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TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH ESTABLISHES GREEN TEAM



The Mahwah Township Council by resolution has designated the Environmental Commission as the lead agency for the creation of the "Sustainable Mahwah" "Green Team." The Green Team's mission is to assist, advocate, and advise the Township on sustainable strategies and initiatives for environmental and fiscal responsibility. Sustainable Mahwah will pursue certification through the statewide Sustainable Jersey program www.sustainablejersey.com – a certification and incentive program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. New Jersey is the first State in the nation to have such a comprehensive sustainability program for communities.

The Sustainable Mahwah team consists of Environmental Commission members as well as

community and Ramapo College faculty. It will meet twice a month at Mahwah Municipal Building. Team members include Environmental Commission members John Brotherton, Karin La Greca, Chance Parker, Carol Phiefer, Richard Seibert, and John Spiech; Township Administrator Brian Campion, Township residents Brian Phiefer, Paul Scian and Gregg Sgambati; and from Ramapo College, Associate Professor of Geology Emma Rainforth and Howard Horowitz;



and students Max Hensley and Eric J. Fuchs-Stengel.

The Sustainable Mahwah Green Team has a goal of not only achieving early Sustainable Jersey certification, but also

encouraging the long-term involvement of Township residents, community organizations, students, businesses, and all of those interested in sustainable living.

Sustainable Mahwah looks forward to the long term involvement of many Township residents. A growing involvement of interested individuals and organizations will enable Mahwah to meet and exceed the requirements of maintaining certification while more importantly, creating a higher, more economical quality of life for its community and future generations. The Sustainable Mahwah team encourages you to explore the Sustainable Jersey website <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/> or contact sustainablemahwah@mahwahtwp.org for additional information about Sustainable Mahwah.

Please contact Chance Parker at 970-217-2303, Gregg Sgambati at 201-252-2444 or Paul Scian at 917-822-3273 for additional information. ■



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Mayor and Council Members

Pictured back row, left to right: Samuel A. Alderisio; Richard J. Martel, Mayor; Harry Williams; Roy B. Larson; H. Lisa DiGiulio; Allan R. Kidd
 Seated: John DaPuzzo, President and John F. Roth, Vice President



Chamber Lights Veterans Park Tree

The centerpiece of Mahwah's first WinterFest was an enormous maple tree in Veterans Park. The tree was lit by the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce at the WinterFest Opening Ceremony on December 4 and remained lit for the eight-week duration of WinterFest. The Chamber has dedicated this project to all local veterans, as well as to those currently serving in our armed forces.

Wrapped in 150 strands of dazzling white LED lights and funded by donations from local businesses, organizations, and families, the lights will stay on the tree and be lit for other events throughout the year. Because the lights are energy efficient and low voltage, they won't harm the tree in any way.

"This beautiful maple tree in Veterans Park remains strong and deeply rooted in our Town, just as many of our veterans remain rooted here," said Chamber President Dr. Annette Freund. "Dedicating the tree lighting to our veterans was the Chamber's way of thanking our veterans, giving back to the community, and opening the festival ceremonies in a symbolic and deeply meaningful way."

The Chamber website, www.mahwah.com, is an important resource for the community at large. People can find contact information for local businesses and general information on relocation resources and area tourism. ■



The Veterans Park Tree

Courtesy of Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce/Maja Britton

MAHWAH MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE



The Mahwah Police Department, in conjunction with the Mahwah Municipal Alliance, continues to offer some of the most popular and innovative programs for the youth of the Township. By using the mission statement "Helping Our Kids Make Great Decisions" the Alliance supports and sponsors programs that teach skills children need in order to face tough social situations with courage and confidence.

The Alliance aspires to find and support programs that target the tough situations posed by drug and alcohol abuse, internet bullying, and gangs or new threats that may emerge and for which children and adults need skills and resources.

Please check the Alliance website at www.mmasite.org for information on the following upcoming programs:

- Junior Police Academy - Tentative Date – July 6th -16th
- Leadership Academy – Tentative Date July 26th – 30th
- Summer Basketball League – Dates to be Determined.

We are always seeking new programs or ideas that are consistent with our core values. If you have any ideas or just want to offer your opinion on existing programs please e-mail us at jbatelli@mahwah-pd.org. ■

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 for our general Affordable Housing Program covers rentals and/or purchases with recertification required yearly to keep the lists current. Senior Housing initially requires a pre-application and all the units are rentals. Applications are available in the reception area of the Municipal Building and in the Affordable Housing Office on the lower level between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm – Monday through Friday, and can be downloaded from the Township's website. The application answers many questions about the program and eligibility. Current Affordable Housing owners experiencing financial difficulty may contact this office for information and guidance. For questions relating to Affordable Housing call Dorothy McDonough, Housing Administrator, at 201-529-5757, ext. 206.. ■

ELECTION NEWS

Upcoming Elections

School Election	April 20, 2010	2:00pm to 9:00pm
Municipal Election	May 11, 2010	6:00am to 8:00pm
Primary Election	June 8, 2010	6:00am to 8:00pm
General Election	November 2, 2010	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 30, 2010
Municipal Election	Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Primary Election	Tuesday, May 11, 2010
General Election	Tuesday, October 12, 2010

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

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 the Election. Voters may apply in person at the Bergen County Clerk's Office, One Bergen County Plaza – Room 130 in Hackensack until 3:00pm the day before the Election. ■

WATER RESTRICTIONS REMINDER



Water Conservation Measures
In effect May 1st – September 30th

Watering of Lawns:
Odd Number Homes – Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Even Number Homes – Monday, Wednesday, Friday

No Watering between Midnight and 6am
NO WATERING ON SUNDAY
Hand held hoses are permitted at all times

MAHWAH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The Township of Mahwah Senior Activity Center offers its senior population a wide range of activities to help them stay actively involved in the community and make new friends. The center offers, yoga, dancing, cards, seminars, aerobics, clinics, live musical performances and engaging field trips throughout the year.

The Mahwah Senior Activity Center is managed by a full-time center director and director's assistant. The activities and schedules are published on the Mahwah Township website and can be reached by clicking on the center's monthly calendar. The center is handicap accessible.

The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00am through 4:00pm.

Upcoming Trips

HARLEM LIVING HISTORY TOUR

New York, New York
Wednesday, May 12, 2010
\$67.00 per person
Tour Features:
• Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
• Five Hours of Touring and Live Music with Lunch

SUGAR, "THE SOME LIKE IT HOT MUSICAL"

At the Westchester Broadway Theater
Wednesday, June 9, 2010 (tentative)
\$62.00 per person
Tour Features:
• Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
• Three Course Lunch and Matinee Performance of Sugar, The Some Like It Hot Musical

TRIP POLICY – NO EXCEPTIONS

Payment is due immediately at sign up.
Refunds are available, if we have a waiting list
There will be no reminder telephone calls.

PROJECT **Porchlight**[®]

Project Porchlight is going to light up your neighborhood!

Our volunteers will deliver 225,000 energy-efficient light bulbs in New Jersey this fall. Changing a light bulb is one way to save power, money and help protect the environment.

Join us at **Mahwah Senior Center**

Municipal Building 475 Corporate Dr, Mahwah, NJ 07430
Saturday April 24th, 10am – 2pm

Help save the environment by volunteering to hand out energy-saving light bulbs!

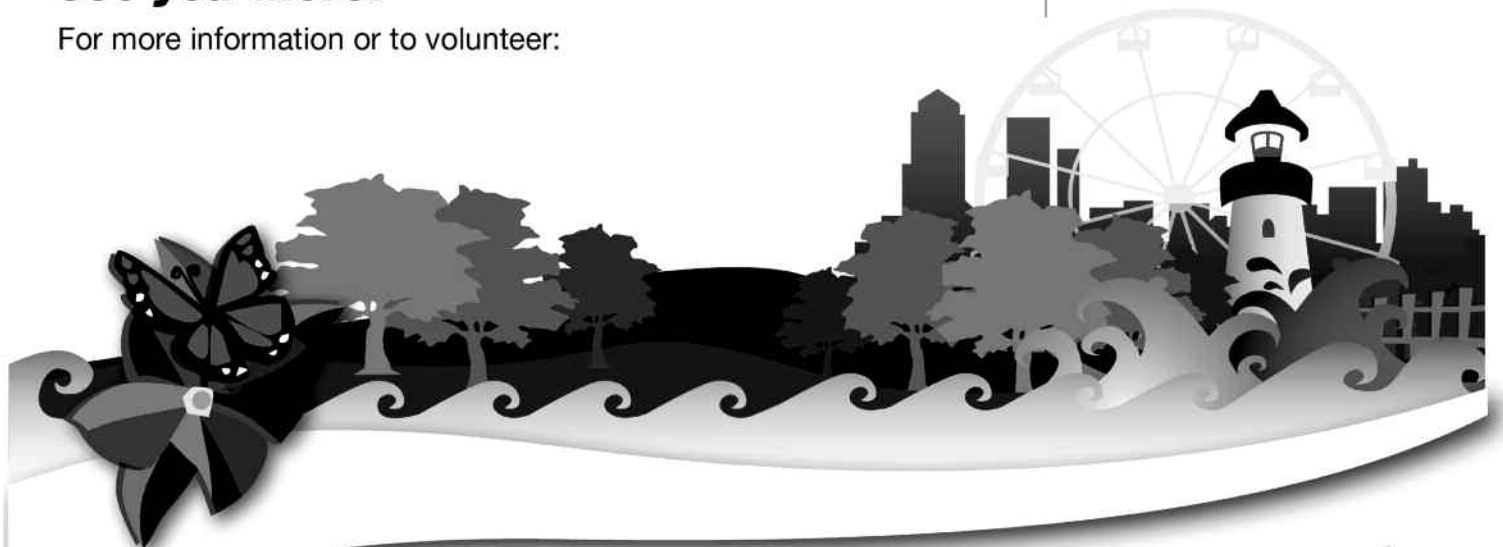
See you there!

For more information or to volunteer:

Volunteer Today!

in partnership with:
Mahwah Environmental Commission
Sustainable Mahwah and
Mahwah Environmental
Volunteers Organization (M.E.V.O.)

Project Porchlight New Jersey is sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Energy Program and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.



Project Porchlight is an initiative of:



Simple actions matter.

porchlight.org
1.888.767.2458



Mahwah Environmental Commission

The Mahwah Environmental Commission sponsored "Project Porchlight" on November 22, 2009 and delivered 1,232 energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) throughout the Township. This is the equivalent of removing the emissions of 72 cars off the road, or 620,730 lbs (281.56 tons) of CO2 emissions!

CFL's need to be recycled properly. You may bring your bulbs to the Bergen County Household Hazardous Waste Collection sites, www.bcua.org, your local retailers such as Home Depot and IKEA which offer in-store recycling at no charge or go to www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling for additional locations.

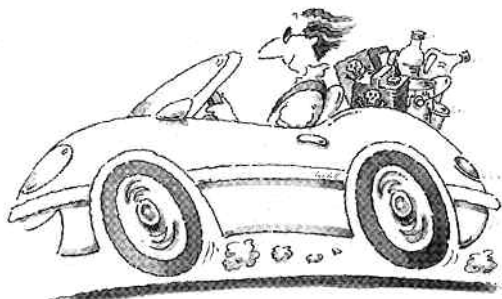


Energy Star CFLs have a warranty. If the CFL burns out during the warranty period, return it to your retailer or visit the manufacturer's web site to find the customer service contact information to inquire about a refund or replacement.

The Environmental Commission believes that simple actions matter and smart choices protect the environment. A simple thing like changing one light bulb can have a huge impact. According to the EPA, "If every home in America replaced just one incandescent light bulb with an Energy Star qualified CFL, it would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes and prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of more than 800,000 cars annually. Fluorescent light bulbs are more cost effective because they last up to 10 times longer than incandescent light bulbs." Imagine the impact of changing two or three light bulbs! Not only are you saving energy (75% less than incandescent bulb) and money but you are helping to reduce your carbon footprint on our planet. You can make a difference; together we can make an impact! Join us at the Mahwah Senior Center, Saturday April 24th, 10am-2pm for the next "Project Porchlight" give away event. ■

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 Saturday, May 15th, rain or shine. Dates of upcoming collections are September 11th and November 20th.

For a complete listing of acceptable and unacceptable materials, call 201-807-5825 or log onto www.bcua.org.

DPW Announces An Electronic Recycling Program

**Drop-off only
No curbside pick-up**



ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS ARE:

- ✓ All Computers & accessories such as : Laptop & desktop computers, monitors, CPU, keyboards, hard drives, power sources, scanners, printers, mice, modems, speakers
- ✓ Stereo equipment and speakers
- ✓ TV's & VCR's
- ✓ Copy and Fax machines
- ✓ Cellular phones & other wireless devices

Materials accepted at the Recycling Center ~ 142 N. Railroad Avenue

Sustainable Mahwah Team Kicks Off the Large Appliance Early Retirement Program

The Sustainable Mahwah Team kicked off the Large Appliance Early Retirement Program for refrigerator and freezers in conjunction with Sustainable Jersey, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey's Clean Energy Program.

The program provides residents with free pickup of their unwanted refrigerators or freezers and pays them a \$50 incentive. Residents can call Sustainable Mahwah Team member Karin La Greca who is coordinating the program for the Township.

Recycling large appliances is important because refrigerators and freezers include harmful components that are not appropriate for landfill disposal. The program facilitates the proper disposal of spare units by paying residents a \$50 incentive to have their unit picked up and disposed of properly. There is no charge for pick up.

Replacing outdated refrigerators and freezers with newer, more energy efficient models can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and household energy costs. Refrigerators and freezers consume the most energy of all household appliances and outdated models can consume three to four times more energy than newer models. This will save the homeowner electricity.

This program is part of the Community Partners Initiative that promotes New Jersey's Clean Energy Programs to residents in the member communities.

As a Community Partner, Mahwah will be eligible for up to \$4,000 in incentives for their Sustainable Mahwah team. For more information about New Jersey's Clean Energy Programs, go to www.njcleanenergy.com.

To qualify your refrigerator or freezer for free pick up and cash incentive, residents are asked to call Karin La Greca, 201-669-8267.

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Please contact Chance Parker at (970) 217-2303, Gregg Sgamabati (201) 252-2444 or Paul Scian (917) 822-3273 for additional information. ■



MAHWAH MUSEUM

The Mahwah Museum located at 201 Franklin Turnpike in Mahwah is open on Saturdays and Sundays, 2 pm to 4 pm. Beginning in June the Old Train Station and Caboose will be open on Sundays from 2 to 4 pm.

The Mahwah Library, the Mahwah Museum and the Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission are pleased to announce a joint venture to create a Local History Room as part of the Library Completion Project. The room and its contents should make history come alive for students and library patrons making readers more aware of Mahwah's unique heritage. The Library will fit out the chosen space with suitable cabinets and furniture. The Museum will provide copies of many of the materials it has collected over the years so that users of the room —whether researchers or browsers— should be able to have a rich experience and to better understand our past. Copies of vintage photos, postcards, historic maps, important papers and other archival material will be included in the collection. A steering committee of members of the Library Board, the Museum Society and the Historic Preservation Commission has been formed to make recommendations as to the content of the room and as to the means by which those materials will be made available to library users.

At the Mahwah Museum this spring you will find some exciting new exhibits.

Winters for All Seasons tells the story of the extraordinary legacy of the Winter Family of Mahwah. Mahwah, a century ago, was a rural community. This exhibit features the A. J. Winter General Store, which was located in what was the heart of Mahwah and is complete with pot belly stove, wall telephone and



Winters for All Seasons "Mrs. Winter" attending to customers in the A.J. Winter General Store Exhibit at the Mahwah Museum.

High School Students and will run from April through June.

Donald Cooper Railroad's re-modeling is underway. The railroad is open through-out the reconstruction so our visitors may watch the progress. When completed, the railroad will be 13' X 22' and operate up to ten trains in a completely computerized environment. Currently the railroad is operating four tracks, two on the subway level and the first of our two-track main lines. The



subway consists of two tracks that wind their way in and out of the tunnels. The focal point of the subway is its local and express stations. The stations have

Mahwah resident and Museum volunteer Maja Britton stands in front of a display she made which shows the different gauges or sizes of model trains.



The subway platform and tunnel of the Donald Cooper Railroad at the Mahwah Museum

been meticulously detailed and express the hustle and bustle of their real-life counterparts. Through-out the tunnels you get the feeling that you are peering into a dark and grimy underground world. Track-laying has just been completed on a portion of our first two-track main line. When it is completed this line will travel over the full length of the layout. For now it covers 2/3 of the area and allows the running of lengthy freight and passenger trains. The focal point of this level is the intricate switching at the main junction. Trains will have the ability to take several diverging routes as they traverse through the intricate double-slip switches.

The Laroe-Van Horn House/Bayard Kiersted Trading Post Site - Artifacts collected in 1980 at the site of the 1750 Laroe-Van Horn House, also the site of the 1700 Indian Trading Post established by Blandina Bayard are on display. These artifacts testify to the presence of Native Americans here long before the trading post was established and reflect the trading post era, documenting 280 years of Euro-American presence.

The Museum History Lectures this spring are:

April 15, 2010 – New Jersey's Mills

Presenter: Phil Jaeger

During the Nineteenth Century there existed in New Jersey over 1000 grist, saw, cotton, silk, and wool mills, providing inhabitants with food, shelter, and clothing. Historian Phil Jaeger will discuss these water-powered mills. Find out what happened to these mills over the years and, surprisingly, which are still functioning today.

May 20, 2010 – The Darlington Schoolhouse

Have you ever wondered about the Darlington Schoolhouse at the corner of Ramapo Valley Road and Darlington Avenue? In 2007 Mahwah and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference became joint owners of the schoolhouse and restoration plans are in the works. The first part of this lecture will explore the history and architecture of this 1891 historic building. The second part of this lecture will give the history of the NJ Trail Conference. Check our website www.mahwahmuseum.org for times and location of the lectures.

Lee Vold Gallery - From the 1970's into the 1990's the Small Town & Fancy Players, created by Anne McCutcheon and Carol Clinger, delighted Mahwah audiences with all-volunteer dramas, comedies and musicals. The Lee Vold Gallery features a selection of some of her marvelous pictures of performances and rehearsals. On May 23 from 4-6 p.m. the Museum will host a reception for all former members of the Small Town & Fancy Players. RSVP to director@mahwahmuseum.org or 201.512.0099.

These photos and the photo of Mayor Martel and Les Paul in the Fall 2009 Newsletter were taken by Marion Brown.

Time for Tick Awareness

Lyme disease is a bacterial disease spread to humans by the bite of an infected deer tick.

If you find and remove a tick, document the date and watch for bull's eye rash, and flu-like symptoms. If you suspect infection, seek medical help promptly

For more information please call the New Jersey Lyme Disease Hotline 1-800-729-8831. ■



Municipal Clerk's Office

2010 Dog and Cat Licensing

In accordance with the Township Code, Dogs and Cats over 7 months of age are required to be licensed.

A Rabies Vaccination Certificate, valid through and including November 1, 2010, is required. Written proof of spaying or neutering from a licensed Veterinarian is required. If the Dog or Cat has previously been licensed and the Municipal Clerk's Office records reflect same, proof is not required.

Fees for Dog and Cat Licenses:

\$7.00 Spayed or Neutered Dog and/or Cat

\$10.00 Unspayed or Unneutered Dog and/or Cat

After February 15, 2010, the \$10.00 late fee per animal is imposed which is in addition to the licensing fee.

Licenses may be renewed in person between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday except Municipal holidays in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Or by mailing the Rabies Vaccination Certificate, Proof of Spaying/Neutering Certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Township of Mahwah, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey Attention: Municipal Clerk's Office. Please do not send cash. If licensing cats and dogs, separate checks are necessary. ■

Animal Bites

By law, all animal bites are to be reported to the local Health Department where the bitten person resides.

Most bites are reported by the doctor or medical facility that treats the victim. The police will also notify the local Health Department if their assistance was solicited. This multiple reporting is a fail-safe system, and rightfully so. Rabies is an incurable disease. If contracted and left untreated, it has a 100 percent fatality rate.

The most common source of human rabies in the United States is from exposure to rabid bats. Other wild animals that are known to carry and transmit rabies (to pets and humans) are raccoons, skunks and groundhogs.

We recognize that not all bites or exposures are reported to the police or treated by a physician. The Mahwah Health Department encourages any Mahwah resident who has been bitten or scratched by any animal (wild or domestic) or who has woken up and found a bat inside their home to contact them for advice and assistance.

Call 201-529-5757 ext 2. ■

Human Services

Please call Human Services if you need a referral to the Center for Food Action or the Clothing Closet at the Ramapo Reformed Church. If you have food items to donate, call the Center for Food Action at 201-529-2029, 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 9:30am to 12:00Noon.

Emergency Management and the Mahwah Police Department keep a list of senior citizens or any residents living alone or who have a special need. You will be placed on a confidential list for emergency purposes only. For additional information contact Emergency Management at 201-831-2075 or Dolores Raiz at 201-529-5757, ext. 205.

When in doubt as to what services may be available to you through Private, Local, County, State or Federal Agencies, call Human Services – we may be able to assist or direct you – 201-529-5757, ext. 205 or ext. 206. ■

An Important Message from Mahwah Fire Prevention

Proper Address Identification Vital



Sherlock Holmes, Charlie Chan, Nero Wolf, Inspector Clouseau, your Local Firefighter and Police Officer all have something in common. All are charged with finding that which seems hidden, and all must do it many times as a matter of life or death. Is your house a mystery to find?

Solve the mystery with proper address identification. Addresses are vital to emergency services. A fire engine, ambulance, or police car can be delayed several minutes trying to locate a correct address. Such time delays can mean the difference between life and death.

Residents are responsible for two items that largely determine the ability of an emergency vehicle to find an address:

(1) Correct address from the person reporting the emergency. Your address should be written on every phone in your house so that in an emergency, anyone calling in knows the address.

(2) Large, legible address numbers on each building.

Rural homes present a larger problem. Emergency vehicles responding to a call for help in rural areas must find the proper driveway or lane for the address of the emergency. Putting the address number in numerals at least three inches tall on the building and on the address street is recommended. The occupant's name should also be included on the address post.

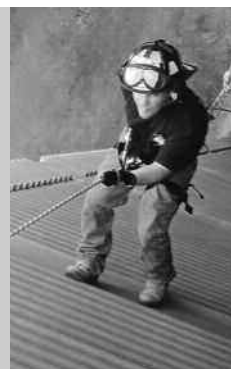
Trailer parks, condominium complexes, condominium developments, and oddly-addressed streets can pose problems for emergency vehicles. An address may be shared by several living units in some complexes. Residents in such complexes should pre-arrange a guide to help emergency vehicles find the correct address.

Next time you drive home, pretend you are a firefighter or police officer. How hard is it to find your address? We can't help you if we can't find you!

If you have any questions please contact Fire Official Thomas Dillon at 201-529-5757 ext. 240. ■

FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS NEED

Stop by any firehouse on
Wednesday nights at 7:30pm
or call 201-828-2017 for
further information.



What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

The Mahwah Police Department has signed an agreement with CrimeReports.com to share neighborhood crime incident information with Township residents so they can stay alert to incidents that are occurring in their neighborhood and in the Township. The information provided to residents via the internet is provided in a near real time environment making crime data more accessible than ever before. Mahwah is one of eight (8) communities in the State of New Jersey to utilize Crime Reports. As an agency which is a nationally accredited through CALEA, Chief Batelli believes that it is important the Police Department and the community continue the strong partnership it has developed and this is just another step in that direction. An informed community benefits not only the residents, but also the Police Department in their efforts to combat crime.

Crime Reports can be accessed by going to www.mahwah-pd.org and clicking on the Google map which is on the main page. Records can be viewed using different parameters that are listed on the page.

The information both residents and workers in the community can view is presented through Google Maps which interfaces with the Department's CODY Computer-Aided Dispatch/ Records Management System (CAD/RMS)

While certain information and events will remain confidential to protect victims, the basic information provided will be:

- Date of Incident
- Block Number of Incident – specific addresses will not be provided
- Type of Incident Reported
- As other information deemed important by Mahwah Police administrators.

According to Chief Batelli the ability to access current data in a near real time environment is critical to keeping the public informed. Too often waiting for the weekly or local newspaper to report on an incident provides the opportunity for misinformation or rumors to proliferate and CrimeReports.com allows residents to receive current and accurate information on incidents. In the near future the Mahwah Police will open a portal so that residents can register and receive an e-mail alert if a crime occurs in their immediate neighborhood. ■



Mahwah Police Promote and Appoint Officers

Chief James Batelli recently announced the promotion of three supervisors and the hiring of two new officers. The personnel changes are all replacements of recent retirements in the agency.

The announcement included the promotion of Robert Sinnaeve to Captain of the Operations Division, Scott Cherven was promoted to the grade of Patrol Lieutenant, Timothy O'Hara was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant and Sean Hayes was hired as a patrol officer.

The Officers were all sworn in to their new positions by Mayor Richard Martel during a recent Township Council meeting. Captain Robert Sinnaeve has been serving with the Mahwah Police for over 21 years and is a life long resident of Mahwah and a graduate from the Mahwah School system. Prior to his appointment he served as a military police officer in the United States Marine Corps. Captain Sinnaeve is a graduate of the West Point School of Leadership and Command. In his new position of Captain he



From left to right: Officer Sean Hayes, Officer Michael Direnzo, Lieutenant Scott Cherven, Mayor Richard Martel, Sergeant Timothy O'Hara and Captain Robert Sinnaeve

will be responsible for overseeing the day to day operations and long term planning for the uniformed Patrol Division.

Lieutenant Scott Cherven resides in the Township and has been with the agency for over 11 years. He previously served with the Allendale Police Department and has a Bachelor's degree from Upsala College and a Masters degree from Seton Hall University. In his new position he will be responsible for supervising and managing squad activities, and coordination of the Traffic Bureau and traffic safety programs.

Sergeant Timothy O'Hara is a Ramsey resident and has been with the agency for 11 years. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and a Master's degree from Seton Hall University. Sergeant O'Hara will assume responsibility of supervising a Patrol Squad and is also involved with tactical training of officers in the agency.

The newest members of the agency are Michael Direnzo and Sean Hayes. Michael Direnzo joined the agency in early 2009 and graduated from the Bergen County Police Academy. He has previous law enforcement experience with the New York City Police Department and has a Bachelors degree from Seton Hall University. Sean Hayes is a graduate of the alternate route program of the Bergen County Police Academy. He graduated from Montclair University with a Bachelor's degree and previously worked as a dispatcher with the Ramsey Police Department. Both officers are currently assigned to the Patrol Division. ■

Mahwah CERT Team Plays Major Role in H1 N1 Clinics

The Mahwah CERT team played a major role in the first three (3) H1N1 Clinics held in Mahwah. They were involved in the initial planning, screening cars entering the school property and directing traffic, registering clients, controlling the flow of clients in the building and the overall security. Many town residents who attended the clinic were amazed at how well organized things were and how efficient and smooth the operation went.

Residents of Mahwah are invited to participate in the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course that runs for 8 consecutive Wednesday evenings and is held 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, and additional information, go to our website at www.mahwahcert.org or contact Allan Becker, CERT Coordinator at 201-960-1932 or email: mahwahcert@optonline.net. ■



Nixle Community Notifications – Stay Informed!

The Mahwah Police Department has launched a new Community Information Service that is designed to deliver important, relevant and timely information to residents using the latest technology available.

This service, Nixle, delivers important neighborhood level public safety and community event notifications that are instantly sent to you by cell phone text message, e-mail and the web. There is absolutely NO advertising or Spam associated with joining Nixle. Nixle is a free service to all residents although standard cell provider text message rates may apply to those who choose to receive text alerts. Please check with your cell phone carrier for specific information on your cellular plan.

The service is simple, reliable and the information Nixle delivers comes directly from the Mahwah Police Department assuring you of its accuracy. You control what manner you receive the message (cell phone, text message or the web). Accounts are customized so you receive only the information that matters to you the most. Messaging options include Alerts, Advisories, Community and Traffic. Nixle's service is built on the most secure, reliable, and high speed distribution platform, ensuring that information is trusted, immediate and geographically relevant

Mahwah Police Chief James Batelli encourages you to register and learn more. After you've registered invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends to join so they too can get important information about issues that matter to them.

To learn more about Nixle and the registration process go to www.mahwahpd.org and click on the Nixle logo.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST



Please be advised that grass and weeds in excess of ten (10) inches tall will be in violation of both Property Maintenance codes and Township Ordinances.

All vehicles on property must be registered with valid registration and insured to be lawful. Any unregistered vehicle is subject to fine in excess of \$1,250.00 per day for every day that the violation exists.

Historic Preservation Commission MAHWAH HERITAGE AWARDS

Since 1994, The Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has recognized property owners in the Township for creative acts of preservation or restoration of architecturally or historically significant structures of Mahwah sites or artifacts. The purpose of the awards ceremony is to encourage and reward those who have taken an active interest in preserving or restoring properties to their significant earlier state. The seven award categories are:

- Preservation or Restoration Project: For the successful rehabilitation/restoration of one of Mahwah's Historic Sites.
- New Construction in a distinguished style.
- Contributions of an individual in preserving Mahwah History. Specific contributions such as artifacts, archives, and photographs that increase our knowledge about historic preservation in Mahwah.
- Adaptive reuse of a historic site: For the successful rehabilitation of a building for a changed use while maintaining the original architectural integrity.
- Youth Preservation Project: For individual or group projects that contribute to preservation of Mahwah historic sites.
- Preservation of a Structure/Object Site: For the successful preservation of a structure, object or site, such as a bridge, dam, monument, cemetery, historic landscape.
- Continuing Preservation or Use: for any actively preserved building still used for its original or similar function.

Past recipients include The Mahwah Hotel, and Mount Zion AME Church for Continuing Preservation or Use; Isabel Smith Hudson, for Contributions of an individual in preserving Mahwah History. Isabel donated her remarkable collection of Mahwah memorabilia which included doc-



Mrs. Joanne Bailey Mooney (center) accepts Heritage Award from Mayor Richard J. Martel, (right) and HPC Chair Barbara Shanley (left) for their work to rehabilitate the former 1905 Commodore Perry School building

uments of early Cragmere Park, postcards of Mahwah, and early Township newspaper clippings.

This year's award was presented to the Bailey Family, owners of the Apple Montessori School, Inc., for their work to renovate and rehabilitate the 1908 Commodore Perry School building. The HPC, through the cooperation and courtesy of the Mahwah Museum Society and the Mahwah Public Library Board, presented the Bailey's with a scanned copy of a photograph of the Mahwah Commodore Perry School, c. 1908.

Mrs. Lynn Bailey Piccolo, Director of the school, indicated that they wanted to keep the exterior the same. On the interior, they needed to make major renovations to upgrade the electric, lighting, and heating systems, as well as adding air conditioning and an air filtration system. In an effort to preserve the interior historic atmosphere, they have retained the windows and original interior doors, which are half wood with glass panes in the top half. Mrs. Shanley added that their work to upgrade and renovate this historic building will insure that it will remain in place for another 100 years.

The Historic Preservation Commission welcomes nominations from the public. The Commission reviews all nominations, inspects nominated properties/projects and selects the award winners.

Nominations can be emailed to dstorms@mahwahtwp.org or mailed to:

Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission
Township Municipal Building
475 Corporate Drive
Mahwah, NJ 07430



Commodore Perry School in 1908
Courtesy of Mahwah Museum and Mahwah Library

MAHWAH REC REACHES OUT TO HAITI



Haitian earthquake victims received unused excess Team tee shirts from the joint efforts of Mahwah Adult Soccer Players and the Mahwah Recreation Committee. ■

Join Mahwah Recreations e-mail list to receive notices of all upcoming events. Simply send an e-mail to mahwahrec@gmail.com and say, "sign me up".

Youth Sports Parade

Please join us for our annual Spring Sports kick-off Parade on Saturday, May 1st at 9:30am. We ask that parents coordinate with their children's coaches to meet at Betsy Ross School at 9:00am, parade begins at 9:30 am.

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 to Miller Road, left on Miller Road through Veterans Square to Commodore Perry Field.

There will be a brief ceremony at Commodore Perry Field. Refreshments will be served.

21st Annual Fishing Contest at Silver Creek Pond

Mahwah Recreation's 21st Annual Fishing Contest will be held on Saturday,

May 29th at 10am. This family favorite is held at Silver Creek Pond, located at the intersection of Airmont Avenue and Airmont Road, across from Secor Farms. The contest is open to Mahwah residents ages 3 to 13. This contest is Catch and Release only! Prizes will be awarded to registered contestants but it will be a "reel" good time for the entire family.



Memorial Day Parade

"We will never forget!" Renew that pledge and be a part of Mahwah's Memorial Day Parade to honor our Veterans. The participants will line up at 9:30am on Monday May, 31st at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Island Road and the parade will begin promptly at 10:00am 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 201-529-5757, ext. 254.



MAHWAH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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 through the end of July, 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 Thursday, May 13th or Wednesday, May 26th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Be sure to bring proof of age and residence. Questions? Call 201-529-1234, mailbox #3.

Mahwah Summer Recreation

mahwahsummerrec@yahoo.com

The Summer Recreation Program runs four (4), one (1) week sessions beginning June 28, 2010 and ending July 23, 2010. (There is no Rec on 7/5/10 due to the July 4th holiday) All children must be residents of Mahwah. MINI Rec is for children entering K, 1st and 2nd grades in September 2010. This program is held at Joyce Kilmer School from 9am to 12 Noon. BIG Rec is for children entering grades 3 through 8 in September 2010. This program is held at Mahwah High School from 9am to 12pm.

The weekly fee for both programs is \$35.00 per child, and only \$20.00 per additional immediate family member. Forms will be sent home with public school children after May 1, 2010. In-person registration will be held on May 26, 2010, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Recreation Building at 70 East Ramapo Ave. The Counselor in Training program is open to children entering grades 9 and 10 in September 2010. The fee for this program is \$15.00 per week.

Registration forms for the MINI, BIG REC and CIT programs will be avail-



able at the Municipal Building and at the Township of Mahwah website, www.mahwahtwp.org (Forms Center), after May 1st.

Application forms for COUNSELORS will be available at the Municipal Building, Township website and Mahwah High School, after April 15th. Counselors must be entering 11th or 12th grade in September 2010 or have graduated high school. There will be an in-person counselor registration day at the Recreation Building from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on May 5th. This is the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered and your application reviewed before submitting it.

Mahwah Junior Olympics

Mahwah Recreation is sponsoring a Junior Olympics day for all Mahwah youths between 8 and 12 years old. The Event will take place Saturday, June 26th at 10 am. All participants must be 8 years of age or older before June 26, 2010. First, Second and Third place awards will be given in each of the following events: Track (sprint, distance, and long jump); Football (long pass and punt); Baseball (pitching); Soccer (shooting, long pass).

Mahwah Coed Adult Soccer League

Tired of being on the sidelines watching your son/daughter play soccer. Then join in with family and friends of Mahwah and play Soccer this Summer!!! After a successful 2009 initial season, the Mahwah Recreation Committee is again sponsoring a 7 V 7 Coed Soccer league, open to Mahwah residents only. Games will begin early July and continue through mid August, 2010. All participants must be 18 years of age or older before the July registration. Games will be played at Mahwah High School



and/or Continental Soldiers twice a week (TBD) between 8:00pm – 10:00pm. Registration will be available Mid-April. Coming in 2010: Indoor Soccer (Futsal). Stay tuned for more news.

Paddle Days 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 5:30pm to 8:00pm, weather permitting. Ramsey Outdoor Store will provide canoes, kayaks, paddles and PFD's (personal flotation devices) as well as instruction on use. Participants must sign a waiver and should bring sun protection! Paddle days are open to residents only.

Senior Picnic at Continental Soldiers Park

The Recreation Committee will host their 8th Annual Senior Citizens Picnic at Continental Soldiers Park on Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 12 Noon. This event is open to all senior Township residents at no charge. Join us for some great food and perhaps a little line dancing!!!

16th Annual Mahwah Day

Mahwah Day will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at Commodore Perry Field. A parade, dog show, magician, and live music will be highlighted. Games, kiddie and pony rides will be available throughout the day, as will food and refreshments. If the weather cooperates, a FIREWORKS SHOW at 8pm will finish off the day. A planning meeting for Mahwah Day will be held on May 10th at 7:00pm in the Mahwah Public Library. All groups and organizations that plan on participating in Mahwah Day should be represented. ■

MAHWAH TAX DEPARTMENT

Mahwah Tax Collector, Liz Vilano, announces the implementation of direct withdrawal and on-line access to make tax payments easier, timelier and reduce payment errors.

Direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account is now available. Enrollment applications are available at the Tax Collection Department or the Township website www.mahwahtwp.org.

On-line access to tax billing information is available at: <http://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/wipp0233>.

Please note that if your payment is delinquent and you use the website to view the interest owed, the interest amount is valid only for that day. If you send in the payment via the mail, additional interest charges will apply as interest is accrued right up to the day the payment is received. If you view the interest amount owed and bring the payment to the Tax Collection Office by 4:00 p.m. the same day, the amount viewed will be accurate. ■

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

If you are planning to sign-up for van service, contact the transportation staff and one of our drivers will be pleased to explain our system and you can check out the beautiful new van Mahwah received through a NJ Transit grant. Mahwah's transportation program services 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 other Township residents. Weekly, we transport to: food and clothing shopping, rides to Mahwah and Midland Park Senior Centers, senior day-care centers, doctor's appointments, and other appointments, including personal grooming, that fit into our daily schedule and that are in our allocated driving area. The vans are on the road Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 3:30pm. For appointments and information, contact Access Transportation at 201-529-2691. ■



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shredding day

Residents are often reluctant to recycle confidential documents/files due to security issues. The Township of Mahwah will be offering its residents the opportunity to shred and recycle their personal documents during community paper shredding day, June 5, 2010. You can watch your documents being shredded. **Township of Mahwah Residents Only – Please No Businesses.** In an effort to accommodate all those wishing to participate, please **limit your documents to 4 bags/boxes weighing no more than 10 lbs. each.**

Sustainable Mahwah Mobile Paper Shredding Day

- This is a garbage free event – NO plastic binders, boxes, plastic or paper bags, newspapers, or magazines
- LIMIT papers to confidential/sensitive materials only

Date: June 5, 2010

Time: 9am to 1pm

Township of Mahwah Municipal Building
475 Corporate Drive
Mahwah, NJ 07430

Event will end prior to 1pm in the event
the shredding truck reaches capacity!



Event may be cancelled
in the event of extreme bad weather!