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Fall 2024

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2024 Citizen Of The Year

Carol Decker



It is our extreme pleasure to introduce Frankford Township's 2024 Citizen of the Year, Carol Decker. When you think about people and nature you are automatically reminded that our Citizen of the year is a nationally acclaimed wildlife artist, conservationist, and educator. Among many of her accolades she was chosen to represent the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Delaware National Scenic River for the White House. She designed and painted two White House ornaments for the Blue Room Christmas Tree in 2007. She has six collector plates with the Bradford Exchange Plate Series. She had won the Maryland Black Bear Conservation Stamp design contest. She has been featured as the cover artist for magazines such as New Jersey Outdoors and Sussex County Journal. She has been featured as a keynote speaker at wildlife events and has been chosen the Best Local Artist in Sussex County several years in a row.

As a self-taught artist she began painting at the age of 12. Since 1995 to the present time, she has been involved as a philanthropic partner for many efforts in the community, and has donated to several local charities. Also, adding to her lengthy resume, she had a key role and was part of the renovation committee for the Richards Building at the Sussex County State Fair.

Here is a direct quote from our winner: "I see paintings everywhere, margins, boundaries, edges and frames, light shadow, the touch of a feather, a leaf or a reflection in a pool or stream. I see the glory of nature and its wildlife every day, a gift to me and I strive to reproduce it as my gift to you.

She is truly a treasure to so many. Her artwork was featured at the New Jersey State Fair, and if you need to reach her you can find her on Facebook.

More of Carol Decker's artwork on page 3



Photo Credit by Project-Self Sufficiency

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2024 Citizen Of The Year

Carol Decker

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2024 General Election

Information

NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Submitted by Municipal Clerk, Lori Nienstedt

The General Election is statewide for registered voters. No party affiliation is necessary. Early in-person voting will be available for this election, as will early voting by mail. The deadline to register to vote for this election is OCTOBER 15, 2024.

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

1. **Vote EARLY in person** from Sat., October 26 through Sun., November 3, 2024 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 29, 2024**.
- After October 29, 2024, voters can apply in person to vote a paper ballot at the County Clerk's Office up through Mon., November 4, 2024 before 3 p.m.

3. **Vote on Election Day, November 5, 2024** 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 2024 elections are going to be conducted, the Sussex County Election Office at 973-579-0900.



— REMINDER —

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

October 31, 2024 is the deadline to file with the State Division of Taxation your 2023 application to receive a reimbursement of property tax increases from your base year. Some refer to this program as the Property Tax Freeze.

Some of the eligibility requirements are:

- Age 65 or older, or receiving social security disability during your qualifying year.
- Own and live in the home which you are claiming since at least December 31, 2019.
- 2023 total income of less than \$163,050 combined income.
- 2022 total income of less than \$150,000 combined income.

For complete requirements go to: www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/ptr/eligibility.shtml

First time applicants, or those who's application was denied last year, should file a Form PTR-1. You will be requesting reimbursement of

the property tax increase from 2022 to 2023. The Township Tax Collector can supply you with this form if you didn't receive it from the Division of Taxation.

If you received a reimbursement last year, you must file Form PTR-2. This pre-printed form was mailed directly from the Division of Taxation. If you don't have this form, immediately call 800-882-6597. If you file a Form PTR-1 again, your base year will be reset which will reduce your reimbursement amount.

Regardless which form you file, the Township Tax Collector should complete either a Form PTR-1A or PTR-2A to be submitted with the application. Failure to submit this form will delay your check.

You must annually file the appropriate forms with the Division of Taxation to remain in this program.

For any assistance, please call Steve Lance, the Township Tax Collector at 973-948-4621.



WANTAGE AVE & PERRY ROAD | 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. | DPW: 973-948-4230

RECYCLING SCHEDULE 2025

MONTH	DATES	
JANUARY	10 & 11	26 & 27
FEBRUARY	14 & 15	28 & 1
MARCH	14 & 15	28 & 29
APRIL	11 & 12	25 & 26
MAY	09 & 10	23 & 24
JUNE	13 & 14	27 & 28
JULY	11 & 12	25 & 26
AUGUST	08 & 09	22 & 23
SEPTEMBER	12 & 13	26 & 27
OCTOBER	10 & 11	24 & 25
NOVEMBER	14 & 15	28 & 29
DECEMBER	12 & 13	26 & 27
2026		
JANUARY	09 & 10	23 & 24

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

Other Recycling Services offered at:
Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority
www.SCMUA.org 973-579-6998

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

- You get:
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 - A *What type of recycler are you?* quiz



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Clean Communities

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.

***Proof of Residency Required for Free Bags!**

Sponsored by:

The Frankford Township Clean Communities Program



CHILDREN'S DAY 2024

Frankford Township Clean Communities hosted Children's Day at the NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show yesterday under the Performing Arts tent. A huge thank you to the over 30 organizations that braved the heat, set up displays and crafted with the children. Janice from Pixie Painters took time and treated the children to face painting. The children were welcomed to a reptile show by Rizzo's Reptiles, a science demonstration by Talewise, and a puppet show by Puppetonia. The registration table was covered by our own Miss Frankford, Brianna Francois, 1st Runner Up, Cadence Strehl, and Miss Branchville, Chelsea Bakker. Sheriff's Officer J. McCann provided the children with a K-9 demonstration with his dog and partner Roxie. Special thanks to the other sponsors, Sussex County Miners, Franklin Templeton and Newton Sparta Pediatric Dentistry. A shout out to Jeff Lewis, our OEM for always being on call to lend a hand. Thank you to everyone who attended and worked the tent it was a great success!



Zoning and Construction



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.

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Robert Huber, Construction Official



The Frankford Township's Construction Department is staffed with our own Construction Official, Plumbing, Electrical and Fire Subcode Officials and Inspectors to provide our residents with the highest level of customer service. Our inspectors are always willing to discuss any projects and answer any code questions you may have. Our inspectors offer multiple days of availability to perform plan review and inspections for you and your contractor's convenience. The Construction Department strives to keep your project on schedule so it can run smoothly from start to finish.

COMMON PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

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

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 & 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



August 1-9, 2025
www.NJStateFair.org
We're more than just a Fair!

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 & 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 great happening at the Sussex County Fairgrounds.



Construction Department



BUILDING PERMIT + INSPECTION REQUESTS NOW ONLINE

Submit construction permits and inspection requests on our website through the SDL Portal



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Frankford Township is on SDL Portal, an online hub where residents and contractors can access information, submit permit applications and inspection requests, check permit status and access certificates 24/7. Visit our website or access directly at www.sdl.town/frankford. Contact the building department with any questions.

The Construction Department is very busy with a variety of projects throughout the Township. Several larger projects are underway on the main corridor of Route 206. If you are thinking of undertaking a project at your own home feel free to give our office a call if you need any guidance. The Construction Department has knowledgeable and very helpful inspectors on staff to guide you through your projects.

Construction Official - Robert Huber

Office Hours: Mon. & Wed. 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Inspections: Mon. & Wed. 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Technical Assistant to the Construction Official - Ann Bell

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Electrical Subcode Official - Andrew Simonis

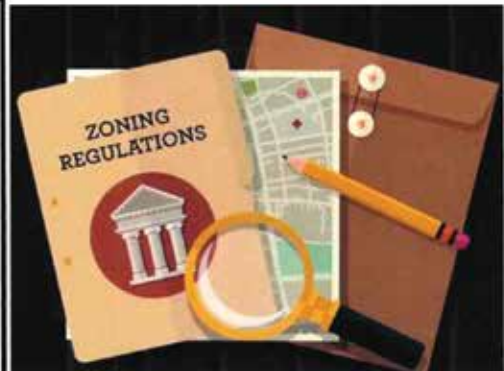
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Plumbing Subcode Official - Robert Huber

Inspections: Mon. - Fri. 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Fire Prevention Subcode Official - Joseph Serrecchia

Inspections: Friday 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



Contact the Zoning Department with any questions prior to starting any projects at your home. We would like to help guide you through the process. The Zoning Department fields many questions on a large array of topics. Feel free to call or stop in with any inquiries.

The Zoning Department would once again like to ask you to help keep our township clean and looking spectacular. You can do your part by following the township's property maintenance code. This can be found in our ordinances on our website.



Miss Frankford 2024

MISS FRANKFORD 2024 – BRIANNA FRANCOIS

Our Miss Frankford 2024 is Brianna Francois. Brianna is 18 years old and a graduate of High Point High School, with a GPA of 4.13. She has a passion for architecture, having developed a strong foundation in designing principles, in drafting and project management.

Brianna has played soccer all four years in high school. She was the team captain and received the most improved player from 2022-2024. A member of the Kittatinny Girl's Lacrosse Club since 2019, she has been goalie captain since 2022. Having been a member of the Environmental Club, Brianna loves drawing and photography. She speaks several languages including Creole and French.

Brianna works with children as a volunteer at vacation bible school, working with children, crafting and doing activities to strengthen their faith during a memorable summer experience.



<h1>The 12 Days of Christmas Safety</h1>		<p>Keep lit candles away from real trees, wreaths, boughs and garlands</p>  <p>1</p>	<p>Keep poisonous sweets and chocolates away from your pets</p>  <p>2</p>
<p>Keep your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources</p>  <p>3</p>	<p>Make sure your tree has a stable platform so it doesn't tip over</p>  <p>4</p>	<p>Choose an artificial tree that is labelled flame resistant</p>  <p>5</p>	<p>If you have a real tree, make sure you water it regularly</p>  <p>6</p>
<p>Check your lights for fraying, bare spots and kinks in the wire</p>  <p>7</p>	<p>Turn off all tree lights and decorations when not in use</p>  <p>8</p>	<p>Use an appropriate ladder or stepladder when putting up decorations</p>  <p>9</p>	<p>No matter how tempting it may be NEVER drink and drive!</p>  <p>10</p>
<p>When preparing the food, make sure you avoid cross contamination and clean your surfaces and utensils</p>  <p>11</p>	<p>Make sure you reheat your leftovers to at least 74 degrees to avoid food poisoning</p>  <p>12</p>	<p>Merry Christmas</p> 	

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.

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 the Court Administrator by email at

Shannon.geddis@njcourts.gov 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, CMC-A
Municipal Court Administrator

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP DOG LICENSE FORM

NEW REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!!!

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RENEWALS WILL BE MAILED AT THE END OF DECEMBER

OWNER'S NAME _____ PHONE NO _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____

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, 2025

3-YEAR LICENSE: \$48.00 (SPAYED OR NEUTERED) - \$57.00 (NON-SPAYED OR NEUTERED)

RABIES VACCINATION MUST BE VALID THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2027

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"

Frankford Township Senior Citizens Club

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.



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Photo Contest Winners - 2024



Fair Life
Waiting Our Turn
by Joan Wittrien

Lake Life
Sunset at Lake Owassa
(Panoramic)
by Bradley Batastini

On the Farm
Simple Barn Necessities
by Emily King



Tri-County Coordinated Entry

If you're experiencing a housing crisis or are at risk of eviction in
**Sussex County,
Hunterdon County,
or Warren County**
Coordinated Entry can help!



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TriCountyCE@familypromisesussex.org

Make ONE call and
get connected to
housing services
and resources



Access

Assessment

Prioritization

Referral & Placement

Clean Communities

Car Show

This year the Frankford Township Clean Communities program hosted in collaboration with Lost In Time Car Club a Car Show which was held at the Fairgrounds on August 25th. The Car Show was a fundraising event to raise money for Father John's Animal House, a shelter in Lafayette. Our first successful car show yielded over \$1200.00 in donations and a truck full of food, bedding, toys and other donations for the shelter. Thank you to Mrs. Teufert the Lost In Time Car Club Coordinator, the Frankford Township Fire Department for their participation, along with Blue Ridge Rescue and High Point Girl's Tennis. A special thank you to those who came to the show, those who donated door prizes for the event, as well as the multiple vendors who were in attendance. We are looking forward to next year's Car Show!



**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.



**PLEASE... GIVE
THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

American Legion Post #157
325 US Highway 206
Branchville

**NOVEMBER 21, 2024
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

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

Upcoming
Township Events

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP
HELP THOSE IN NEED!

**THANKS
GIVING
FOOD DRIVE**



NON-PERISHABLE FOOD WILL BE COLLECTED FROM
October 15th – November 17th
Frankford Township Municipal Building

TOYS FOR TOTS

**NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH
DECEMBER 15TH, 2024**

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

PLEASE LEAVE GIFTS UNWRAPPED



Scams

Are On The Rise!

The IRS has identified a concerning trend where fraudulent actors are increasingly targeting unsuspecting individuals, particularly senior citizens, by masquerading as IRS agents. Victims are pressured into making immediate payments through unorthodox methods such as gift cards or wire transfers under the pretense of resolving fictitious tax liabilities or securing false refunds.

These scammers deploy advanced techniques to fabricate a veneer of credibility, including the manipulation of caller IDs to appear legitimate. Here are just a few examples of their schemes:

- **Impersonation of known entities:** Fraudsters often pose as representatives from government agencies — including the IRS, Social Security Administration and Medicare — others in the tax community or familiar businesses and charities. By spoofing caller IDs, scammers can deceive victims into believing they are receiving legitimate communications.
- **Claims of problems or prizes:** Scammers frequently fabricate urgent scenarios, such as outstanding debts or promises of significant prize winnings. Victims may be falsely informed that they owe the IRS money, are owed a tax refund, need to verify accounts or must pay fees to claim non-existent lottery winnings.
- **Pressure for immediate action:** These deceitful actors create a sense of urgency, demanding that victims take immediate action without allowing time for reflection. Common tactics include threats of arrest, deportation, license suspension or computer viruses to coerce quick compliance.
- **Specified payment methods:** To complicate traceability, scammers insist on unconventional payment methods, including cryptocurrency, wire transfers, payment apps or gift cards, and often require victims to provide sensitive information like gift card numbers.

Scam precautions and reporting

If an individual receives an unexpected call from someone alleging to be from the IRS, but they have not been notified by mail about any issues with their IRS account, they should hang up immediately. The call is likely from a scammer.

The IRS wants you to understand how and when the IRS contacts taxpayers, and help you determine whether a contact you may have received is truly from an IRS employee.

The IRS initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service.

However, there are circumstances in which the IRS will call or come to a home or business. These include when a taxpayer has an overdue tax bill, a delinquent (unfiled) tax return or has not made an employment tax deposit. An IRS employee may also view assets or tour a business as part of a collection investigation, an audit, or an ongoing criminal investigation.

Even then, taxpayers will generally first receive several notices and letters from the IRS in the mail.

Do **NOT** return the call using the number provided by the caller or the one displayed on their caller ID. If taxpayers are uncertain about the legitimacy of IRS communications, they can contact

IRS customer service for verification at 800-829-1040, or for the hearing impaired, TTY/TDD 800-829-4059.

Sources:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-warns-against-scams-targeting-seniors-joins-other-federal-agencies-to-recognize-special-awareness-day>

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-to-know-if-its-really-the-irs>

What should I do if I get a call claiming there's a problem with my Social Security number or record?

Social Security employees do contact the public by telephone for business purposes. If there is a problem with your Social Security number or record, we will typically mail you a letter. Generally, we will call you if you:

- Have recently applied for a Social Security benefit.
- Are currently receiving payments and need to update your record.
- Have specifically requested a phone call from us.


But we will never:

- Threaten you with arrest or legal action.
- Suspend your Social Security number (SSN).
- Demand immediate payment from you.
- Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, internet currency, or wire transfer.
- Ask for gift card numbers over the phone or that you wire or mail cash.
- Ask for personal details or banking information to give you a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

Fraudsters pretend to be government employees and claim your identity has been stolen or that there is another problem with your SSN, record, or benefits. These criminals continue to evolve and find new ways to steal your money and personal information.

Source:

<https://faq.ssa.gov/en-US/Topic/article/KA-10018#:~:text=Fraudsters%20pretend%20to%20be%20government,your%20money%20and%20personal%20information>



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

HOLIDAY YEAR 2024

DATE

COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER 14

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11

THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 28

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 29

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 26

HOLIDAY YEAR 2025

DATE

NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 26

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4

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