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LES PAUL – MAHWAH LEGEND

On August 13, 2009 long time Mahwah resident and legendary inventor, musician and songwriter Les Paul died at the age of 94. For over fifty years Mr. Paul lived and worked at his home (and studio) located on Ramapo Valley Road. Although he worked with celebrities from around the world, many Mahwah residents will remember Mr. Paul as a friendly neighbor who was willing to talk about his achievements and work.

In May of this year, Les Paul stopped by one evening to meet Mayor Martel in his office. "He talked about all the people he met over the years, including Frank Sinatra and the Beatles. For more than an hour, he spoke about his musical instrument innovations including the solid body electric guitar and the studio in his home which I had previously visited. After our chat he had to leave for one of his regular sessions at the Jazz Club in Manhattan. He was truly an amazing person," said Mayor Martel.

Unfortunately, Mr. Paul took ill and died shortly after this meeting and photograph. He will be remembered as a legend and as a neighbor in the Township of Mahwah.



Mayor Martel and Les Paul, May 2009

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Welcome to the Township of Mahwah "Bergen County's Parkland"

Our Web Site (www.mahwahtwp.org) has been created as an avenue of communication to our citizens, businesses, and visitors. Our goal is to provide up-to-date information on Township of Mahwah services, recreation events, and special announcements.

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Mahwah Happenings September 2009

The Mahwah Museum located at 201 Franklin Turnpike in Mahwah is open on Saturdays and Sundays, 2 pm to 4 pm, September through May. Beginning September 18, 2009, the following new exhibits will debut.

Artists of Mahwah will feature photographs taken by two Mahwah residents, Ruth Ann Hawkins and Andrew Davies.

The Karpowich-Winter Collection - Annie Carpenter Winter was a well known and much respected woman in the town of Mahwah. Her husband, Albert Winter, one of Mahwah's most prominent families, was the owner of A.J. Winter & Son and Mahwin Farms, which was a large dairy farm having three major milk routes and over 150 cows. Following her husband's death in 1944, Mrs. Winter carried on the family legacy and was instrumental in establishing Mahwah's first library. Nellie Karpowich was Mrs. Winter's office manager and friend for many years. When Annie Carpenter Winter died in 1961, Nellie became the keeper of the Winter/Carpenter family memorabilia. This exhibit includes photographs of the Winter and Carpenter families as well as documents, journals, memorabilia and the 1866 wedding dress of Albert Winter's mother, Adaline Snyder.

Donald Cooper Railroad: The railroad crew has been hard at work expanding the Donald Cooper Railroad. The new railroad will be 175 scale miles of track and will be three times the size of the old railroad layout. It will be three levels and will even include a subway.

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 will be 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. On November 19th in conjunction with this exhibit, renowned Archaeologist, Edward J. Lenik will discuss the dig and artifacts recovered.

Our history lectures this fall are

• **September 17, 2009 – Palisades Amusement Park: A Century of Fond Memories**

Presenter: Vincent Garguilo

• **October 14, 2009 – Suburbanitis**

Presenter: Kevin Wright

• **November 19, 2009 – The Laroe-Van Horn House/Bayard Kiersted Trading Post Site: New Insights from Old Artifacts**

Presenter: Edward J. Lenik

Check our website www.mahwahmuseum.org for time and location of the lectures.



Bob Adler, Trustee of the Mahwah Museum and the new expanded layout of the Donald Cooper Railroad.



Nellie Karpowich (left) and Mahwah Museum Trustee Carol Greene, in front of items from the Karpowich/Winter Collection.

REGISTRATION FOR INFLUENZA AND PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE

The Mahwah Board of Health is pleased to announce that it will once again be conducting its annual influenza and pneumococcal vaccination program. Inoculations will be given at the Mahwah Senior Citizens Center, located on the lower level of the Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive during the month of October.

Pre-registration is required. Immunizations will be provided to residents age 65 and over, or those with chronic medical conditions who present a doctor's note.

We cannot serve HMO participants. Residents who have HMO insurance coverage should contact their private physician for an immunization. Please call the Health Department at (201) 529-5757, Prompt 2 to pre-register for the date of the program and appointment time.

Annual influenza vaccination is the most effective method for preventing influenza virus infection and its complications. Annual influenza vaccine is formulated to protect against strains of the virus that are expected to be circulating. It is important to

note however, it will not provide protection against the 2009 Novel Influenza A H1N1 virus.■



Pictured is Dr. Margaret Dziezanowski of Valley Health Medical Group in Waldwick, administering vaccine to Mahwah senior citizen (and Board of Health Member) Patricia Spiech.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

15th Annual Mahwah Day

The 15th annual Mahwah Day is Saturday, September 25. Find a good spot along East Ramapo Ave. at 12:30pm to watch our kick-off parade, and then follow the crowd to Commodore Perry Field for an



afternoon filled with fun. As always, we will have kiddie rides, pony rides, clowns and a magician along with live entertainment and plenty of games for each child. 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 Bennett Brothers parking area. Stop by the Mahwah Marine Moms tent and drop off a donation for our men and women overseas, a list of their needs will be on the Mahwah Day flyers and ads. Be sure to come back at 6pm for our live band and 8pm for the fireworks display!!! ■



Annual Halloween Costume Parade

The annual Halloween Costume Parade, sponsored by the Recreation Committee, will be held rain or shine at 5pm on Saturday, October 31, 2009 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. The volunteer club of Mahwah High School helps with everything from decorating to leading the contestants around the field. As always, a very generous Secor Farms provides us with bales of hay and pumpkins to decorate the field and apples for us all to enjoy. ■



Annual Veteran's Day Service

The annual Township of Mahwah Veteran's Day Service will be held on Monday, November 11th at 11am. 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 annual Township of Mahwah Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at the Mahwah Township Municipal Building located at 475 Corporate Drive begin-

ning at 5pm. If Santa is not too busy, he will be paying us a visit and handing out a small gift to the children. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Joyce Kilmer Chorus and refreshments will be available for all. ■

Mahwah Youth Sports

The Township of Mahwah Youth Sports Boosters organizes many of the youth sports in Mahwah. They offer 14 different sports in three seasons. Registration for Winter Sports (Wrestling, Basketball and Roller Hockey) will begin at the end of September. Registration for Spring Sports (Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Street Hockey, Track and Tennis) will begin in January. Please check their website, www.tmysb.org for more details and to register. Please consider volunteering to assist our youth sports in some way, coaches and assistant coaches are always needed. Please note that all our coaches are required to undergo background checks and take a Coaches Certification class. If you are interested in coaching, please see the TMYSB website for information on these requirements. ■

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, beginning September 16, 2009 and ending April 28, 2010 at Joyce Kilmer School. Games are played in the new gym from 7-9pm. If school is closed for any reason, the game is cancelled. There will be no play on December 30, 2009 and April 7, 2010 due to school closings. ■

Adult Men's Basketball: Mahwah Recreation is sponsoring a men's basketball league, open to Mahwah residents only. Games will be played on Tuesdays, beginning October 6, 2009 and ending April 27, 2010 at Joyce Kilmer School. Games are played in the new gym from 7:30- 9:30pm. If school is closed for any reason, the game is cancelled. There is no play on December 29, 2009, February 16, 2010 and April 6, 2010, due to school closings. ■



Mahwah Fire Prevention says Fire Prevention Week is coming

Mark down on your calendars that National Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10.

What is Fire Prevention Week? Glad you asked.

How many of you remember the "Great Chicago Fire" of 1871? Well, that fire burned out of control for three days on October 7, 8, and 9 in that year. How serious was that fire? 250 lives were lost; over 2,000 acres of urban cityscape were burned. During the same period, another fire in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, took some 800 lives. These two fires are recorded as the largest loss of lives in fires in the United States.

From these two tragic events came the idea for Fire Prevention Week. But it didn't start out as a week. President Woodrow Wilson first declared October 9 as Fire Prevention Day. Later, in 1922, Fire Prevention Week came into existence with a proclamation by President Warren Harding. Fire Prevention Week was to always be observed during the week in which October 9th falls.

We want you to remember this week. Should you remember it so you and your family can attend a fire prevention event? No. You should remember this week so you will take action on prevention for yourself and your household.

Fires kill more than 5,000 people in the United States every year. Most of those deaths occur at home, and the vast majority of those deaths could have been prevented.

Here is a short list of items to keep in mind that may save you and your family's life in the event of a fire.

1. The leading causes of home fires are heating equipment and unattended cooking.
2. The number one cause of fire fatalities in the home is smoking materials.
3. The majority of fire deaths occur at home.
4. The least fire-safe roofing material is untreated wood shakes.
5. The largest number of home fires and associated fatalities occur in the winter months.
6. The time period that accounts for the largest number of home fire deaths is midnight to 4 a.m.
7. The kitchen is the room in which the largest numbers of home fires start.
8. Most fire deaths are the result of smoke, not burns.
9. If you are sleeping, smoke from a fire will not wake you. Make sure your smoke detectors are working.
10. Remember to Stop, Drop, and Roll if your clothing catches fire.
11. When you change your clock for daytime savings, change the battery in your detectors.

Remember Fire Prevention Week.

If you would like more information on this, call our office at 201-529-5757 ext 240

MAHWAH CERT TEAM GAINS NEW MEMBERS AND CONTINUES TRAINING

Four Mahwah residents have completed the CERT training course and have joined the Mahwah CERT Team. Denise Ainsworth, Louise Adam, Pricilla Schwartz and Pat Vondervor are the new team members and will be participating in all functions, trainings and field training exercises.

The CERT team website (www.mahwahcert.org) has been updated according to webmaster Bill Deegan. An events page has been added that will list all future events including training and meeting dates. Most CERT team meetings held at the Senior Center on the third Thursday of each month except July and August when there are no meetings and are open to potential members, but the training and exercises are limited to CERT team members only.

Our Mahwah CERT team participated in the March of Dimes Walkathon through Ramsey and Mahwah last May. Sixteen CERT team members worked with the Mahwah Police Department to control traffic so that it flows in a safe and manageable manner and to insure pedestrian safety throughout the 5 mile walk.

Also during this past May, the Mahwah CERT team was called upon again

to participate in the graduation ceremonies at Ramapo College. This is the fourth year that our CERT team has been called upon to assist with the parking of over 3,000 cars during the graduation festivities.

The Mahwah CERT team continues to train and broaden their expertise regarding emergency operations. Six members of the CERT team recently attended a FEMA Crisis Counseling Model Workshop at the Bergen Law and Public Safety Institute and were awarded certificates at the completion of the training. The team members who attended the workshop are: Cecilia Colalucci, John Cluzel, Carter Morris, John McGorty, Phyllis Palmer and Trudy Stolte.

Five CERT team members recently attended the POD (Point of Distribution) Leadership Training I and II course sponsored by the Bergen County Department of Health Services. This course prepared our CERT team members to effectively and efficiently open a distribution center for the distribution of medication should a pandemic occur or to distribute any type of supplies in the event of a natural disaster to the residents of Mahwah. The team

members completing this course are: Cecilia Colalucci, Josef Getlik, Phyllis Palmer, Pat Spiech and Allan Becker.

At their June meeting an animal controller officer was present who discussed the needs for an animal shelter during a natural disaster or major emergency. He taught us how to open a shelter and arrange for the safe housing and care for household pets during these emergencies. Several team members have undertaken the responsibility for formulating a program to incorporate animal sheltering into our Sheltering initiative.

Residents of Mahwah are invited to participate in the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course that runs for 8 consecutive Wednesday evenings. The next course will start on October 7th 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 the website at www.mahwahcert.org or contact Ray Roe, OEM Coordinator at 201-831-2075 or email: mahwahcert@optonline.net

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MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

2010 Animal Licensing

2010 Animal Licenses for dogs and cats will be available for purchase on Monday, January 4, 2010. 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. 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

The Municipal Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00AM to 8:00PM on the following Tuesdays – January 26, 2010, February 2, 2010 and February 9, 2010 for Dog and Cat Licensing.



Bailey Calandrillo

Last day to license dogs and/or cats before the \$10.00 late fee per animal is imposed is Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

Licenses may be renewed in person between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM, Monday through Friday except Municipal holidays in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Send your 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.

Election News - Upcoming Elections

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| General Election | November 3, 2009 |
| School Election | April 20, 2010 |
| Municipal Election | May 11, 2010 |
| Primary Election | June 8, 2010 |
| General Election | November 2, 2010 |

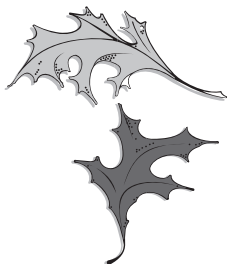


Voter Registration Dates and Last Day for New Voters to Register to Vote in Upcoming Elections

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| General Election | Tuesday, October 13, 2009 |
| School Election | Tuesday, March 30, 2010 |
| Municipal Election | Tuesday, April 20, 2010 |
| Primary Election | Tuesday, May 18, 2010 |
| General Election | Tuesday, October 12, 2010 |

Note: 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 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 by the Bergen County Clerk's Office in Hackensack 7 days before the Election for which you are requesting the Absentee Ballot. Voters 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. ■



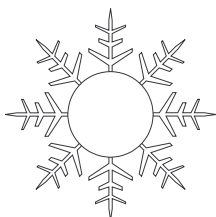
FALL/WINTER PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

FALL LEAF PICKUP

Do not place leaves at curbside too far in advance of scheduled pick-up. Leaves are not to be placed in roadway, but should be close to road or curb. Do not place leaves near or over any storm water sewer grates.

SNOW REMOVAL

Snow and/or ice must be removed within 12 hours after snow has stopped falling. Even though you have shoveled or plowed once does not mean your responsibility has ended. Sidewalks must remain clear at all times. Homes or businesses at an intersection must leave a clear path at the intersection for pedestrians to walk through without walking in the roadway. Violation notices, subject to fines will be issued to residents who place removed snow from walkways or driveways into road.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Mahwah's Environmental Commission is a part of the overall Township planning process. The commission studies and evaluates proposed uses of Township open space. This may involve Township parks and watershed, as well as evaluation of properties for conservation uses.

On a site development basis, the commission supports the

Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment by reviewing applicant's plans for site specific environmental issues.

The Environmental Commission meets twice monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday, January through October and on the second Wednesday, November and December. ■

What's our EnviroQ?

How much do you know about some very important environmental topics? Take this fun quiz to find out! This quiz and more can be found at www.epa.gov.

Shade trees around your house can reduce your air conditioner bill by up to how much?

- a. 10 percent
- b. 25 percent
- c. 50 percent
- d. 75 percent

The answer is d

Plants can significantly reduce a building's energy needs since it's cooler in the shade of trees and warmer behind plants that block the winter winds. The Department of Energy predicts that proper placement of as few as three shade trees will save per average household \$100-\$250 in energy costs each year.

Choosing the most fuel-efficient vehicle saves you how much over the vehicle life?

- a. \$50
- b. \$200
- c. \$900
- d. \$1500

The answer is d.

Here's a way to save money while helping the environment and reducing our reliance on imported oil: buy a vehicle with higher fuel economy. Choosing a vehicle that gets 25 rather than 20 miles to the gallon will prevent 10 tons of carbon dioxide over the lifetime of your vehicle. Choosing the most fuel-efficient vehicle in a class could save you more than \$1,500 in costs and prevent over 15 tons of greenhouse gas pollution over the lifetime of your vehicle.

Wetlands provide:

- a. natural water filtration
- b. habitat for commercial fisheries
- c. protection against flooding
- d. all of the above

The answer is d.

We celebrate wetlands each May when they are teeming with new animal and plant life. Wetlands are valuable because they replenish and clean water supplies and reduce flood risks. Wetlands also provide recreational opportunities and aesthetic benefits. They serve as sites for research and education and benefit commercial fishing.

Before you use a pesticide you should

- a. wash your hands
- b. wrap it in plastic
- c. sweep the floor
- d. read the label

The answer is d.

Many pesticides may pose some risk to humans, animals, or the environment, simply because they are designed to kill or somehow harm pests. At the same time, pesticides are useful because they control disease-causing insects, weeds, or other pests. Literally, "the label is the law" and it's your guide to using pesticides safely and effectively, and should be read and understood before using any pesticide product.

What's the leading cause of water quality problems in the U.S. today?

- a. factories
- b. nonpoint sources
- c. water treatment
- d. toxic waste sites

The answer is b.

Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt "runoff" moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters, and even our underground sources of drinking water. States report that nonpoint source pollution is the leading remaining cause of water quality problems.

What is the most environmentally friendly way to get rid of garbage?

- a. recycling
- b. composting
- c. use less stuff
- d. landfilling

The answer is c.

Source reduction is a basic solution to the garbage glut: using less material means less waste at the end. Because source

reduction actually prevents the generation of waste in the first place, it comes before other options that deal with trash after it already exists. Recycling (or re-using) and composting are the next best options because they reduce the amount of waste going to landfills and also let materials be re-claimed and used again when possible. Landfilling is the last option, when waste and materials are simply discarded.

A typical light bulb wastes what percent of electricity?

- a. 5 percent
- b. 30 percent
- c. 65 percent
- d. 90 percent

The answer is d.

The typical incandescent light bulb turns only about 10 percent of its electricity into light. A typical light bulb, when on, is hot. That's because 90 percent of the energy is wasted as heat, which means it isn't very energy-efficient. EnergyStar-qualified lighting, such as compact fluorescent bulbs, uses two-thirds less energy and generates 70 percent less heat than an equivalent incandescent light bulb.

About how much can you save each year by installing a programmable thermostat?

- a. \$15
- b. \$40
- c. \$75
- d. \$100

The answer is d.

One great way to save energy and money in winter is to install a programmable thermostat. When installed and used with the four pre-programmed temperature settings for weekend and weekdays, you can save about \$100 each year while staying comfortable. Before leaving for vacation, turn down your thermostat (to "hold" a lower setting) so that you don't waste money and fuel by fully heating an empty house. Due to the potential fuel savings, your programmable thermostat will likely pay for itself in its first year.

The average U.S. home can accumulate how many pounds of hazardous waste in one year?

- a. 10 pounds
- b. 50 pounds
- c. 100 pounds
- d. 500 pounds

The answer is c.

The average home can accumulate as much as 100 pounds of household hazardous waste in the basement or garage and in storage closets in one year. It is important that people always use, store, and dispose of materials containing hazardous substances safely:

- Use and store products containing hazardous substances carefully to prevent any accidents at home. Never store hazardous or toxic liquids or materials in a food container. Keep products containing hazardous materials in their original containers and never remove the labels. Corroding containers, however, should be repackaged and clearly labeled. This will prevent accidental ingestion and also can help protect sanitation workers.
- When leftovers remain, never mix household hazardous waste with any other product. Incompatible things may react, become more dangerous, ignite, or explode; contaminated household hazardous waste may become unrecyclable.
- Follow any safety instructions for disposal and use provided on the label.
- Take household hazardous waste to a local collection program, if available.

Household waste in the U.S. generally increases by how much over the holidays?

- a. 50 thousand tons
- b. 100 thousand tons
- c. 1 million tons
- d. 10 million tons

The answer is c.

Over the holiday season, consumers flock to malls, department stores, and outlets in search of gift, cards, trees, and more. But as we enjoy the holidays, we also consume lots of resources and generate lots of waste. A recent report noted that the amount of household garbage in the United States generally increases by 25 percent between Thanksgiving and

New Year's Day, from 4 million tons to 5 million tons.

What percent of U.S. waste materials is potential compost?

- a. 11 percent
- b. 23 percent
- c. 47 percent
- d. 72 percent

The answer is b.

Yard trimmings and food residuals together constitute 23 percent of the U.S. municipal solid waste stream. That's a lot of waste to send to landfills when it could become useful and environmentally beneficial compost instead! Composting offers the obvious benefits of resource efficiency and creating a useful product from organic waste that would otherwise have been landfilled.

What's not safe to throw out in your trash?

- a. vacuum cleaner bags
- b. domestic particulate waste
- c. yard waste and cuttings
- d. household hazardous waste

The answer is d.

Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

What type of trash takes up the most space in US landfills?

- a. plastic
- b. metal
- c. paper
- d. yard waste

The answer is c.

The trash most commonly found in municipal landfills is plain old paper—on average, it accounts for more than 40 percent of a landfill's contents. Newspapers, which can be recycled, can take up as much as 13 percent of the space in US landfills and deteriorates very slowly in a landfill. Research has shown that, when excavated from a landfill, newspapers from the 1960s can be intact and readable.

Used oil from one oil change can contaminate how much fresh water?

- a. none
- b. 100 gallons
- c. 10,000 gallons
- d. 1 million gallons

The answer is d.

Used oil from one oil change can contaminate 1 million gallons of fresh water - a year's supply for 50 people! Safe recycling of your used motor oil is easy to do:

- Do not spill any oil on the ground.
- Put your used motor oil in a clean plastic container with a tight lid. Never store used oil in a container that once held chemicals, food, or beverages.
- Do not mix the oil with anything else, such as antifreeze, solvent, or paint.
- Take used motor oil to a service station or other location that collects used motor oil for recycling.

Mercury should be carefully cleaned up and disposed of when you

- a. visit the innermost planet
- b. break a thermometer
- c. transmute lead into gold
- d. deliver messages quickly

The answer is b.

When liquid mercury (also known as elemental or metallic mercury) is spilled, it forms droplets that can accumulate in the tiniest of spaces and then emit vapors into the air. Mercury vapor in the air is odorless, colorless, and very toxic! Most mercury exposures occur by breathing vapors, by direct skin contact or by eating food or drinking water contaminated with mercury. Any amount spilled or leaked must be treated with extreme caution and cleaned up or removed immediately and very carefully so as not to spread any contamination.



COUNTDOWN TO MAHWAH WINTERFEST



Snowflakes in autumn? Not quite. The Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce is organizing WinterFest, a community celebration scheduled to begin on December 4, 2009 and ends on January 30, 2010. The festival will include charity drives, contests for adults and children, historical exhibits at the Mahwah Museum, and more.

WinterFest is a family-friendly, nondenominational way for area residents to enjoy the season, to help those in need, and to bring the business and civic communities together.

“WinterFest presents an opportunity to promote local businesses and draw people to Mahwah’s historic downtown,” said Dr. Annette Freund, the Chamber’s president. “But there’s also a hope that it will enable citizens of all ages to discover their heritage and appreciate the diversity of this wonderful Township.”

WinterFest passports will have a full calendar of the public events offered in Mahwah, with spaces by each for a snowflake stamp as proof of attendance. Attendees who collect a certain number of snowflake stamps will be eligible for a prize drawing.

Some of the activities being planned include:

- Lighting Mahwah’s historic downtown, including Veterans Park and the Old Station Museum

- Pearl Harbor memorial service, with wreaths placed on the tombstone in Veteran’s Park
- Spread the Cheer program, collecting food, coats, and toys for families in need
- Business/residential lighting, essay, and poster contests, with prizes for the winners
- Interfaith service and refreshments at the Hindu Samaj Mandir
- Special exhibits at the Mahwah Museum and Old Station Museum
- Opening and closing ceremonies with live music and a laser light show as a grand finale

Anyone interested in a WinterFest snowflake theme may purchase indoor/outdoor snowflake lights in various sizes through the Chamber. Visit www.mahwah.com for details.



WinterFest starts in only a few months and there’s plenty to do. Sponsors for lights, events, and prizes are needed. For more information on getting involved, visit www.mahwah.com, call the Chamber office at 201-529-5566, or stop in the Chamber tent at Mahwah Day on Saturday, September 26. ■



Mahwah Lights Up!



You’d better not wait until the last minute to start untangling those holiday lights. WinterFest – the community celebration presented by the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce scheduled for December 4, 2009 thru January 30, 2010 – will include a festival lighting contest.

All Mahwah **residents and businesses** are invited to use lights in creative and imaginative ways to showcase your properties. You can exercise your individual creative talents or work with your neighbors to create themed displays, which will be judged in one of the following categories:

- Best business
- Best residential
- Best “green” lighting (use of LED lighting and/or energy-efficient ideas for decorating)
- Best “in the eyes of a child” theme (one that most excites

- and touches children, including the child in all of us)
- Best neighborhood (street, block or cul-de-sac with neighborhood theme)

A restaurant gift certificate for \$75, \$50, \$25 will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for best business, residential, green lighting, and child’s theme. The top 3 neighborhoods will each receive a yard sign to be placed at the entrance of their street. All winners in all categories will also receive a rosette ribbon as a keepsake. Photos of the winning displays will be posted on www.mahwah.com after January 1.

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Contest Rules:

1. All Mahwah residents and businesses, except those of the contest judges, are eligible to enter.
2. All participants must register for the contest. Go to www.mahwah.com or call the Chamber office at 201-529-5566. **Registration deadline is December 18.**
3. Lights need to be turned on for judging by December 20 from 5:30 - 10:00pm. Final judging for prizes will take place between 5:30 and 10:00pm on December 27.

4. Winners will be announced at the WinterFest closing ceremony on January 30, posted on the Chamber website, and listed in the Chamber Briefs newsletter.
5. Houses and businesses will be judged solely on their beauty and creativity, not necessarily on how many lights are displayed or how much was spent on decorations.
6. Participants, especially the winners, are asked to keep their lights up until after the closing ceremony on January 30, to enhance the Town’s festive atmosphere for the duration of WinterFest.

MAHWAH SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center is a facility that celebrated its grand opening in July 2003. It provides space for activities and programs for Mahwah Senior residents 60 years and older. Our program goals are to foster independence and continued growth in older adults with heavy emphasis on physical fitness. Our educational component offers the active senior the chance to live and learn. After registering for a class you are free to participate. We encourage independence for scheduled activities. We are a structured program with policies and procedures to adhere to. Because this is an Activity Center and not an adult day care center we are unable to accommodate anyone suffering dementia or confusion. We do not have on-site medical personnel. The Senior Center offers various classes for seniors and their different abilities:

Yoga, Chair Yoga, Tai Chi Chih, Pilates, Meditation, Aerobics, Toning, Zumba Gold, Jazzercise, Art Classes, Line Dancing, Knitting, Woodcarving, Domino, Pinochle,

Bridge, Canasta, Movies, Trips, Educational Programs, Blood Pressure Clinic, Summer Picnics.

Come and join us. We are open Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 am to 4:00 PM. ■



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable Housing Applications may be picked up at the Municipal Building at the reception area on the main floor, or in the Human Services Office on the first floor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications are also available in the Mahwah Library, and on the Township's website. For additional information call Dorothy McDonough, Affordable Housing Administrator at 201-529-5757, ext. 206 or Dolores Raiz, Director, ext. 205.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION



This service is available to seniors and individuals in need of transportation for food, clothing, and other shopping, rides to Mahwah and Midland Park Senior Centers, doctor appointments, personal grooming needs, or for other appointments fitting into our daily schedule. Transportation to the Senior

Center for AARP tax preparation will also be available. Call Access Transportation at 201-529-2691 for a copy of our monthly calendar and information about our transportation system.

NOTE: You may utilize our transportation system even if you currently drive locally and prefer not to drive to certain areas that we cover. For appointments and information contact Access Transportation.

HUMAN SERVICES

At times, residents are unsure of how to contact public or private agencies – you may contact Human Services for assistance with locating these sources at 201-529-5757, ext. 205 or 206.

For a referral to the Center for Food Action or the Ramapo Reformed Church Clothing Closet, call Human Services. If you have food items to donate contact the Center for Food Action at 201-529-2029. Clothing in good wearable condition (children's clothing always in demand) can be donated to the Clothes Closet (left side of Ramapo Reformed Education Building) on Wednesdays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. ■

KEITH HALLISSEY D.P.W. DIRECTOR



On August 1, 2009 Keith Hallissey was promoted to the position of Director of the Department of Public Works. Keith replaces Stanley Spiech who had been DPW Director since 1999. Keith has been an employee in the Department of Public Works since 1987. He has served as Clean Community Coordinator, Recycling Coordinator and D.P.W. Superintendent.

Keith and his family are long time residents of the Township of Mahwah. Keith has a Bachelor of Science degree from Ramapo College of New Jersey and is a Certified Public Works Manager.

As Director, Keith is responsible for operation of the Roads, Buildings and Grounds, Parks and Recycling Departments and administration of the Water and Sewer Departments. ■



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MAHWAH NEW VEHICLES – MAX AND MINI



Township of Mahwah - No job too big - No job too small!!!

No job is too big or too small in the Township. In July 2009, Fire Company No. 2 received delivery of the new Fire Tower Truck. The truck was manufactured by the Sutphen Corporation. The vehicle replaces a 20 year old ladder truck which was a trade in. The truck has a boom, equipped with a bucket, total of 110 feet in length. The new and larger tower will help the Fire Department address an increased number of calls to larger homes that are set back from the road, commercial buildings and to the multi-level buildings at Ramapo College.

Pictured, next to the Tower Truck is one of the Township's two new Mini-E, all electric Mini-Cooper vehicles. In cooperation with Prestige Mini, the Township was able to participate in a promotional-pilot program for the lease of two vehicles at a nominal lease rate for one year.

The vehicles are charged overnight when plugged into a wall box located at the DPW. One vehicle is assigned to the Property Maintenance Inspector and one vehicle is assigned to the DPW Superintendent. The vehicles are used for daily inspections throughout the Township. The maximum range of the fully charged Mini-E is about 110 miles.

Save the Date – Sunday October 11th

12-3 pm

Co. # 1 Firehouse – Miller Road
Firefighter Mike Drozd Memorial Blood Drive
Fire Prevention Week Open House

