

MAHWAH MATTERS
SPRING 2002

MAYOR
RICHARD J. MARTEL
ANNUAL TOWNSHIP
REPORT

Mahwah has received the latest U.S. Census reports for our municipality. The Township population has grown from 14,000 (1990) to 24,000 (2000) during the last census period. Fortunately, during the same period the Township has had the largest increase in the value of taxable ratables in Bergen County and the sixth largest increase in the entire state. During the last twelve years the Mayor and Township Council have been able to lower the municipal tax rate thus increases in municipal services have taken place without any increase in municipal taxes.

We have planned and budgeted in advance for the many capital projects which are now underway to better serve our existing, as well as, our new neighborhoods. I thank everyone for your patience during this period of construction when work crews and trucks may cause temporary inconveniences. The water main and sanitary sewer projects started in 2001 will be completed in 2002 and the disturbed roadways will be repaved by the end of summer 2002.

Undersized water mains are being replaced in the Cragmere and West

Mahwah areas to provide better water volume and pressure. The large volume 20 inch water main connecting the west well fields to Franklin Turnpike is almost completed. The Stag Hill Road and the Nilsen Water Tanks have been refurbished. The new three million gallon storage tank completed in Rio Vista will provide much needed storage capacity during peak demand periods. The Darlington Avenue interconnection line has been completed and provides for delivery of water throughout the Township. Mahwah continues to explore additional water supply sources.

The Phase IV Sanitary Sewer Project started in 2001 will be completed in the spring of 2002. The disturbed roadways will then be repaved. An additional 210 property owners will have been connected to the municipal sanitary sewer system.

In addition to our infrastructure improvements the new municipal building and senior center on Corporate Drive are under construction. This facility should be completed and occupied by the end of this year.

For all our residents (youth, adults, and seniors) two recreational facilities have been designed and construction is proceeding. The construction of the recreational facility at Ramapo Valley Road will commence this spring and will be completed this fall. Over 50 acres of active and passive recreation will be provided. A second recreational facility on Airmont Avenue is in the design phase. Construction will start this year for use in 2003.

I am very proud of the planned growth of our community and I hope that all of you, our residents will be pleased with the tangible results you see later this year.

ELECTIONS
Upcoming Elections
Municipal Election

Tuesday, May 14, 2002,
6:00AM to 8:00PM
Primary Election
Tuesday, June 4, 2002,
6:00AM to 8:00PM

Voter Registration Dates

In addition our normal business hours of 8:00AM to 4:00PM, the Municipal Clerk's Office will be open on the following dates until 9:00PM for voter registration:
Municipal Election
Monday, April 15, 2002
Primary Election
Monday, May 6, 2002

Deadlines to Register to Vote

Municipal Election
Monday, April 15, 2002,
9:00PM
Primary Election
Monday, May 6, 2002,
9:00PM

Absentee Ballots

Requests for Absentee Ballots by mail must be received in the Bergen County Clerk's Office in Hackensack 7 days before an election. Voters may vote in person at the Bergen County Clerk's Office up until 3:00PM the day before an election. Absentee Ballot Request forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

**TOWNSHIP TO HOLD
FREE RABIES CLINIC
FOR CATS**

The Mahwah Board of Health will conduct its annual free rabies immunization clinic for cats on Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 am to 10:30am. The clinic will be held at the Town Garage on North Railroad Avenue. This program is for cats only. Mahwah dogs may be

vaccinated free through a cooperative program with local veterinarians. Phone the Mahwah Health Department at 201-529-3471 for further information.

Rabies vaccination with a three-year duration of immunity will be used at the clinic. However, cats that are less than twelve months of age and those with no previous history of vaccination will require reimmunization one year later. All cats must be brought to the clinic in a carrying container.

This program is for new cats and those whose last rabies shots were in 1999. However, the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services has recommended that despite the three year duration of immunity for the vaccine, that cat owners are advised to bring their animals back to be revaccinated every two years instead of every three years. This will ensure a good overlap in immunity and prevent cat owners from missing the three year revaccination date.

**WATER
CONSERVATION**

The Township of Mahwah operates a series of wells within the Ramapo Valley Aquifer and the Bedrock Aquifer. The amount of water that the Township can draw from these sources is limited by the State of New Jersey. Even with improvements to production wells, distribution lines and

storage tanks, we need the cooperation of our residents and corporate customers to conserve water during the current Drought Emergency declared by the State of New Jersey.

In addition to the outdoor water usage limitations and restrictions required by local ordinance between May 1 and September 30, the N.J.D.E.P. Commissioner has issued an Order prohibiting washing of vehicles and paved areas, watering lawns (except new lawns), filling pools (except new pools) and other water uses. The complete text of prohibitions and exceptions is available at the Township Clerk's office and at www.state.nj.us/dep/drought.

TOWNSHIP WEB SITE

The Township has recently created its own web site www.mahwahtwp.org. A prior web site with the Chamber of Commerce has been discontinued.

The Township web site will present emergency notices and the agendas and minutes for the meeting of Boards and Commissions. The web site is an informational guide for Township resources. We invite you to browse through the site for Township history, services, and events. There are links to the Police Department and other organizations as well as a directory of email addresses for municipal offices.

PLANNING/ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

The Property Maintenance Ordinance requires that all property be kept neat and clean with no safety hazards. This means that the grass must be kept cut including along the road right-of-way; buildings must be painted, no bare wood showing, retaining walls and fences kept in good repair.

The Tree Removal Ordinance permits the cutting down of five (5) trees, with a diameter of 12 inches or larger, measured as ground level, per lot. This exemption does not include trees which were indicated as trees to remain on a plan previously approved by a Land Use Board of the Township.

The Soil Movement Ordinance requires an application be submitted for all construction, including swimming pools, and landscaping (mulch, gravel, woodchips, etc. included).

If you have any questions regarding these ordinances, please call 201-529-4106.

TAX & UTILITY COLLECTOR

The Property Tax is billed once a year in July, after the Bergen County Tax Board strikes the tax rate. Tax bills are mailed to mortgage companies and the owner of the property. The tax bill reflects the total tax less any deductions for that year. The four "Collector Stubs" attached to the bill are for mailing in with your payment. The final tax of the current year is the 3rd quarter is due August 1 and the 4th

quarter due November 1. The preliminary tax is based on half of the previous tax billed, the 1st quarter due February 1 and the 2nd quarter due May 1. The Mayor and Council pass a resolution each year to grant a 10 day grace period for the quarterly tax payments.

The water and sewer utility bills are quarterly and there are three cycles. Therefore, each month there is a billing to be mailed. The Mayor and Council pass a resolution each year to grant a 30 day grace period for the utility bills. There is a 15% discount on the minimum water charge available for senior citizens and disabled persons. Applications are available in the office.

Sewer assessment bills are mailed annually on the anniversary date. The Mayor and Council pass a resolution to grant a 30 day grace period for assessment bills.

The Tax Collector also adjusts the tax accounts for tax appeals, senior citizen, disabled and veterans deductions and presides at the annual tax sale. New owners should call the Tax Office for a tax bill if the former owner doesn't pass the tax bill to them at the sale of the property.

PHASE IV SANITARY SEWER PROJECT.

Over 200 additional residences are being added to the Municipal Sanitary Sewer System. The contractor,

Stacey Contracting Co., will complete construction in each of the six affected neighborhoods this spring. The repaving of roads will follow shortly. Each property will have a sewer lateral connection. A notice will be sent to each owner when the lines become operational. The property owner will have one year from the date of the notice to connect to the sanitary sewer line. The connection will be performed by the owners' private plumbing contractor.

Later this year, when the entire project is completed, a Sewer Assessment Commission will be established for determination of the assessment for each property. These assessments may be paid over a period of ten years.

FREE ADULT HEALTH CONSULTATION FOR MAHWAH RESIDENTS

The Mahwah Board of Health offers free adult health consultations and blood pressure screening on a monthly basis at three locations in the Township.

***Mahwah Public Library** on the second Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00.

***Norfolk Village Senior Center** on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00.

***Ramapough Mountain Indians** headquarters on Stag Hill Road on the first Wednesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Heart disease is a silent killer, it is important to have your blood pressure checked. Hypertension can be treated and controlled by your physician.

MAHWAH MUNICIPAL POOL 2002 RATES

The 2002 Mahwah Municipal Pool rates for Seniors have been set at \$20. Early registration rates for Individual Mahwah residents is \$75 and Mahwah family rate is \$202. After April 30, general rates are in effect. Non-resident rates, set at \$235 for individuals and \$690 for a family, are available on a very limited basis. Children under the age of two are free. Children, who are not yet fully toilet trained, are limited to the use of the chlorinated and filtered wading pool. Children listed as family members are assumed to be unmarried and living at home as legal dependents. Child care workers are not considered family members, and require separate membership.

Daily rates are available for Mahwah residents, who are not pool members, and guests of members. The weekday day rate is \$8. Weekend quest rates are \$10 for children under 12 and \$12 for adults.

Pool hours are 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. or dusk. Full weekday operations start when the Mahwah schools close for the season. The pools open on Saturday or Memorial Day weekend. Labor Day is the last day for the swim season.

Membership application forms are mailed to all Mahwah residents the first week in April. Extras are available at Town Hall and at the Public Library.

Group events, and children's parties can be scheduled at the pool, at least two weeks in advance of the event. Party rates are

available. Day use is limited by the manager.

The Municipal Pool offers Red Cross group swim lessons each summer, and the Mahwah Marlins Swim and Diving Team. Pool membership is not needed to take lessons, but membership is required for the swim team. A Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course is also available at the pool. Registration for the instructional programs begins in June, at the pool. Call the pool manager, Marion Crescitelli, at 201-529-4949 for more information.

MAHWAH RECREATION

The Summer Recreation Program runs for four (4) weeks beginning July 1, 2002 and ending July 26, 2002. All children must be residents of Mahwah. MINI REC is for children entering K and 1st grade in September 2002. This program is held at Joyce Kilmer School. BIG REC is for children entering grades 2 through 7 in September 2002. This program is held at Mahwah High School. The weekly fee for both of these programs is \$20 per child with \$10 per additional immediate family child. Forms will be sent home with school children after the spring break. In-person registration for the MINI & BIG REC programs will be held May 22, 2002 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Building, 70 East Ramapo Avenue. The COUNSELOR IN

TRAINING PROGRAM is open to children entering grades 8 & 9 in September 2002. The fee for this program is \$10 per week. Registration forms for the MINI & BIG REC and C.I.T.s will be available after May 1, 2002 at the Recreation Building or at Town Hall. Application forms for counselors will be available at the Recreation Building or at Town Hall after April 15, 2002. For more information or questions, please call 201-529-1234.

Adult Residential Softball

Men's and Women's Residential Softball will be played in the evening at Commodore Perry Field beginning July 1, 2002 and ending mid-August. Women play on Tuesdays and Thursdays; men play on Mondays, Wednesdays and some Fridays. The fee is \$20 per person, and all participants must be 21 years of age on or before June 30, 2002. Residents who have played within the past two years will receive their registration form in the mail. First-time participants must attend one of the in-person registrations, held Wednesday, May 22, 2002 or Wednesday, June 19, 2002, from 6-7:30 PM at the Recreation Building, 70 East Ramapo Avenue. A driver's license may be required as proof of both age and residency. For more information or questions, please call 201-529-1234.

Mahwah Recreation 13th Annual Fishing Contest

The annual fishing contest for Mahwah kids will be held on Saturday, May 25,

2002 from 10 AM to 12 noon. This event 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 residents 13 years of age and younger. For more information or questions, please call 201-529-1234.

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade and Service, sponsored by VFW Post #7124 and the Township will be held on Monday, May 27, 2002. The parade will begin promptly at 10 AM, followed by Memorial Day ceremonies held at Veterans Memorial Park, located at the corner of Franklin Turnpike and Miller Road.

Family Movie Nights

A cartoon and family-feature film will be shown on each Tuesday in July, 2002 behind the Recreation Building, 70 East Ramapo Avenue, weather permitting, at 8:15 PM. Bring blankets and lawn chairs.

8th Annual Mahwah Day

Mahwah Day will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2002 at Commodore Perry Field. A parade, dog show, magician and live musical groups will be highlighted. Games, events and kiddie rides will be available throughout the day and evening, as will food and refreshments. If the weather cooperates, a FIREWORKS SHOW at 8 PM will end the day.

Photo: Mahwah Day
A day for family fun.

MHPC RECEIVES GRANT

More than 60 people came to the new facility of the Mahwah Museum on November 18, 2001 to hear author Bernard A. Olsen's talk "A Billy Yank Governor: The Life and Times of New Jersey's Franklin Murphy." The project was assisted by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State. Murphy, a Civil War hero and Newark industrialist, rose through the political ranks to become NJ's first governor of the 20th century. Mr. Olsen's lecture and slide show focused on Murphy's Civil War experience.

The program followed the dedication of the restored headstone of Civil War veteran David Akers who is buried in the Ramapo Reformed Church Cemetery. Several of Akers descendants, including his great grandson Harold W. Akers, and his great-great grandson Harold A. Akers, traveled from Schuyler, NY, to take part in the ceremony. Both events, presented as "A Salute to Two Civil War Veterans" and were organized as part of the annual Mahwah Heritage Month observation.

Paul C. Gioni, newly appointed member of the MHPC, was

responsible for bringing the condition of Civil War veteran David Akers' headstone to the attention of the MHPC.

MAHWAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MAHWAH MUSEUM SOCIETY MERGER

The Mahwah Historical Society and the Mahwah Museum Society are in the process of merging their organizations. The Historical Society was formed in 1963 to acquire and restore the former

Mahwah railroad station. It is now the Old Station Museum and features railroad exhibits and models. The adjacent Caboose is in the process of being restored to its original condition. The Old Station Museum is open every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. between Memorial Day and the end of October. It is located off East Ramapo Avenue just west of the railroad tracks in "Downtown Metropolitan Mahwah"

The Mahwah Museum Society was formed in 2001 to administer a new Mahwah History Center and Museum, located in the former Winter Library at 201 Franklin Turnpike, next to the Police Station. The main floor has been extensively renovated by the Township and leased to the new society. The space is being prepared to hold exhibits to illustrate the history of Mahwah and its area. A portion has been set aside for a library where historians can consult the many documents, some dating back to the eighteenth century, which the Historical Society has not had room to exhibit in the past. A highly successful exhibit of antique dolls, trains and toys was held in December. The next exhibit, which will open in June will be devoted to "Agricultural Mahwah". Hours of opening have not been determined. The Society hopes to make the new museum into the history center, rather than simply an exhibit area. The Society is working closely with Ramapo College in doing an inventory of our holdings and making them available to researchers through the internet. A

program of six public programs each calendar year will be held here, on the third Monday evening during the months of February through May and October and November, jointly with the Historical Society. Membership in both societies is priced at \$15 for an individual, and \$25 for a family. Volunteers are needed to help with the many tasks which need to be undertaken to open and maintain our two museums. The new museum can be reached by telephone at 201-512-0099. Both museums are accessible to the handicapped.

PREVENTION OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Spring is just around the corner, and the Board of Health reminds all residents of the following precautions to reduce your risk of becoming infected with West Nile Virus:

- *Reduce mosquito breeding on your property by eliminating stagnant water by disposing of flowerpots, old tires, trash cans, etc.
- *Clean clogged roof gutters.
- *Empty plastic pools when not in use and drain swimming pool covers.
- *At least weekly, change water in bird baths and flush sump pits.
- *Stock ornamental ponds with goldfish.
- *Check and repair screens and screen doors.
- *Stay indoors during dawn, dusk, and early evening when mosquitoes are active.

*Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks when you are outdoors. Avoid areas with heavy underbrush.

*Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

*Effective insect repellants contain 20% to 30% of DEET. DEET is the active ingredient in insect repellants.

*DO NOT apply insect repellants on children less than 3 years old. For children over 3, a cautious approach is to use a repellent with 10% or less DEET.

*Avoid applying repellent on or near the mouth and eye areas as it may cause irritation. Avoid applying repellent on the hands of children to avoid eye or mouth irritation.

*Insect repellants containing permethrin may be sprayed on clothing to help prevent mosquitoes from biting through cloth.

For further information, call the Board of Health at 201-529-3471.

MAHWAH'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Thirty one years ago this April, a small group of Fardale neighbors recognized the need for a quick emergency response and organized Company #4 Volunteer Ambulance Corps. At that time, Mahwah had only Company #1 Ambulance Corps, located eight miles away on the other side of the Township, and the only way to get to Fardale was through Ramsey. Because of the long delays, Fardale calls for help were answered by Ramsey and Allendale.

Company #4 Ambulance started out with a 1968 green Cadillac and borrowed space in Fire Company #4 on Fardale Avenue. The thirty member Fardale Ambulance Corps included six firemen and nine women. Fardale was one of only a few ambulance corps accepting female volunteers. On April 30, 1971, the Corps responded to their first call and logged in 150 emergency responses that year.

Company #4 Ambulance is self funded and has been able to maintain their building and equipment through fundraising and donations. In 1986, the Corps moved out of Fire Company #4 into their own building directly behind the fire house, and in 1989 added a second floor for meetings and training. The green and white Cadillac has been replaced several times, and the ambulance bay now houses a state of the art ambulance. The Corps is a dedicated community organization. The Toddler and Big Kids parks at Silver Creek Park were partially funded by a donation from Co#4 Ambulance to the Mahwah Recreation Committee, with the balance of the monies coming from the DPW capital budget and Bergen County matching grant monies. They have opened their doors to schools and scouting troops for first aid demonstrations, awarded scholarships, and sponsored Santa's gift giving during the holidays. They have supported their community and are now asking for the community's support. Although the calls for help have multiplied to over 500 calls annually, the

membership has not grown. Mahwah has almost doubled in size since 1971, and Fardale has grown from small farms to residential neighborhoods. The need for volunteers is greater now than ever. Charter member Janice McClanahan knows better than anyone else that maintaining enough trained personnel to respond to the calls is an ongoing challenge. The membership is down to twenty volunteers and out of the twenty, only five are available to respond to day calls, and four live outside of town. Because of the lack of daytime personnel, Company #4 and Company #1 cover for each other on Monday and Wednesday, and Wyckoff and Company #4 still help each other when needed. Volunteers are desperately needed. For further information on the ten-week course in CPR, basic and advanced First Aid required for squad membership, call president John Raiser at 201-327-2252 or stop by during their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m.

HUMAN SERVICES/ AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Before we forget winter and the Holiday Season, we take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to every person who assisted Mahwah's neighbors-in-need during the holiday season. The number of individuals, corporations, schools and private organizations who participate in Mahwah's programs always overwhelms us. We would like to send a welcome to Susan Milian who so kindly volunteered to coordinate our "Wish Program" this year and extend a huge thank you to Susan.

We remind you of some of our on-going activities, Human Services/Affordable Housing offers:

...AARP representatives are wrapping-up another tax season assisting income eligible seniors in preparing their 2001 taxes. We anticipate having this service again next year.

...Applications for Affordable Housing may be picked-up Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in our offices in the Municipal Building on Route 17 South and Corporate Drive.

If you are in need of transportation for food and clothing shopping, rides to Midland Park Senior Center, doctor's appointments or for other appointments, please contact Access Transportation at 201-529-

2691. Our vans are on the road Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Referrals to the Center for Food Action and The Ramapo Reformed Church Clothes Closet can be made through Human Services.

PLEASE NOTE

Don't forget to fill out the The Senior Advisory Committee activities questionnaire that was included in the mailed copy of the spring newsletter. Your input is important to the success of the center.

BOARD OF HEALTH CAUTIONS ABOUT LYME DISEASE

Lyme Disease is a tick-borne illness caused by a spirochete, a type of bacteria. The infection is transmitted by the pin-head size deer tick, which feeds on people and animals. In the United States, most Lyme Disease cases are found in the northeastern States, and the disease is most frequently diagnosed between the months of May and July.

The most common initial phase of Lyme Disease is the characteristic skin rash, which occurs within several days or weeks after a tick bite. The circular or oblong rash may increase in size and develop well defined margins with central clearing, giving it a characteristic "bull's eye" appearance. The rash may be itchy, warm, tender, and/or "doughy" and may be preceded or accompanied by fever, headache, fatigue, malaise, muscle and joint pain, and stiff neck. If not promptly treated, chronic arthritis, heart, and/or nervous system disorders may develop in some

patients. If you have any of these symptoms, or have found a tick attached to your skin, contact your physician immediately. Early discovery of Lyme Disease and prompt treatment usually prevents the later, more severe health problems.

If bitten by a tick, the following procedure is advised for removal. Using forceps, grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible and apply firm and steady backward pressure. Never try to remove the tick by burning it or smothering it with noxious chemicals. These methods do not work and can cause injury to the skin. After the tick is removed, avoid infection by applying antiseptic to the wound. If you develop symptoms, contact your physician.

The following steps are suggested to limit exposure:

- 1) Check yourself, family members, and pets frequently for ticks
- 2) Tuck your pants legs into your socks or boots, and keep shirts tucked into your pants.
- 3) While in tick infested areas, wearing light colored clothing makes it easier to see ticks.
- 4) The use of insect repellents on skin or clothing may be effective in reducing exposure to ticks. Always read product labeling before using repellent.
- 5) Try to stay near the center of trails and avoid walking through the shrub layer of the forest.

For further information on Lyme

Disease, contact the Mahwah Health Department at 201-529-3471.

BOARD OF HEALTH RECOMMENDS WELL TESTING

The Mahwah Board of Health has recommended that residents that use well water as their source of potable water supply periodically have their well water tested by a laboratory for potability. Residents with wells should also have their water tested annually for bacteriological and chemical quality. Board of Health Director, John Hopper, cautions that contamination from such sources as leaking underground storage tanks and illegal dumping of hazardous materials can travel long distances in aquifers beneath the surface of the ground. He further advised that "although well water may look clear and have no unusual taste or odor, it might actually be contaminated with bacteria or chemicals which are capable of producing illness".

Residents can obtain a list of laboratories capable of doing the testing at the Board of Health office.

MAHWAH POLICE OFFER PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

As part of the Department's commitment to Public Service, two substantial programs were started this past year. The first deals with Child Passenger Safety.

More than 1,700 children up to age 14 died in motor vehicle crashes

nationally in 1999, with the majority not in a safety seat or seat belt.

There are 4 steps to child passenger safety:

Infant Seats: Designed for children up to 1 year old and 20 pounds in weight. Infant seats are always positioned rear-facing.

Toddler seats: Designed for children between 20 and 40 pounds. Toddler seats are always positioned forward-facing.

Booster Seats: Designed for children between 40 and 80 pounds. Booster seats raise a child so that the vehicle's lap-and-shoulder belt fits properly.

Seat Belts: New Jersey law requires drivers and adult front seat passengers to wear their belts.

To request a child safety seat inspection, contact Sgt. Kuipers at 201-529-1000 ext. 245.

The second program involves the departments portable Radar Speed Trailer, which is available for use in problem speed areas. The trailer uses a speed display to notify motorists of their speed and help induce self compliance with the local

speed limit. The trailer is available for local neighborhoods, school zones, and for other events. It can be requested by visiting our website <http://www.mahwahpd.org> under the INQUIRIES section and completing the speed trailer request form, or by contacting Sgt. Sinnaeve at 201-529-1000 ext. 244.

The Mahwah Police Department seeks to be a catalyst for positive change through persistent, personalized and cost effective use of public safety resources. By embracing the values of pride, professionalism and integrity we remain committed to maintaining the public trust.

With that in mind, please check out our newly redesigned website at the <http://www.mahwahpd.org>. One of our changes provides current "real-time" information as well as forms and vital departmental information. The Police Department's phone number is 201-529-1000 or for EMERGENCIES 9-1-1.

MAHWAH PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Starting April 14th with National Library Week, the Mahwah Library will feature special programs for children and adults.

Children's programs will include, acting workshops, arts and crafts, movies and refreshments. Adults can enjoy concerts, art exhibits, and workshops.

The Mahwah Public Library is a source of great books for all members of the family. For long car trips there are books for children and adults on CD and audiocassette. For rainy days when everyone is trapped indoors there are videos and DVDs. There is something for every age and every family. Just come to the library for more information and to sign up. The Mahwah Public Library is located at 100 Ridge Road. For library and program registration information, call (201) 529-READ or visit the our web site www.bccls.org/mahwah/. Library hours are Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m.— 9 p.m.,

MAHWAH EMERGENCY SERVICES

Who we are, what we do and how you can help us!

We are:

- **Volunteers**
- **Students**
- **Retired people**
- **Factory workers**
- **Business professionals**
- **Homemakers**

What we do:

We respond to all types of emergencies, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In addition to riding fire trucks and ambulances, we spend countless hours in training. A lot of our time is spent on fund raising to help pay for equipment and apparatus.

In 2001 our fire department responded to 685 emergencies.
In 2001 our ambulance corps responded to 996 emergencies.

How you can help us:

- Help us fight fires, rescue people and respond on medical emergencies.
- Make a difference in your life and the lives of others.
- If you are unable to volunteer, please support our fundraisers.
- Bring your civic group or family to our firehouses to meet the volunteers.

It only takes a few hours a week to change your life forever!

Call today!

Mahwah Fire Department (201) 828-2017
Mahwah Ambulance & Rescue Squad Co. #1 (201) 529-9301
Mahwah Ambulance Squad Co. #4 (201) -327-2252