

**MARCH**

# Wantage Township Newsletter

**2013**

**Mayor: Ron Bassani**  
**Committeeman: Bill Gaechter**

**Deputy Mayor: Bill DeBoer**  
**Administrator: Jim Doherty**

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Hello, I hope this newsletter finds you well. This is Ron Bassani, your Mayor for 2013. Since this is my first occasion to reach out to you in this capacity, I wanted to take this opportunity to first and foremost, thank-you for the confidence you have placed in me and my fellow Committeemen, Deputy Mayor Bill DeBoer and Committeeman Bill Gaechter, allowing us to manage the wellbeing of Wantage Township. While our tasks are not always easy, it is truly our privilege to serve you. Please know that it is a responsibility we each personally take extremely seriously. As we move into 2013, there are a few topics I wanted to bring to your attention.

**2013 BUDGET** - Taxes are always a hot topic and one I face the most from our fellow citizens and taxpayers – even more so during difficult economic times. It is a major focus for us as well and at the writing of this letter, it appears that once again, as in the previous two years, we will be able to hold to a \$0 Municipal tax increase for 2013. Like most of you, we are desperately trying to do more with less. Details of the Budget will be presented at our April 25th meeting at 7:00 PM. I urge you to come and hear more.

**PROPERTY TAXES** – Soon, we will begin the process of a Township wide REASSESSMENT. You will be receiving a notice outlining the details very soon, so please watch for it in the mail. Why are we doing a reassessment? As is often the case during times when home values change radically over a short period of time, the “balance” of tax load becomes uneven between homeowners as some homes sell. The best way to resolve this unbalance is either through a REVALUATION or a REASSESSMENT. We have been ordered by the County Tax Office to perform a reassessment. If, during the process, you have any questions surrounding the reassessment, please feel free to contact our Wantage Tax Assessor - Kristy Lockburner at (973) 875-7193.

**TOWNSHIP WEBSITE** – [www.wantagetwp.com](http://www.wantagetwp.com). We try to utilize our website to keep the public informed of all details and on-goings within Wantage. Please visit our website often to keep abreast of your Township's news and activities. One of the things posted on our website is the Committee's meeting schedule for 2013. I urge you to please attend Committee meetings – we want and need to hear from you as an individual.

**ROUTE 23 REALIGNMENT** – Please know that the State is in the very early stages of the realigning of Route 23 thru Sussex/Wantage. This project will take 2 ½ years, so please expect delays and exercise caution once construction begins.

Again, I want to thank-you for the privilege to serve you as your Mayor, and want to help you should the need arise. I can always be reached via email at [rbassani@wantagetwp-nj.org](mailto:rbassani@wantagetwp-nj.org) or you may call me at home at 973-875-2242. I am proud to serve you on the Committee and commit to doing my very best to keeping Wantage the pristine rural town we all passionately love and appreciate.

Thanks for taking the time to read this message,

Ron Bassani, Mayor

## 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](http://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.cleanwater.nj.org](http://www.cleanwater.nj.org). Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://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!

Ron Bassani, Mayor

## ANNUAL BULKY WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

The 2013 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 Wednesday, May 1, 2013.** 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 3 — Saturday, June 8. 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 10 — Saturday, June 15.

## 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 02/01/13. 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, 2013, you must get your dog a new rabies shot before you can apply for your 2013 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.

# 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 re cycling. 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.”

### DID YOU KNOW?

### 2013 Schedule



The Sussex County MUA provides the following *FREE* Recycling Services to residents and businesses:



#### Household Hazardous Waste Days – 6/1/13 & 11/2/13

Dispose of lead & oil base paints, stains, thinners, pool chemicals, mercury, lubricants, chlorine, driveway sealer, fluorescent bulbs, household batteries and more. Limits: 100 lbs dry, 10 gal liquid waste, 25 fluorescent bulbs *per vehicle*  
Scale charge for larger quantities

Information  
973-579-6998  
[www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org)



#### Electronic Waste\* Recycling Days – 3/16, 5/4, 7/20 & 10/5/13

*\*Landfill disposal ban on certain electronics - See Informational Pamphlet or website*

E-Waste examples include: computers, printers, cell phones, televisions, VCR's, DVD & CD's, fax & copiers, radio & stereos, etc. Limits: Up to 5 units *per vehicle*  
Scale charge for larger quantities



#### Recycling Center – Open Monday through Saturday

Commingled Containers (glass, plastic & aluminum), drink cartons  
Chipboard (food, cereal & tissue boxes and other gray paperboard)  
Cardboard  
Newsprint  
Clothing

Office Paper & Junk Mail  
Motor Oil/Antifreeze  
American Flags

*\*Household Batteries - New sorting requirements  
See Informational Pamphlet or website*

#### Vegetation – Mulch & Compost\*

Sussex County residents can hand load Regular Mulch and Compost for free!

(\*The SCMUA will load Colorized Mulch & Compost for a nominal fee)

#### Monthly Medical Waste Collection

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Fee charged by vendor

#### Monthly Shredding Service

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
\$6.00 min per paper grocery bag -  
NO LIMIT



**RABIES CLINIC:** APRIL 12, 2013 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.

**JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AT WOODBOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK:**

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** March 16, 2013, beginning at Noon

**WANTAGE DAY:** June 1, 2013, from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

**WOODBOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK 5K RACE** Scheduled for September 21, 2013

**RECREATION COMMISSION SPONSORED CAR & BIKE SHOW** Scheduled for October 6, 2013

**WANTAGE RECREATION "TRUNK OR TREAT"** on October 27, 2013

"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](http://www.wantagetwp.com)

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