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PADDLE DAYS AT LAKE HENRY

The Recreation Committee will host Paddle Days at Lake Henry, Continental Soldiers Park on Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM and on Tuesday evenings in July (5th, 12th, 19th and 26th) from 5:00PM to 8:30 PM. Ramsey Outdoor Store will provide canoes, kayaks, paddles and PFDs (personal floatation devices) as well as instruction on use. Participants must sign a waiver and should bring sun protection. The Lake Henry walking path allows everyone to enjoy the lake and riverfront walkway along the Ramapo River in the rear portion of Continental Soldiers Park.



photos by Drew Baumgardt

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Earth Day, May 14th
- ★ Annual Fishing Contest, May 28th
- ★ Memorial Day Parade, May 30th
- ★ Seniors Picnic at Continental Soldiers Park, July 21st
- ★ First Annual National Night Out Program at Continental Soldiers Park, August 2nd
- ★ Volunteer Picnic at Municipal Pool, August 13th
- ★ Annual Mahwah Day, September 24th

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The Township Council, the legislative body of the community, has been very busy this year with the completion of Phase 4 sewers and the beginning of Phase 5. There have been road improvements throughout the Township, a new addition to and the updating of Fire Co. #1, the purchase of the property at Ridge Road and Macarthur Boulevard, as well as working tirelessly on committees such as recreation, transportation, and Township beautification. This year brings a new budget, new projects and mandates such as Storm Water Management, and compliance with the Highlands Act, which will involve active participation of the entire community. We look forward to a busy and rewarding year.



Mahwah Municipal Building

MAHWAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission is looking to fill two vacancies. For further information, please contact Denise Storms at 201-529-5757, ext. 264.

SPIDERMAN VISITS MAHWAH

Spiderman recently visited the Mahwah Schools to talk to the children about cyber-bullying and cyber-crime. Accompanied by Perry Aftab, Esq. a national expert on online safety and child internet education, lectures were given throughout the school system to increase awareness of some of the dangers for children on the internet. Cyber-crime is a growing concern for law enforcement officials throughout the nation and education for both parents and children on using the internet safely was a key component of the seminars. The training is

continuing with a "Teen Angels" program now being offered at the Ramapo Ridge School. The Teen Angels program is a group of students trained by the FBI, local law enforcement officials and other leading safety experts in all aspects of online safety, privacy and security. Parents are encouraged to go to the website www.wiredsafety.org to learn more about this important topic. In addition to a wealth of information, parents can also find a list of over 1,000 acronyms used by children on the internet in the "Chat Translator".



Spiderman & Guest Speaker Perry Aftab, Esq.

VEHICLE DONATED TO MAHWAH POLICE

The Mahwah Police recently received a donation of a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe from Paramus Chevrolet Auto Mall. The vehicle will be used to support several of the various community oriented programs that are conducted by the Police Department. Pictured from left to right in the photo are Bill Mann, Truck Sales Manager,

Lieutenant Bruce Kuipers, Officer Robert Loveman, Chief James N. Batelli, Mayor Richard J. Martel, Gene Meyers, owner of Paramus Chevrolet, and Captain William Koyak. The vehicle was painted the traditional black and white Mahwah police colors courtesy of James Rivers of Mahwah Ford D & D Auto Body.



MAHWAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SPONSOR THE FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PROGRAM

On August 2, 2005 the Mahwah Police will sponsor the first annual National Night Out Program in Mahwah. The event is designed to promote neighborhood spirit and strengthen a police community partnership through a variety of Police sponsored events. The events will serve to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime groups
- Send a message to the criminal element letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.
- Introduce the residential community to the Police Department and its various programs

Last year the National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, and businesses, and neighborhood organizations from over 10,000

communities from all 50 states. The program is an enjoyable and effective event to promote neighborhood spirit. Mahwah is a diverse community with many individual self defined neighborhoods, and this will be an excellent opportunity to bring them all together and introduce them to the officers that comprise our agency.

The event will be held at Continental Soldiers Field, the premier recreation facility in the Township. Additional information will be forthcoming in local newspapers and the Mahwah Police website www.mahwahpd.org. There will be a number of vendors demonstrating crime prevention tools such as security cameras, alarm systems, and identity theft prevention techniques. Free food and handouts will also be provided by the Police Department. For additional information please contact Officer Robert Loveman at 201-529-1000 ext. 109.



FIRE SAFETY

Spring Cleaning Vital for Fire Safety

Spring cleaning is an annual ritual for many people. Just as the first crocus of spring ushers in a new beginning for nature, our spring cleaning habits signify a fresh start for us after the long winter months.

Spring cleaning can take on another meaning. It is the ideal time to check our homes and yards for dangerous materials and unsafe conditions and to spend the time to protect our families and our properties.

Start by taking a few minutes to plan your safety clean up day. You will want to check each room in your house, including the attic and basement. Also, don't forget the garage, yard and storage shed. Plan to do several different things:



First, *remove all hazards.* Check and correct things like:

- Frayed or damaged appliance cords, wiring, fuses or breakers.
- Piles of rubbish, trash and yard debris.
- Remove stacks of paper and magazines; take them to recy-

cling centers.

- Check for water leaks, especially near electrical appliances.
- Check for good clearance between heating appliances and combustibles.



Second, *properly store flammable liquids and home chemicals.* Make sure that:

- Gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and are out of the reach of children and pets. Store in a cool, dry place outside the house.
- Clean up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches or other work items away and out of any child's reach.
- Inventory all home and yard chemicals, paints and poisons. Store them according to their label. Properly dispose of any that are expired or leaking or that looks bad but **don't** throw them in the trash or down the drain.

Make sure that all your chemicals

are kept under lock and key and out of reach of children and pets.



Third, *check fire protection and safety equipment.* This is important!

- Check your smoke detector. **Do It Now** while you're thinking about it. If you need one and can't afford to buy one, call us. We'll help you. If you need help checking or replacing a battery, call us. But most importantly, make sure your smoke detector works.
- Check fire extinguishers for proper type and placement.
- Make sure all doors and windows open easily for fast escapes.
- Make sure your street numbers are posted properly and are visible.
- Check and make sure you have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio for the approaching storm season.

And last, *plan your escape Now...*

- Sit down with your family and make sure that everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire.
- Make sure you have two ways out of every room and that you have a meeting place outside the house for the whole family.
- Practice the plan. Even the best plan is no good if you don't practice it!

You can do a lot to protect yourself, your family and your property. In fact, you are the key to your safety. A little time spent on simple common sense prevention will do a lot to make your house a safer place. We are here to help you! Please call us at the Fire Prevention Bureau at 201-529-5757, ext. 238 and we will show you more ways that can protect yourself all year long.

ELECTIONS

Upcoming Elections

School Election	Tuesday, April 19, 2005	3:00PM to 9:00PM
Primary Election	Tuesday, June 7, 2005	6:00AM to 8:00PM
General Election	Tuesday, November 8, 2005	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:

School Election	Monday, March 21, 2005
Primary Election	Monday, May 9, 2005
General Election	Tuesday, October 11, 2005

Deadline to Register to Vote

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

School Election	Monday, March 21, 2005	9:00PM
Primary Election	Monday, May 9, 2005	9:00PM
General Election	Tuesday, October 11, 2005	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.



WHEN A FLOOD EMERGENCY OCCURS

In its continuing effort to create awareness of, and preparedness for, natural and man-made disasters, the Mahwah Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is providing the following information on floods for your personal and family safety. With spring approaching and its potential for heavy downpours, and the ensuing hurricane season close behind, we believe the recommendations provided are timely and appropriate.

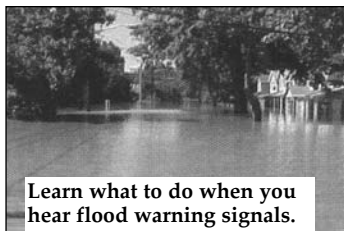
Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services-water, gas, electricity or telephones-were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away.

Families can and do cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Knowing what to do is your best protection and your responsibility.

Floods are the most common and widespread of all natural disasters and can occur nearly anywhere in the United States. Flooding has been responsible for the deaths of more than 10,000 people since 1900. Property damage attributable to flooding now totals over \$1 billion each year. The sheer force of just six inches of swiftly moving water can knock people off their feet. Cars are easily swept away in just two feet of water. Flash floods can occur with little or no warning-and can reach full peak within minutes. Rapidly rising walls of water can reach heights of 30 feet or more and are generally accompanied by a deadly cargo of debris.

Getting Prepared

- Find out if you live in a flood-prone area and identify dams in your area.
- Ask your local emergency management coordinator about official flood warning signals.
- Know the terms Flood Watch, Flash Flood Warning, Flood Warning, and Urban and Small Stream Warning.
- Plan for evacuation.
- Consider purchasing flood insurance.
- Take steps to flood proof your home. Call your local building department or emergency management office for information.
- Keep all insurance



policies and your household inventory in a safe place.

In Case of Heavy Rains

- Be aware of flash floods.
- Listen to radio or television stations for local information. Be aware of streams, drainage channels and areas known to flood suddenly.
- If local authorities issue a flood watch, prepare to evacuate. Secure your home. If time permits, secure items located outside the house.
- If instructed, turn off utilities at the main switches or valves.
- Fill your car with fuel.
- Fill the bathtub with water in case water becomes contaminated or services are cut off.
- Sterilize the bathtub first.
- Stay away from flood waters.
- When deep flooding is likely, permit the flood waters to flow freely into your basement to avoid structural damage to the foundation and the house.

After a Flood

- Stay away from flood waters.
- Stay away from moving water. Moving water six inches deep can sweep you off your feet.
- Be aware of areas where flood waters have receded and may have weakened road surfaces.
- Stay away from and report downed power lines.
- Stay away from disaster areas unless authorities ask for volunteers.
- Continue listening to the radio for information about where to get assistance.
- Consider health and safety needs. Wash your hands frequently with soap and clean water if you come in contact with flood waters.
- Throw away food that has come in contact with flood waters.
- Call your insurance agent.
- Keep records of all clean-up and repair costs.
- Take photos of or videotape your belongings and your home prior to and after an event.
- Don't throwaway damaged goods until an official inventory has been taken.

Additional information on what to do before, during and after an emergency is available on the Internet at <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem>.

MAHWAH AMBULANCE & RESCUE SQUAD CO. # 1

We have a question to ask the people of Mahwah:

Do you consider yourself a resident or a member of the community?

If you answered resident we would like you to consider the following:

- ◆ Would you like to make a difference in your life and the lives of others by giving something back to the community?
- ◆ If you see a car accident, or if your loved one suddenly becomes ill, would you know what to do?
- ◆ Can you picture yourself proudly telling your friends about how you saved a life today?

We can answer these questions for you. Being a member of the Ambulance Corps. can and will change your life forever. A few hours a week is all it takes.

**Please call today for more information
201-529-9301**

**Mahwah is not just our town;
it's our community!**

DISPOSING OF APPLIANCES WITH FREON

Residents disposing of refrigerators, air conditioners and any appliances with Freon should call the Township's Solid Waste Contractor, Interstate Waste Services at 201-816-3900 to schedule curbside pickup. The pickup will occur the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Contractor is required to dispose of the appliances in accordance with all applicable environmental regulations.



These items will no longer be accepted at the Department of Public Works.

MAHWAH HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Vital Statistics Procedures

A primary responsibility of the Mahwah Health Department, pursuant to State statute, is the proper recording and registration of vital records, including birth, marriage and death records. Township Health Officer John Hopper wishes to apprise all interested residents of the following:

1. State law governs where a couple applies for a marriage license. If the bride is a New Jersey resident, the couple applies in the town where the bride resides. If the bride resides out of state, and the groom is a New Jersey resident, the application is filed in the town where the groom resides. If both parties reside out of state, the application is filed in the town where the marriage is to take place. Arrangements for the wedding should be made before making application for the license.

2. There is a legal, minimum 72 hour waiting period between the time of marriage application and the time the license may be issued. That being said, couples are strongly encouraged to apply at least two weeks (and up to 6 months) prior to the wedding date. This allows time to procure additional and/or proper documents if required. Once the license is issued, it is valid for use for a period of thirty days.

3. At the time of application, the bride and groom must both appear, along with one witness who is at least 18 years of age, and willing to take an oath that the couple has completed the application truthfully and correctly. Both applicants must present original birth certificates and photo-identification issued by a government agency. The bride must also present proof of residency. If either party has been previously married, proof that the previous marriage has been dissolved must be presented in the form of a final divorce decree or a certified copy of a death certificate. The fee for a marriage license is \$28.00 payable by check or with exact cash.

4. Certified copies of birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates and certificates of domestic partnership are available from the office of the local registrar in the town where the event took place. In accordance with a State executive order, certified copies are

only available to the individual who is the subject of the vital record, a parent or legal guardian of the subject, spouse, child, grandchild, sibling (if of legal age), or a State or Federal agency for official purposes. Those applying for a certified copy of a vital record must present government issued photo-identification or two forms of non-photo identification. Married women must present a certified copy of a birth record indicating surname at time of birth. If the record requested is for someone other than yourself, the identification you provide must demonstrate your relationship to the person named in the record. Certified copies cost \$10.00 each.

For further information, contact the Mahwah Health Department at 201-529-5757, Ext. 2.

Tips on Finding Old Immunization Records

Records on childhood immunizations are required for entry to schools, colleges, and often for job applications or international travel. Sometimes, however, these records get lost during moves and other activities. The Mahwah Health Department offers the following tips on how to track down your child's previous shots:

1. Check with all your child's previous health care providers. Don't forget visits to your local public health department or neighborhood clinic.
2. Look through your old papers. Sometimes immunization records are tucked away in a baby book, or included on school or camp medical history forms.
3. Check with any schools your child has attended to see if they have retained a record of immunizations required for school entrance. Adolescents might have received certain vaccines (such as hepatitis B vaccine) in school.
4. For teens, don't forget about any vaccines that might have been required for college entrance or a job.
5. Some areas have centralized immunization registries that keep electronic records of all vaccines given in that area. To ask about the possibility of such a registry in your area, call your state immunization coordinator, and/or the coordinator of any states where your child used to live. State immunization coordinator contact information can be accessed at www.immunize.org/coordinators.

6. Sometimes when physicians retire or a medical practice changes hands, old patient records are sent to a medical record storage company. It may be possible to obtain records directly from the company for a fee.

Tips for reconstructing an adult's immunization history:

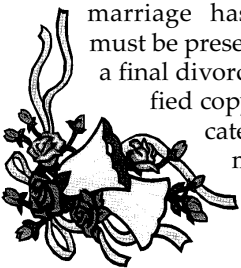
1. Ask your parent or early care giver if he/she has any record of your childhood immunizations.
2. Look through any old papers saved from your childhood, such as a baby book.
3. Ask your high school, post-secondary school, college health service, or previous employers (including military) for dates of any immunizations, if applicable.
4. Understand that it is often not possible to find childhood immunization records as an adult. When you can't document having received a required vaccine in the past, you may have to be re-vaccinated. Receiving extra doses of these vaccines will not harm you. For a few diseases and/or vaccines, you can have blood tests to see if you are immune.

For further information, contact the Mahwah Health Department at 201-529-5757, Ext. 2.

Board of Health Offers Free Child Health Services

The Mahwah Board of Health provides a free child health clinic on the second Wednesday of each month at the Mahwah Public Library on Ridge Road. The purpose of the program is the promotion of health and prevention of illness among infants and preschool children. The clinic provides the opportunity for a complete medical examination, completion of State-required immunizations, and for individual parent counseling with a physician and nurses for proper physical, social and emotional development. The Child Health Conference is designed to complement services provided by the child's primary medical care provider, and infants and children in need of further examination or treatment are referred to their family physicians or to hospital clinics.

For an appointment, residents are advised to call the Township's public health nursing agency, Bergen Community Health Care, at (201) 358-2666.



THE MAHWAH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Senior Coordinator:

Susanne Small 201-529-5757 ext. 213

Assistant Coordinator:

Rosalie Giudice 201-592-5757 ext. 277

The Mahwah Senior Activity Center is utilized by Mahwah residents 60 years and older. Luncheons are usually provided the first and third Thursday. There is no membership fee to join and fees are not charged for class participation; however, some workshops may require a fee to cover instructions and material.

Upcoming Trips:

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Newark Museum and Lunch at the Maize Restaurant

\$40.00 per person

The Newark Museum underwent an extensive four year, 23 million dollar renovation and expansion which was completed in 1989. The design by the world famous architect Michael Graves was awarded the American Institute of Architects' Honor award. The Museum complex, the largest in New Jersey, weaves together 80 galleries of art and science, a mini zoo, planetarium and sculpture garden.

Lunch will be enjoyed at the Maize Restaurant which is located on ground level of the Robert Treat Hotel. The upscale dining establishment features authentic American cuisine with a French and Mediterranean twist.

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Thimble Islands

Stony Creek, Connecticut

\$36.00 per person

The Thimble Islands are located just off the shoreline town of Stony Creek, Connecticut and have often been described as a "piece of the Maine Coast" that drifted into Long Island Sound and came to rest at Stony Creek. Here you will have leisure time to browse the Thimble Islands and enjoy lunch at the Chowder Pot.



Art Class at the Mahwah Senior Activity Center

PLAN A VISIT TO THE OLD STATION MUSEUM

The Mahwah Museum Society is preparing for spring. In April the Old Station Museum will open again for visitors.

When the Erie established a line from Paterson to Suffern in 1848, there was no station in Mahwah. A group of citizens, led by Andrew Winter, soon began to exert pressure on the Erie to establish a depot between Franklin Turnpike and the Ramapo Reformed Church. In 1871, the Erie agreed and a committee of residents was formed to draw up plans for the station. On October 2, 1871 they contracted with John Wanamaker of Suffern to build the station at a cost of \$1,140.

This station made the area attractive for the establishment of estates by the wealthy of New York such as A.B. Darling, Ezra Miller and Theodore Havemeyer. It made summer vacationing in Mahwah easier and increased the commercialization of farming. It encouraged industry including the American Brakeshoe Company. It made commuting and the suburbanization possible.

In about 1900 the Erie replaced the old station with the station that exists today but kept the abandoned old station. In about 1968, the newly formed Mahwah Historical Society moved the old station to its current location, refurbished it and had it dedicated

by Governor Hughes who landed in a helicopter on Commodore Perry field.

The Old Station Museum contains many interesting artifacts of Mahwah's railroading past. There is 1/12 scale model of a locomotive and tender built for young Stephen Birch, Jr. and used by him on the estate where Ramapo College is today. There is a scale model of the entire Erie system. And there is even a 49 star flag that was the flag of the United States for only one year.

The Old Station Museum will be open from 2-4 p.m. on Sundays between April and November. The station is located next to the New Jersey Transit train station on E. Ramapo Avenue.

Source: Bischoff & Kahn, "From Pioneer Settlement to Suburb: A History of Mahwah, New Jersey, 1700-1976"



Weekly Activities at the Senior Citizen Center

Monday	10:00AM	Beginners Tai Chi Chih
	10:00AM	Sewing and Crafts
	11:00AM	Meditation
	1:00PM	Ballroom Dancing
	2:00PM	Mah-Jong
Tuesday	10:00AM	Pinochle
	10:45AM	Aerobics
	1:00PM	Line Dancing
	2:15PM	Chorus
Wednesday	10:00AM	Gentle Yoga
	10:00AM	Watercolor
	11:15AM	Intermediate Tai Chi Chih
	12:00PM	Bridge
	12:30PM	Beginners Art
Thursday	10:00AM	Watercolor
Friday	10:45AM	Aerobics
	1:00PM	Woodcarving

Senior Club Meetings

The Senior Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 12:00PM. For further information please contact Jake Jarema, Club President at 201-529-3621.

Ballroom Dancing



PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW



Senior Citizen's March Field Trip

Mahwah Museum Society Announces Spring Program Dates

- Monday, April 18, 2005

Program on Woman's Suffrage

by Lindsey Greene - 7:30 p.m. at Ramapo Reformed Church, Education Building, West Ramapo Avenue at Island Road

- Monday, May 23, 2005

Mad Hats in the Merrie Month of May

Hat show and social - 7:30 p.m. at Ramapo Reformed Church, Education Building, West Ramapo Avenue at Island Road

MAHWAH RECREATION

Family Movie Nights

A cartoon and family-feature film will be shown on each Tuesday in July 2005, 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.

Seniors Picnic at Continental Soldiers Park

The Recreation Committee will host the 3rd annual Seniors Picnic at Continental Soldiers Park on Thursday, July 21st at 12:00 noon. This is open to all senior Township residents at no charge. Transportation can be provided by the Township's Access Transportation Program. If transportation is needed, please call 201-529-2691 to arrange.



Seniors Picnic at Continental Soldiers Park photo by Lee Vold

Mahwah Summer Recreation

The Summer Recreation Program runs for four (4) weeks beginning June 27, 2005 and ending July 22, 2005. All children must be residents of Mahwah. MINI REC is for children entering K, 1st & 2nd grades in September 2005, and is held at Joyce Kilmer School. BIG REC is for children entering grades 3 through 7 in September 2005, and is held at Mahwah High School. The weekly fees for both of these programs are \$20 per child with \$10 per additional immediate family child. Forms will be sent home with public school children after May 1, 2005. In-person registration for the MINI & BIG REC programs will be held May 25, 2005 from 6:00PM to 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 2005. The fee for this pro-

gram is \$10 per week. Registration forms for the MINI & BIG REC and C.I.T.s will be available after May 5, 2005 at the Recreation Building and the Municipal Building. Application forms for counselors will be available at the Recreation Building, Municipal Building, and Mahwah High School after April 18, 2005. For more information or questions, please call 201-529-1234. Please note that children entering grade 2 in September, 2005 will be part of the MINI REC program at Joyce Kilmer School.



Youth Sports Spring Parade Kicks off Summer Recreation Season photo by Lee Vold

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 27, 2005 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 27, 2005. 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 25, 2005 and Thursday, June 2, 2005 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM 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 16th Annual Fishing Contest

The annual fishing contest for Mahwah children will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2005 from 10:00AM to 12:00 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 and is Catch and Release only. For more information or questions, please call 201-529-1234.



Joe Olsen is pleased with his "catch of the day."

photo by Lee Vold

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade and Service, sponsored by VFW Post #7124 and the Township will be held on Monday, May 30, 2005. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00AM 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 East Ramapo Avenue.

11th Annual Mahwah Day

Mahwah Day will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2005 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 8:00PM will end the day. A planning meeting for Mahwah Day will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005 at 7:00PM at the Mahwah Public Library. All groups and organizations that plan on participating in Mahwah Day should be represented.



Mahwah Day Dog Show Joe and Lynn Borelli Showing Off their Labrador Retrievers photo by Lee Vold

MAHWAH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Mahwah Public Library serves the Mahwah community with a collection of over 72,000 books (including 24,000 children's books), 280 periodical titles, 2,450 videos, and 4,800 audio books and music. New technology means information is available on CD Rom and the Internet. A periodical computer service instantly provides full articles from The Record newspaper, the New York Times, American Business Disc, and 300 magazines. The computerized catalog enables users to search the collections of 71 BCCLS member libraries and have any requested books (any of 4.5 million) delivered to the library.

While fulfilling its traditional function as provider of books and information, the Mahwah Public Library is also a community center for entertaining, instructional, and cultural programs. Through-out the year, the library continues to provide special programs for children, concerts,

plays, and lectures for adults. Adults have two book clubs to join for monthly book discussion meetings. Children (both boys and girls) grades 2 and 3 and a parent or guardian can join the Itsy Bitsy Book Buddies Parent Child Book Club and grades 4, 5, and 6 and their parent or guardian can join the Preteen Page Turners Parent Child Book Club. Teen's grades 6 through 9 can join the book club for teens "Food for Thought". On Thursdays throughout the year the library shows movies on the big 10' X 18' screen. The Children's Room offers storytimes for children of all ages and ongoing craft and chess programs. Teens grades 6 through 9 can help plan future library programs by joining the Teen Advisory Board. Ongoing teen programs include movies, game days, special crafts, and a "Teen Scrapbooking Club". During the year the works of local artists and collectors are displayed throughout the library. The Mahwah Public

Library Writer's Group meets every Tuesday evening. The library website www.bccls.org/mahwah/ contains library information including a complete listing of adult and children's programs. Library hours are Monday through Wednesday 10AM - 9PM, Thursday through Saturday 10AM - 5PM and Sunday 1PM - 5PM (school year only).

In the Fall the library will return to regular Sunday concerts, regular children's Storytimes, and regular teen programming. To learn more about these and other programs visit or call the library at 201-529-READ or visit the website at www.bccls.org/mahwah/.



Children Painting in the Tower Room

photo by Lee Void

MAHWAH LIBRARY ANNOUNCES SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April 2005

Celebrate National Poetry Month "Classical American Poems" with Dr. Edward Cifelli
Monday April 4, 2005 at 7:00 PM

Celebrate the "Week of the Young Child" Sing Along with Irv Plastock for pre-schoolers
Tuesday April 5, 2005 at 1:30 PM

Poetry Café series for teens grades 6 through 9
Wednesday April 6, 13, and 20, 2005 at 3:30 PM

Celebrate National Library Week
April 10th through 16th
Dixieland & Jazz concert with "Dr. Dubious"
Sunday April 10, 2005 at 2:00 PM

"Guard Against Consumer Fraud" with David Biederman from the NJ State Office of the Attorney General
Monday April 11, 2005 at 7:00 PM

Nate the Great Treasure Hunt for Kindergarten and up
Monday April 11, 2005 at 4:00 PM

Nate the Great Party (bring your clues)
Thursday April 14, 2005 at 4:00 PM

Sports Spectacular Poetry Writing Workshop for grades 2 through 5
Tuesday April 19, 2005 at 4:00 PM

One Book New Jersey
Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird discussion with Professor Kathleen Fowler
Wednesday April 20, 2005 at 7:00 PM
and screening of film on Friday April 29, 2005 at 1:30 PM

May 2005

Skyliners Big Swing Band
Sunday May 1, 2005 at 2:00 PM

"Get Organized" with Gail Smith and Margaret Buckley from Professional Home Organizers
Monday May 1, 2005 at 7:00 PM

Charles Dickens' Great Expectations a discussion with Professor Kathleen Fowler
Wednesday May 4, 2005 at 7:00 PM

"The Sword and the Stone" with Travelling Lantern Theatre Company for all ages
Monday May 16, 2005 at 4:00 PM

"The Living Palisades" with Eric Nelson from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission
Monday May 23, 2005 at 7:00 PM

June / July / August 2005

Summer Music Festival classical concerts
Series of nine concerts that runs for 6 weeks
June through July

Summer Reading Club "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds" for grades Kindergarten through 5 and for preschool children and their parents
Monday afternoons Kick-off with Renaissance Faire on Monday, June 27, 2005 at 3:00 PM

Each Monday a special children's program including Mad Science, a Treasure Hunt, a Puppet Show, and a fun-filled theatre production "Knightly News"
With special end of summer parties on
Wednesday August 17, 2005

Arts and Crafts for children entering grades 1 through 5
Weekday mornings and afternoons throughout the summer (check for specific age and time)

"Young Publisher" write and illustrate your own book for children entering grades 3 through 5
Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 PM

Summer Reading Club and Reader's Theatre (with special performance to come) also summer movies, crafts and trivia contests for teens grades 6 and up

Dates and programs are subject to change. All programs are free. Children's programs may require sign up. Adult programs are open to all. Call the Mahwah Public Library to confirm performances.

Mahwah Public Library
100 Ridge Road, Mahwah NJ 07430
201-529-READ
www.bccls.org/mahwah/



Children's Reading Tower Room Ceiling

photo by Lee Void

MUNICIPAL POOL NEWS FOR 2005

Applications for 2005 Mahwah Municipal Pool Membership are mailed to all residents and former pool members the first week in April. Mahwah Senior or Disabled rates are only \$20. Proof of age or inability to work due to disability must be submitted with the application form. Individual Mahwah residents may join early for \$85, small Mahwah families may join early for \$85 a person and \$20 a senior, and larger Mahwah families may join early for a flat rate of \$225. After April 30, rates will increase when general rates go into effect.

Non-resident rates, set at \$245 for an individual, \$245 for each small family member and a flat rate of \$710 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. Swim diapers are required in the 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 \$9. Weekend rates for guests of members are \$10 for children under 12 and \$12 for adults. Mahwah seniors will be charged a day rate of \$3 a visit. After school swimming for non-member residents, in June, will be available at a rate of \$4 per person 4-8 p.m. on hot sunny days only.

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 Saturday, August 13 for a Township volunteer picnic. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14. The pool closes early for scheduled swim meets which are posted. It also closes for the DARE swim parties in June.

Extra application forms are available at the Municipal Building and at the Public Library.



Kyle Larson receives swimming lesson from lifeguard J.T. Mikulka

photo by Lee Vold

There are many summer employment opportunities at the pool. Lifeguards, gate and food service workers, and instructors are hired each season. Applications for employment are found at the Municipal Building, on

the front desk.

Red Cross group swim lessons, diving lessons, Lifeguard Training courses, and the Mahwah Marlins swim and diving teams are offered each summer. Registration for all instructional programs takes place at the pool. You do not have to be a pool member to take swimming or diving lessons, but a family membership is required to join the swim and diving team.

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.

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.

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



Cooling off in the Mahwah Pool

photo by Lee Vold

MAHWAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Attention High School Students

*Are you between the ages of
14 & 18 years of age?
Looking for excitement?
Seeking Scholarships?*

Come Join the

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS OR FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPLORERS



Junior Firefighters

The Mahwah Fire Department is comprised of 5 individual companies that focus on various aspects of fire-fighting. Our Junior and Explorer programs have become very successful in teaching young people about the fire service. Juniors and Explorers are taught by experienced Firefighters and learn about every aspect of fire-fighting. Although you will not actually fight fires, Juniors and Explorers can ride the apparatus and assist at emergency scenes. The experiences gained with us will last you a lifetime. Not only will you learn life saving skills; you will learn the values of Honor, Tradition and Teamwork and Camaraderie.

For more information please call: 201-828-2017

HUMAN SERVICES/ AFFORDABLE HOUSING/ ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

Human Services is made up of three main components:

Affordable Housing - Anyone interested in Mahwah's Affordable Housing Program may pickup an application in the reception area on the main floor, or in the Affordable Housing Office on the first floor of the Municipal Building from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Applications are also available in the Mahwah Public Library. The application may answer questions you may have as to how the program works and who is eligible. For additional information call 201-529-5757 (extension 206 or 205.)

Access Transportation - Available to seniors, disabled residents and anyone who may have a need for transportation. Some of the places we routinely transport to are: food and clothing shopping, rides to Midland Park Senior Center and Day Care Centers, or for doctor's appointments and other appointments fitting into the daily schedule. The vans are on the road Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 3:45PM. For appointments and information, contact Access Transportation at 201-529-2691.

Human Services/Social Services - For food or clothing referrals to The Center for Food Action or to the Clothes Closet at the Ramapo Reformed Church in Mahwah, call Human Services for a referral. When in doubt as to what services may be available to you through Local, County, State or Federal Agencies, Human Services may be able to assist you - 201-529-5757 (extension 205).

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Township of Mahwah has adopted the B.O.C.A. International Property Maintenance Code. The Property Maintenance Ordinance requests that all property be kept neat and clean with no safety hazards. The Property Maintenance Ordinance requires that all exterior properties and premises be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition.

- All weeds and grass shall not be in excess of 10 inches in height.
- Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways and parking spaces must be kept in proper state of repair and maintained free from hazardous conditions.
- All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.
- The exterior of all structures including but not limited to wood, doors, windows, and window frames shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering treatments.
- Each home must display the street number assigned to it. The numbers

must be displayed at least 3 inches high.

- **Tree Removal Ordinance** permits the cutting down of five trees per year, per lot with the diameter of 12 inches or more at ground level 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, ext. #239 for assistance.
- **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.

SOIL MOVEMENT

The Soil Movement Ordinance requires an application and permit to be issued from the Administrative Officer for the movement, import, export of soil on your property. The ordinance states that if your soil is less than 100 cubic yards, the application is considered an exempt application.

WYCKOFF AVENUE AND FOREST ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Colinelli Brothers Inc. has started construction activities for the Wyckoff Avenue and Forest Road Intersection Improvement Project. This work is a joint Bergen County and Township of Mahwah Project. The work is scheduled to continue through 2006. Work will be performed in sections so that the entire intersection will not be shut down. Partial road closures and detours will occur. The initial schedule will involve a closure of Wyckoff Avenue south of the intersection. Construction schedule updates can be obtained on the Township's website www.mahwahtwp.org, click on under Recent Updates - entitled Wyckoff Avenue and Forest Road Construction Update.



Wyckoff Avenue looking south



Forest Road looking west



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