



Mahwah MATTERS

Spring 2008 Newsletter

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Mahwah #1 in Bergen County New Jersey Monthly Top Towns List

Mayor Richard J. Martel and Council President H. Lisa DiGiulio proudly informed the Township Council that *New Jersey Monthly* magazine ranked Mahwah 1st in Bergen County and 9th in the entire State as the Best Place to Live in New Jersey.



New Jersey Monthly's 2007 Top Towns list was compiled by researchers at Monmouth University's Polling Institute. Their methodology considered eight categories that best represented the quality of life in New Jersey's 566 municipalities: property taxes, home values, population growth, land development, employment, crime rate, school performance, and proximity to services.

Mayor Martel reported that the Township's high rank can be attributed to its excellent police force, dedicated emergency services volunteers, professional Municipal government personnel, diversified recreational and senior activities center programs, and high quality school system which makes Mahwah a Great Place to Live and Work.

For more information regarding the sources and methodology of *New Jersey Monthly's* 2007 Top Towns list visit www.njmonthly.com.

MAHWAH CERT TEAM CONTINUES ON AN ACTIVE PATH

Last May, the Mahwah Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was called upon to participate in the graduation ceremonies at Ramapo College to manage the parking of over 1000 cars. The CERT team is being called upon again this year to perform the same duties.



Our CERT team participated in the Mahwah Day Festivities last September and played an important part in managing the festivities of the day. They handled the information booth for the day and controlled the

influx of vendors unloading their supplies during the early morning hours thereby allowing members of the Mahwah Day committee to fulfill their other responsibilities. The team also assisted the Mahwah Police Department to keep traffic flowing in a safe and manageable manner for the duration of the events.

A Shelter Operations field exercise was conducted last October and included members of the Office of Emergency Management. The CERT team utilized their prior training and set up a "Temporary Shelter" that would be used by town residents if they have been displaced because of a disaster or emergency. Our CERT team is one of only a few CERT teams in Bergen County who are certified to set up and operate a shelter.

The team participated in the annual Bergen County CERT Day at the Bergen Law & Public Safety Institute in Mahwah. This all day event was attended by CERT teams from throughout Bergen County and Mahwah

was recognized as having one of the most active and well trained team in the county. The activities of the day included triage instruction and actual training, live search and rescue, fire suppression and a refresher course in CPR and first aid. The Mahwah CERT team is a consistent participant in all Bergen County CERT events.



Training is essential in order to grow the skills of our team members and to better prepare them for deployment during an emergency or disaster. The team in conjunction with the Mahwah Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and the Office of Emergency Management and the Ho Ho Kus CERT team participated in a two night Hazardous Materials Training Program. After that, the CERT team attended a Road Safety for First Responders training. Training continues on a regular basis. To start off 2008, the team attended a Bomb Awareness training with the Mahwah Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and the Office of Emergency Management. This training was conducted by the Bergen County Bomb Squad.

Residents of Mahwah are invited to participate in a CERT training course that runs for eight consecutive Wednesday evenings. The next course will start shortly at the Bergen Law & Public Safety Institute in Mahwah. At the completion of the program, basic CERT safety equipment will be issued to each successful participant. For an application, contact Ray Roe, OEM Coordinator at 201-831-2075 or email: mahwahcert@optonline.net. ■

TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH

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Historic Preservation Commission	Denise M. Storms, <i>Secretary</i> 201-529-5757 ext. 264
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Access Transportation	Dolores Raiz, <i>Director</i> 201-529-2691
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Inspections	Gary L. Montroy, <i>Const. Code Official</i> 201-529-5757 ext. 241
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Tax Collector	Elizabeth M. Villano 201-529-5757 ext. 228
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Mahwah Public Schools:	
Administration 201-882-2408
Lenape Meadows School 201-882-2260
George Washington School 201-882-2240
Betsy Ross School 201-882-2250
Joyce Kilmer School 201-882-2270
Ramapo Ridge Middle School 201-882-2380
Mahwah High School 201-882-2300

PLANNING, ZONING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Spring is near and many are inquiring about the permitting process for building additions, new homes, swimming pools and the like. Zoning Permits are required for all new construction and additions. The following table provides a general summary of project types and the permits that are required from the Planning/Zoning Dept.:

Project Type	Soil Movement	Zoning
New homes	X	X
Additions	X	X
Swimming pools	X	X
Tennis courts	X	X
Sheds	X	X
Retaining walls	X	X
Signs	(if footings required)	X
Landscaping	See Soil Movement Table Below	

Applications are available at the Municipal Building; additionally many are now available via the Township's website, www.mahwahtwp.org.

The application forms appear under the Department heading of Planning and Zoning toggle, which is situated on the left side of the home page. The following forms are available: new subdivisions and site plans, soil movement, zoning permits, Board of Adjustment applications, trailer applications, temporary sign applications, temporary storage unit applications, and home occupation applications, temporary outdoor displays/sale of products by retail business applications, waiver for right of way infringement application, and verification of taxes paid application.

SOIL MOVEMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The recently revised Township soil movement application form is now available on line and at the Municipal Building.

EXEMPT SOIL MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES: Septic Systems (Tanks and Disposal Systems)
Utility excavations by Licensed Utility Co.
(ex. gas, water, electric, cable, telephone)
Soil Borings
Test Pits
Hazardous Waste Cleanups
Landscaping / Gardening, up to 20 Cubic Yards of Soil

APPLICATION: None Required
APPLICATION FEE: None
ESCROW FEE: None
PLANS BY ENGINEER: No
CERTIFICATE OF INS.: No
GUARANTEES: No
AS-BUILT SURVEY: No

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW SOIL MOVEMENT APPLICATION

ACTIVITIES: Filling of abandoned wells, septic systems, cisterns, swimming pools or residential "non-leaking" fuel oil tanks
Pools, 1 to 199 Cubic Yards of Soil
Additions, 1 to 999 square feet or less than 10% of Lot Area
Increase in Impervious Area*, 1 to 999 square feet or less than 10% of Lot Area
*Impervious Area includes patios, pools, decks, driveways, accessory structures, additions, etc.
Landscaping / Site Work, 21 to 100 Cubic Yards of Soil

APPLICATION: Fill out Applicable Information on Form (N/A - IF NOT APPLICABLE)
APPLICATION FEE: \$50.00
ESCROW FEE: None
PLANS BY ENGINEER: No
CERTIFICATE OF INS.: No
GUARANTEES: No
AS-BUILT SURVEY: No

PROFESSIONAL REVIEW SOIL MOVEMENT APPLICATION

ACTIVITIES: Pools, 200 Cubic Yards of Soil
Additions, 1000 square feet or more than 10% of Lot Area
Increase in Impervious Area*, ≥ 1000 square feet or more than 10% of Lot Area
*Impervious Area includes patios, pools, decks, driveways, accessory structures, additions, etc.
Landscaping / Site Work, 101 to 999 Cubic Yards of Soil

APPLICATION: Full Application Form
APPLICATION FEE: \$100.00
ESCROW FEE: New Single Family Dwellings (or knockdowns) \$2,500.00
Others (Pools, Additions, Increase in Impervious Area, Landscaping) \$700.00
Site Plans and Subdivision Improvements \$1,800.00**
** Plus additional fees based on volume/number of units (see below)

PLANS BY ENGINEER: If Determined
CERTIFICATE OF INS.: Yes
GUARANTEES: Yes
AS-BUILT SURVEY: If Determined

PUBLIC HEARING SOIL MOVEMENT APPLICATION

ACTIVITIES: ≥ 1000 Cubic Yards of Soil, or Where Variances and/or Waivers are required.

APPLICATION: Full Application Form
APPLICATION FEE: \$100.00
ESCROW FEE: Single Family Dwellings, Pools, Additions, Landscaping, etc. \$2,500.00
Site Plans and Subdivision Improvements \$1,800.00**
** Plus additional fees based on volume/number of units (see below)

PLANS BY ENGINEER: Yes
CERTIFICATE OF INS.: Yes
GUARANTEES: Yes
AS-BUILT SURVEY: Yes

** ADDITIONAL FEES FOR SITE PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS
\$.40/c.y. for first 3,000 c.y.
\$.25/c.y. for next 2,000 c.y.
\$.15 for amount greater than 5,000 c.y.

FOR SUBDIVISIONS

Fee amount for major subdivisions is for the roadway, utility and drainage improvements. Additional fees to be determined based on the number of dwelling lots proposed in accordance with the fee required for each dwelling unit, as noted above.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT

The Administrative Officer has the discretion to require a Professional Review Soil Movement Application and/or Public Hearing Soil Movement Application and associated fees if it involves soil movement related to one or more of the following:

- existing and/or proposed drainage facilities or improvements;
- wetlands and/or flood plain concerns;
- contains unique engineering issues; or
- unique topographic conditions. ■

Serving the Community, One Life at a Time

Have you ever stumbled into an emergency situation and wondered to yourself, "What can I possibly do to help this person in need?" Whether in the frozen food section of your local grocery store or at your child's soccer game, there is always an individual who manages to break free from the crowd and proclaim, "I am a certified EMT. Please call for help



while I assist this patient." Emergency Trained Personals have a long-rooted tradition in serving and educating the general public. Becoming an EMT allows for many different opportunities to positively impact the lives within one's own community. With the whirlwind of media centering on the fading of volunteers, the Mahwah EMS System has a different agenda in store for this upcoming year.

An event that occurred one frigid morning at George Washington Elementary School called for the evacuation of its faculty and students. This situation compelled Mahwah Ambulance Co. #4 members Glenn Vitrone and George Collard to execute their quick wit and apply their survival skills learned. Having both the firehouse and ambulance building located conveniently across the street from the facility, the students with their

teachers were transported into these quarters, where they stayed for the remainder of their day until buses arrived.

If it were not for the rapid whimsicality of these two dedicated volunteers, the students and their educators would have remained outside in wintry conditions until the end of their school day. As a result, the children were sheltered and warmed safely. When drawings and letters of gratitude from the students began arriving at the doorstep of the ambulance and fire buildings, a feeling of importance could be felt by all of Mahwah's Emergency Staff.

Two volunteers unexpectedly impacted the lives of the children and faculty at George Washington Elementary School one morning in January. The feeling of leaving an impression on an individual's life is truly an amazing experience and has continued to be felt among the entire EMT community. We invite you to share this experience by volunteering now!

This past holiday season turned out to be quite successful for Mahwah Ambulance & Fire Co. #4 as they delivered Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus to the designated street corners of Fardale, Rio Vista and Crampgaw. Both toys and candy canes were distributed to the excited children on that chilly morning by our volunteer staff.

This year, both Mahwah Ambulance Co. #4 and #1 will work together to continue this tradition of commitment. As being part of a community, a person possesses the ability to change the lives of so many of their peers simply by the giving



of them self. Despite the effort and sacrifice that it requires, volunteering is both an inspirational and rewarding experience. Our goal as volunteers at Mahwah Ambulance Co. #4 is to renew our pledge to serve the public with a positive and welcoming atmosphere amongst the tragic times which we face in our society today.

For further information on how you can become an EMT volunteer within your local community, please call 201-327-2702. Leave your name with your daytime phone number of where you can be reached and someone from our membership committee will return your call! ■

Newly Installed 2008 Officers for Mahwah Ambulance Co. #4

- President - Glenn Vitrone
- Vice President - Mike Bushta
- Treasurer - Dolores Rizzo
- Secretary - Florence Policano
- Captain - Pamela Orbe
- Assistant Captain - Janet Diaz
- First Lieutenant - Bob Reilly
- Second Lieutenant - Linda Vitrone
- Maintenance Officers - Bob Klingen & Anthony Chuck

MAHWAH AMBULANCE CO. #1

"WE VOLUNTEER BECAUSE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT."



Volunteers: Bob English - a physical therapist, Debra Nelson - a crossing guard, Greg Antonetti - an accountant, Karen Meyer - a teacher, Mike Ruby - an electrician.

What is a volunteer? According to Merriam-Webster, a volunteer is a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service. Mahwah Ambulance Co. #1 defines volunteer a little differently. A volunteer is a neighbor, an accountant, a business owner, an educator, an engineer, a homemaker, a pilot, a sales person, and a student. These are just a few of the residents who volunteer their time as (Emergency Medical Technicians) EMTs. Currently, we are looking for more residents to become volunteers. Prospective volunteers need to be 18 years or older to join the squad and 16 to 18 years old to join our junior squad. Training is provided free to all members. This includes CPR certification and EMT training. The next EMT training class begins in early June. If interested in joining or would just like to know more about becoming a volunteer, please call. A representative from our membership committee will call you back and tell you how you can become a volunteer of our organization. For more information, please call 201-529-9301. ■

If no one Volunteered...



Who would have extinguished this fire?

How bad would this spill have been?



Who would be their hero?

Join Us

The Mahwah Fire Department is 100% Volunteer!

Call 201.828.2017

Or

Stop by any firehouse: Wednesdays @7:00pm



MEET MAHWAH'S NEW K-9 TEAM

Police Chief James N. Batelli is pleased to announce a new Mahwah Police K-9 team. With the pending retirement of long time K-9 Officer Robert Ossig and K-9 Lampik, the Police Department began a search for a new K-9 and handler. Officer Robert Rapp, a veteran of the Police Department for the past 7 years, was selected as the new K-9 handler. Prior to joining the Department, Officer Rapp was a Sergeant in the United States Marines Corp. where he received numerous commendations and awards. Officer Rapp had long expressed interest in becoming a K-9 handler and worked closely with Officer Ossig and Lampik over the years.

After selecting a handler the next task was to choose a K-9. Extensive research went into the selection process and after examining several dogs, a 15 month old German Shepherd from Czechoslovakia named Doeme Mercedes was chosen. Officer Rapp and Doeme Mercedes will now undergo a six month training process where the K-9 will be trained in tracking and narcotic detection. Training should be completed in early summer 2008. Doeme Mercedes will be the fifth (5th) canine in the history of the

Mahwah Police Department. K-9 teams have proved to be an invaluable resource to the Police Department mission.

Because of fiscal restraints, contributions from local businesses were solicited and sufficient funds were raised to pay for all costs related to the purchase of the new K-9 and associated equipment. While all donations were appreciated some of the more sizeable donations came from the corporate office of Mercedes Benz North America who contributed \$10,000, Flyte Tyme Limousine Services, Mahwah Hummer, Inserra Supermarkets, Beverly Hills Car Wash, Stryker Howmedica and Nature View Landscaping. The generous contributions from these and other local businesses allow for the continuation of an extremely important component of the Police Department.

The Department will greatly miss the past contributions of Officer Robert Ossig and his two K-9's Canto and Lampik, but we wish him well in his upcoming retirement.

Officer Rapp is eager to complete his training and begin working the road with Doeme Mercedes. When not working the road, Doeme Mercedes resides with Officer Rapp and his family. ■

RECREATION EVENTS

YOUTH SPORTS PARADE:

All spring sports athletes are invited to kick off their season by participating in the Spring Sports Parade on Saturday, May 3rd at 9:30 a.m. We ask that parents coordinate with their children's coaches to meet at Betsy Ross School at 9 a.m.; parade begins at 9:30 a.m.



(All players and coaches should wear the team shirt and hat)

*We request that parents who are not coaches line the parade route to view the parade rather than march with the players. This way it will make the children feel like it is a real parade. **Parade Route:** Starts at Betsy Ross School and proceeds down Malcolm Road to Miller Road, left on Miller Road through Veterans Square to Commodore Perry Field.*

Note: Once the players arrive at Commodore Perry Field, they will be greeted by the Mayor, Council Members and other dignitaries. There will be various ceremonial procedures and recognitions. Refreshments will be served consisting of hot dogs and juice. ■

19TH ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST AT SILVER CREEK POND

Want to have a "reel" good time? Test your skill at the 19th Annual Mahwah Fishing Contest on fish-filled Silver Creek. The lines will cast off on Saturday, May 24th, at 10 a.m. All "soles" aged 13 and under are eligible to compete for prizes but the fun is open to the entire family. Come out and catch a "whale" of a day. ■



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

"We will never forget!" Re-new that pledge and be a part of Mahwah's Memorial Day Parade to honor our Veterans from the Revolutionary to the Iraq War. The participants will line up at 9:30 a.m. on Monday,

May 26th, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Island Road and the parade will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and march to Veterans Park for the traditional ceremonies. This event is proudly sponsored by Mahwah's VFW Post #7124 and the Township of Mahwah. Community groups who wish to participate should contact Dawn DaPuzzo at 529-5757, ext. 254. ■

ADULT RESIDENTIAL SOFTBALL

Tired of watching from the sidelines? It's time to get off the bench and get into the game. The Mahwah Adult Softball Leagues for men and women will accept applications for all Mahwah residents over the age of 21. Our Field of Dreams at Continental Soldiers Park is the perfect place to get to know your neighbors from late June to early August. Men will play every Monday and Wednesday and women will play every Tuesday and Thursday in a 10 game schedule plus single elimination playoffs.

Returning veterans will be mailed enrollment forms and can join by mail. For all you rookies, you need to sign up in person at the Recreation Building on Wednesday, May 28th or Thursday, June 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Be sure to bring proof of age and residence. So clean your cleats, oil your mitts, stock up on Ben Gay and join the Boys and Girls of Summer in Mahwah. For questions, call 201-529-1234, mailbox #3. ■

MAHWAH SUMMER RECREATION

The Summer Recreation Program runs four (4), one (1) week sessions beginning June 30th and ending July 25th. (There is no program on July 4th). All children must be residents of Mahwah. MINI Rec is for children entering K, 1st and 2nd grades in September 2008. This program is held at Joyce Kilmer School. BIG Rec is for children entering grades 3 through 7 in September 2008. This program is held at Mahwah High School. The weekly fee for both programs is \$30.00 per child, and only \$15.00 per additional immediate family member. Forms will be sent home with public school children and will be available on-line after May 1, 2008. In-person registration will be held on May 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Building at 70 East Ramapo Avenue. The Counselor in Training Program is open to children entering grades 8 and 9 in September 2008. The fee for this program is \$15.00 per week.

Registration forms for the MINI, BIG REC and CIT'S will be available at the Recreation Building and the Municipal Building after May 1st. Application forms for COUN-

SELORS will be available at the Recreation Building, the Municipal Building and Mahwah High School after May 1st. For more information call 201-529-1234, mailbox #4. ■

PADDLE DAYS AND MOVIE NIGHTS AT CONTINENTAL SOLDIERS PARK

The Mahwah Recreation Committee and Ramsey Outdoor Store will once again host Paddle Days at Lake Henry on Tuesday evenings in July from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., weather permitting. Ramsey Outdoor Store will provide canoes, kayaks, paddles and personal flotation devices (PFD'S) as well as instruction on use. Participants must sign a waiver and should bring sun protection! After your time on the lake, join the Recreation Committee for a family friendly movie and some popcorn under the stars. Movies begin at 8:15 p.m. ■



SENIOR PICNIC AT CONTINENTAL SOLDIER'S PARK

The Mahwah Recreation Committee will host its annual Senior Picnic on Thursday, July 17th at 12 Noon at Continental Soldier's Park. Every summer, Mahwah seniors gather with their friends to enjoy the simple pleasures of a summer day with good food, drinks and old-fashioned fun. This event is open to all senior Township residents at no charge. ■

14TH ANNUAL MAHWAH DAY

Mahwah Day will be held on Saturday, September 27th at Commodore Perry Field. Find a good spot along East Ramapo Avenue at 12:00 Noon to watch our kick-off parade, and then follow the crowd to Commodore Perry Field for an afternoon filled with fun. As always, we will have kiddie rides, pony rides, clowns and a magician along with live entertainment and plenty of games for the children. Of course, food will be available throughout the day and the Township's Access Transportation buses will be available to shuttle visitors to and from the parking areas. ■

If the weather cooperates, a FIREWORKS SHOW at 8 p.m. will finish off the day. **A planning meeting for Mahwah Day will be held on May 12th at 7 p.m. in the Mahwah Public Library.** All groups and organizations that plan on participating in Mahwah Day should be represented.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MAHWAH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Business Hours: 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM



PROGRAM GOALS

To foster independence and continued growth in older adults with heavy emphasis on physical fitness such as Yoga, Chair Yoga, Tai Chi Chih,

Pilates, Jazzercise, Meditation, Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing and Aerobics. Our mission is to enhance leisure time activities through class instructions and workshops. Our educational component offers the active senior the chance to continue to live and learn. From computers to book discussion groups and current events, older adults are constantly challenged and stimulated by the wide array of classes.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any Mahwah resident 60 years or older, who functions independently or who has a companion accompanying them.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OR SERVICES OFFERED

Beginners Art Classes	Dance Social
Watercolor Art Classes	Pinochle
Acrylics Painting	Canasta
Line Dancing	Bridge
Ballroom Dancing	Mahjong
Fit 4 Life Aerobics	Scrabble
Jazzercise	Computers

Pilates

Tai Chi Chih

Yoga

Chair Yoga

Meditation

Lectures and presentations on health and senior related topics.

Woodcarving

Knitting

Monthly Trips

Bi-monthly Lunch Program

Senior Club

WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE AN INAPPROPRIATE PARTICIPANT?

Since this is an activity center, we are unable to accommodate anyone suffering dementia or confusion. We do not have on-site medical personnel. This is not an adult day-care center.

IS THERE A FEE TO JOIN?

There is no membership fee to join.

ARE THERE FEES FOR CLASSES/TRIPS?

Generally there are no fees for class participation. However, some workshops may require a fee to cover instruction and material. There will be a charge for trips. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 17 Spring Lunch and Dance with Joe Cimo

May 15 Senior Fashion Show

UPCOMING TRIPS:

April 9 Tropicana Casino Atlantic City

May 19 The Mount Estate in Lenox Massachusetts

June 11 New York City on location

June 25 The Art and Garden Tour

July 15 South Jersey Highlights

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mahwah's Affordable Housing Program continually accepts applications from residents and non-residents for Affordable Housing and Senior Housing in Mahwah. The application covers rentals and/or purchases with recertification required yearly to keep the lists current. Senior Housing initially requires a pre-application. Anyone interested in Mahwah's Affordable Housing Program can pick up an application in the reception area at the Municipal Building or in the Affordable Housing Office on the first floor from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Monday through Friday. Applications are also available in the Mahwah Public Library and can be downloaded from the Township's website. The application answers many questions you may have as to how the program works and who is eligible. For additional information call 201-529-5757, ext. 205 or ext. 206. For current owners of Affordable Housing Units, a percentage of Development fees collected may be utilized for assistance in hardship situations to help prevent loss of Units to foreclosure. Contact this office for additional information. ■

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

This service is available to seniors and anyone unable to drive, even on a temporary basis. Riding the Van becomes a means of socialization and an avenue to see and meet Township



residents you might ordinarily not come into contact with. Some of the places we routinely transport to are: food and clothing shopping, rides to Mahwah and Midland Park Senior Centers and Day Care Centers, or for doctor's appointments and other appointments fitting into the daily schedule, including personal grooming. The vans are on the road Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For appointments and information, contact Access Transportation at 201-529-2691. We are pleased to report that a long awaited new van is expected to arrive in late spring. This van will be leased to us free through a grant we placed with New Jersey Transit. We are grateful to be able to update our aging vans at no cost to the Township. ■

MAHWAH POLICE DEPARTMENT – TOP 5

The February 2008 issue of the Record “Reader’s Top 5” reported that the Mahwah Police Department was voted as one of the top five police departments in the Bergen-Passiac North Jersey readership area. Congratulations!!!! ■



WELLNESS CHECK FOR OLDER AND DISABLED RESIDENTS

The Mahwah Health Department wishes to advise residents of the availability of the Bergen County Wellness Check Program, which is designed to check on the well being of residents in need. The program is available free of charge to Bergen County residents living alone, over the age of 60, homebound, or disabled, either on a permanent or long-term basis.

Enrollees will receive a free daily phone call from the Bergen County Wellness Check Program to check on their well being. The call will begin with the following pre-recorded message: “This is a phone call from the Bergen County Wellness Check Program. Please press ‘1111’ if you are okay.”

When a resident becomes a participant in the program, he or she will be asked to identify friends or family who may assist in an emergency. When the system cannot make contact with the enrollee after three tries in 10 minutes, it will notify the relatives or friends designated to check on the resident. The system will only respond to touchtone telephones or through a TTY, a device for the deaf and hard of hearing.

To enroll, log on to www.co.bergen.nj.us/bcreources/GuardianApplication.pdf to print out the application. Mail the completed form to the address specified. Registrants will receive a confirmation call prior to their first wellness check call to let them know their application has been processed.

For those who may not have access to a computer and wish to have an application mailed, or for those who have additional questions, phone the Bergen County Division of Senior Services at 201-336-7400. ■

MAHWAH COMMUNITY CABLE TV

The Township is investigating expansion of the Mahwah Community Cable TV programming to include taping of live Township events. To help us determine the needs of the community, we are asking you for your assistance. What additional Township information would be of interest to you?

- Live telecasts of Township Council meetings
- Township recreation events
- School sport events

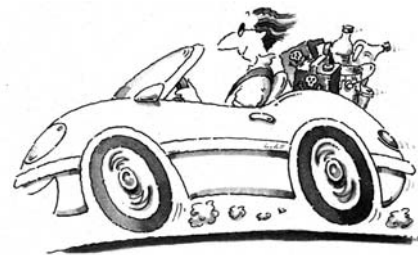
Please send your comments to:

MCN Channel 78
475 Corporate Drive
Mahwah, NJ 07430
or email to
MCN@mahwahtwp.org. ■

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

HELP KEEP MAHWAH CLEAN

“TAKE YOUR HAZARDOUS WASTE TO A
SAFER PLACE!”



Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold its annual spring household hazardous waste collections at the Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, starting at 9am on Sat., May 17th rain or shine. For a complete listing of acceptable and unacceptable materials, visit BCUA web site www.bcuu.org. ■

A message from Mahwah Fire Prevention

Fire safety in the home requires effort



Here at Mahwah Fire Prevention we know that being safe from fire in the home is no easy job. It takes a conscious effort on the part of all members of the family, from the youngest to the oldest. To help your family work at fire safety in the home, we have included ten tips for home fire safety.

1. Install and maintain smoke detectors - Install at least one smoke detector on every level of your home. This includes the basement. There should be one outside each sleeping area. In apartment buildings, there should be a smoke detector in each apartment. A carbon monoxide detector should be placed within ten feet of each sleeping area.

Install, test, and maintain these detectors according to the manufacturer's directions. Replace the dead batteries immediately. The detector will usually emit short beeps when batteries begin to lose power. Keep the face of the detector clean and free of dust and cobwebs.

2. Practice EDITH: Exit Drills In The Home - Design an escape plan for the family. Make sure special provisions are made for infants, elderly, and handicapped persons. Always have two ways out of any room, including basements, in case smoke or flames make one way unusable. Make sure that everyone knows where to go when they get out of the house. Pick a place for everyone to meet. Never go back into a building that is on fire. In an apartment building, use only the stairs as an exit, never an elevator.

3. A match is a tool - Matches and lighters are tools for adults. Keep them where children cannot reach them. Teach children to give matches and lighters to adults.

4. Stop, Drop, and Roll - If your clothes should ever catch on fire, stop wherever you are, drop to the floor or ground, and roll over and over to smother the flames. Cover your face with your hands to protect the face. Practice this with young children regularly.

5. Crawl low in smoke - Smoke is hot from the fire. This will make it rise to the highest part of your house, around the ceiling. That is why you crawl low in smoke. The cleanest air is near the floor.

6. Cool a burn - If someone gets burned, put cool water on the burned skin immediately. Seek a doctor's help if a blister forms or if the burn is severe.

7. Smokers need watchers - Make sure smokers extinguish cigarettes in large, deep ashtrays. Empty the ashtrays into the toilet. Check under the sofa and chair cushions for cigarette butts before going to bed. Never smoke in bed.

8. Space heaters need space - Keep portable space heaters at least 36 inches away from things that burn – paper, bedding, clothing, curtains, etc. Keep small children away from the heaters. Turn the heaters off when going to bed or when leaving the home.

9. Be careful when cooking - Always pay complete attention when cooking at the stove. Keep your children out of the way. If grease catches fire, place a lid over the pan to smother the fire; turn off the burner. Never throw water or anything else onto a grease fire. Make sure pot handles are turned inward so that they can't be accidentally tipped over.

10. Practice safety with electricity - If an appliance gives off smoke or a burning odor, unplug it immediately and have it checked for repairs. Check the cords on appliances; have cords replaced if they are frayed or broken. Do not place extension cords under rugs or in other places where they may be stepped on and broken. If you replace a blown fuse, make sure the new fuse is of the same amperage.

We hope that these tips will help you make a safer environment in your home, and that removing potential hazards will prevent accidents. Whether you realize it or not, we should all be members of the Fire Prevention Bureau. ■

HUMAN SERVICES

If you are in need of food or clothing, please call Human Services for a referral to the Center for Food Action or to the Clothing Closet at the Ramapo Reformed Church. If you have food items to donate contact the Center for Food Action at 201-934-5085, or clothing in good wearable condition can be donated to the Clothing Closet (left side of Ramapo Reformed Education Building) on Wednesdays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Human Services works closely with Emergency Management and the Mahwah Police Department to identify senior citizens living alone or any residents with special needs so that they may be placed on a confidential list for emergency purposes. Contact Dolores Raiz at 201-529-5757, ext. 205 for additional information.

When in doubt as to what services may be available to you through Private, Local, County, State or Federal Agencies, call Human Services at 201-529-5757, ext. 205. We may be able to assist or direct you. ■

MAHWAH GOES GREEN



The Township of Mahwah is proud to announce that it has received the EPA GREEN SEAL approval for meeting the guidelines for post consumer materials by using 100% recycled paper products and environmentally safe industrial and institutional cleaning products in all municipal buildings. The EPA's GREEN SEAL certifies that the products used are environmentally safe, which creates more healthy and productive buildings and reduces their impact on the environment. ■

TOWNSHIP INSTALLS MAGNETOMETER

To ensure the safety of all, the Township has installed a walk through magnetometer to be used during Tuesday and Thursday Municipal Court sessions. ■



UPCOMING POLICE SPONSORED EVENTS

Once again the Police Department will sponsor two of its most popular programs this summer. Please mark your calendars if you are interested in having your children attend and look for enrollment applications which will be distributed in the schools.



Junior Police Academy – July 7th – July 18th – This is the 7th year for the

Junior Police academy and the enrollment continues to grow each year. The Academy is an opportunity for students to see the training and preparation that goes into the making of a Police Officer. Students will attend hands on law enforcement, perform physical training classes, and go on field trips which will culminate with a graduation and party. Working together toward one common goal is the theme of every Academy Day.

Leadership Academy – July 28th – August 2nd – This is the second year for the Mahwah Police Department Leadership Academy and the first of its kind in Bergen County. The youth Leadership Academy turns an ordinary summer week into an extraordinary



adventure and turns seemingly unattainable challenges into very achievable successes. Team work, communication, and problem solving skills are the core curriculum. It's not how many hours you put into each day, but what you put into each hour that counts, is the theme of every academy day. ■

Police Headquarters Renovation Completed

In early 2008 the renovation project at Police Headquarters reached substantial completion. The approximate 2.1 million dollar project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. Non taxpayer funds from the Police Department's Municipal Escrow Account were used to fund approximately 60% of the project. The Municipal Escrow Account consists of monies used in a criminal enterprise and seized through a civil forfeiture as a result of arrests made by officers from the Department. The Police Department was originally built in 1973 and this was the first major renovation for the building in over 34 years. The renovation upgraded all aspects of the buildings infrastructure and in addition to improvements in technology and security issues. ■

Mahwah Museum

Victorian Splendor Exhibit - The current exhibit at the Mahwah Museum - *Victorian Splendor: Life in the Ramapo Valley* - will be open until May 31, 2008. This exhibit displays an important part of Mahwah's history in which industrialists from New York established country manors and farms. We have never-before seen photos of Darlington the home of Albert B. Darling, the Havemeyer model dairy farm known as Mountain Side Farm, Wieblaven, the home of Clarence Chapman whose property is now owned by the Carmelite Fathers, and the Sheffield/Hope Farm which is now owned, in part by Temple Beth Haverim. A 1 1/2" to the foot locomotive owned by Steven Birch, Jr., Victorian bicycles, period jewelry and clothing, and authentic Victorian furniture are all parts of this exhibit.



Gail Doscher and Gary Sanderson

Bicycles celebrate the Victorian passion for pre-automobile transportation. Gary Sanderson, pictured with Mahwah resident and Museum docent, Gail Doscher, visited the Museum last month, and entertained us with stories of his experiences riding an "ordinary bicycle" with a 5' high wheel.

Our popular continuing exhibits include the story of the short life of the Suffern to Paterson Trolley Line, Cragmere in the Ramapos, the first suburban railroad development in Mahwah and Blandina Bayard, the first European woman settler in the Ramapo Valley.

The Mahwah Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.. A donation of \$5.00 is appreciated for adults. We are located at 201 Franklin Turnpike. For additional information, contact the Museum at 201-512-0099. ■

ANIMAL LICENSING



Animals, cats and dogs, over 7 months of age are required to be licensed by January 1st each year. The fees are \$7.00 for a Spayed/Neutered Animal and \$10.00 for an Unspayed/Unneutered Animal. A Rabies Certificate, showing the vaccination is valid through and including November 1, 2008, must be provided. If applicable, a Spayed or Neutered Certificate must be provided. If the animal is not altered or you are not able to provide written documentation from a veterinarian, an additional \$3.00 fee will be added to the licensing fee.

After February 15, 2008, a \$10.00 late fee per animal is added to the licensing fee.

Animal licenses may be renewed in person or by mail. If renewing by mail, include a **SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED** envelope and check made payable to the Township of Mahwah. Mail your request to the Municipal Clerk, Township of Mahwah, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430. Include a copy of

the Rabies Vaccination Certificate (if applicable), Proof of Spaying or Neutering (if applicable), your name, address and telephone number plus your dog's name, breed, age and color. **DO NOT** send cash. The Municipal Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday between 8:00AM and 4:00PM except for municipal holidays.

Free rabies vaccinations are available to Mahwah resident animals from the following veterinarians:

Dr. James French, 8 Chestnut Street, Suffern, NY (Dogs Only) 845/357-0317

Dr. James Hill, 346 Forest Road, Mahwah, NJ
.....201/891-1310

Dr. Cheryl Welch, 754 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Lakes, NJ201/848-1991

It is recommended that the above veterinarians be contacted as days and times which vaccinations are administered may vary. ■

WEST BERGEN PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO MAHWAH RESIDENTS

A private, non-profit organization, West Bergen Mental Healthcare, is dedicated to providing a wide range of psychiatric and counseling services. West Bergen provides a full range of services for community members of the Township of Mahwah who may be struggling with emotional, psychological or family life issues. They offer programs to meet the mental health needs of children, adults and senior citizens. West Bergen's programs include the following:

- Center for Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Center for Children and Youth
- Senior Choices
- Center for Substance Abuse and Treatment
- Partial Care/Day Hospital
- Residential and In-house Services

In addition, West Bergen in partnership with the Township of Mahwah, maintains a Student Assistance Program (SAP) for children and adolescents ages 2 through 18 years and their families who are residents of Mahwah. The SAP can address a wide variety of issues and concerns, including alcohol and drug abuse, school related problems, discipline problems, anger management, depression, anxiety, grief, and suicide. The fee for an initial visit is free of charge.

SAP services are provided at West Bergen's Center for Children and Youth located at 1 Cherry Lane, Ramsey, New Jersey. The Center operates Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Fridays.

To schedule an appointment for any of the above mentioned services, please call West Bergen's Access Center at (201) 444-3550. The Access Center is staffed by professional employees who are qualified to conduct a pre-assessment interview and schedule a follow-up appointment or referral. ■

OEM Looking for Residents with Special Needs

The Township of Mahwah's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is preparing a town wide list of residents with special needs. The list will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used by OEM personnel in the event of a Township emergency, such as a fire, flood, serious storm, or power failure in the Township, in order to provide assistance to those with special needs.

Residents who qualify as a person with special needs include the following: those who are confined to a wheel chair, use oxygen on a regular and continuing basis, are in need of dialysis treatments, have mental or physical handicaps, hearing or sight impairments, are elderly or live alone, or are senior citizens in need of help in an emergency.

Special needs residents, or their caregivers, should call the OEM at 201-831-2075 or email a request to roee@mahwahwtp.org to obtain a Special Needs Registration Form. Forms can also be obtained in the reception area at the Municipal Building at 475 Corporate Drive; the Senior Center, located on the lower level of the Municipal Building, and the Library, located on Ridge Road.

The list of names will be kept in a computer database and updated every six months. From this database, a Reverse 9-1-1 list will be developed which will be used in a number of ways to notify all those with special needs who live in the Township about certain emergency issues or events. ■

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE NEWS

ELECTIONS

Upcoming Elections

School Election	Tuesday, April 15, 2008	2:00PM to 9:00PM
Municipal Election	Tuesday, May 13, 2008	6:00AM to 8:00PM
Primary Election	Tuesday, June 3, 2008	6:00AM to 8:00PM
General Election	Tuesday, November 4, 2008	6:00AM to 8:00PM



Deadlines to Register to Vote

Voter Registration Dates and Last Day for New Voters to Register to Vote in Upcoming Elections:

School Election	Tuesday, March 25, 2008	9:00PM
Municipal Election	Tuesday, April 22, 2008	9:00PM
Primary Election	Tuesday, May 13, 2008	9:00PM
General Election	Tuesday, October 14, 2008	9:00PM

Note: Municipal Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00AM to 9:00PM for Registration on the above dates. Deadline for new Voters to register to vote in an upcoming Election is above.

Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Deadline Requests must be received in the Bergen County Clerk's Office in Hackensack 7 days before an election. Voters may vote in person at the Bergen County Clerk's Office, One Bergen County Plaza, Room 130 in Hackensack until 3:00PM the day before an Election. ■



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