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Wantage Township Newsletter

2012

Mayor: Bill Gaechter

Deputy Mayor: Ron Bassani

Committeeman: Bill DeBoer

Administrator: Jim Doherty

The Public Hearing on the 2012 Wantage Municipal Budget is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at the Wantage Town Hall, 888 Route 23. There will be no increase in the local portion of the tax rate this year. A copy of the proposed budget can be found on the Wantage Township website, www.wantagetwp.com. Highlights:

THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE HAVE REDUCED THE SPENDING PLAN BY \$152,739.00.

THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE HAVE REDUCED THE LOCAL TAX BURDEN BY \$151,363.00.

THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE HAVE DELIVERED A FLAT LOCAL TAX RATE FOR 2012 –

NO INCREASE IN THE LOCAL PORTION OF THE TAX RATE.

THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE HAVE DECREASED SALARIES BY \$28,960.00

ANNUAL BULKY WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

The 2012 Spring Clean Up of bulky waste for residences in Wantage Township will take place during the first two full weeks in June. Property Owners who purchase a Bulky Waste Sticker from the Wantage Town Hall will be permitted to place up to 500 pounds of bulky items for collection at curbside. Items must be placed at curbside on the evening prior to the week's collection for your area of town. Materials may include household appliances (commonly referred to as white goods), couches, tables, chairs, mattresses, bedsprings, etc. No household garbage, recyclable material, clothing, building materials, brush/leaves/grass, hazardous materials or tires will be collected. A Bulky Waste Sticker may be obtained from the Wantage Tax Collector's office, at a cost of \$30, for each household in Wantage. Proof of residency may be required at the time of purchase. If you are not sure which week to place your bulky waste out for collection, call us at 973-875-7192 and we will let you know. Collection will take place no earlier than 7:00 a.m., and no later than 4:00 p.m. on any given day. **Tickets go on sale as of Tuesday, May 1, 2012.** If you live on a street located to the east of State Highway Route 23, the collection of bulky waste will take place from Monday, June 4 — Saturday, June 9. If you live on a street located to the west of State Highway Route 23, the collection of bulky waste will take place during the week of Monday, June 11 — Saturday, June 16.

DID YOU FORGET TO RENEW YOUR DOG LICENSE ?

If your dog has been spayed or neutered, the dog license fee is \$10.00, plus late fees. If your dog has not been spayed or neutered, the fee is \$14.00, plus late fees. Late Fees of \$2 per month, per dog, apply if you did not renew your dog license before 02/01/12. Please make checks payable to Wantage Township. If your dog has been spayed or neutered, include this proof with your application. You Must Also Include Proof of Rabies Vaccination. If your dog's rabies shot expires before November 1, 2012, you must get your dog a new rabies shot before you can apply for your 2012 dog license. **You may obtain your dog license either by mail or in person** at the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 State Highway Route 23, Wantage, NJ. If you have any questions, call us at 973-875-7192.

STAY CURRENT ON TOWNSHIP ISSUES—VISIT www.wantagetwp.com

Budget constraints may limit the Township's ability to mail future newsletters; keep in touch through the Township website!

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE MAYOR: Stormwater Management and Local Ordinances

Dear Fellow Wantage Township Resident:

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns can affect our drinking water supplies and the lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we all need to do something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of Stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, Wantage Township has adopted ordinances and other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to Stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

Don't litter: Wantage Township has a Litter Ordinance in place! Place litter in trash receptacles.

Recycle. Recycle. Recycle! You can read the Township ordinances for Litter control and Recycling requirements on the Wantage Township website at www.wantagetwp.com.

Help Keep Wantage Clean – And make a Buck While You're At It!

Through the Wantage Township Clean Communities program, you can organize and participate in community cleanups, and receive cash through the Township's Clean Communities Grant for doing so! Contact Christine Von Oesen at Wantage Township Municipal Building, 973-875-7192, and we will set you up with our Clean Communities Coordinator.

Dispose of yard waste properly: Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Clean up after your pet: Remember to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public property or other people's property. Remember to use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes. Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet. Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife: Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

Contact information: For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.cleanwaternj.org. Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (609) 633-7021.

Together, we can make a difference and protect our future. Thank you!

Yours truly,

Bill Gaechter, Mayor

MOSQUITO CONTROL

A message from the Sussex County Health
Department, Office of Mosquito Control

Mosquito-borne diseases, such as malaria and yellow fever, have plagued civilization for thousands of years. Organized mosquito control in the United States has greatly reduced these diseases. However, there are still a few diseases that mosquitoes in New Jersey can transmit. West Nile Virus is the newest introduced mosquito-borne virus. Several other viruses have been in New Jersey for a long time, including those that cause Eastern Equine Encephalitis and St. Louis Encephalitis.

Both dogs and horses are possible hosts for mosquito-borne diseases. Dog heartworm is a serious threat to canine life and is costly to treat once an animal becomes infected. Dog heartworm can be transmitted by one of the mosquito species, the northern house mosquito, which also transmits West Nile Virus. Horses are susceptible to both West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. In Sussex County during the 2000 season, 3 horses died of West Nile Encephalitis. Consult your veterinarian for the availability of horse vaccines.

The office of Mosquito Control is responsible for the control of nuisance mosquito populations. Our activities are based on an extensive surveillance program. Emphasis is placed on elimination of mosquito breeding habitat and the control of mosquitoes while they are still in their aquatic stages of development. If mosquitoes present a problem in your area, contact the office at 973-948-4545. Our staff will investigate your service request.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2012 EVENT DATES: 6/2/12 & 11/3/12

YOU MAY BRING UP TO 100 POUNDS OF
DRY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
MATERIALS AND/OR 10 GALLONS OF
LIQUID WASTE TO THE SCMUA SOLID
WASTE FACILITY - FREE OF CHARGE
ON THE ABOVE DATES ONLY.

Visit the SCMUA Website to obtain a specific list
of materials accepted at Household Hazardous
Waste events, and for directions to the SCMUA
Landfill in Lafayette.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM ARE ACCEPTED AT THE
SOLID WASTE FACILITY ON A REGULAR BASIS:
LATEX PAINTS, USED MOTOR OIL*, USED ANTI-
FREEZE*, HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES*, FLUORESCENT
LIGHT BULBS, GAS AND PROPANE CYLINDERS

(*FREE OF CHARGE AT RECYCLING AREA - 5
GALLONS PERDAY PER RESIDENT)

RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO RECYCLE!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Please join us in a very simple course of action that we believe will greatly increase our recycling rate:

RECYCLE JUNK MAIL!

We all “get” the need for recycling. We’ve been doing it for years and years. We recycle the newspapers, and the cardboard, the glass, the plastic, and the aluminum. But one thing that we can do more of, is recycling our paper products, especially our junk mail — a very simple way to “go green.”

For Your Information:

Sussex County Residents & Businesses



Can Now Recycle:





Chipboard : Food, tissue, & other gray or white paperboard can be included with cardboard. No wax coated material (i.e. Juice Boxes).



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Plastic Containers  -  : All rinsed plastic containers with codes between 1 (PET) and 7 (OTHER) can be included with commingled containers. No plastic toys.



For more information
 Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA)
 34 South Route 94
 Lafayette NJ 07848
 973-579-6998
 www.scmua.org

RABIES CLINIC: APRIL 20, 2012 FROM 6—8 P.M.

Bring proof of previous rabies vaccination if this is not your animal's first rabies inoculation.

Dogs must be on leash; cats must be in carriers.

WOODBOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK 5K RACE

Scheduled for September 22, 2012

RECREATION COMMISSION SPONSORED CAR & BIKE SHOW

AT WOODBOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Scheduled for October 7, 2012

WANTAGE DAY: JUNE 9, 2012 AT WOODBOURNE PARK

“FRIEND” WANTAGE TOWNSHIP RECREATION ON FACEBOOK !

PLEASE REMEMBER: WOODBOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

AND THE RECREATION FIELDS AT LOTT ROAD ARE

“**CARRY IN / CARRY OUT**” FACILITIES.

DOGS **MUST** BE ON LEASH AT THESE PUBLIC PARKS.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN KEEPING OUR PARKS

AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WATCH FOR UPCOMING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
VISIT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT www.wantagetwp.com

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