow was born in Paterson, New Jersey. She graduated from Newton High School. Lois obtained a BA from Trenton State College in Elementary Education, and an MA from Paterson State College in Special Education.

Lois taught special needs children in Sparta, thereafter marrying her high school sweetheart, Harold Pellow, in 1958. Together they had three daughters:

- Kathy – Two Children: Joshua, 33, and Nicole Ann, 25.
- Lisa – Married to Cory Stoner; One Daughter: Ali, 19.
- Daughter Ann Wagner was tragically killed in 1989 in an auto accident.

Lois had a passion in youth leadership and always wanted to be a teacher. She loves challenging young people to “give back to their community”. Having been a Brownie leader, Sunday School teacher, Lois particularly enjoyed many years as a 4-H leader of the Sunrise Riders Horse Club, sharing her interests in horses with them. Her 4-H’ers were always required to do community service projects.

One of the biggest honors of Lois’ life came in 1996 when the Boy Scouts of America awarded her with being a “role model to youth” in their Sussex County Tribute to Women.

As a community leader, Lois has always been a volunteer for some cause. Mrs. Pellow organized Frankford Township’s fundraising for the American Cancer Society for many years, and chaired the Branchville Methodist Church’s Council on Ministries (Planning) and its Task Force on Poverty, which began the Thrift Shop, still in existence after 50 years. (All proceeds go to needy causes and residents.) She was also a volunteer at Newton Memorial Hospital for a long time. Other special causes right now are Habitat for Humanity, Project Self Sufficiency, and Feel the Smile of a Child (children with cancer).

Her fundraising efforts are amazing:

Lois began a Corporate Sponsor Program in 1987, for the **New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show** which is still in effect.

She raised money to build three (3) barns and a pavilion at the Fair: \$400,000.00, raised money to build the Administration Building, \$720,000.00, raised money to build the restroom: \$350,000.00, raised funds to upgrade the Richards Building: \$250,000.00. What an accomplishment!

Lois has been a member of the Executive Committee for 35 years, the President of the Horse Show from 1989-2001, and the President of the Fair from 2001-2006.

Suffice it to say that Lois Pellow has always loved a project, especially one with a little challenge. She and her husband Harold have always supported and been involved in local projects involving youth, recreation, or important local needs. They believe that each person has the responsibility to reach out and help others in need, using their God-given talents. They feel deeply that living in Sussex County is the only place to be, and are grateful that they have been able to work and raise their family in such a wonderful area where people help people on a daily basis. On this, the year of their 65th wedding anniversary, they reflect on how lucky they are to live in this very special community.

It is for all of the aforementioned accomplishments and more that Lois A. Pellow is the 2023 Citizen of the Year! Congratulations, Lois!

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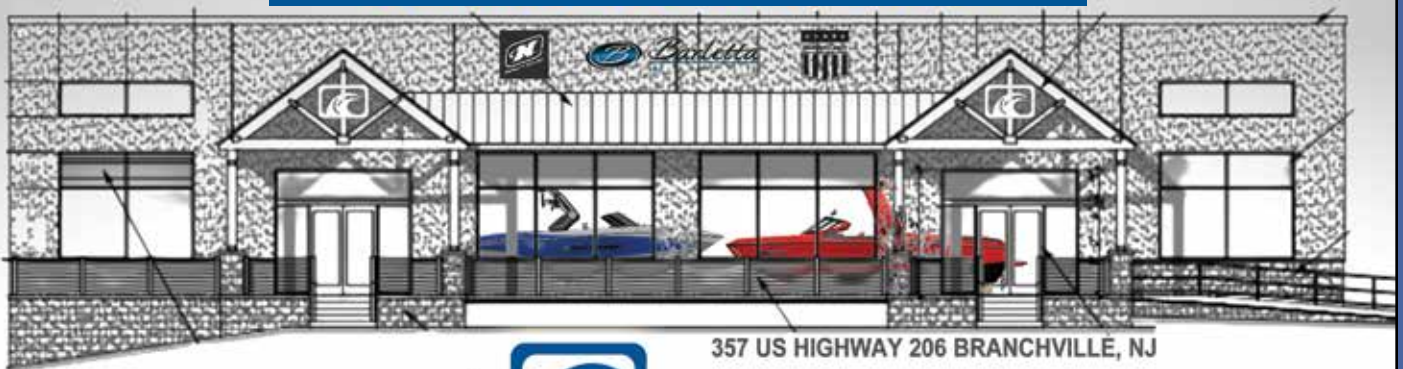
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From the Desk Of Mayor David Silverthorne

Dear Frankford Residents,

Welcome to the Fall/Winter 2023 Edition of the Frankford Township Newsletter, brought to you by the generous sponsors of our community. Be sure to utilize their goods & services sometime in the near future.

Hopefully everyone has had an enjoyable Summer. As we move into the Fall, be mindful that the schools are open and let's all drive safely.

To highlight a few areas that we have been focusing on this year:

- To enhance public safety, we recently entered into an agreement with the Sussex County Sheriff's Department for supplemental patrols throughout Frankford;
- To correct a loophole in the State Cannabis Law, your Governing Body has passed an Ordinance outlawing "gifting of cannabis" in Frankford Township. We as a community opted out of retail cannabis and will continue to advocate for such by whatever means necessary;
- To improve our Parks, bids have been accepted by the Township Committee for completion of irrigation on Field 9, and we are currently planning construction of an additional practice field, and parking lot improvements;
- We are addressing various property maintenance issues

throughout our community, and have been able to utilize grants for much of this thereby, avoiding the use of municipal tax dollars;

- Frankford is engaged in a joint drainage project to remediate drainage issues with Branchville on Hillside Avenue.

As we continue to seek opportunities to partner with neighboring municipalities, we are engaged in shared service agreements whenever feasible. This allows us to offset the many unfunded mandates thrust upon us by Trenton. Another effort to partner with neighboring municipalities is the discussion of a State mandated wash bay facility for DPW vehicles to be located in Frankford Township.

As budget season approaches, we will continue to do everything possible to alleviate the tax burden on our residents. This has become exceedingly difficult due to mismanagement regarding the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) which the Township participates in.

It has been my privilege to serve as Mayor in 2023. My fellow committeemen and I will continue to work tirelessly to earn your trust and respect.

Sincerely,

David J. Silverthorne, Mayor

November 7 General Election Information

There will be **THREE** ways to vote in the General Election this November...

1. **Vote early in person** from **Sat., October 28 through Sun., November 5, 2023** at one of three **Early Vote Centers** in the county:

Sussex-Wantage Branch Library in Wantage,
Louise Childs Library Branch in Stanhope, and
The Cochran House in Newton

2. **Vote early by mail-in ballot**; the last day to request a mail-in ballot for the November General Election is **Tues., October 31, 2023**. After October 31, 2023, voters can apply in person to vote a paper ballot at the County Clerk's Office up through Mon., November 6, 2023 before 3 p.m.

3. **Vote on Election Day** between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., in person using a voting machine at your **assigned** polling place.

In Frankford:

District 1 - Frankford Municipal Building - 151 US HWY 206

Districts 2 & 3 - Frankford Firehouse #1 - 390 US Highway 206

District 4 - Frankford Firehouse #2 - 34 Pelletown Road

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

If you have questions about how the 2023 elections are going to be conducted, the Sussex County Election Office at 973-579-0900.

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- Notify the Board of availability each year
- Attend an annual FREE 2 hour Training class
- Setup and operate voting machines, equipment and supplies
- Process voters
- Drop off Election Day supplies

WHAT IS THE COMPENSATION

- \$300 for the day
- 5:00 am to 8:30 pm

POLL WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR

- June Primary Election
- November General Election
- Any Special Elections

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From the Office of *Administrator and Clerk*



LEAD BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS IN RENTAL UNITS – WHAT TO KNOW!

By Lori Nienstedt, Municipal Administrator, Clerk

Some history! In 2021, the Legislature enacted P.L. 2021, c. 182. This law, which became effective as of July 22, 2022, requires inspections at stipulated times of single-family, two-family, and multiple dwelling rental dwelling units **built prior to 1978** for lead-based paint hazards.

What type of inspection is required in Frankford and why? The exact type of inspection depends on Department of Health data as to the elevated blood lead level in children, six years of age or younger, who are tested within the municipality. For Frankford Township, a visual inspection is required. A visual inspection is an examination of all painted building components for deteriorated paint or visible surface dust, debris, or residue. The inspector should also look for paint chips or dust from painting activities that were not cleaned up and paint residue on floors.

When do I have to inspect?

All owners of residential dwelling units within the Township shall submit to the Township Clerk the required Residential Rental Registration Form, together with a minimum lead-safe certification and a check in the amount of \$20 made payable to the Township of Frankford upon the earlier of (1) thirty (30) days following tenant turnover; or (2) July 22, 2024, consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:28A-2.4. This form can be found on our website at: https://frankfordtownship.org/municipal/applications_forms/LandlordRegistrationForm.pdf

For those submitting lead-free certificates, the \$20 State fee only applies once. However with the lead-safe certification the \$20 fee applies to the initial submission and each renewal certification

What to do if lead is found in your building? Where an inspection reveals the existence of a lead-based paint hazard, the building owner must perform appropriate remediation.

Where can I find a lead remediation expert? According to the NJ Department of Consumer Affairs, you can find a list of certified lead evaluation contractors at: chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnibpcapjcgclcfndmkaj/https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/publications/pdf_lead/ld_eval_contrs.pdf

What are the penalties for failure to comply?

If the dwelling owner has not cured the violation within 30 days, the owner shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per week until the required inspection has been conducted or remediation efforts have been initiated.

Additional Information is Available!

More detailed information on this law may be found in Frankford Township Ordinance 2023-004 located on our website at: <https://frankfordtownship.org/municipal/ordinances/2023/Ordinance-2023-004.pdf>

Guidelines for Lead-Based Paint in Rental Dwellings, posted on the DCA website: (<https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/resources/leadpaint.html>), and also in DCA's proposed regulations, published in the New Jersey Register at 54 N.J.R. 1355, July 18, 2022.



THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES!

Frankford Township would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and recognizes each of them as contributors to our community. It is thanks to their advertising support that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT TIPS - Property taxes are due on the first day of February, May, August, and November.

Regular property tax bills are issued yearly at the beginning of July, but are dependent on the County Tax Board setting the rate. These bills have amounts due for the third and fourth quarters (August 1 & November 1) of the present tax year plus the first and second quarters (February 1 & May 1) of the next year. New construction is billed as an added assessment in early October and payable on November 1.

Payment can be made at any time without interest or penalty until the end of a ten-calendar day grace period after the original due date. If this ten-calendar day grace period ends on a weekend or legal holiday, the next business day is considered its completion. After the end of the quarterly ten-day grace period, interest is assessed at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the total delinquency and 18% per annum on the balance over \$1,500.00. Total delinquency is defined by the state statute as being multiple quarters. If the total delinquency (taxes and interest) exceed \$10,000.00 on December 31st, a flat 6% year-end penalty is charged.

Unpaid property taxes are subject to Tax Sale after November 11 of the current year. 50 days prior to the Tax Sale a 2% cost of sale fee of no less than \$15.00 or more than \$100.00 is added to the unpaid tax and interest balance.

1) On-Line Bill Payment. Payments may be made on-line using a secure, no fee ACH payment transfer. Just have your bank routing number and checking account number (these are located on the bottom of your check), and your block and lot number. Log on the Frankford Township website at: www.frankfordtownship.org and located on the top banner on the front page click "Online Tax

Pay" and follow the instructions. You can also access this function by clicking on "Departments" then "Tax" and then "Online Tax Payment".

2) Mail Your Payment. If not paying on-line, mailing reduces Township labor costs by allowing faster processing of your payment. Include the appropriate payment stub with your check. Address your payment envelope to: Tax Collector, 151 US Highway 206, Augusta, NJ 07822 and make your check payable to: Township of Frankford. A locked drop box is also located at the entrance door of the municipal building. Please do not leave cash in the drop box.

3) Do Not Post-Date Payment Checks. We are not allowed to hold your payment check. State statute requires your payment to be deposited within 48 hours. As such, any post-dated checks will be returned to you.

4) Please write the Block and Lot Number(s) which You are Paying in the Memo Portion of Your Check or Money Order.

5) Pay by ACH Transfer, Check, or Money Order. For your own protection cash payments should be avoided. We have no change available, so if you must, please have exact change. Please bring your full tax bill to be receipted for a cash payment. Keep in mind that **cash transactions are reported to the US Treasury according to federal regulations.** We do not accept credit card payments.

To Download Deeds, Mortgages and other Recorded Documents. You can print documents from the Sussex County Clerk's Office on your home computer at: https://cefile.sussex.nj.us/RecordsNG_Web/



Liturgy Schedule

DAILY MASS MON-SAT
8:00 am
SATURDAY
5:00 pm
SUNDAY
8:00 am | 10:00 am
12:00 pm - Spanish | 7:00 pm

ADORATION TIMES
Monday - 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Friday - 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm
1st Friday - 8:30 am
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2024 SCHEDULE

Schedule subject to change

MONTH	DATES	
JANUARY	12 & 13	26 & 27
FEBRUARY	9 & 10	23 & 24
MARCH	8 & 9	22 & 23
APRIL	12 & 13	26 & 27
MAY	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
JANUARY 2025	9 & 10	23 & 24

AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT DROP OFF LOCATIONS

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EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Sponsored by the Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation (GCLWCF) and Frankford Township Clean Communities, volunteers from Lake Owassa and Culver Lake participated in the 6th Annual Earth Day Clean Up in April. Volunteers collected garbage and recyclable materials along the roadways surrounding the lakes. GCLWCF (GCLWCF.org) is also involved in land conservation and various other initiatives to protect the watershed of the Upper Paulins Kill. To be a part of this clean up event in the future, look out for informational brochures and dates on our website.

Along with Frankford Township Clean Communities, The Foodshed Alliance will be coordinating a clean-up of the Paulins Kill Watershed in the fall of 2023. The Paulins Kill Watershed Initiative was created by a group of nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders interested in engaging residents, farmers, and municipalities in protecting the watershed. The Paulins Kill Watershed covers an area of 176.85 square miles through Warren and Sussex Counties and is New Jersey's third-largest tributary of the Delaware River.



ATTENTION... FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Frankford Clean Communities Program will be giving away biodegradable leaf bags. The bags can be picked up at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wednesday – Friday. Please contact the DPW at 973-948-4230 when the bags are placed at the curb for pick up. There is a 20 bag limit.

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Zoning and *Construction*



ZONING / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Ann Bell, Zoning Officer

If you are planning any changes on your property, you may need both Zoning and Construction permits. Please contact the Zoning office before performing any construction or adding any structures to ensure that your improvements receive the proper permits.

COMMON ITEMS NEEDING ZONING PERMITS -

It is the duty of the Zoning Officer to inspect structures and land within

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

the Township for compliance and to issue Zoning Permits. Code Enforcement falls under the duties of the Zoning Officer. Property maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner. Please do your part in keeping Frankford Township a beautiful place to live. Our code requires that you keep your property free of overgrown grass, bushes and trees. No garbage, debris, or discarded appliances are permitted to be left out. Inoperable vehicles or parts thereof, including boats and trailers, motorized or not, regardless of whether licensed or registered have been abandoned, dismantled or are in a state of visible disrepair are also a violation of the Township Code. Please contact the Zoning office if you have any concerns or questions.

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Robert Huber, Construction Official

The Construction Department handles all plan review, building permits, and inspections. Our friendly and knowledgeable Inspectors are happy to assist you with any Construction Code questions or projects you may be undertaking.



Our office staff can assist you with the permitting process so your project can run smoothly from start to finish.

COMMON PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS -

- Renovations
- Additions
- Heating and Air Conditioning units
- Sheds over 200 sq ft
- Oil tank removals & installations
- Swimming pools
- Solar panels
- Decks
- Generators
- Water Heaters

Joint/Shared *Municipal Court*

FROM THE JOINT/SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT

The Frankford Joint/Blairstown Shared Municipal Court handles traffic and quasi-criminal matters that occur in the jurisdictions of Frankford, Lafayette, Sandyston, Montague, Walpack and Blairstown. Our office is open to the public Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (excluding holidays). Court staff can be reached by calling 973-948-4045. Our fax number is 973-948-4271. Payments can be made in person by cash, check or money order or online at www.njmcdirect.com. We also have an after-hours drop box outside of the court office for your convenience.

Court Sessions remain VIRTUAL with limited in person appearances. If you are scheduled for a virtual court hearing, please contact us by email at court@frankfordtwp-nj.com or by phone at 973-948-4045 to ensure we have your updated email and contact information.

Did you know that you can now dispute your municipal case online at www.njmcdirect.com? The Online Municipal Case Resolution System allows you to dispute your traffic summons without having to appear in court. When a traffic summons is disputed online, the Municipal Prosecutor may recommend an amendment to the original offense. You will then have the option of accepting or rejecting the amended offense. If the amendment is accepted, the Municipal Court Judge will then assess fines and costs (if applicable) and you will be notified by email. All of this can be done in the comfort of your own home with no need to appear in court.

The staff of the Joint/Shared Municipal Court are here to answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 973-948-4045 to assist you.

Sincerely,
Shannon Geddis, CMCA, Municipal Court Administrator



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In the mid 1940s a group of concerned citizens saw a need for more local fire protection. In 1948, thirty-three men signed the Charter forming the Frankford Township Fire Department.

Fast forward: 2023 - Thirty Chiefs, countless Firefighters, and Auxiliary members; our current membership remains committed to following their legacy by providing emergency service(s) to our residents!

In honor of our 75th Anniversary, and as a thanks for all of your continued support, we are inviting you to our Celebration. Please join us for food & fun at our Rt 206 firehouse on Saturday, September 30, from 2-6!

We continue to be a strong organization, probably responding to many more types of emergencies than our forefathers ever envisioned, but we always have room for additional members. We welcome any Frankford resident, beginning from the age of 16 (for our Juniors program), and regular membership for those 18 and over. If you have an interest, reach out for additional information; from any current member, leave a message at the firehouse (973-948-4220), or visit our website (frankfordtownshipfiredepartment.org).

Please stay safe! And we look forward to meeting you on September 30th.



Vital Records and Notary 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 all Frankford Township residents at our Municipal Offices at 151 US Highway 206, Augusta, NJ 07822. Valid photo identification is required, and we do not notarize Wills. Please make sure you sign the document in the presence of the notary.

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FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP FREE RABIES CLINIC

FARMER'S MARKET

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023, 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.



Frankford Township has been home to the Sussex County Fairgrounds since 1976, when the Fair moved down the road from Branchville in order to establish permanent grounds. Today with over 150 beautifully landscaped acres, we are home to not only the NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show, but to numerous activities supporting our community and other non-profits who share our mission of giving back to the community. We're here in emergencies- for first responders to train, for public health or sheltering crises and for utility companies to stage during weather related incidents. We're here to support our area youth-through agricultural education, by hosting our local 4-H groups and by offering our grounds to local schools for events and fundraisers.

Always Something Happening



We're more than just a Fair!

www.NJStateFair.org

We're always here for local non-profits to support their efforts to raise money for important programs that benefit the community. We're here to showcase agricultural and equestrian events throughout the year, but especially at the annual NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show. Over 1,000 volunteers prepare all year long to present the largest agricultural fair in NJ, dubbed by the NJ Secretary of Agriculture as the "jewel of NJ fairs." As a private non-profit organization with no governmental funding, we're grateful for the support we receive from our community. There is always something happening at the Sussex County Fairgrounds, and we invite you to visit our website and social media because there's more to see in '23.



Animal Control *and Dog Licensing*

For Animal Control Services contact Newton dispatch at 973-383-2525. Choose prompt 0 (zero).

Frankford Animal Control is here to promote a humane community where animals and people are treated with kindness, care, and compassion. We strive to promote this through advocacy, support, and programs. Our primary goals are not only returning lost pets but also maintaining rabies compliance. Community outreach for pets and owners in need is a priority.

To this end, Frankford Township engaged in a shared service with Newton Town for Animal Control Services with Animal Control Officer (ACO) Jessica Vollero.

What does an ACO do? The Animal Control Officer (ACO) is the Official appointed to be enforcing authority for all violations of Frankford Code Chapter 8, Animal Control. Information concerning the control of dogs can be found here: <https://ecode360.com/35910818>

When do I call the ACO? You must call the ACO (not the Municipal Building) to report, for example:

- Lost dogs/cats/pets
- Loose domestic animal
- Injured wildlife
- Animal abuse



How do I contact the ACO? You call dispatch at (973) 383-2525, choose prompt 0 (zero), and provide the information they request. The ACO will then be contacted.

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP DOG LICENSE FORM

NEW REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!!!

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OWNER'S NAME _____ PHONE NO _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
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TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
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ANIMAL INFORMATION

DOG'S NAME _____ AGE _____
SEX _____ BREED _____ COLOR _____
HAIR: Circle One – Short Medium Long
SPAYED OR NEUTERED – DATE _____ PROVIDE PROOF
RABIES EXPIRATION – DATE _____ PROVIDE PROOF

FEES

1-YEAR LICENSE: \$16.00 (SPAYED OR NEUTERED) - \$19.00 (NON-SPAYED OR NEUTERED)
 RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE VALID THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2024
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 RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE VALID THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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FRANKFORD RESIDENT CHOSEN AS STATE SEMI-FINALIST IN NJ COMPETITION!

Congratulations to Makayla Chiariello of Frankford Township who entered the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Essay Contest and was awarded the distinction of Semi-Finalist. We are all very proud of her accomplishment.

Truly, Frankford has a bright future in looking at the amazing youths in our community!

Following is the essay that Makayla submitted to the NJ League of Municipalities:

WHAT MY MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT DOES BEST

When reflecting on the Frankford Municipal township government, the very first word that comes to mind is tradition. I have spent my whole life here in Frankford. While the area has adapted over the years to modern necessities, the mayor and town committee have always kept Sussex County traditions at the forefront. These traditions are based on family values, rural life, and wholesome community faith that creates opportunities for all its citizens and welcomes all who wish to experience this way of life.

The tradition of family values is what I cherish the most and I am very proud that the government of Frankford believes in this value as well. This is demonstrated through the beautiful recreational parks used for various sports, and community events, and a place to exercise. Our school system is top-notch and allows students like myself to become successful in the future. Whether it is our lake communities, farms, forests, or developments, our government has always made sure that our Department of Public Works is running smoothly to keep this area well maintained. All this allows family values to run strong in the Frankford Community.

Frankford Township has always maintained that the community will remain rural. This is what Frankford Township and Sussex County, as a whole, have been about since their existence. The mayor and township community has done an excellent job of ensuring we remain a rural area, but balancing the need for modern resources. Making sure that utilities are well maintained, people have access to modern amenities, and are able to live comfortably within the times, has been always at the forefront of the government's committee. However, this is balanced with making sure our township is not over-established with malls, public transportation, and major

interstate highways. This allows the people of Frankford to maintain the tradition of a rural community.

Wholesome community faith allows Frankford to be welcoming to others, bringing them into our traditional community values. Various community groups that do so much for Frankford Township are at the core of these values. This exists through communities like Culver Lake, which provide many community events. Frankford Township School provides an excellent community center based on its educational excellence. To demonstrate our community faith beyond our community, we invite people from all over to experience what it is like to be a citizen of Frankford. The Sussex County Farm and Horse Show is an event like no other. People from all over enjoy what Frankford citizens are lucky enough to experience each day. This is all done through the strength of traditional values the Frankford municipality creates every day for its citizens.

The traditions that Frankford maintains through its governance has allowed me to be the person I am today. Its school systems allow me to achieve honors status at Felician University. Frankford Park gave me the place to develop my skills to play soccer and run track collegiately. The municipality maintains a safe place for me to enjoy my friends and family. My core values of faith, family, and community have been established by the work of the Frankford governance every day. My roots will always be from here, and no matter where life takes me, I have the Frankford municipality to thank for creating an exceptional foundation in my life.



Makayla and Mayor Silverthorne

Frankford Township Senior Citizens Club

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.

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.





L to R - Makayla Chiariello,
Mattison McCurry & Jaida Petrillo

MISS FRANKFORD 2023 MATTISON MCCURRY

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!

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Board of Education

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE FRANKFORD TWP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, State of New Jersey, the following regular meeting dates have been established by the Frankford Township Board of Education, in the Township of Frankford, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey for the remainder of the calendar year 2023 and through June, 2024. All regular meetings will be held on Mondays; Meetings will commence at 6:00pm in the school library of the Frankford Township School, 2 Pines Road, Frankford Township. Special work Sessions will be announced separately if necessary.

Please check the district website at <http://www.frankfordschool.org/> for agendas, minutes and information about meetings.

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Christopher M. Lessard, Board Secretary



Month	Date
July 2023	NO REGULAR MEETING
August 2023	August 28
September 2023	September 25
October 2023	October 23
November 2023	November 27
December 2023	December 18
January 2024	January 8 January 29
February 2024	February 26
March 2024	March 18*
April 2024	April 29*
May 2024	May 13
June 2024	June 10
*Subject to change based on annual budget calendar.	

Upcoming *Township Events*



AT SUSSEX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

TRUNKS NEEDED!

Register by October 6th

Decorate your trunk & have fun passing out candy.
All Registrants are required to decorate their trunk.

Registration form can be found on our website at
frankfordtownship.org.

Prizes will be awarded to trunks & costumes with the
best decorations in the following categories:

- Best Use of Recycled Materials
- Best in Show
- Scariest
- Funniest

Set up begins at 4:00pm (kids can attend the Magic
Show during set up.) Trick or treating starts at 5:30pm.
Pre-registration is required and all registrants are
required to decorate their trunk.



Frankford Township Presents **PHONE CALLS FROM SANTA**



Believe In Magic...

Do you remember the magic of Christmas? Santa is making a special stop this year and will be in town to make phone calls to your child(ren). The Elves at Frankford Township need a little help from you to make this phone call more meaningful for your child(ren). Return the Registration form to us by December 1st. Please submit one form for each child. Registration forms available at Frankfordtownship.org.

*Calls will be made on December 8th between 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Phone calls will be made only once and no repeat calls will be made
if the call is unanswered or child is not home. Thank you!*



**NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH
DECEMBER 15TH, 2023**

Drop Off:
Frankford Township Municipal Building
151 Route 206, Augusta, NJ

PLEASE LEAVE GIFTS UNWRAPPED



SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



On June 23rd, 2023, at 2PM twenty-two amateur radio operators (hams) from the Sussex County Amateur Radio Club gathered in a field in Frankford Township New Jersey. For the next 24 hours they would set up towers, antennas, computers, generators, and myriad cables. At 2PM on Saturday afternoon the real activity started. For the next day they would talk to people in New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, and a couple of thousand other stations all around the world. At 2PM Sunday, the talking stopped, and everything was packed back up to be put away until next year.

Why would this many reasonable adults spend a weekend in the heat, humidity, lightning, and rain to keep repeating “We are W2LV 5A NNJ” using voice, morse code (CW) and by digital interface? This is what **Amateur Radio Field Day** is. A 48-hour period that we amateurs gather to demonstrate our ability to communicate around the world in adverse conditions using only emergency power and our support equipment.

Hams are licensed radio operators with privileges to communicate on radio frequencies from 135 kilohertz to several hundred gigahertz. Amateur radio is a hobby and service that brings people, electronics, and communications together. They use radio to talk across town, around the world and even into space without the use of the internet or cell phones.

Our Field Day is an annual open house event sponsored by the American Radio Relay League. On the 4th weekend of June more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933 and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

We are more than this one event though. Most hams have home or mobile stations set up and will routinely talk to other hams across the globe. Hams are also ready to serve in times of disaster or emergency. We can pass vital information to and from impacted areas and allow loved ones to verify their health and well-being. We are never allowed to accept any kind of compensation for using our radios. We do it for fun and for service to our community.

If you're interested in becoming a ham radio operator, the Sussex County Amateur Radio Club (www.scarcnj.org) holds meetings on the third Friday of each month from September to June. We meet at the Sussex County Public Safety Training Academy at 114 Morris Turnpike Newton (Frankford really, don't tell the post office) at 8:00 PM. For more information, contact Kelly Leavitt (amateur call sign ke2l) at ke2l@arrl.net or w2lv@scarcnj.org.



SAVE THE DATE

HEALTHY LIVING FESTIVAL FOR SENIORS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023, 8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Event to be held at Bristol Glen - 200 Bristol Glen Drive, Newton

FREE Health screenings:

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Pre-registration is required! Call the Sussex County Division of Senior Services at

973-579-0555 or e-mail them at seniorservices@sussex.nj.us.



Photo Contest Winners



*Fair Fun –
Llama Love*
by Melissa Paszko

*On the Farm –
End of the Storm*
by Joan Wittrein

*Wildlife –
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Public Info Officer

Diane M. Brauchle, CMR - Deputy Clerk 973-948-5084
Office Assistant 973-948-5566 x 229

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Fire Prevention Secretary

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Animal Control

ACO - Newton Animal Control 973-383-2525

2023-2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MUNICIPAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

HOLIDAY

DATE

COLUMBUS DAY October 9

VETERANS' DAY November 10

THANKSGIVING November 23

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING November 24

CHRISTMAS DAY December 25

DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS December 26

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2024 January 1

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