



# Mahwah MATTERS

Spring 2004 Newsletter

## FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 EXPANSION

The expansion of the Company No. 1 Firehouse located at the intersections of Miller Road and Franklin Turnpike has continued through the winter months with a scheduled completion date in June 2004. The existing historic stone façade firehouse facing Miller Road has been preserved. The design of the addition continues the architectural features of the façade and the roofline.

The construction project will provide two additional truck bays. The depth of the existing bays has been increased to accommodate the length of modern emergency vehicles. The "Fire-Com" radio communications room and the HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems are being renovated and upgraded. The second floor area, which may be reached via an ADA compliant elevator, will have training assembly and meeting rooms and offices for the Battalion Chief and line officers.

Company No. 1 will be the new home for two Fire Pumpers, one Heavy Rescue Truck (new vehicle), one Dive Rescue Truck, one Rescue Support Vehicle, and two Rescue Boats and a confined space trailer.



## NEW KME RESCUE VEHICLE ARRIVES

The Township has accepted delivery of a new Rescue Vehicle which will respond to emergency calls throughout the entire Township. The Rescue Squad responds to life threatening emergencies involving major motor vehicle accidents and entrapments, building fires, confined space accidents, search and rescue missions and dive team searches.

The new vehicle has a 24 foot walk-in body and a telescopic light tower for scene lighting. It also has pre-connected rescue tools to hydraulic pumps for immediate fire saving use, roll-up compartment doors with slide out shelving for full access and safety, front and rear winch system and new state-of-the-art rescue equipment.



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## Mayor and Council

Seated, l to r: President Eileen L. Richter, Vice President John DaPuzzo. Standing, l to r: Lisa DiGiulio, John Kelly, Mayor Richard J. Martel, John Spiech, Brenda Calandrillo, Gary Paton.

Mahwah Municipal Building



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John Brotherton (l) and Dr. Bernard Ross received Volunteers Award for 15 years of service. See story on page 8.



Mahwah Ambulance & Rescue Squad Co. #1 Pictured in the first row are E.M.T.'s (Emergency Medical Technician's), both active and retired. In the rows behind are firefighter drivers. See story on page 7.

## ANIMAL LICENSING

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

After February 15, 2004, a \$10.00 late fee per animal is added to the licensing fee.

Animal licenses may be renewed in person or by mail. If renewing by mail, include a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED envelope and check made payable to the Township of Mahwah. Mail your request to the Municipal Clerk, Township of Mahwah, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430. Include a copy of the Rabies Vaccination Certificate (if applicable), Proof of Spaying or Neutering (if applicable), your name, address and telephone number plus your dog's name, breed, age and color. **DO NOT** send cash. If you have any questions, contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 201/529-5757, Extension 4. The Municipal Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm except for municipal holidays.

## Walking Your Dog

Township Code 5-4.2, entitled "Curbing of Dogs" states that any person owning, or having the custody and possession of any dog shall not allow the dog to soil upon any public or private property. The owner shall immediately remove any soil deposited by such dog by any sanitary method approved by the Township Board of Health.

## Free Rabies Vaccinations

Free rabies vaccinations are available to Mahwah resident's dogs from the following veterinarians:

- Dr. James French, 8 Chestnut Street, Suffern, NY 845/357-0317
- Dr. James Hill, 346 Forest Road, Mahwah, NJ, 201/891-1310
- Dr. Frank Kavanaugh (Dogs Only), 190 North Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ, 201/327-1877
- Dr. Kathleen Hefner, 171 East Saddle River Rd, Saddle River, NJ, 201/236-2963
- Dr. Cheryl Welch, 754 Franklin Ave., Franklin Lakes, NJ, 201/848-1991

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

The Access Van and drivers Carol Johnston (l) and Mavis Radel



## HUMAN SERVICES ACCESS TRANSPORTATION AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mahwah Township offers Senior Citizens, and those in need of transportation, a curb to curb van service - vans are handicap accessible. We offer rides to medical appointments, and other services that fit into our time schedule, monthly calendar and the geographical area we cover. Some of the routine trips we make are weekly shopping to Ramsey Square and Interstate Shopping Centers with ample time allotted to do food shopping and have lunch. On alternate Thursday's transportation is supplied to the Paramus Malls and four times a week we supply transportation to Midland Park Senior Nutrition Center, and other Day Care Centers in our designated transportation area. We accommodate residents needing rides to the new Mahwah Senior Center for luncheons, Senior Club meetings, and for any other activities at the Center where a group of residents may need transportation. We suggest a \$1 round trip donation for the van service. To sign up for Access Transportation and receive a monthly calendar call 201-529-2691.

Applications for Affordable Housing are available in the reception area of the Town Hall. For more information contact Affordable Housing at 201-529-5757x206.

For referrals to any agencies including Center for food Action and the Clothes Closet at The Ramapo Reformed Church, or for any type of information or assistance, contact Human Services at 201-529-5757 X205.

## ELECTIONS

### Upcoming Election

Municipal Election	Tuesday, May 11, 2004	6:00am to 8:00pm
Primary Election	Tuesday, June 8, 2004	6:00am to 8:00pm
General Election	Tuesday, November 2, 2004	6:00am to 8:00pm

### Voter Registration Dates

In addition to 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 12, 2004
Primary Election	Monday, May 10, 2004
General Election	Monday, October 4, 2004

### Deadline to Register to Vote

If you are not a Registered Voter, the deadlines are as follows:

Municipal Election	Monday, April 12, 2004	9:00pm
Primary Election	Monday, May 10, 2004	9:00pm
General Election	Monday, October 4, 2004	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, One Bergen County Plaza, Room 130 in Hackensack up until 3:00PM the day before an election. Absentee Ballot Request forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office.





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## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

1) The Township of Mahwah has ordinances governing property maintenance, tree removal and soil movement. The Property Maintenance Ordinance requires that all exterior properties and premises be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.

- a) All weeds and grass shall not be in excess of 10in. in height.
- b) Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways and parking spaces must be kept in proper state of repair and maintained free from hazardous conditions.
- c) All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.
- d) The exterior of all structures including but not limited to wood, doors, windows, window frames shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering treatments.
- e) Each home must display the street number assigned to it. The numbers must be displayed at least 3in. high and 1/2in. stroke.
- f) The Tree Removal Ordinance permits the cutting down of five trees per year, with the diameter of 12in. or more at ground level per lot per fiscal year. The exemption does not include trees which were indicated as trees to remain on the plan previously approved by the land use board of the Township. If you have any questions pertaining to trees, live or dead please call (201)529-5757 Extension #239 for assistance.
- g) Inoperable Vehicles – No person shall park, leave, store or maintain any inoperable vehicle for more than thirty days. Inoperable vehicle means any motor vehicle designed or manufactured primarily for use on public roadways and are not duly registered and insured.
- h) Signs – The placement of signs on telephone poles, trees, blocks or in the public right a-ways is prohibited. The placement of a portable A-Frame sign is also prohibited.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Bicycle Safety

With springtime and warmer weather approaching it is time to put away those sleds and bring out the bicycles. The Mahwah Police would like to remind parents to take steps to help ensure their children practice good safety habits when riding their bicycles.

Each year, bicyclists are killed or injured in New Jersey due to bicycle crashes. Many bicycle deaths result from bicycle-motor vehicle collisions. However, injuries can happen anywhere, including parks, bike paths and driveways, and often do not involve motor vehicles.

Head injury is the most serious injury type and the most common cause of death among bicyclists. The most severe injuries are those to the brain that cause permanent damage.

Never ride a bicycle without a helmet. New Jersey law states that anyone under the age of fourteen riding a bike, even as a passenger, must be wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet which meets the standards of the Snell Memorial Foundation, the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Before your child gets on a bicycle this spring take a few moments to go over safety rules and inspect the bike to make sure it is in good working order.

### Identity Theft

How can someone steal your identity? Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, Social Security number, credit card number or other identifying information, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

Identity theft is a serious crime. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years - and their hard-earned money - cleaning up the mess thieves have made of their good name and credit record. In the meantime, victims may lose job opportunities, be refused loans, education, housing or cars, or even get arrested for crimes they didn't commit.

If you think your identity has been stolen, here's what to do now:

1. Contact the fraud departments of any one of the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on your credit file. The fraud alert requests creditors to

contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts. As soon as the credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the other two credit bureaus will be automatically notified to place fraud alerts, and all three credit reports will be sent to you free of charge.

2. Close the accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Use an ID Theft Affidavit, available at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft/](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/), when disputing new unauthorized accounts.
3. File a police report. Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors and others that may require proof of the crime.
4. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft/](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/) The FTC maintains a database of identity theft cases used by law enforcement agencies for investigations. Filing a complaint also helps authorities learn more about identity theft and the problems victims are having so that they can be better prevented.

## JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

During the 2003 Junior Police Academy, "recruits" had an opportunity to see and listen to United States Coast Guard officers speak about the responsibilities that go along with being a member of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Watch for local announcements and applications in the Spring for the 2004 Junior Police Academy which promises many new activities.



# Are you prepared for an emergency?

There are different types of emergencies: power outages, flooding and fire are just a few. How one should respond varies with the situation, but whatever the response, it will be enhanced by having preparations in place BEFORE the advent of any emergency.

In preparation for either a manmade or natural disaster, families (or individuals) need to consider creating a Family Emergency Plan. Making sure that everyone in a household responds to an emergency in a unified, coordinated manner can make a life-or-death difference.

A Family Emergency Plan will save precious moments and help insure a sense of order in a chaotic situation. Focusing on predetermined responsibilities can also provide a helpful distraction that keeps young children from becoming paralyzed with fear. Consider the following recommendations when developing your own emergency plan:

## Call a family meeting to address:

- How to contact one another if separated.
- The best escape routes from your home. If possible, have alternatives.
- Whom to contact -- and how -- after the disaster.

## Make an Emergency Plan

- Post emergency numbers by phones (911, fire, police, ambulance, etc.). Teach children when to call 911 and what information they will need for the emergency dispatchers.
- Know where and how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity.
- List all home escape routes and regularly ask family members to recite them.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms.
- Stock emergency supplies and assemble an emergency survival kit. Emergency kits should contain first aid supplies, including prescription medicines; flashlights (with extra batteries) and emergency tools such as a screwdriver, pliers and hammer; blankets and sleeping bags; a portable radio. Store and maintain a supply of potable water.
- Learn basic first aid.
- Keep important documents in a safe deposit box or fireproof container.

## Practice and maintain the Plan

- Conduct emergency evacuation drills.
- Check and maintain emergency supplies.
- Test smoke and CO detectors monthly and change batteries once a year.

- Test your children's knowledge of the plan on a regular basis.

More information on emergency preparedness can be obtained from the American Red Cross, the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management and the Bergen County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Mahwah Office of Emergency Management. Many brochures on this and other emergency situations are available in the Township offices.

Be informed and be prepared!

## Protect Your Family From Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

### Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is usually not hazardous. However, if the appliances are not working properly or used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO can result. Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel burning appliances. Even more die from CO produced by idling cars. Fetuses, infants, elderly people, and people with anemia or with a history of heart or respiratory disease can be especially susceptible.

### CO Poisoning Symptoms

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. At moderate levels, you or your family can get dizzy, mentally confused, nauseated, or faint. You can even die if these levels persist for a long time. Low levels can cause shortness of breath, mild nausea, and mild headaches, and may have long term effects on your health. Symptoms are similar to the flu.

### Play it Safe

- Don't idle cars in your garage.
- Don't use your oven to heat your home.
- Don't ever use a charcoal grill indoors -- even in a fireplace.
- Don't sleep in rooms with unvented gas or kerosene heaters
- Don't use any gasoline powered engines in enclosed areas.
- Don't ignore symptoms, particularly if more than one person is feeling them.
- DO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A CO DETECTOR IN BEDROOM AREAS.

Any questions call Mahwah Fire Prevention at (201)529-5757.

## Community Emergency Response Teams

### Mahwah Emergency Management Forming CERT Teams

In his January 29, 2002 State of the Union Address, President Bush asked Americans to volunteer their services to protect and safeguard our country. Three areas stressed for these volunteer efforts were crime, natural disasters and terrorism. The Citizens Corps Program was created to help Americans meet this call to service. One of the volunteer opportunities offered to the American public under the Citizen Corps umbrella is the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program.

Mahwah is not immune to terrorism, floods, hurricanes, blackouts, hazardous material spills and fires and we must be prepared.

CERT is a training program that prepares people in neighborhoods, the workplace and schools to take a more active role in planning and preparing for disasters and other emergencies. CERT teams were created to provide vital services until emergency personnel arrive.

The Mahwah Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is recruiting volunteers to form organized CERT teams throughout the town as well as in each homeowner and condo community to assist residents in the event of a disaster, natural or man-made... and to provide assistance until skilled emergency responders arrive. Training is free and is open to everyone. The next training course will start on Wednesday, April 28th and will run for 8 consecutive Wednesday nights. For an application or additional information, contact Ray Roe, Mahwah OEM at 201-529-5757, ext. 240 or e-mail: mahwahcert@cs.com.

# BOARD OF HEALTH

## BOARD OF HEALTH CAUTIONS ABOUT LYME DISEASE

The Mahwah Board of Health cautions Township residents about the prevention of 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.

The most common initial phase of Lyme Disease is the characteristic skin rash. The rash first appears as a red, raised area 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". In about one-half of all Lyme Disease cases, the rash 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 the symptoms discussed above, or have found a tick attached to your skin, contact your physician immediately.

If bitten by a tick, use forceps to grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible and apply firm and steady backward pressure. After the tick is removed, avoid infection by applying antiseptic to the wound. If you develop symptoms, contact your physician.

Although there is no way of totally protecting yourself from tick bites, the following steps should be taken:

- 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.

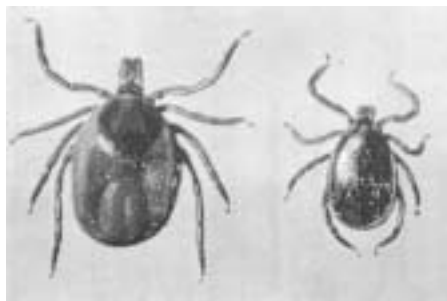
For further information on Lyme Disease, contact the Mahwah Health Department at 201-529-5757, ext 207

## PREVENTION OF WEST NILE VIRUS

The Board of Health reminds all residents of the following precautions to reduce your risk of becoming infected with West Nile Virus, a mosquito-borne disease:

- Reduce mosquito breeding by eliminating stagnant water by disposing of empty cans, buckets, 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.
- 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 repellents contain 20% to 30% of DEET. DEET is the active ingredient in insect repellents.
- DO NOT apply insect repellents 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 repellents containing permethrin may be sprayed on clothing to help prevent mosquitoes from biting through cloth.

For further information, call the Board of Health at 201-529-5757, ext. 207



## SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS PROCEED - Phase IV

The Phase IV Sanitary Sewer Committee will complete its initial report in early April 2004. All property owners included in Phase IV will receive notices of the proposed special notices of the proposed special assessments for the economic benefit to their property. Property owners will have an opportunity to discuss their assessments informally with the committee. All Phase IV owners will receive written notice of a formal public hearing by the Committee before the Committee completes its report in May 2004. Once the Report is given to the Township Council, another written notice will be given to all included property owners of a public hearing in early summer by the Township Council before the individual assessments are finalized.

The roadways in Phase IV which were repaired with temporary patches in 2003 will receive final repairs during the spring and summer of 2004.

### Phase V

The Township Council with the assistance of the Sanitary Sewer Engineer have completed surveys of unsewered sections of the town which may be service by extensions of the municipal sanitary sewer lines. The survey responses from property owners have been tabulated and the Project Engineer has completed an initial feasibility report.

The engineers are completing an aerial survey of the Phase V areas. A revised report will be submitted to the Township Council in May 2004. Notices will be mailed to property owners in all surveyed neighborhoods for a public hearing by the Township Council. The residents in some neighborhoods have responded that sewer extensions are not desired. The Township Council will determine the neighborhoods to be included and the amount of funding after the public hearing. When funding is established, it will take approximately two years from commencement of design to completion of construction before the sewers will become operational.

## PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Spring has arrived and many people are inquiring about the permitting process for building new homes, additions, swimming pools, sheds and fences. A zoning permit is required prior to the construction, alteration or change of use of any building or structure or portion thereof in the Township. Construction permits can not be issued until a zoning permit is secured.

Soil movement permits are required any time there is an import, export or regrading of soil. By ordinance soil, asphalt, brick pavers, and gravel are considered a "soil". Soil movement permits are valid for a period of one year and may be extended by request.

Due to enhanced drainage concerns, the Township now requires that in-ground pool applications receive full engineering review with full topography. The applicant may utilize an existing as-built survey and have a qualified engineer superimpose the proposed pool onto the as-built showing proposed regarding where necessary. All in-ground pools must be circumvented by fences four feet in height with self-latching gates and meet with the International Building Codes.

The Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meet twice per month. The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 8:00 p.m. The Board of Adjustment meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to planning, zoning and property maintenance and code enforcement please do not hesitate to call 201-529-5757.

## Mahwah Ambulance & Rescue Squad Company #1

Mahwah Ambulance and Rescue Squad Company #1 was founded in 1947 by a handful of residents. Now, in 2004, M.A.R.S. remains a handful of members struggling to meet the needs of the community, responding to approximately 1,000 calls for help every year. The need for support is growing as we continue to expand as a community. We are dedicated to providing free Emergency Medical Service to Mahwah residents and visitors within our borders, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. More than anything, we urgently need your help as a volunteer. Please call (201) 529-9301.

## Mahwah Ambulance Co. #4

Mahwah Ambulance Co. #4, located in the Fardale section of Mahwah, is comprised of a small group of dedicated individuals who volunteer 24/7 to help their community. With the number of calls growing, so is the need for volunteers growing. Do you like to help people? Have you ever considered volunteering? Now would be a good time to give us a call. We need your help. The only requirements are a valid driver's license and the desire to help people. The approximately 120 hours of training is given without charge to the volunteer, and takes two nights per weeks per week and some weekends over a five month period.

We are pleased to announce that we now have a Junior program. We are accepting applications from anyone 17 years of age or older. Minors must have written permission from their parents or legal guardian.

If you have any questions, call us at 201/327-2252 or stop by our building any



Captain Chuck Bethell  
Mahwah Ambulance Co. #4

second or third Tuesday of the month at 8PM. We are located at 52 Fardale Avenue, behind Co. #4 Firehouse.

## Mahwah Volunteer Fire Department

When you see the fire trucks going down the road, lights on, sirens screaming, have you ever wondered who the firefighters are and what they actually do? The Mahwah Volunteer Fire Department is just that, volunteer. They are your next-door neighbors. They could be the CEO of a company, an accountant, a township employee or your landscaper. These are the people who stop what they are doing at any given time and respond to emergencies. Just think, as you're running out of a burning building, they are running into it. When a hurricane or major snow-storm hits the area, these are the individuals who leave their homes to make sure your home is safe.

We respond to and handle emergency calls, fire alarms, actual structure fires, motor vehicle accidents or various other types of emergencies. Our members take a mandatory Firefighter I course at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute consisting of over 120 hours of class and hands on instruction. Numerous individuals continue their education through the department by attending additional classes such as Firefighter II, Incident Command, Fire Officer Training, Rescue, and Hazardous Materials Technician. All of these classes are taken on the individual's own time. The Mahwah Fire Department is also involved in community events. The members attend Township parades and holiday festivities.

Anyone interested in joining our family can do so by stopping by any one of the firehouses on a Wednesday night. The firehouses are located at:

- Company # 1 – 100 Miller Road
- Company # 2 – 60 Island Road
- Company # 3 – 1 Rozanski Lane
- Company # 4 – 50 Fardale Avenue
- Company # 5 – Stag Hill Road

The following table enumerates the types of permits required for various types of projects. Please note that more detailed information is available at the Township Hall.

PROJECT TYPE	SOIL MOVEMENT	ZONING	BUILDING
New Homes	X	X	X
Additions	X	X	X
Swimming Pools	X	X	X
Tennis Courts	X	X	X
Sheds And Accessory Structures over 200 sq. ft.	X	X	X
Retaining Walls	X	X	X (if over 3 feet in height)
Signs	X (if footings required)	X	X
Driveways	X	X	X (if new curb cut is installed)

## VOLUNTEERS' PICNIC

The Township of Mahwah will be taking the opportunity to show its appreciation for the many dedicated, hard-working volunteers by hosting its 4th annual Volunteer's Picnic. The picnic will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2004 from 1:00PM to 6:00PM at the Mahwah Municipal Pool. There will be a DJ, games, clowns, face painting, swimming and plenty of food and drink. If you have any questions, please call John DaPuzzo at 201/529-1996 or John Kelly at 201/529-1570.

## EARTH DAY

The Township of Mahwah celebrates Earth Day on Saturday, April 24, 2004. Come join your fellow Mahwah residents for our 4th annual Earth Day clean up. You can make a difference in our community by volunteering a few hours of your time.

For this year's Earth Day project, we will return to Henry Lake, which is the lake at the Continental Soldier's recreation facility on Route 202. Due to the water flow of the Ramapo River, a significant amount of debris is deposited on the shores of the river and lake. This year the Township also acquired the property across Halifax Road, formerly known as the Danza Property. We will split our efforts between these two adjoining sites.

The Township Council would like to thank the Department of Public Works and the Police Department for their continued help.

Call Kathy Coletta at 201/529-5757, extension 230, to register your group, or call John DaPuzzo at 201/529-1996 with any questions. Walk-ins welcome!!

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2004

Time: 9:00AM – 3:00PM – (arrive anytime, and stay as long as you like)

Location: A registration table will be located at the Wellhouse, at the end of Halifax Road.

Join the Fun!!! Hot Dogs and Drinks will be served.

Mahwah D.A.R.E. Truck will be there.

Directions to Halifax Road: Route 202 South. Make right at the tennis courts at Ramapo College, on to Halifax Road. Wellhouse is at end of Halifax Road just before the bridge, on the left.

Left: Earth Day cleanup is fun for the whole family.



## "MAHWAH PRIDE" AWARD

The Township of Mahwah's Beautification Committee is pleased to announce its "Mahwah Pride" awards program. According to Councilwoman Brenda Calandrillo, "Mahwah Pride" Chairwoman, "The Mahwah Pride program will acknowledge Township businesses that take the initiative to improve and to consistently maintain their establishments. Property improvements that enhance curb-appeal and promote a clean image, thereby complementing the beauty and character of the Township, will be recognized." Recipients will be announced on a quarterly basis, and the business proprietors will be presented with a "Mahwah Pride" plaque at a public Council session.

The first "Mahwah Pride" award was presented to Bill and Maureen Laforet of Mahwah Sunoco. The Laforets stated that, "While we are constantly awarded for exceeding benchmarks and achievements with Sunoco, this award is something special. It's like receiving recognition from your own teammates. The community has recognized our efforts, which makes this award so unique. It says a lot about Mahwah and its sense of community."

At the March 11 Public Session, Christopher and Craig Kunisch, owners of Mahwah Bar & Grill, were presented with the second "Mahwah Pride" award for their efforts.

Mahwah residents are encouraged to submit nominations to Councilwoman Brenda Calandrillo, c/o Mahwah Township Hall, 475 Corporate Drive. The next award will be presented in June.



## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee wants to remind residents who commute by bus and train about TransitChek. Information can be found at <http://www.transit-center.com/> and [http://njtransit.com/cs\\_sales\\_buspass.shtm](http://njtransit.com/cs_sales_buspass.shtm) for the TransitChek and NJ TRANSIT's Business Pass providing pre-tax savings on commuting costs. Commuters can save up to \$100 per month on transit fares and employees can save up to 10% on payroll-related taxes. Commuters should check with their employer to see if they participate in the TransitChek or Business Pass.

## MAHWAH CABLE COMMITTEE

For the past year, a group of 12 residents have worked with Council persons Gary Paton (Chairman), John Kelly and Lisa DiGiulio to research, review and assess the cable television needs of the 9600 households in Mahwah.

The Township sponsored a survey, which was mailed to each household. The committee analyzed an unprecedented response from 30% of the households. Additional research was conducted on current contracts from 22 other municipalities. The results of this survey and research are now the basis for the Township's position for contract renewal with Cablevision. Contract renewal is expected to be resolved by March 2005.

A third effort is being finalized, and it will provide recommendations to the Council on establishing a Township operated cable channel. MCN-77 will be operated from the Municipal Building and will include bulletin board news events for Township residents initially and video rebroadcast of events within the Township.

The success of this operating channel will be accomplished through the efforts of a different set of volunteers. If you have talents in communication, media, photography, video editing, presentation skills or just have some available time to make this new station a success, please send a letter to the Township Clerk expressing your interests and applicable background by May 15.

The resident participation and hard work of the committee provided the Township with your representative needs. Thanks to all for participating.



# MAHWAH SUMMER RECREATION

The Summer Recreation Program runs for four (4) weeks beginning June 28, 2004 and ending July 23, 2004. All children must be residents of Mahwah. MINI REC is for children entering K, 1st & 2nd grades in September 2004. This program is held at Joyce Kilmer School. BIG REC is for children entering grades 3 through 7 in September 2004. This program is held at Mahwah High School. The weekly fees for both of these programs is \$20 per child with \$10 per additional immediate family child. Forms will be sent home with public school children after May 1, 2004. In-person registration for the MINI & BIG REC programs will be held May 26, 2004 from 6-7:30 PM at the Recreation Building, 70 East Ramapo Avenue. The COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM is open to children entering grades 8 & 9 in September 2004. 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, 2004 at the Recreation Building and Town Hall. Application forms for counselors will be available at the Recreation Building at Town Hall, and Mahwah High School after April 19, 2004. For more information or questions, please call 201-529-1234. Please note that children entering grade 2 in September, 2004 will be part of the MINI Rec program at Joyce Kilmer School.

## Adult Residential Softball

Men's and Women's Residential Softball will be played in the evening at Continental Soldiers Park and Commodore Perry Field beginning June 28, 2004 and ending mid-August. Women play on Tuesdays and Thursdays; men play on Mondays and Wednesdays. The fee is \$20 per person, and all participants must be 21 years of age on or before June 28, 2004. 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 26, 2004 and Thursday, June 3, 2004 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 15th Annual Fishing Contest

The 15th annual fishing contest for Mahwah kids will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2004 from 10 AM to 12 noon. This event is held at Silver Creek Pond, located at the intersection of Airmont Avenue and Airmount 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 31, 2004. The parade will begin promptly at 10 AM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church located on Island Road, followed by Memorial Day ceremonies held at Veterans Memorial Park, located at the corner of Franklin Turnpike and E. Ramapo Avenue.

## Family Movie Nights

A cartoon and family-feature film will be shown on each Tuesday in July 2004, at Continental Soldiers Park, 550 Ramapo Valley Road, weather permitting, at 8:15 PM. Bring blankets and lawn chairs or sit at the park picnic tables.

## 10th Annual Mahwah Day

Mahwah Day will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2004 at Commodore Perry Field. A parade, dog show, magician and live musical groups will be highlighted. Games, events, kiddie rides, food and refreshments will be available throughout the day and evening. If the weather cooperates, a FIREWORKS SHOW at 8 PM will end the day. A planning meeting for Mahwah Day will be held on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 7 PM at the Mahwah Public Library. All groups and organizations who plan on participating in Mahwah Day should be represented.

## Canoe & Kayak Demonstration

The Recreation Committee is planning a canoe and kayak demonstration on Lake Henry at Continental Soldiers Park during the month of May. Please look for details on the Township's website: [www.mahwahtwp.org](http://www.mahwahtwp.org) and in local newspapers.

## News from the Mahwah Museum Society

Due to construction (of a building addition) to our neighbor, Mahwah Fire Department Co. #1, access to the Mahwah Museum will be difficult for the next several months. In order to continue with Museum programs, it has been decided to take the Museum programs "on the road" this year, until the parking lot is improved and we can walk down the sidewalk once again.

Museum Committees have been working hard to set up interesting and varied programs which will be held at different locations in Mahwah this year. Please refer to the listing below for more details.

- Monday, April 19 Slide show and talk by Richard Simon, N.J. Committee for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R). Several states are preparing to commemorate the famous march which went down Mahwah's Ramapo Valley Road in 1781. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at Mahwah Municipal Building, Multi Purpose Room. Admission is free.
- Sunday, May 2 Cabaret program on World War II era songs by Mahwah resident Liz Hodes at Ramapo College, Mahwah, N. J. Call (201) 825-1226 for tickets and information.
- Monday, June 28 Program on the 1890's Gilded Age by Kandie Carle. Kandie made a big hit in Mahwah when she did her program on Victorian society two years ago. This time she will entertain us with her views on the Gay Nineties. Kandie's program will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Mahwah Municipal Building, Multi Purpose Room. Call (201) 825-1226 for tickets and information.

Mahwah's Business and Industry is the next exhibit. As always, anyone interested in joining the work on this endeavor should contact Carol Greene at (201) 825-1226 to volunteer.

If you have questions about this or any other Museum Society program, call 201-825-1226.

# THE MAHWAH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The Mahwah Senior Activity Center opened its doors on June 30th, 2003 with wonderful activities. The MSAC is a facility to be utilized for and by Mahwah residents. It entitles every senior resident of 60 and older to participate in activities and programs at the center. There is no membership fee to join and fees are not charged for class participation. However, some workshops may require a fee to cover instruction and material. There will be a charge for trips.

## Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Senior Lunch with "The Top Hatters"

## May Trip:

The Best of New England  
Stockbridge, Massachusetts  
Wednesday May 26, 2004  
Bus leaves 7:00AM sharp  
\$ 46.00 p.p.

We travel to the beautiful Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts, and spend our day in Stockbridge, the town of Norman Rockwell. Our first stop is at the Norman Rockwell Museum. We will then enjoy lunch at the Red Lion Inn, one of the few remaining Americas Inns in continuous use since the 18th century. Afterwards, we travel north towards Prospect Hill for a glimpse of renowned Berkshire

"cottages", turn-of-the-19th-century summer mansions of New York aristocrats.

## June Trip:

Three Little Bakers  
Charlie Prose in Concert  
Friday, June 25, 2004  
Bus leaves 8:30AM sharp  
\$ 52.00 p.p.

The Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater is a family favorite and they stage elaborate Broadway productions in a state-of-the-art theater. Charlie Prose will be in Concert at this Theater. The two together will make a great entertaining experience.

Their lavish buffet command a starring role in their productions, offering a treat for any palate including 60 desserts... and many sugar free.

## July Trip:

Longwood Gardens and Winterthur  
July 13, 2004  
Bus Leaves 7:00am sharp  
\$ 51.00 p.p.

Welcome to the world's premier horticultural display garden. Longwood Gardens offers 1050 acres of gardens, woodlands and meadows, 20 outdoor gardens, 20 indoor gardens within 4 acres of heated greenhouses, 11,000 different types of

plants and spectacular fountains.

We enjoy lunch at the Terrace Restaurant prior to departing to Winterthur.

The former home of Francis Du Pont, Winterthur is an American country estate nestled in the heart of Delaware's beautiful Brandywine Valley.



Sewing and Crafts Class at the Mahwah Senior Activity Center

## MAHWAH PUBLIC LIBRARY

National Library Week is April 18th through April 24th. Have you discovered the Mahwah Public Library? The library has many fun and educational programs for the entire family. Mark your Calendars! Call or visit the library for more information.

### Do you have a library card?

Every Mahwah resident Kindergarten and up can apply for his or her own library card. 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 library web site [www.bccls.org/mahwah/](http://www.bccls.org/mahwah/). Library hours are Monday through Wednesday 10 AM – 9 PM, Thursday through Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM and Sunday 1 PM – 5 PM (school year only). See you at the library.

## Senior Citizen Center Activities

DAY	TIME	COURSE	INSTRUCTOR
Monday	10:00AM	Tai Chi Chih	Edey Budney
	10:00AM	Sewing and Crafts	Frances Fasulo
	11:00AM	Meditation	Maryann Gebhardt
	1:00PM	Ballroom Dancing	Tony Baldo
Tuesday	10:30AM	Aerobics	Maria Quinn
	1:00PM	Line Dancing	Millie Landaetta
Wednesday	10:00AM	Gentle Yoga	Maryann Gebhardt
	10:00AM	Watercolor	Pamela Leggate
	12:30PM	Beginners Art	Pamela Leggate
Thursday	10:00AM	Watercolor	Pamela Leggate
Friday	10:00AM	Jin Shin Jyutsu	Cara Krafchik
		Ancient Japanese	
		Healing Art	
	11:00AM	Rubberstamping	Jerry Bird
	1:00PM	Woodcarving	No Instructor
	1:30PM	Fit 4 Life Aerobics	Maria Quinn

# MUNICIPAL POOL

Applications for 2004 Mahwah Pool Membership are mailed to all residents and former pool members the first week in April. Mahwah Senior rates are only \$20. Individual Mahwah residents may join early for \$75, small Mahwah families may join early for \$75 a person and \$20 a senior, and larger Mahwah families may join early for a flat rate of \$202. After April 30, general rates are in effect.

Non-resident rates, set at \$235 for an individual, \$235 for each small family member and a flat rate of \$690 for a large family, are available on a very limited basis. All pool memberships include use of the pools seven days a week when the pools are open for public swimming. 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 has been set at \$8. Weekend guest rates are \$10 for children under 12 and \$12 for adults. Mahwah seniors will be charged a day rate of \$3 a visit.

Pool hours are 11:30AM to 8:00PM or dusk. Full weekday operations start when the Mahwah schools close for the season. The pools open on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Labor Day is the last day for the swim season. The pool will be closed on Sunday July 18 for a Township volunteer picnic. The pool closes early for scheduled swim meets which are posted.

Extra application forms are available at Town Hall and at the Public Library.

The Mahwah Municipal Pool is located at 700 Darlington Avenue, next to Darlington County Park. The complex contains three pools, extensive lawns, picnic areas with grills, volleyball, playground, a covered patio with food service and an air conditioned clubhouse with lockers and showers. 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 Teams. Pool membership is not needed to take lessons, but a family membership is required for the swim teams. A Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course is also available at the pool. Registration for the instructional programs begins in June, at the pool office.

Residents are encouraged to look at their Township calendars for information about pool events which have already been scheduled, classes, jobs, closings, and registration dates. Applications for employment at the pool may be found on the counter at Town Hall.

Call the pool manager, Marion Crescitelli, at 201/529-4949 for more information.

## Swim Lessons & Swim Team

The Mahwah Municipal Pool will offer swim lessons, and the Mahwah Marlins swim and diving team this summer. Registration for aquatic instructional programs takes place at the pool after opening.

You do not have to be a member of the pool to register for lessons. Red Cross group swim lessons will be taught this summer. Ten group lessons are offered for

\$70. Session One Lessons are taught each Monday, Thursday and Friday morning in July, and Session Two Lessons are taught each weekday morning the end of July through the second week in August. Mommy and Me, a water orientation program with some CPR for parents and toddlers may be taught in August for \$50. Lifeguard Training with CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid will be taught in August for \$250. Safety Training for Swim Coaches and Head Lifeguard Training may also be offered. Recertification courses may be available. The availability of the courses depends upon registration numbers.

Pool family membership is required for the Mahwah Marlins Swim and Diving Team. The teams compete within the Super Six League and enter Bergen County Championships in both swimming and diving. Team registration takes place at the pool. Team practice begins in June. Practice takes place weekday evenings until the schools close for the year, and then moves to early morning practice. Meet schedules as well as practice schedules are found at the pool office. The Swim Team registration fee for the 2004 season will be \$50. Team caps are included, but suits are extra.

## MAHWAH POLICE D.A.R.E. HOCKEY RINK

The Township of Mahwah and Mahwah Police D.A.R.E. are proud to announce that the construction of the new D.A.R.E. Roller Hockey Rink is complete. The project was planned nearly three years ago and construction began July 2003. The rink surface was prepared with 600 tons of stone and over a thousand tons of asphalt. The reinforce fiberglass batter boards and protective fencing were installed in the fall of 2003. This project was a joint effort between the Township of Mahwah and D.A.R.E. for the children who wish to play street and roller hockey. D.A.R.E. will sponsor two hockey leagues in 2004. The Street Hockey League will begin in April and Mahwah D.A.R.E. will join the North Jersey Youth Roller Hockey Association in the fall. The D.A.R.E. Hock Rink is located at 700 Darlington Avenue, and shares the same location with the Township Pool complex.



# CONTINENTAL SOLDIERS PARK

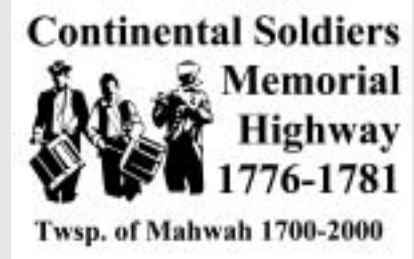
Our new Continental Soldiers Park located at 550 Ramapo Valley Road has been open and in full operation for a year. This multiple use active and passive recreation area serves all levels of our residents (children, adults and seniors).

Active recreation including baseball, softball, soccer & football are played on a state of the art maintenance free all weather surface called Field Turf. Other recreation uses provided are tot lot & playground areas, a skate park for roller sports, bocce courts and ice skating when weather permits.

Passive activities at the Park include a paved walking path, patio and picnic areas as well as a mulch walking trail around the beautiful lake and through the natural wooded areas of our new park. Construction of the pedestrian bridges and passive mulch walkway around Lake Henry at the park is scheduled to begin early this summer.

We know all of our residents are pleased with the facilities at Continental Soldiers Park and will enjoy both its beautiful setting and activities for many years.

See you there !!



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