



WANTAGE TOWNSHIP 2024-2025 MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

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Township Important Information and Contact Numbers

Please call 973-875-7192 and use extensions below!



TO REACH:

Phone number and Ext:

Township Administrator	Michael Restel	973-875-7192 X 226
Township Acting Clerk	Melissa Morales	973-875-7192 x 242
Bingo Raffle	Melissa Morales	973-875-7192 X 240
Liquor Licenses	Melissa Morales	973-875-7192 X 240
OPRA Request	Christine Von Oesen	973-875-7192 X 240
Dog License	Melissa Morales	973-875-7192 X 242
Birth / Death Records & Marriage License	Christine Von Oesen	973-875-7192 X 240
Tax Collector	Melissa Caton	973-875-7192 X 222
Tax Assessor	Kristy Lockburner	973-875-7192 X 232
Recreation	Nicole Dunn	973-875-7192 X 243
Finance Office	Ashley Kannaley	973-875-7192 X 234
Electrical Inspector and/or Electrical Permits	Construction Office	973-875-7192 X 223
Building Permits/Plumbing Permit	Construction Office	973-875-7192 X223
Land Use Board Applications	Jeanne McBride	973-875-7192 X 224
Food Handlers / Board of Health	Jeanne McBride	973-875-7192 X 224
Code Enforcement	Steve Danner	973-875-7192 X 221
Zoning Officer	Steve Danner	973-875-7192 X 221
Wantage Shelter	Melanie Monstra	973-875-7192 X 230
Municipal Court	Donna Chernov	973-875-7192 X 236
Department of Public Works	Mark Little	973-875-7192 X 238

**** All dates and events on this calendar are subject to change ** Please check with us to verify them before you make plans. With Emergencies things can change quickly!**

MUNICIPAL ROSTER OF WANTAGE TOWNSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2024

Mayor: William Gaechter 12/31/24 **Attorney:** Weiner Law Group, Parsippany, NJ
Deputy Mayor: Ron Bassani 12/31/25 **Auditor:** Nisivoccia LLP, Mount Arlington, NJ
Committeeman: Justin Vander Groef 12/31/26 **Engineer:** Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Augusta, NJ

BOARD OF HEALTH

	Term Expires
Peter Lindsay	12/31/25
Paul Ranzan	12/31/27
Ezra Holley	12/31/28
Karen Jackson	12/31/26
Harriett Anderson	12/31/24

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Ron Bassani	12/31/24
Kathy Gorman	12/31/24
Allison Orsi	12/31/24
Victoria Gill	12/31/24
Justin Dudzinski	12/31/24

LAND USE BOARD

	Term Expires
William Gaechter	12/31/24
Joe Konopinski	12/31/24
Ron Bassani	12/31/24
William DeBoer	12/31/25
Larry Bono	12/31/27
Joanne Kanapinski	12/31/27
Victoria Gill	12/31/24
Michael Walther	12/31/27
Justin Dudzinski	12/31/27
Joseph Greenaway	12/31/25
George Unverzagt	12/31/24
Chris Darmstatter	12/31/24
Keith Albinson	12/31/25

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Department: Leo Kinney, Chief
 Beemerville / Colesville Fire Company
Emergency Management: Joe Konopinski, Emergency Management
 Coordinator
 Tom Madsen, Deputy Coordinator
First Aid Squad: William DeBoer, President

RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Warren Wisse Pres.	12/31/26
Gary Margiotta	12/31/25
Darryl Wuhrl	12/31/26
Susan Weiss	12/31/25
Heather Hill	12/31/24
Ben Cerutti Alt 1	12/31/24
Curt Babcock Alt 2	12/31/25
Nicole Dunn -Secretary	



HELP KEEP WANTAGE CLEAN & GREEN !!!

The Wantage Clean Communities Program, under the guidance of Mr. Ken Karnas, helps us to keep Wantage clean!
 Report litter problem areas to us by calling 973-875-7192.



Wantage Township Office of the Registrar

Registrar Christine M. Von Oesen, CMR
973-875-7192 Ext: 240



**The Registrars Office is responsible for:
all Births, Marriages, Re-marriages, Civil Unions, Domestic Partnerships and Deaths
within the Municipality that the event occurred.**

If you are planning on entering into a marriage or civil union and wish to apply for a license,
Please call your local registrar to schedule an appointment. This can be done where either of you reside.

All LICENSES ARE \$28.00 (**cash or check only**).

Upon receiving your license, you may hold the ceremony anywhere in New Jersey.
If you wish to have the ceremony outside the State of New Jersey, you would contact
the local government /registrar where the event will take place.

Application for vital records may also be made at the State level. The Office of Vital Statistics and Registry registers vital events and maintains the following vital records:

- * Birth, marriage and death records starting at 1919
- * Domestic partnership records starting at 2004
- * Civil union records starting at 2007
- * Adoptions—foreign and domestic
- * Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth data starting at 1969

For information about vital records from May 1848– 1918 visit the State Archives. The Archives also holds microfilm, copies of births from 1901-1923, deaths and marriages from 1901-1940. These materials are available for in-person use only.

Further information visit www.state.nj.us/health/vital/index.shtml

Please note, New Jersey law protects and restricts the release of vital records. Vital records are **not public records** and can not be searched online.

How to Obtain a certified copy of a Vital Record, such as a Birth, Death, Marriage, Re-marriages, Civil Unions, or Domestic Partnerships Certificate:

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order #18, only the following persons are entitled to a certified copy of a vital record:

Subject, Subject's Parents, Legal Guardians, or Legal Representative, Spouse, Child, Grandchild or Sibling, if of legal age.
An application must be fully and accurately completed when requesting a copy of a vital record from the municipal registrar.

ALL CERTIFIED COPIES ARE \$15.00 each.

For more information and frequently asked questions please visit the Wantage Township website at:

www.wantagetwp.com

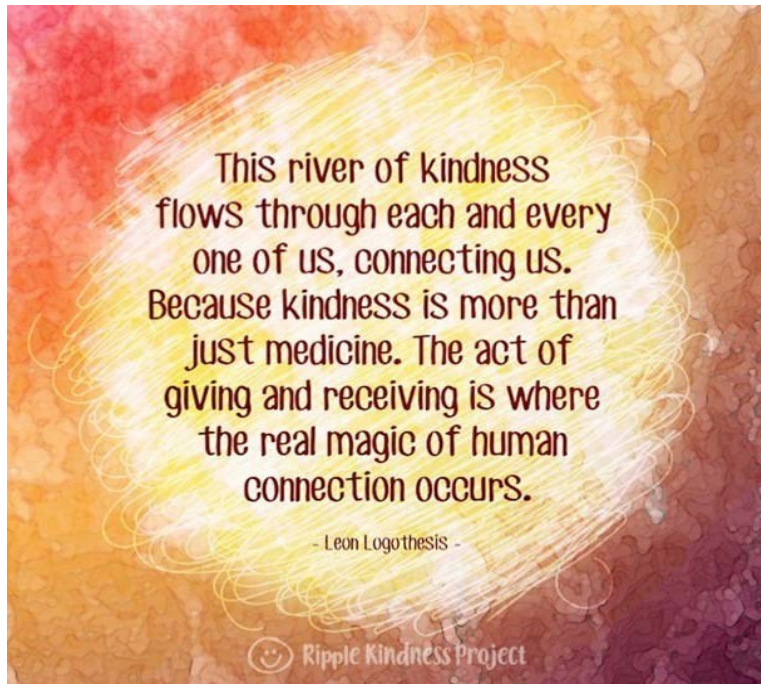


July 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
If you have an alarm, please register it with Wantage Township. Fee \$10.00.						
	1	2	3	4 Municipal Offices Closed Happy 4th of July 	5	6
7	8	9 Municipal Court 10am	10	11	12	13 Fishing Contest at Lake Neepaulin
14	15	16 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24 Recreation Meeting 7:00 pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Farmland Assessment applications are due by August 1st !!	REMEMBER TO FILE FARMLAND ASSESSMENT.	Dates and times within this calendar are subject to change. <u>Call for confirmation.</u>

Look for ways to spread kindness...



And teach patience ...

Property Taxes Due August 1st

There is a ten-day grace period during which no interest is due. If payment is not received Within the first ten days of the due date, interest is due from the first day, at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1500.00 and 18% annum on any amount over \$1500.00

August 2024

Thank you ALL for helping out with our ongoing Food Drive! We donate to our local food pantries!—

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	TAXES DUE !! 			<i>1</i> FARMLAND APPLICATION FORMS DUE TODAY !!	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Municipal Court 10am	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Municipal Court 10am	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Movie in the Park Contact Townhall For Details
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00pm	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> Dates and times within this calendar are subject to change. Please call for confirmation!

GENERAL INFORMATION ON CONTACT POINTS OF INTEREST:

Fire, Police or Medical Emergency	911	Poison Control	800-222-1222
IF YOU NEED HELP WITH, OR NEED TO CONTACT:	USE TELEPHONE OR MAILING ADDRESS:	IF YOU NEED HELP WITH, OR NEED TO CONTACT:	USE TELEPHONE OR MAILING ADDRESS:
New Jersey State Police (Augusta Barracks)	973-383-1515	Animal Poison Control	855-764-7661
Center For Mental Health	973- 383-1533	Mental Health 24-Hour Hotline	800-273-TALK
New Jersey State Police	973- 383-1515	Black Bear Emergency	908-735-8793
Clean Communities Program	973- 875-4827	Recreation Programs	973- 875-7193 x 243
High Point United Soccer	info@hpusc.org	Sussex-Wantage LL Baseball	info@swllbaseball.com
Public Health Nursing	973- 579-0570	Sussex-Wantage Basketball	sussexwantageyouthbasketball@gmail.com
High Point Girls Softball	highpointyouthsoftball@gmail.com	Wantage-Sussex Branch of County Library	973- 875-3940
High Point Midget Football	hjrwildcatsfootball@gmail.com	Sussex County YMCA	973- 209-9622
American Legion Post 213	PO Box 447, Sussex, NJ 07461	BPOE #2288 (Elks)	973- 875-3990
Sussex Kiwanis Club	862-266-4079	Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative	973- 875-5101
Photo ID's; Passports	County Clerk 973-579-0900	Division of Motor Vehicles	609 292-6500
Sussex County Transit System	973- 579-0480	Lakeland Bus out of County Transport	973- 366-0600
Mentoring Plus (AKA: Big Brothers, Big Sisters)	www.bbbsnj.org	Boy Scouts of America	973-983-9075
4-H Youth Development Program	973- 948-3040	Lenni-Lenape Girl Scout Council	973- 248-8200
Sussex-Wantage Regional School Superintendent	973- 875-3175	School Business Administrator	973- 875-3175
Clifton E. Lawrence School	973- 875-8820	Wantage School	973- 875-4589
Sussex Middle School	973- 875-4138	High Point Regional High School	973- 875-3101 High
Point Regional High School Superintendent	973- 875-3101	High Point High School Business Adm	973- 875-7205
Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority	973- 579-6998	Wantage/Sussex Post Office	973- 875-7410
GPU Energy to Report Outages	800-LIGHTSS	Optimum	888-276- 5255
GPU Energy Customer Service for General Public	800-662-3115	Brightspeed residential Service	833-692-7773
Brightspeed	800-366-8201	Special Transportation for Elderly	973- 579-0555
DEP Hotline	877-WARNDEP	Elizabethtown Gas Company	800-242-5830
High Point State Park	973- 875-4800	Atlantic Health Medical Center	973-383-2121

Elias Van Bunschooten's Home 1097 NJ-23, Sussex, NJ 07461, USA



This house was built in 1787 as the home of the Reverend Elias Van Bunschooten, a Dutch Reformed Minister. He was a farmer, mill operator, and large land owner. The farm was part of a 1000-acre plantation. The Dutch Colonial house is post and beam construction. Out buildings include a Wagon House, Ice House and a Privy. The home was given to the Chinkchewunsk Chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution by Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Ramsey in 1971. The house and outbuildings were listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and Places in 1974.



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Municipal Offices CLOSED Labor Day	3 Municipal Court 10am	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Municipal Court 10am	11  Patriot Day Board of Health 7pm	12 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14
15	16	17 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21 Fall Plant Exchange
22 Fall Begins	23	24	25 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	26 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	27	28 Family Fun 5K Walk/Run
29	30					



DID YOU KNOW?



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



Household Hazardous Waste Days:

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



Electronic Waste* Recycling Days:

**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)



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| Cardboard | Office Paper & Junk Mail |
| Newsprint | Motor Oil/Antifreeze |
| Clothing | American Flags |

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

Information
973-579-6998
www.scmua.org





October 2024

ANNUAL TAX SALE for information call the Tax Collector 973-875-7192 x 222



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Municipal Court 10am	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Municipal Court 10am	9	10 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	11	12
13	14 Municipal Offices CLOSED Columbus Day	15 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Recreation Meeting 7:00 pm	24 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30	31  Happy Halloween	4Th Quarter Taxes Due November 1st!	Dates and times within this calendar are subject to change. Please call for confirmation!



Get the Bear Facts

REMEMBER: Never feed bears!! It's illegal in New Jersey, and it's dangerous.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Black bears are usually solitary animals that are most active at dawn and dusk.
- ◆ Black bears have excellent senses of smell and hearing.
- ◆ Black bears can run up to 35 miles per hour. They are strong swimmers and excellent climbers. Both adults and cubs will climb trees for food and to escape disturbances.
- ◆ Black bears eat both plants and animals. Their diet mostly consists of skunk cabbage, berries, wild cherries, acorns and beechnuts. They also eat insects, small mammals and dead animals.
- ◆ Black bears are opportunistic feeders and will supplement their diet with food or garbage left out by people.
- ◆ Adult females average 175 pounds; adult males average 400 pounds.
- ◆ Not all black bears are black. They can be brown, cinnamon, blonde white and even gray-blue. Fifteen percent of NJ's bears have a white chest blaze.
- ◆ During winter, black bears undergo a period of dormancy in dens, called torpor, to avoid severe weather and food shortages. Since black bears are not true hibernators, they may leave their dens if disturbed or to search for food on mild winter days.
- ◆ Den sites include rock cavities, brush piles, open ground nests and hollow trees. Bears do not eat, drink, urinate or defecate while in dens, but females can give birth and nurse their young.
- ◆ Breeding season runs from late May until August, peaking in June and July. Cubs are born in January and weigh about 8 ounces to 16 ounces. The average litter size is three. Cubs remain with the female until she breeds again 16 months to 18 months later.



TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

- ◆ Use certified bear-resistant garbage containers if you live in an area frequented by black bears. They offer the best protection. Otherwise, store all garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids and place them along the inside walls of your garage or in the basement, a sturdy shed or other secure area.
- ◆ Wash garbage containers with a disinfectant solution regularly to remove odors.
- ◆ Put out garbage on collection day, not the night before.
- ◆ Clean up after pets. If you feed them outside, do so during daylight hours only. Pick up any leftover food and remove bowls immediately after they have finished.
- ◆ Clean outdoor grills and utensils thoroughly after each use and store grills securely. Grease and food residue attract bears.
- ◆ Do not place meat or any sweet foods in compost piles.
- ◆ Avoid feeding birds if you live in an area frequented by black bears. Birdseed attracts bears. If you choose to feed birds, do so during daylight hours only between December 1 and April 1, when bears are least active. Suspend feeder from a free-hanging wire, making sure the bottom is at least 10 feet off the ground. Bring feeder indoors at night. Clean up spilled seeds and shells.
- ◆ Pick up any fruit or nuts that fall from trees and discard it in garbage containers with tight-fitting lids.
- ◆ Consider installing electric fencing to protect crops, beehives, livestock and compost piles if you live in an area frequented by black bears.

**REMEMBER: Immediately notify local police or the DEP'S
Division of Fish and Wildlife at 1(877)WARN DEP
if you encounter an AGGRESSIVE BEAR.**

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November 2024

ANNUAL TAX SALE for information call the Tax Collector
 973-875-7192 x 222



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Dates and times within this calendar are subject to change. Please call for confirmation!</p>					<p>1 Taxes Due</p>  <p>Free Rabies Clinic</p>	2
<p>3</p> 	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	<p>11 Municipal Offices CLOSED Veterans Day</p>	<p>12 Municipal Court 10am</p>	<p>13 Board of Health 7pm</p>	<p>14 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	15	16
17	18	<p>19 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20 Recreation Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	21	22	23
24	25	<p>26 Municipal Court 10am</p>	27	<p>28 Municipal Offices Closed</p> 	<p>29 Municipal Offices Closed</p>	30

Holiday Lighting Safety Reminder Tips

The holiday season is the most popular time for home decoration. Here are some tips for your holiday lighting displays to help you and your family remain safe.

Outdoor Lighting Safety

- * Check all lights for frayed wires or areas where insulation has pulled away from plugs or sockets. Discard and replace any damaged light strings.
- * Take extra care using a ladder to install lights-avoid contact with overhead wires and make sure the ladder is placed on solid, level ground that isn't slippery.
- * Ensure that tacks or nails used to hold light strings do not pierce any insulation on wires or light sockets.
- * Use only extension cords that are approved for outdoor use. These cords must meet rigorous safety standards that indoor cords may not meet.
- * Outdoor lights, inflatables and other decorations should be plugged into outlets protected by ground fault interrupters.
- * Place outdoor lights on a timer or turn them off before you go to bed.

Indoor Lighting Safety

- * Inspect all light strings and cords for any damage, including frayed wires or insulation that has pulled away from light sockets or plugs. Also check for chewing or scratching damage if you have pets in the house. Discard and replace any damaged light strings.
- * Live trees should be kept well-watered.
- * No more than three strings of standard indoor lights should be connected to any extension cord.
- * Make sure cords are placed where they won't be stepped on, kinked or pose a tripping hazard.
- * Lights should not be permitted to touch drapes, furniture or carpeting.
- * Lights should be turned off overnight and when no one is home.

*Happy Holiday's to one and all
from our hearts to yours.*

*However you choose to celebrate
your holiday season... Our wish
for you is to simply enjoy all your
special moments together and love
one another!*

*Wishing you
Health and Happiness
in the years to come.*





December 2024

Dog Licenses are due by January 31, 2025!
 Must have proof of valid rabies vaccination
Through Nov. Of 2025!

ANNUAL TAX SALE for information call the Tax Collector 973-875-7192 x 222

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dates and times within this calendar are subject to change. Please call for confirmation!	<u>ANNUAL TAX SALE</u> For information, please call the Tax Collector					
1	2	3 Municipal Court 10am	4	5	6 Municipal Christmas Tree Lighting 	7
8	9	10 Municipal Court 10am	11	12 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14
15	16	17 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21 WINTER BEGINS
22	23	24 Municipal Offices Closed Christmas Eve	25 Municipal Offices Closed Christmas 	26 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve Drive Safely !!				NO OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING ON TOWNSHIP ROADS NOVEMBER 15th- APRIL 15th

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Be sure to include the LATE FEE if paying after February 1st

Licenses can't be issued if rabies vaccination expires prior to 11/1/25.

OWNER: Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

DOG: Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Color: _____

Hair: Long _____ Medium _____ Short _____ Gender: Female _____ Male _____

Birth Date: _____ Rabies exp. date ____/____/____ Spayed/Neutered: Yes ___ No ___

Vet. Clinic /Animal Hospital Name & Phone# _____

Microchip Number _____

	DOG
FEES: Spayed/ Neutered	\$10.00
Non-Spayed/ Neutered	\$14.00

Late Fee Begins February 1, 2025 Add \$2.00 per month per animal

Please make check payable to: Wantage Township

ENCLOSED: Check # _____ Amount _____ Cash (in person) _____

_____ Proof of Rabies (**enclose a copy of certificate, do not send original**)

_____ Spayed/Neutered Certificate (if applicable) _____ **Enclosed self addressed stamped envelope.**

MAIL TO: Wantage Township, Dog Licensing, 888 Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461

YOU MUST INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WHEN APPLYING BY MAIL.

Dog Licensing is required by law & saves lives!



January 2025

**NO OVERNIGHT
STREET PARKING ON
TOWNSHIP ROADS
NOVEMBER 15TH -
APRIL 15TH
Ordinance 7-3.4 et seq**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP Will be through The 31st of January. Please place it at your curb			1 Municipal Office Closed in Observance of New Years Day	2 Mayor & Committee Reorganization Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4
5	6	7 Municipal Court 10am	8 Board of Health 7:00 pm Reorganization Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14 Municipal Court 10am	15	16	17	18
19	20 Municipal Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm Reorganization	22 Recreation Reorganization Meeting 7:00 pm	23 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	REMEMBER TO LICENSE YOUR DOG!!! LATE FEES START FEB 1st !!

THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SAYS:
PLAN AHEAD!!

Where will your family be if a disaster strikes? They could be anywhere-at work, at school, at home or in the car. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children are safe? Disaster may force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services- water, gas, electricity or telephones were cut off? Families should be prepared for all hazards that could affect them.

A Disaster Supply Kit should include: a 3-day supply of water (one gallon per person a day) and food that wont spoil, a manual can opener, one change of clothing and footwear per person, one blanket or sleeping bag per person, hand sanitizer, a first aid kit, prescription medicines and emergency tools. An extra set of car keys, credit card and cash. Remember to include any special items needed for infants, elderly or disabled family members.

FOLLOW THESE BASIC STEPS TO DEVELOP A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

Gather information about hazards. Contact your National Weather Service office www.noaa.gov, emergency management office 973-875-7192 and Sussex County American Red Cross 973-579-1600. Find out what type of disaster could occur and how you should respond. Learn warning signals and evacuation plans.

Meet with your family to create a plan. Discuss information you have gathered. Pick two places to meet in case of emergency: a spot outside your home, in event of an emergency such as a fire, and a place away from your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Choose an out of state friend or relative as your "family check in contact" for everyone to call if the family gets separated. Discuss what you would do if advised to evacuate.

Implement Your Plan. In case phone lines and cell towers are down write down emergency telephone numbers. Install safety measures in your house, such as smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Inspect your home for potential hazards and correct them (items that can move, fall, break, catch fire). Have your family learn basic safety measures, such as CPR and first aid; how to use a fire extinguisher. Teach children how and when to dial 911. Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days. Keep important family documents in a fire and waterproof container.

CHECK OUT WANTAGE OEM ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE!



WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WANTAGEOEM

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February 2025



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<p>REMEMBER TO LICENSE YOUR DOG!!! LATE FEES START FEB 1st !!</p>		<p>TAXES DUE!</p> 				1
2	3	<p>4 Municipal Court 10am</p>	5	6	7	8
9	10	<p>11 Municipal Court 10am</p>	12	<p>13 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>14 </p>	15
16	<p>17 Municipal Offices CLOSED Presidents Day</p>	<p>18 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19 Recreation Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	<p>27 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	28	<p>NO OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING ON TOWNSHIP</p> <p>ROADS NOVEMBER 15th– APRIL 15th Ordinance 7-3.4 et esq</p>

Sussex County Division of Senior Services

PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING

Evidence-Based Health Promotion



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

A MATTER OF BALANCE: Managing Concerns about Falls - FREE Peer led, 8 session (2 hours each) program that offers practical strategies to reduce fear of falling, address safety issues, increase activity levels, and improve balance, flexibility, and strength through exercise.



TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH - Action Plans for Enhancing Wellness for adults of all ages and caregivers who are dealing with a long term health/medical condition (s). **FREE** Peer led, six-week (2 1/2-hour sessions) self-management programs that are goal-oriented and include a **FREE** manual, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions."



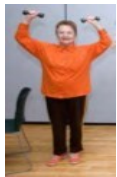
DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - Action Plans for Enhancing Wellness for adults of all ages and caregivers who are dealing with Type 2 diabetes. **FREE** Peer led, six-week (2-1/2-hour sessions) self-management programs that are goal-oriented and include a **FREE** manual, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions."



HealthEASE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS - FREE presentations of health promotion programs for seniors available for clubs and community groups.

- *Exercise and Getting FIT
- *Keeping Your Mind Sharp
- *Be Wise about Your Medications
- *Keeping Up the Beat (Heart Health)

- *Serving Up Good Nutrition
- *Standing Tall Against Falls
- *Bone Up on Your Health



PROJECT HEALTHY BONES - Peer led, 24-week (1 ½ hour sessions) exercise and education program for men and women who are at risk, or who have osteoporosis. This program is designed to stabilize bone density, increase strength, balance and flexibility; and build muscle mass. Manual and light weights are provided.



MOVE TODAY – Peer led, 12 session (1 hour each) non-aerobic exercise program using resistance bands. This program is designed to improve flexibility, balance, stamina, muscle strength, posture, and body mechanics. Resistance bands and manual provided.

For additional information about any of the Project Healthy Living Initiatives, or leadership opportunities for any of the programs, contact:

The Sussex County Division of Senior Services

973-579-0555

seniorservices@sussex.nj.us

March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dates and times within this calendar are subject to change. Please call for confirmation!						1
2	3	4 Municipal Court 10am	5	6	7	8
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	10	11 Municipal Court 10am	12 Board of Health 7:00 pm	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Recreation Meeting 7:00 pm	27	28	29
30	31					NO OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING ON TOWNSHIP ROADS NOVEMBER 15th- APRIL 15th

**THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO
COME OUT AND ENJOY OUR BEAUTIFUL MUNICIPAL PARKS!!!**



No Bikes, scooter or like are permitted on the walking path!!

WE WORK HARD TO MAKE OUR PARKS A PLACE OF PRIDE. PLEASE COME OUT AND MAKE USE OF YOUR PUBLIC FACILITIES AT OUR PARKS ... BUT PLEASE KEEP IN MIND OUR RULES:

- **Pets are welcome at our parks. We ask that you keep them leashed, and PLEASE clean up after them. Receptacles provided for your convenience.**
- **Our Parks are Carry In /Carry Out, and we do not provide garbage cans. The person /persons who bring things in that need to be discarded must be the ones to carry them back out.**
- **Fishing is allowed at the Lake Neepaulin beach and Berry Road properties. A Valid fishing license is required. All fishing done within municipal parks is catch and release. Boat fishing is allowed at Lake Neepaulin; not Berry Road pond.**
- **Our parks are open from dawn until dusk unless for approved team practice or league play.**
- **Priority is given to organized Township sports and recreation leagues for scheduling the use of field area. Other than that, always remember that the use of park facilities follows the generally accepted rule of “first come, first served.” A large group of people looking to play—soccer, football, baseball, lacrosse, etc.– must take place on the field areas and not interfere with the enjoyment of others.**

Permits for special events in parks are available under certain circumstances. A person seeking a permit should file an application with the Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission. These applications are available on the web- site: www.wantagetwp.com , or contact us at 973- 875-7192 x 243. The proposed use of park must not unreasonably interfere with the general public enjoyment of the park. The proposed activity must not include violence, crime or disorderly conduct, and must not entail extraordinary or burdensome expense of police operation by the State Police. A permit holder shall be bound by all park rules and regulations and all applicable ordinances fully as though the same were stated in the permit. The Wantage Township Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon a finding of violation of any rule, regulation or ordinance, or upon good cause shown.



Picnics/Lunches are fine to have in the park as long as you remember that you cannot exclude the general public from using any area of the park, even during your picnic activities. Please be reasonable and courteous at all times. Our parks are Carry In Carry Out . Please remove all trash, take it with you! Please Do Not throw or place in the water of any pond, lake, or stream, anything that may result in the pollution of such waters. No one may dump or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, cans, or trash in the park grounds.

It is against the rules to hunt or trap any animal or bird within a township park, nor are you allowed to disturb its habitat. Shooting into park areas from beyond park boundaries is forbidden. No person may carry firearms of any description.

No one is allowed to mark or deface and public property. You can not dig or remove any soil, rocks, or other materials. No one is allowed to construct any building or structure of any kind. Please do not damage, cut, or remove any tree or plant, or in any other way injure the natural beauty or usefulness of any area of the park.

You cannot drive or park your vehicle anywhere except in the designated parks roads or parking areas. Sorry no overnight camping, No alcoholic beverages, and No Fireworks. Do Not build, or attempt to build, a fire within a municipal park unless a special permit has been obtained from the Township of Wantage for that purpose.

Our Pavilion is available for rental of a 4-hour period, during which time you are able to have the area exclusive to your party. Pavilion applications are available online: www.wantagetwp.com

For Community Event updates throughout the year, please visit our Wantage Township Facebook / Instagram pages or Wantagetwp.com. If you have any suggestions for our recreation department they can be made to Nicole@wantagetwp-nj.org.



April 2025

A Famous Quote by
Bill Nye the Science Guy:

“To leave the world better than you found it, Sometimes you have to pick up other peoples trash.”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NO OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING ON TOWNSHIP ROADS NOVEMBER 15th- APRIL 15th Ordinance 7-3.4 et esq		1 Municipal Court 10am	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Municipal Court 10am	9	10 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	11	12
13	14	15 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICES ARE CLOSED	19
20 EASTER	21	22	23 Recreation Meeting 7:00 pm	24 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30 Property taxes are due May 1st!			Dates and times within this calendar are subject to change. Please call for confirmation!



YOUR HOME'S FIRE PREVENTION PLAN



PLAN AHEAD If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Safety Tips:

Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your household.

Practice the plan night and day with everyone in your home twice a year.

Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.

Have a meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.

Push the smoke alarm button to start the practice drill.

Get out Fast practice using different ways out.

Teach children to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

Close doors behind you as you leave.

Go to your outside meeting place. Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets.

Use your second way out in the case of an actual fire if smoke is blocking your door or the first way out.

Get low and go under the smoke to get out safely if you have to escape through smoke.

Feel the door and knob before opening the door. If they are hot use the second way out.

Consider getting escape ladders listed by a recognized testing laboratory for escaping from a second and third floor windows if all other exits are blocked.

Make sure the ladder fits the window.

To Avoid injury, only use the ladder in a real emergency.

To Report a Fire Dial 911

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Properly working smoke detectors can alert you to a fire in your home, allowing you time to escape, even if you are sleeping. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home including the basement, and in every sleeping area. Test smoke detectors every month, following the manufacturer's directions, and replace the batteries once each year, or whenever a detector "chirps" to signal low battery power. Never "borrow" a smoke detector's battery for another use! A disabled detector cannot save your life! Most importantly, be sure to **replace your smoke detector if it is more than 10 years old.**

Property Taxes Due May 1st

There is a ten-day grace period during which no interest is due. If payment is not received within the first ten days of the due date, interest is due from the first day, at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1500.00 and 18% annum on any amount over \$1500.00

May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Municipal Court 10am	7	8 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10
11 	12	13 Municipal Court 10am	14 Board of Health 7pm	15	16	17
18	19	20 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm	21 Recreation Meeting 7:00 pm	22 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	23	24
25	26 Closed Memorial Day 	27	28	29	30	31

Animal Control Information

BEARS: Reports of black bears and people coming into contact with each other have been increasing in recent years. Proper sanitation techniques have proven effective in preventing black bear nuisance problems around homes. Proper storage of residential garbage is the best method for prevention of nuisance problems. Store garbage in airtight containers, in a secure area; do not store garbage cans against doors to the garage or basement, or in a wooden shed. Wash garbage containers at least once a week with a disinfectant solution to remove odors. The outside feeding of dogs and cats should be done during daylight hours. All uneaten food and scraps, as well as the food bowl, should be removed immediately after feeding your pets. Birdfeeders should be suspended from a free hanging wire so that the bottom of the feeder is at least 8 feet off the ground. Feeders should be hung in daylight hours only. Black bears learn very quickly. Bears that associate food with people may become aggressive. **DO NOT FEED BEARS!** If you are experiencing nuisance or damage problems related to bears, please contact the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife's Control Unit at (908) 735-8793. Please remember that the mere presence of a black bear does not represent a problem. Sightings may be reported to the Division's Wildlife Research Unit at (908) 735-7040.



DOGS: Dog Licenses are due by January 31st of every calendar year. If your dog has been spayed or neutered, the dog license fee is \$10.00. If your dog has not been spayed or neutered, the dog license fee is \$14.00. Late fees of \$2 per month, per dog, apply if you have not renewed your dog license before February 1. Please make checks payable to Wantage Township. You must include proof of rabies vaccination. If your dog has been spayed or neutered, you must also include this proof with your application.

If your dog's rabies shot expires before November 1, you must get your dog a new rabies shot before we can process your dog license.

You may obtain your dog license either by mail or in person at the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 State Highway 23, Wantage, NJ 07461.

There is a drop-off box located on the right side of the front entrance to the Wantage Municipal Building.






- Rabies clinics are held at the Township in the Fall. Contact us for information on them or visit us at www.wantagetwp.com or www.facebook.com/WantageTownship

DEER: Please telephone the Wantage Municipal Building at 973-875-7192 to report any dead deer carcasses that need to be removed from a public road, and we will contact the proper individual to handle the request.



June 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Job Well Done ! Congratulations To the Class of 2025 !!</p>						
1	2 BULKY WASTE East Side of Rt 23	3 BULKY WASTE East Side of Rt 23 Municipal Court 10am	4 BULKY WASTE East Side of Rt 23	5 BULKY WASTE East Side of Rt 23	6 BULKY WASTE East Side of rt 23	7
8	9 BULKY WASTE West Side of Rt 23	10 BULKY WASTE West Side of Rt 23 Municipal Court 10am	11 BULKY WASTE West Side of Rt 23	12 BULKY WASTE Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	13 BULKY WASTE West Side Rt 23	14
15 	16	17 Municipal Court 10am Land Use Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19	20  SUMMER BEGINS	21
22	23	24	25 Recreation Meeting 7:00 pm	26 Mayor & Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	27	28
29	30 Schools	Out	For	The	Summer!!	Dates and Times are subject to change, please contact Town Hall for confirmation.

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