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THE MAHWAH ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZATION, INC.

The Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization, Inc. (MEVO) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization based in Northern New Jersey that works to promote sustainability and the welfare of our natural environment by providing service to nature. It is a grassroots and youth-led environmental organization consisting of passionate volunteers from both high school and college who all work to create a

cleaner and happier Earth. MEVO was founded in 2008 by Eric J. Fuchs-Stengal, a Mahwah High School student, at that time, and now the current Executive Director of the organization, with the goals of Service, Sustainability, and Environment. Since then, MEVO has organized over 60 volunteer events ranging from trash clean-ups and tree plantings to hiking trail construction and recycling bin distribution. The organization, whose volunteer events, programs, and work is managed by unpaid high school students and a few college staff, has logged over 3000 service hours and has engaged 235 students in volunteer work since its inception. In just the past three years, MEVO volunteers have planted well over 200 trees, rehabilitated 9 miles of badly eroded hiking trails, helped build 6 miles of long-term low-impact hiking trails, designed 196 recycling bins and distributed

100 of these to schools and business to create a more effective and efficient collection of recycling, distributed over 2,610 energy efficient CFL light bulbs, and have collected countless bags of trash, recycling and scrap metal. All of MEVO's events in which this impressive work was done have been and will continue to be planned by youth, led by youth, managed by youth and carried out by youth as an example of our generation's passion for change.



Darlington School House



Cleanup



MEVO

The Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization, Inc. consists of two primary programs: "Earth Crew" and "Farm to Live." Throughout MEVO's history, "Earth Crew" has acted as the organization's primary volunteer outlet and has acted as the centerpiece for all of MEVO's environmental work over the years. Earth Crew kicked-off MEVO as an organization with its first event in the summer of 2008, a trash cleanup at Winter's Park. With the help of a continuously expanding and tremendously dedicated corps

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Neighbor,

It was less than a year ago that you elected me as your Mayor, a responsibility I accepted with deep pride and a sense of community responsibility. Mahwah is a vibrant community with so much to offer families and businesses.

Throughout this past year I have had the opportunity to speak with many residents and listen to their concerns about our community. I have visited neighborhoods throughout the Township and been extremely impressed with the sense of community pride, but the one resounding message I continue to hear is that we must work together to keep Mahwah an affordable community to live in. Whether you are a senior citizen, a new family moving in to the Township, or a long standing resident we all share the same concerns.

Like many communities in the State of New Jersey we are faced with the difficult task of meeting a state mandated 2% tax levy cap. In order to accomplish this, difficult decisions must be made. We can no longer spend money we don't have. Within two months of taking office I introduced a budget that reflected a 1.75% tax increase that was the lowest tax increase in Mahwah in the past 11 years. Along with Township Council approval the budget was adopted and finally long overdue tax relief was felt by the taxpayers.

Shortly after the budget was passed the Township received a AAA Moody's bond rating. This rating allowed us to renegotiate our debt saving the taxpayers \$500,000 on the term of our debt. This recognition was no easy task as demonstrated by the fact that only eight other communities in the State have received the highest Moody's rating.

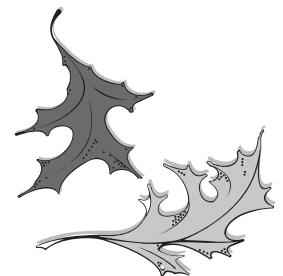
Mahwah is finally on the road to financial stability, our job is not done. Innovative ways to manage government must be implemented and difficult decisions must be made. I am confident you can depend on your Mayor and Township Council to continue to work together to meet the challenges of our community as we face the fiscal challenges of today's economy. I am extremely proud of our community. As Mayor I can assure you that we will continue to work on behalf of all the taxpayers to keep Mahwah an affordable place to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Laforet". The signature is fluid and cursive.

William C. Laforet

Mayor



MAHWAH SENIOR CENTER INFORMATION



**Hours of operation:
Mondays through Fridays
8:00 am-4:00 pm**

Turning 62 opens new doors for Mahwah. Mahwah Township gives each senior citizen an opportunity to mature gracefully with a wonderful Senior Center.

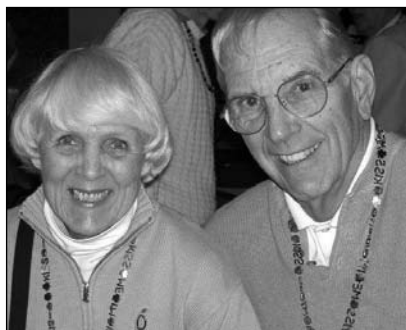
The Mahwah Senior Center offers classes, events and programs which gives Mahwah seniors the opportunity to make new friends, share experiences and to create new destinations.

Activities offered at the Center:

Pilates, Yoga, Chair Yoga, Reiki Yoga, Tai Chi Chih, Jazzercise, Zumba Gold, Zumba Toning, Aerobics, Line Dancing, Art Classes, Woodcarving, Current events Discussion Group, Card Games, Memoir Workshop, Blood-pressure Clinic, Workshops, Trips, Movie Day, Monthly Lunch Program and more....

Upcoming Events:

OktoberFest Trip, Halloween Party, Holiday Trip and Holiday Party. ■



2013 Animal Licensing

2013 Animal Licenses for Dogs and Cats will be available for purchase on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. 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, 2013, is required. If applicable, written proof of spaying or neutering from a licensed Veterinarian is required. If the Dog or Cat has previously been licensed and the Township 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



Last day to license dogs and/or cats before the \$10.00 late fee per animal is imposed is Friday, February 15, 2013.

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 both a cat and a dog, separate checks are necessary.

ANIMAL CONTROL: The Township of Mahwah has entered into an agreement with Tyco Animal Control Services for the year 2012 for animal control services. The reporting of lost or stray domesticated animals or sick, injured or deceased wildlife should be directed to the Mahwah Police Department 201-529-1000. Call Tyco Animal Control Services 201-652-4554 for: dead animals on public property, dead animals on private property, removal of nuisance wildlife, leash law, licensing and pooper scooper violations, and to report a lost pet. ■

The Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission will again host walking tours of the Train Station Museum at 1:30pm and Ramapo Reformed Church at 2:30pm during the Mahwah Day festivities. Sign up for the tours by 12 noon at the MHPC Mahwah Day booth.

There is a vacancy on the MHPC that needs to be filled. If you are interested, please contact MHPC secretary, Denise Storms, 201-529-5757 ext. 264 or dstorms@mahwahtwp.org for further information.

The MHPC sold Mahwah Memories Holiday ornaments starting from 1994 through 2003. If you are missing an ornament and would like to complete your collection ornaments will be available for purchase at the MHPC Mahwah Day booth.



FOUNDING MEMBERS OF MAHWAH AMBULANCE & RESCUE SQUAD CO. #1



On January 1, 1947 sixteen members of Mahwah Fire Company #1 became what would be referred to as "the founding members" of the Mahwah Ambulance & Rescue Squad Co #1 (MARS). Their mission was simple; to provide free emergency medical services for the residents and visitors of Mahwah. 65 years later although the names of the members, the types of vehicles and the level of training has all dramatically changed, this mission remains the same.

Today, the squad, with better than 50 members is still all volunteer, still provides free EMS services to all that live in and visit the Township of Mahwah.

In 1986 the members of MARS dedicated a new home. A building located at 258 Franklin Turnpike that was financed with contributions from residents is home for our two state of art ambulances. This building would later be donated, by the Squad, to the Township. This building also provides a place for the members to train, conduct meetings, serves as temporary sleeping quarters for when disasters like severe snow storms and the recent Hurricane Irene strike as well as being one of the Township's polling places on election day.

"Our members come from all walks of life", says Captain Gregory Antonetti. "Within our membership we have an accountant, an MBA,



Front Row – Left to Right: Skip Wrathall, Amos Smith, Sr., Allen Dixon, Oscar Dorbacker, Charles Smith, Charles Morriss, Jack Glasgow.

Back Row – Left to Right: Roy Merrill, Doug O'Brien, Ed Scherer, Jr., Tom Wilson, Stewart Swan, Jr., Frank Dator, Ralph Osborne, Bob Glasgow, Allan Winter.

several teachers, numerous under graduate and post graduate students, retirees and municipal employees, to name a few. All of these members volunteer their time and accept no monetary compensation to answer the call for help."

A lot has changed in those 65 years. Gone are the days of "swoop and scoop" ambulance calls. Now, the volunteer members that care for patients are all certified New Jersey Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), trained to perform the skills of basic life support (BLS), using equipment such as semi-automatic

external defibrillators. Modern technology has helped the EMTs tremendously. From GPS units in the ambulances that can direct the crews to their destinations, to the use of the internet. The Squad even has a Facebook presence! We encourage you to find us on Facebook (Mahwah Ambulance) and "like" us.

The squad answered nearly 1100 calls in 2011. We are always looking for new members. Prior experience is not necessary. All training will be provided, at no cost to the member. If you are 16 years of age or older, and you would like more information on how to become a member, you can call 201-252-8282 or email us at JoinMahwahEMS@gmail.com. ■

MAHWAH CERT

Preparedness, Safety and Service

Free training begins October 1 - www.MahwahCERT.org



Practice Drill at Law & Public Safety Institute

In April, 35 CERT members trained on the grounds of the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute (BCLPSI), which encompasses Police, Fire & EMS Academies.

Four teams alternately entered the 3-story life safety complex and were presented with multiple scenarios to which they were required to react. Using actors, props and the training received during the 8-week CERT basic training course,



the teams dealt with several injury "victims", potentially hazardous materials, and a fake bomb.

The drill was observed by BCLPSI Senior Instructor Al Gerber, and Instructor Tom Simmons, both of whom provided valuable feedback to the teams.

Training

Mahwah CERT members receive safety and preparedness training throughout the year. Some of the training sessions offered to CERT members during the past season were on the topics of Radio Communications, Identity Theft, Internet Safety, Hazardous Materials Awareness, and the use of search & rescue dogs.

CERT Basic Training Course Starts October 1

The next CERT training course will be offered at the Bergen Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah starting Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7pm. There is no cost to participate, and the course will run for nine weeks.

The training provides residents with basic skills and information on what to do before, during and after a disaster to aid themselves, their family and their community.

At the completion of the program, basic CERT safety equipment will be issued to each participant. Class size is limited, so early registration is encouraged to insure a place in this class.

About Mahwah CERT

Mahwah Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is an all-volunteer organization made up of residents who are trained to support professional first responders (police, fire, EMTs, et al) in all types of emergency situations while serving the community in other ways during non-emergency times.

CERT is part of a national program administered under FEMA and is organized locally under the auspices of the Mahwah Office of Emergency Management.

For more information about Mahwah CERT, go to www.mahwahcert.org or contact CERT Coordinator Allan Becker at (201) 960-9132 or mahwahcert@optonline.net.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

Election News - Upcoming Elections

General Election Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Primary Election Tuesday, June 4, 2013

General Election Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Note: School Election has been moved to November 6, 2012 and November 5, 2013.

Polls are open from 6:00AM to 8:00PM.

Deadline to Register to Vote:

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

General Election Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Primary Election Tuesday, May 14, 2013

General Election Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Note: The Municipal Clerk's Office will be opened 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 Ballots

Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Deadline Requests must be received by the Bergen County Clerk's Office in Hackensack seven days before the Election for which you are requesting the Absentee Ballot. Or you may apply in person to the Bergen County Clerk, 1 Bergen County Plaza – Room 130 in Hackensack up until 3:00PM the day before the Election.



FALL 2012 SUSTAIN ECO SURVEY

On March 27, 2012 the Township of Mahwah received approval from the New Jersey Highlands Council to proceed forward with a \$20,000 grant to complete a Sustainable Economic Development Plan. An Economic Development Plan is one of the optional elements within a Master Plan, which can be broadly described as a plan with efforts and activities aimed at increasing the local tax base, providing new employment opportunities and improving the overall economic and social sustainability of a community.

Sustainable economic development is described by the New Jersey Highlands Council as maintaining and expanding the existing job and economic base by promoting appropriate, sustainable and environmentally compatible economic development. According to the Highlands Council's Regional Master Plan, the objective of a Sustainable Economic Development Plan is to ensure long-term, sustainable economic viability, not short-term economic activity. Thus economic growth should be accommodated in a manner that takes careful advantage of the unique and valuable built and natural resources of the Township. This is an important concept in a municipality with more than 7,600 acres of County and State parkland, 20 historical homes and structures, three archeological/prehistoric sites and two historic districts. The challenge is finding the balance between capitalizing upon and protecting these community assets.

The project will consist of four phases. The first phase is primarily background research on existing economic conditions within Mahwah. The second phase involves public outreach. Maser Consulting has crafted two surveys, a business owner and customer survey, to gather valuable information from the public. The information obtained through the surveys will be used in formulating the final document. Both surveys are presently posted on the Township's website. The third phase will be a public workshop, which will be held this fall. The last phase will be the creation of a draft Sustainable Economic Development Plan.

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MEVO Recycling Bins

of volunteers, the MEVO Earth Crew has carried out dozens of equally beneficial environmental service events. Activities have ranged from simple clean-up projects and trail rehabilitation to recycling bin distribution and educational presentations. MEVO's Earth Crew has worked to provide any service that it



Ramapo Reservation Trail Work

feels is necessary in order to promote sustainability in our communities and protect the overall welfare of the natural environment. Today, Earth Crew operates throughout northern New Jersey and upstate New York, carrying out environmental service events three or four times per month during the spring, summer and fall seasons, working to preserve the delicate ecological balance that colors our world each and every day for future generations.

MEVO's newest program, "Farm to Live," is an organic farming project led by NYU students whose mission is to create organic, sustainable farms and empower people through ethical agriculture. A percentage of the food produced will be

given to local, low-income residents free of charge to encourage conscious eating and nutritional awareness. By offering healthy, alternative food and through education and engagement, the program promotes environmental literacy as well as reflects a positive community partnership between NYC and the local residents. "Farm to Live" aims to build social consciousness and grow a sustainable, healthy food system and seeks to educate and inspire, planting a farming community that lives generously with people and the Earth.

To find out more, visit MEVO's website at www.mevoearth.org. ■

MAHWAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Phone Scams

The Mahwah Police Department has received an alarming increase in the number of complaints regarding phone scams. While residents may think they would easily be able to identify a scam the callers are becoming increasingly convincing in persuading homeowners to provide personal information or send money. The Mahwah Police Department offers the following tips if you receive a solicitation call.

Tip # 1 Never give personal information such as bank accounts, social security number, drivers license number over the phone unless you initiated the call and know you reached the right company or department.

Tip # 2 Don't believe if the caller tells you to send money to cover the handling charge or to pay taxes on a specified amount of money you have "won".

Tip # 3 "Limited time offers" shouldn't require you to make a decision on the spot.

Tip # 4 Be suspicious of anyone who tells you not to discuss the offer with anyone else.

Tip # 5 If you don't understand all the verbal details of an offer ask them to send it to you in writing.

Child Identity Theft

Child identity theft happens when someone uses a minor's personal information to commit fraud. A thief may steal and use a child's information to get a job, government benefits, medical care, utilities, car loans or a mortgage. Avoiding, discovering or undoing the damage resulting from the theft of a child's identity can be a challenge.

Adults can monitor their own credit reports every few months to see if someone has used their information and order a fraud alert or freeze on their credit files to stymie further misuse. But most parents or guardians don't expect their child to have a credit file and as a result rarely request a child's credit statement, let alone review it for accuracy. A thief who steals a child's information may use it for many years before the crime is discovered. The victim may learn about the theft years later when applying for a loan, apartment or job.

Warning Signs of Child Identity Theft

- You get calls from collection agencies, bills from credit card companies or medical care providers or offers for credit cards or bank accounts in your child's name.
- Your child or your family is denied governmental benefits because benefits are being paid to another account that is using your child's social security number.
- The Social Security Administration or Internal Revenue Service or some other governmental agency asks you to confirm that your child is employed, even though your child has never had a job.
- Your child gets a notice from the IRS saying he or she failed to pay taxes on income, even though your child has no income.
- After you file a tax return listing your dependent child's name and social security number, you get notice from the IRS that the same information is listed on another tax return.

Computer Tips

Your computer can hold enormous amounts of information and it's crucial it stays secure. Some best practice tips include:

- Use strong passwords – those with at least eight characters as well as numbers and symbols.
- Keep passwords private.
- Know the risk of sharing files with peer to peer software, which may include giving someone access to more information on your computer than you actually want.
- Use anti-virus software that updates automatically.
- Be alert to phishing scams where criminals send an e-mail, A phishing message asks the recipient to click on a link or call a phone number, and to share personal information for a prize or some other benefit. Delete these messages without opening or responding.

Safely Dispose of Personal Information

Your trash could be a treasure trove of information for an identity thief. Before you get rid of information on paper or online, make sure no one else can use it.

Shred letters, forms, and other papers that include your personal information before you throw them out. Delete electronic computer files that you no longer need and empty your online trash or recycle bin.

Learn how to remove your personal or financial information that might be stored on your computer, cell phone, or other device before you dispose of it.



Students arriving for their first day at the Leadership Academy.



Leadership Academy children competing in paintball contest.



Students competing in the Titanic vs Iceberg challenge.



Wall climbing challenge at the Leadership Academy.

ATM and Credit Card Theft

As an identity theft victim you have protection under Federal law for ATM or debit card transactions. Federal law also limits your liability for unauthorized electronic transfer of funds that result from identity theft.

It's best to act as soon as you discover a withdrawal or purchase you didn't make or authorize. Many credit card issuers have voluntarily agreed that an account holder will not owe more than \$50 for transactions made with a lost or stolen ATM or debit card. However, under the law, the amount you can lose depends on how quickly you report the loss. If you don't report in 60 days from the day your institution sent you the account statement showing the unauthorized withdrawals, you could lose all the money an identity thief took from your account. In most cases the financial institution has 10 business days to investigate your report of a fraudulent transaction. It must tell you the results within three days of finishing the investigation and fix an error within one business day of finding it. In some cases it can take 45 days to finish the investigation.

Checking Account Thefts

An identity thief may steal your paper checks, misuse the account number from the bottom of your checks, or open a new account in your name. If this happens, contact your bank or financial institution and ask them to close the account as soon as possible.

Federal law doesn't limit your loss if a thief forges your signature on your checks or uses your account number to buy something by phone, but most states hold banks responsible for losses from those fraudulent transactions. However, banks expect their customers to take reasonable care of their accounts. That means you might be responsible for a loss if you know about a problem but don't report it to the bank quickly.

How to report stolen checks

- Contact your financial institution
- Update your files
- Contact check verification companies – TeleCheck 1-800-710-9898. Report that your checks were stolen.

How to Stop A Debt Collector From Selling Or Transferring a Debt As A Result of Identity Theft

If you are a victim of identity theft and the credit reporting company accepts your Identity Theft Report it must tell the debt collector that the debt may be caused by identity theft. Then the debt collector can't sell or transfer the debt or report it to a credit reporting company.

Blocking: Report Errors To Credit Reporting Companies

By law credit reporting companies must block identity theft-related information from appearing on a victim's credit report. They must block unauthorized transactions, accounts and inquiries. To get unauthorized information blocked, you must provide information to the credit reporting companies. If the credit reporting company accepts your Identity Theft Report it must block fraudulent information from your credit report within four business days after accepting your Report and tell the business that sent the fraudulent information about the block. If the credit reporting company rejects your Identity Theft Report it can take five days to ask you for more proof of the identity theft. It has 15 more days to work with you to get the information, and five days to review information you sent. It may reject any information you send after 15 days. It must tell you if it won't block information. You might have the right to re-submit the report.

Criminal Violations

If an identity thief uses your name, date of birth, social security number, or other personal information during an investigation or arrest, the information may be added to the state's criminal database and national criminal database.

If you learn who the thief is, ask the criminal database managers to change the "key name" in the database. That way the record will show the thief's name instead of yours. Contact the agency who made the arrest, the court that convicted the identity thief, and the Attorney General's office to get documents that will help you show your innocence. In all likelihood you will be asked to provide supporting information such as identifying documents and a photograph to demonstrate you were a victim of identity theft. ■

Mahwah Municipal Alliance

The Mahwah Municipal Alliance is a 401 c 3 not for profit organization that sponsors youth programs throughout the Township. The core purpose of the organization is to help the youth of Mahwah become great decision makers. To meet this purpose, the MMA has been formed as an organization of community volunteers and local police focusing efforts in three major strategic areas. These include programs and projects related to Personal Courage, Physical and Social Development and General Safety. For more information please visit our web site www.mahwahalliance.org

Members

Carolyn Blake – President
William Laforet – Mayor
James N. Batelli – Chief of Police
Stephen Jaffe – Captain
Valerie Tzanteas
Sue Coley

Todd Van Duren
Rick DeSilva
Don Floyd
Chris Howard
JimMcQueeny
Samuel Alderisio

The Mahwah Alliance sponsors new and innovative programs for both students and parents that address the difficult social issues that many parents face. If you have any suggestions on programs you would like to see sponsored by the MMA please contact us at mahwahalliance@mahwahpd.org.

Mahwah Alliance Announces Winner of 2012 Mercedes Benz Car Raffle



Pictured from left to right are Captain Stephen Jaffe, James N. Batelli Chief of Police, Winner of the raffle Debbie Messina, MMA Members Valerie Tzanteas, Sue Coley, MMA President Carolyn Blake, Mayor William Laforet, and MMA Member Todd Van Duren.

Funds raised through the raffle are used to sponsor Mahwah Alliance programs.

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Mahwah Police Department and Mahwah Municipal Alliance hosted the Junior Police Academy (11th year) and Leadership Academy (6th year). This year over 400 students attended the Academies, setting a new attendance record. The Academies present opportunities for children from 5th through 12th grade to attend and see how police officers train in the Junior Police Academy and participate in competitive challenges at the Leadership Academies on the campus of Ramapo College. The Leadership Academy includes a three night sleepover in the College dorms and is a one of a kind unique event in the tri-state area. ■

Keep Mahwah Green - Recycle

TOWNSHIP SHREDDING DATES

Richard J. Martel Municipal Center, 475 Corporate Drive

Dates: Saturday, September 29, 2012
Time: 9am - 1pm

Each resident may bring four bags/boxes weighing no more than 10 lbs. each. No commercial generators permitted.

Reminders

Grass disposal at the DPW

Monday – Friday 7:30am – 3:30pm

Saturday 7:00am – 1pm ends September 29, 2012.

Curbside pick-up of grass clippings ends September 28, 2012.

Grass must be in brown Biodegradable PAPER bags ONLY

Residents who live in Recycling Section 1, 2, and 3 – pick up is on Thursday

Residents who live in Recycling Section 4, 5, and 6 – pick up is on Friday

Brush disposal at the DPW ends September 29, 2012.

There will be NO CURBSIDE PICK-UP of brush.

Brush can be disposed of at the Recycling Center only on Saturdays from 7:30am – 12:30pm.

Please refer to the Recycling Booklet for additional information.

The Recycling Center will be closed the following dates:

Saturday	October 6th
Tuesday	November 6th
Saturday	November 10th
Monday	November 12th
Thursday	November 22nd
Friday	November 23rd
Saturday	November 24th
Saturday	December 22nd
Tuesday	December 25th
Saturday	December 29th
Tuesday	January 1, 2013



Residential Solid Waste Reminder

Starting October 1, 2012 residential curbside collection will resume to one time (1X) per week as follows:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

If a pickup is scheduled on a holiday, the pickup will be made on the following day. Likewise, if there is a snow emergency on a scheduled pick up day collection will occur the following day.



EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE FOR REFRIGERATORS/FREEZERS

The Sustainable Mahwah Team wants to remind residents about the Large Appliance Early Retirement Program for refrigerators and freezers advocated by Sustainable Jersey, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. Residents are invited to contact Sustainable Mahwah Team member Karin La Greca, who is coordinating the program for the Township.

To encourage people to upgrade to energy efficient refrigerators or freezers, the program pays the owner \$50 and provides for free removal and pickup of unwanted working refrigerators or freezers.

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.

Recycling large appliances is important because refrigerators and freezers include harmful components that are not appropriate for landfill disposal. This program facilitates the proper disposal of these older units with 98% of the parts diverted from landfills.

For more information about New Jersey's Clean Energy Programs, visit www.njcleanenergy.com. If you would like assistance participating in the program or have any questions, call Karin La Greca at (201) 669-8267.

Bergen County Utilities Authority - Recycling Dates

The Computer and Electronics Recycling Program, Mobile Paper Shredding and Tire Recycling Program will be held:

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2012
Time: 9am - 2pm (rain or shine)
Location: Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ



Computer & Electronics Recycling Program

Recycling - one "byte" at a time!

The Bergen County Utilities Authority Computer and Electronics Recycling Program is FREE for all Bergen County residents. Proof of residency is required. NO MATERIALS FROM BUSINESSES WILL BE ACCEPTED



Mobile Paper Shredding

All Bergen County residents are eligible to participate in Bergen County's Mobile Paper Shredding events for personal documents. Limit your documents to four bags/boxes weighing no more than 10 lbs. each. No commercial generators permitted.



Tire Recycling Program

Four (4) tire limit per person, per delivery. Proof of Bergen County residency required. Tires with or without rims accepted. No commercial generators permitted.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2012
Time: 9am - 3pm
Location: Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ



FREE OF CHARGE FOR BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS - ID REQUIRED!!!

- Businesses must pre-register prior to attending BCUA sponsored collection events. A disposal fee will be charged and collected. Please call 201-807-8696 for additional information.
- Do you have questions about the BCUA's Household Hazardous Waste Management and Disposal Program? Call the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline: 201-807-5825, or visit them online at www.bcua.org.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Dawn DaPuzzo, Director- 201-529-5757 ext.254

18th Annual Mahwah Day



The 18th annual Mahwah Day Celebration is **Saturday, September 22nd** at Commodore Perry Field. Find a spot along East Ramapo Ave. at 12pm 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, live entertainment and plenty of games for the children. Don't miss the Kid's Character

Review at 1pm to 5pm, Outrageous Pets at 2pm and everyone's favorite Dog Show at 3pm. 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 Lincoln Tech parking area off Island Road. Be sure to stop by the Mahwah Marine Moms tent and the Center For Food Action tent and drop off a donation. A list of their needs will be on the Mahwah Day flyers and ads. **Be sure to come back at 6pm to rock out with our live band, The Mighty SPECTRUM, and stay for the amazing fireworks display at 8pm!!!**



Annual Halloween Costume Parade

The annual Halloween Costume Parade, run by the Recreation Committee, will be held rain or shine at **6pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2012** at Commodore Perry Field. Children (infants through grade 5), in costume, will be judged by age group, prizes will be awarded and free refreshments will be available.

Veterans Day Service

Please join us on **Sunday, November 11th at 11am** for the annual Township of Mahwah Veterans Day Service. Let's show our veterans how much we appreciate their service and sacrifice to our country by joining them on this special day. The service is held at Veterans Memorial Park, located on Franklin Turnpike between Miller Road and East Ramapo Ave. This event is sponsored by the Mahwah Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7124 and the Mahwah Recreation Department.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The Township of Mahwah will hold its Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on **Sunday, December 2 at 5 pm** at Municipal Hall on Corporate Drive. Santa Claus has made special arrangements to fly in to Mahwah for the occasion. Since we can't count on having snow for his sleigh, the Mahwah volunteer firefighters have generously offered to escort Santa on their firetrucks! Santa will hear all requests for holiday gifts from kids of all ages. All persons of good cheer are welcome to join us to hear seasonal favorites sung by the Joyce Kilmer Chorus and enjoy delicious refreshments as our tree and our hearts are lighted.

Mahwah Adult Sports

Adult Women's Volleyball: Mahwah Recreation is sponsoring a women's volleyball league, open to Mahwah residents only. Games will be played on Wednesday's, 47, beginning September 12, 2012. Games will be played in the New Gym from 7-9pm. If school is closed for any reason, the game is cancelled.

Adult Men's Basketball: Mahwah Recreation is sponsoring a men's basketball league, open to Mahwah residents only. Games will be played on Wednesdays, beginning September 12, 2012 and ending June 12, 2013 at Ramapo Ridge School. Participants in this program must be 25 years or older. Games are played in the Gym from 7:30- 9:30pm. If school is closed for any reason, the game is cancelled. ■

MAHWAH COMMUNITY NEWS

Mahwah Community News (MCN), Cablevision Channel 78 and Fios Channel 33, is looking forward to Saturday, September 22 – MAHWAH DAY, and the Mahwah Cable Committee is inviting everyone who attends Mahwah Day to stop by and visit the MCN booth. Not only will we be handing out some MCN souvenirs, we also will be taping anyone who stops by the booth and would like to describe their feelings about Mahwah Day.

The Mahwah Cable Committee, consisting of Gloria Volpe-Lore, David May, Tricia Patella, Gail Reynolds, Peter Wendrychowicz, and Council Liaison John Roth, will also be taking pictures and taping throughout the day all the activities that are offered at the Mahwah Day Celebration.

We hope you have been watching MCN throughout the year. We will have a survey to pass out at our booth seeking your comments on the station and asking for the community's thoughts as to how we can add to MCN's programs.

If you or your organization has an upcoming event you would like publicized, please contact MCN at mcn78@mahwahtwp.org or at 201-529-5757, ext. 270. The Mahwah Cable Committee would be delighted to assist you.

Have a great time at the Mahwah Day Celebration! We look forward to seeing you. ■

THE MAHWAH MUSEUM

Les Paul in Mahwah

At the Mahwah Museum the popular exhibit “Les Paul in Mahwah” continues until June 2013. The Museum is located at 201 Franklin Turnpike. The Museum is open weekends and Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m. Visit us at www.mahwahmuseum.org or call us at 201-512-0099.



Mahwah Museum exhibit “Les Paul in Mahwah”
Photo by Tetsu Amagasu for the Mahwah Museum

At the Les Paul exhibit, visitors have a chance to learn about Les Paul, long-time Mahwah resident, inventor, musician and self-taught engineer. The exhibit also has several new items, making another visit a must for those who have already enjoyed “Les Paul in Mahwah”.

One of the new items in the exhibit is a 1937 Gibson L-7. This guitar “B6-53” from Les Paul’s collection was the first experiment by Les to create a commercial electric guitar. Viewing the B6-53, visitors can note the holes on the bottom portion of the guitar.

These were made when Les placed needles from a phonograph into the wood to amplify the sound. Also new to the display is “ECHO”, an M. Hohner harmonica used by Les Paul during the early years of his career. Continuing as part of the exhibit is “The Log”, a fascinating visual of how a solid body guitar was built.

On Saturday, September 29th the Mahwah Museum and Ramapo College will sponsor the Second Annual Les Paul Tribute Concert at the College’s Berrie Center/Sharp Theater. The concert features the Les Paul Trio that performed with Les for two decades: Lou Pallo, Nicki Parrott and John Coliani. Tickets are available through the Berrie Center Box Office.

The “Gibson Bus”, Gibson Guitar Corporation’s traveling tour bus, will again be a part of the Mahwah Museum’s exhibit at Mahwah Day, September 22.

New Jersey Fights in the Civil War



Mahwah Museum “New Jersey in the Civil War” Photo by Thomas O’Brien for the Mahwah Museum

The Museum’s exhibit, “New Jersey Fights in the Civil War – Remembering Soldiers Buried in Mahwah” continues through January, 2013. The exhibit was originally launched to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the beginning of the Civil War (1861-1865).

A new exhibit section “Medical Practices” introduces the visitor to the medical demands created

by the war. Treating the thousands of wounded, ill and dying was a monumental task, not foreseen at the beginning of the war. The exhibit



Civil War Field Hospital
Photo from the Library of Congress,
Courtesy of the Mahwah Museum

it highlights surgeons and nurses with ties to New Jersey, medical facilities, and instruments used. Civil War era medical practices, photos and original surgeons’ instruments are on display.

During the war, New Jersey regiments were engaged in every major battle and many of the state’s soldiers were wounded or made the ultimate sacrifice. To date, thirty-eight of these soldiers have been identified as buried in three of Mahwah’s cemeteries: Ramapo Reformed Church Cemetery, Mahwah Cemetery, and Redeemer Cemetery. The Museum has information about each one: his unit and the actions and events in which he was engaged.

Research continues to identify others possible buried in Mahwah.

Local collectors have provided the museum with many Civil War era artifacts, photos, and documents to make this an interesting and educational exhibit.

Old Station Museum

The Old Station Museum, located at 1871 Old Station Lane, Mahwah, is open Sundays from 2-4 p.m. until the end of October 2012. The Station and Caboose show visitors how the railroad operated in its heyday.

Donald Cooper Railroad

The Museum’s Donald Cooper Railroad is a functional HO-scale model railroad with many trains traveling between levels and on different routes. Centralized, electronic switches allow the operator to control the entire layout from the central control panels. The railroad yard is now fully functional allowing operators to make up trains and dispatch them to their destinations. In the center of town, on the south end of the layout our new street fair is in full swing. Most of the scenery around the railroad has been completed. We invite engineers of all ages to come and visit our ever-changing railroad world.



1937 Harmonica “Echo” used by Les Paul
Photo by Tetsu Amagasu for the Mahwah Museum

The Museum Lecture Series

For 2012-2013, the Museum’s lecture series will be interesting and diversified.

- October 11, 2012. Mahwah in 1912: *The Year the Mahwah Library Was Begun*, by Carol W. Greene, Mahwah Historian.
- November 8, 2012. *Civil War Medicine*, by Bill Gent.
- February 14, 2013. *The 80th Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps. (CCC) in Bergen County*, by Kathleen Duxbury.
- March 14, 2013. *Mahwah in the Cold War: The nuclear war-heads at the Nike Base in our backyard* by Richard Levine.
- April 11, 2013. *Growing Up in the Neighborhoods of Mahwah: 1950-1970*. A panel discussion and oral History. Moderated by Tom Dunn.
- May 9, 2013. *Women on the Move: Tales of Bicycles, Bi-Planes and Big Cars*, by Carol W. Greene and Lindsey Greene Barrett.

All lectures are held at the Ramapo Reformed Church, 100 Island Road, at 7:30 p.m.

MAHWAH FIRE PREVENTION SUGGESTS: ORGANIZING YOUR HOME CAN PREVENT ACCIDENTS



❖ When you start your fall cleaning this year, keep in mind that many accidents can be prevented by organizing your storage areas. Making better use of space in your home or apartment can free more room and help prevent falls and other accidents. The National Safety Council offers the following tips for safer, more efficient organization of your home.

- ❖ Donate usable, unneeded items to a charity or flea market, or recycle them. If you cannot find a “second life” for unwanted items, it is time to throw them out.
- ❖ Keep frequently-used items in handy places. Store seasonal and special use items out of the way of daily activities.
- ❖ Use high and low shelves and cabinets according to size, weight and frequency of needed items. Put lightweight items on higher shelves and heavier items on lower shelves. Do all your household reaching and climbing on a sturdy stepstool or utility ladder with treaded steps.
- ❖ Keep knives and sharp objects in designated places known to all family members. Compact, plastic boxes with clear tops, makes safe containers for small, sharp objects as pins and thumbtacks.
- ❖ Keep minimal amounts of all flammable liquids on hand. Store them in a garage or unattached shed, away from all sources of heat or flames. Make sure all the flammable containers are tightly closed with proper caps to insure that flammable vapors do not escape.
- ❖ Examine the area under the sink (and on low cabinet shelves) for chemical products that could be hazardous to young children. Store these products in a locked cabinet, out of sight and reach of children. Keep all cutting instruments and flammables out of the reach of little hands and store them out of the reach of children. ■



HUMAN SERVICES ACCESS TRANSPORTATION AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Human Services - The Department of Human Services works with many County and State Agencies. Therefore, if you are unsure how to contact someone for advice or assistance, call us; we may be able to direct you to the proper person or agency. For a referral to the Center for Food Action or the Clothing Closet at the Ramapo Reformed Church, contact Human Services at 201-529-5757, ext. 205 or ext. 206. If you have food items to donate, call the Center for Food Action at 201-529-2029. To donate clothing in good wearable condition (children’s clothing is always appreciated), kindly bring them to the Clothes Closet (left side of the Ramapo Reformed Church Building) on Wednesday’s between the hours of 9:30am to Noon.

Affordable Housing Applications may be picked up in the Municipal Building’s reception area on the main floor, or in the Human Services Office on the first floor, (next to the Senior Center) between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday. Applications are also placed in the Mahwah Library, and the Township’s website. For additional information for Affordable Housing, contact Dorothy McDonough, Affordable Housing Administrator at 201-529-5757, ext. 206 or Dolores Raiz, Director on ext. 205.

Access Transportation - Mahwah offers an Access Transportation service for seniors and residents for medical and physical therapy appointments, food and/or other necessary shopping. Based on our schedule and availability, we provide rides to Mahwah and Midland Park Senior Centers.

NOTE: You may utilize our transportation system even if you currently drive and prefer not to drive to certain areas that we cover. Call us at 201-529-2691 for any additional information or to sign-up for bus transportation. ■

WHOOPING COUGH, IT’S NOT JUST A COUGH

Whooping cough has hit epidemic levels in the U.S. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says it is the worst epidemic of whooping cough seen in the United States in more than 50 years. Health officials are calling for mass vaccination of adults.

Whooping cough is also known medically as pertussis. It is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection. Whooping cough is named for the “whoop” sound of someone gasping for air after a coughing spell. Although it can resemble an ordinary cold with a runny nose, fever, and cough, whooping cough may eventually become more serious, particularly in infants. About 40% of the infants who develop whooping cough will require hospitalization. Whooping cough is most contagious before the coughing starts. A per-

son with pertussis will most likely infect unvaccinated household contacts. The bacteria spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

The best way to prevent whooping cough is through vaccinations. Pregnant women should be vaccinated so their babies are born with some immunity. The whooping cough booster vaccine for adolescents and adults is called Tdap. This vaccine protects against whooping cough, tetanus, and diphtheria.

For further information about vaccine and how to receive it, please call Mahwah’s public health nursing service “HARP” (Health Awareness Regional Program of Hackensack UMC) at 551-996-2038. ■



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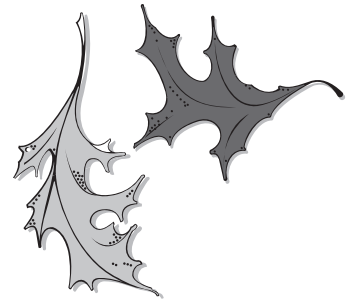
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