The Community Cable TV Committee of Mahwah announced that the township's cable television outlet is now telecasting a Bulletin Board Service (BBS) providing information on noteworthy events and emergency news of scores of government, civic and community organizations, as well as interesting facts and figures about life in Mahwah and its people.

The Mahwah Community News (MCN) programming will operate on a 24/7 basis on Cablevision Channel 78 and a Verizon channel yet to be determined.

MCN has been preparing for the official launch for several months. It has been airing a limited schedule of messages, while the Community Cable TV Committee, established by Township Ordinance last year, trained its members in all administrative and operational phases.

“We are ready to go full bore and are excited about the opportunities to inform the people of Mahwah of need-to-know information, as well as dates and data about the plethora of great activities and events available throughout the community,” said committee chairman Gary Paton.

MCN will carry emergency messages from the Mahwah Police Department affecting public health, safety, welfare, school closings and other similar types of information.

The station facilities are located on the third floor of the Township Municipal Building.

The BBS will not post religious, political or commercial messages. Fund-raising activities or the direct solicitation of funds also will not be telecast. Fund-raising events open to the entire community may be approved as long as a phone number is provided to obtain full information.

Organizations must be pre-qualified before submitting messages for posting. Posting requests should be sent to the Mahwah Township Community Cable TV Committee, Municipal Building, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, NJ 07430, or via email to mcn@mahwahtwp.org. All requests must be made on official forms available at the Township Clerk's office.

The following government entities and civic organizations have been approved for posting messages on the BBS:

Office of the Mayor, Business Administrator, Mahwah Township Council, Beautification Committee, Board of Education, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Building Department, Center for Food Action, Community Cable TV Committee, DPW, Emergency Services, Environmental Commission, Fire Department, 4H Club, Health Department, Historic Preservation, Human Services, Mahwah Drama Boosters, Mahwah Education Association, Mahwah Elks, Mahwah Housing Commission, Mahwah Ice Hockey Association, Mahwah Museum Society, Mahwah Music Boosters, Mahwah Newcomers Club, Mahwah Schools Foundation, Mahwah Sports Boosters, Mahwah VFW, Municipal Court, Ambulance and Rescue, Ladies Auxiliary Fire Company #1, Planning Board, Police Department, Public Library, Ramapough Mountain Indians, Recreation Department/Committee, Regional Chamber of Commerce, Senior Citizens Center, Tax Assessor/Collector, Thunderbird Booster Club, Township Clerk, Women's Club of Mahwah, Zoning Board and Thunderbird Scholarship Fund.

The members of the Community Cable TV Committee, appointed by Mayor Richard Martel, include Gary Paton, Chairman; Gail Reynolds, Vice Chair; Alex Michelini; Austin Phillips and David May. Councilman John Roth is the Township Council's Liaison to the Committee. The committee may be contacted for questions, comments and information at mcn@mahwahtwp.org.
The recently delivered Verizon Phone Directory Listing for the Township of Mahwah is incorrect. Please disregard the Verizon Phone Directory and use the following phone numbers for your Township needs.

Main Number ........................................ 201-529-5757
Mayor/Administration Fax ...................... 201-529-0061
Clerk/Council Fax ................................. 201-529-5740
Website .............................................. www.mahwahwp.org
Mahwah Cable Station ................................ Channel 78

Mayor
Richard J. Martel ..... (W) 201-529-5757 ext. 267, (H) 201-891-8137

Township Council
H. Lisa DiGiulio, President ........................ 201-934-8313
Samuel A. Alderisio ................................. 201-529-5757 ext. 230
John DaPuzzo .......................................... 201-787-3244
Robert G. Hermansen ............................ 201-847-1847
Allan R. Kidd ........................................ 201-818-8888
Roy B. Larson ........................................ 201-891-0160
John F. Roth, Vice Pres. ............................ 201-529-9358

Department Heads
Business Administrator ......................... Brian Campion .................. 201-529-5757 ext. 265
Administrative Assistant ....................... Denise M. Storms .............. 201-529-5757 ext. 264
Administrative Office ............................ Barbara A. Trent, Exec. Secretary 201-529-5757 ext. 262
Board of Education .................. Dr. Charles V. Montesano .......... 201-882-2403
Board of Health ................................. John Hopper, Health Officer .. 201-529-5757 ext. 2
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer .......... Kenneth Sesholtz .................. 201-529-5757 ext. 256
Construction Official ..................... Gary L. Montroy .................... 201-529-5757 ext. 241
Emergency Services ...................... Raymond R. Roe, Director .... 201-529-5757 ext. 240
Environmental Commission ............... Jane DeWan, Secretary ........ 201-529-5757 ext. 271
Fire Prevention (non-emergency) .......... Raymond R. Roe ................. 201-529-5757 ext. 240
Fire Department ..................... Donal Stricker, Jr., Chief ........... 201-828-2017
Historian ........................................ John Bristow .......................... 201-529-3136
Preservation Commission ................. Denise M. Storms, Secretary 201-529-5757 ext. 264
Housing Commission ................ Dorothy McDonough, Secretary .... 201-529-5757 ext. 206
Human Services ..................... Dolores Raiz, Director ............... 201-529-5757 ext. 205
Access Transportation .......... Dolores Raiz, Director ............... 201-529-2691
Agricultural Housing .......... Dolores Raiz, Director ............... 201-529-2691
Inspections .............................. Gary L. Montroy, Const. Code Official 201-529-5757 ext. 241
Library ......................................... Kenneth W. Giaimo, Director 201-529-READ
Municipal Court Admin. ...................... Lorraine Cuomo, C.M.C.A..... 201-529-2862
Municipal Pool ............................... Marion Crescittelli, Manager 201-529-4949
Planning Board/Zoning ................. Mara Winokur, Admin. Officer 201-529-5757 ext. 245
Fire Pocket ................................ James N. Batelli, Chief ............. 201-529-1000 ext. 200
Public Works Department ............. Stanley G. Speich, Director .... 201-529-3344
Recreation Department .............. Dawn DaPuzzo, Director ......... 201-529-5757 ext. 254
Recycling Center .................. John Soha, Foreman/Recycling Coord. 201-529-2991
Road Department .................... Keith P. Hallissey, Superintendent 201-529-3344
Senior Center Coordinator ................ Susanne Small ........................ 201-529-5757 ext. 213
Tax Assessor ................................... Stuart Stolarz .................. 201-529-5757 ext. 229
Tax Collector ..................... Elizabeth M. Villano ...................... 201-529-5757 ext. 228
Township Clerk .................... Kathrine G. Coletta, RMC/CMC .... 201-529-5757 ext. 230
Utility Collector .................... Maryann S. Malone .................... 201-529-5757 ext. 221
Sewer Utility ................ Michael McClanahan, Foreman ............. 201-529-4413
Water/Sewer .......................... Paul Scherer, Superintendent .... 201-529-4413
Zoning Bd. of Adjustment .............. Rosalie DeMartino, Secretary 201-529-5757 ext. 243

Governor ..................................... Jon S. Corzine ..................... 609-292-6000
U.S. Senators ............................ Frank R. Lautenberg .............. 202-224-3224
......................................................... Robert Menendez ......... 202-224-4744
U.S. Congressman ......................... Scott Garrett ............................ 202-225-4465
State Senator ................................... Henry P. McNamara .......... 201-848-9600
State Assemblymen ..................... Kevin J. O’Toole ...................... 973-696-2323
......................................................... David C. Russo ......... 201-444-9719
County Executive ..................... Dennis McNerney ..................... 201-336-7300

Mahwah CERT Team
Continues To Move Forward

To conform to the new guidelines issued by the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Mahwah CERT Team in conjunction with the HoHoKus CERT team and members of Mahwah’s Office of Emergency Management completed their NIMS (National Incident Management System) training on November 19th. The other town emergency services have already completed their NIMS training. NIMS is a consistent, nationwide approach for federal, state, tribal and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity. The NIMS training is now mandatory for all emergency services personnel including law enforcement officers throughout the United States. Each municipality is required to appoint a NIMS Compliance Officer to ensure that their town keeps current with the latest changes to this program.

Our CERT team participated in the Mahwah Day Festivities on September 16th. They managed the information booth for the day allowing members of the Mahwah Day committee to fulfill their other responsibilities. The team also assisted the Mahwah Police Department to keep traffic flowing in a safe and manageable manner.

Members of our CERT team along with members of our Fire, Police and Office of Emergency Management attended a Traffic Control Training Seminar on December 19th. The seminar was presented by a traffic specialist with over 30 years of experience in the traffic management and reconstruction field. CERT team members are prepared to assist either the Police Department or Fire Department should an emergency arise and additional support is needed.

Residents of Mahwah are invited to participate in a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course that runs for 8 consecutives Wednesday evenings. The next course starts on Wednesday, April 4th at the Bergen Law & Public Safety Institute in Mahwah. At the completion of the program, basic CERT safety equipment will be issued to each successful participant. For an application, contact Ray Roe, OEM Coordinator at 201-529-5757, ext. 240 or email: mahwahcert@optonline.net
1000th MEMBER WITH MAYOR

Since the Senior Center début in 2003, membership has grown to 1000. Senior Center Coordinator Susanne Small and Mayor Richard J. Martel welcomes Barbara Kormanik as the 1000th member of the Senior Center.

MAHWASH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
475 Corporate Drive • Mahwah NJ 07430 • 1st floor • Lower parking lot
201-529-5757 X 213 or X 277 • Business Hours: 8am until 4pm

PROGRAM GOALS
To foster independence and continued growth in older adults with heavy emphasis on physical fitness such as Yoga, Chair Yoga, Tai Chi Chih, Pilates, Jazzercise, Meditation, Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing and Aerobics. Our mission is to enhance leisure time activities through class instructions and workshops. Our educational component offers the active senior the chance to continue to live and learn. From computers to book discussion groups and current events, older adults are constantly challenged and stimulated by the wide array of classes.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Any Mahwah resident 60 years or older, who functions independently or who has a companion accompanying them.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OR SERVICES OFFERED
• Beginners Art Classes • Acrylics Class • Watercolor Art Classes
• Line Dancing • Ballroom Dancing • Fit 4 Life Aerobics
• Jazzercise • Pilates • Tai Chi Chih
• Yoga • Chair Yoga • Meditation
• Dance Social • Pinochle • Canasta
• Bridge • Mahjong • Scrabble
• Computers • Monthly Trips • Senior Club
• Monthly Trips • Bi-monthly Lunch program
• Lectures and presentations on health and senior related topics.

HUMAN SERVICES/AFFORDABLE HOUSING/ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

Human Services - If you are in need of food or clothing, please call Human Services for a referral to the Center for Food Action or to the Clothing Closet at the Ramapo Reformed Church. If you have food items to donate, contact the Center for Food Action at 201-934-5085, or clothing in good wearable condition can be donated to the Clothing Closet (left side of Ramapo Reformed Education Building) on Wednesdays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Human Services works closely with Emergency Management and the Mahwah Police Department to identify senior citizens living alone or residents with special needs so that they may be placed on a confidential list for emergency purposes. Contact Dolores Raiz at 201-529-5757 (ext. 205) for additional information.

When in doubt as to what services may be available to you through Private, Local, County, State or Federal Agencies, call Human Services - we may be able to assist or direct you - 201-529-5757 (ext. 205).

Affordable Housing - Mahwah’s Affordable Housing Program continually accepts applications from residents and non-residents for Affordable Housing. The application covers rentals and/or purchases with recertification required yearly to keep the lists current. Anyone interested in Mahwah’s Affordable Housing Program can pick up an application in the reception area at Town Hall or in the Affordable Housing Office on the first floor from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday. Applications are also available in the Mahwah Public Library and soon they will be available on Mahwah's website. The application answers many 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.) For current owners of Affordable Housing Units, a percentage of Development Fees collected may be utilized for assistance in hardship situations and to prevent loss of Units to foreclosure. Contact this office for additional information.

Access Transportation - This service is available to seniors and anyone unable to drive, even on a temporary basis. Riding the van becomes a means of socialization and an avenue to see and meet township residents you might ordinarily not come into contact with. Some of the places we routinely transport to are: food and clothing shopping, rides to Mahwah and Midland Park Senior Centers and Day Care Centers, or for doctor's appointments and other appointments fitting into the daily schedule including personal grooming. The vans are on the road Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For appointments and information, contact Access Transportation at 201-529-2691.
MAHWAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Headquarters Renovation Underway

Starting in January 2007 renovations commenced on Mahwah Police Headquarters. The building is undergoing its first major renovation since it was built in 1973, over three decades ago. In 1973 the Department had approximately 38 officers and with the growth in the Township, the Police Department has expanded nearly 45% to 55 officers and 9 civilians. Some of the improvements planned are required under New Jersey State law, such as ADA (Americans with Disability Act) compliance, while others will address much needed facility repairs such as a new roof and upgraded electrical service, and other components will improve the operations of the Police Department and bring it into the 21st century with new technology. Residents should be pleased to know that while the Township bonded 1 million dollars for the project, the Police Department contributed over $1.6 million dollars of non-taxpayer dollars from the seized fund account. This is money that the Police Department seized through forfeiture proceedings as a result of major criminal arrests. To date this is the only major Township project where more than 50% of the funding comes from non-taxpayer dollars.

The project will allow for more professional and efficient use of the existing structure, which will provide for the continued delivery of police services that Township residents and business owners have come to expect. The project is expected to be completed by September 2007. While the project is going on, no interruptions of service will occur. The architectural firm of The Goldstein Partnership designed the renovation improvements and ICS Builders Inc. was selected as the general contractor.

Police Website Redesigned

A new and improved interactive website will be online during the 1st quarter of 2007. The new website is being designed by Cit-e-Net and implemented without the use of any taxpayer funds. The website will incorporate many new components that will allow residents to download forms, complete surveys on police services, request specialized services, learn about police functions, and access up-to-date information on a variety of law enforcement related topics such as identity theft, internet safety, credit card scams, etc. quickly and efficiently. The announcement of the new website going on-line will be reported in local newspapers.

Meet Your New Officer

Jonathan Weber is the newest member of the Mahwah Police Department. He joined the force in January 2007 after completing an extensive entry level examination that included written and physical testing, psychological evaluation, oral interviews and medical examination. He will attend a 6 month training class at the Bergen County Police Academy. Prior to joining the Department, Officer Weber was employed by BDS as a Marketing Development Manager and also served in the United States Marine Corps for 4 ½ years where he earned the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the 2nd Division Recon/Security Forces. Officer Weber resides in Mahwah with his wife and family and will replace recently retired officer John Hnatyschak.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

**ELECTIONS**

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**Voter Registration Dates**

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

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**Deadlines to Register to Vote**

If you are a Registered Voter, the deadlines are as follows:

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**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 until 3:00PM the day before an election. Absentee Ballot Request forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office.
Bergen County Utilities Authority

2007

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

PARAMUS
Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Rd.
ENTRY VIA PARAMUS ROAD ONLY

Sun., March 25th
Sun., June 24th
Sun., Oct. 21st

MAHWAH
Bergen County
Campgaw Mountain
Reservation
200 Campgaw Rd.
Sat., May 19th
Sat., Sept. 8th

MOONACHEE
Bergen County
Utilities Authority
(BCUA)
Foot of Empire Blvd.
Sat., April 21st
Sat., July 21st

All collection sites open (rain or shine) at 9:00 a.m.
and close promptly at 3:00 p.m.

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

● Businesses must pre-register prior to attending BCUA sponsored collection events. A disposal fee will be charged and collected. Please call 201-807-8696 for additional information.

● Do you have questions about the BCUA’s Household Hazardous Waste Management and Disposal Program? Call the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline: 201-807-5825, or visit us online at www.bcuau.org

BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Commissioners
Bryan J. Christiansen, Chairman
Andrew “Chuck” Vaccaro Vice Chairman
James L. Cassella, Benedict A. Focarino,
Wayne Hamer, Ronald Phillips, Joel T. Thornton
Executive Director Leonard R. Kaiser
Bergen County Executive Dennis McInerney

This program is sponsored by the BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY in cooperation with the Bergen County Department of Health Services, and the Bergen County Police, Office of Emergency Management.

Printed on recycled paper.
Acceptable Materials for BCUA Collections

For complete listing go to www.bcuaid.org

- Aerosol Cans
- Anti-Freeze
- Batteries: All Types
- Blacktop Sealers
- Bug Sprays
- Disinfectants
- Drain Cleaners
- Fertilizer
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Gasoline
- Glues
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Kerosene
- Lighter Fluid
- Mercury Switches
- Oil Filters (Used)
- Paints: All Types
- Pesticides
- Photographic Chemicals
- Propane Gas Cylinders
  (1 lb. and 20 lb. only)
- Solvents & Thinners
- Thermostats/Thermometers
- Used Motor Oils
- Varnishes

Materials should be in original containers and labeled.

Unacceptable Materials for HHW Collections

- Unlabeled wastes or containers with unknown contents
- Regulated medical wastes, radioactive materials, and explosives
- Containers larger than five (5) gallons
- Compressed cylinders (oxygen or acetylene)
- Pressure-treated lumber or railroad ties
- Computers, electronics, and tires are NOT accepted at hhw collections.

Need help in the disposal of unacceptable waste? Call 201-807-5825 or log onto www.bcuaid.org!

Directions to Collection Sites

Directions to BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE: 3/25/07, 6/24/07 and 10/21/07

From the North (Via Route 17)
Turn right off Route 17 South onto Ridgewood Avenue (West) to Paramus Road. Turn left onto Paramus Road and continue approximately two miles to college, proceed around jug handle to main entrance.

From the East
Take Route 4 West to Paramus Road (Paramus Road is ¾ mile past Route 17 intersection.) Turn right onto Paramus Road and proceed North approximately two miles to Bergen Community College entrance on right.

From the South (Via Route 17)
Take Route 17 North to Century Road exit, second exit to the right, proceed around cloverleaf over Route 17 onto Century Road (West). Continue to Paramus Road and turn right onto Paramus Road to College entrance on right.

From the West
Take Route 4 East to Paramus Road exit (exit under overpass). Turn right onto Paramus Road and proceed north for approximately two miles to college entrance on right.

Directions to BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY: 4/21/07 and 7/21/07

Traveling Route 17 North
Exit at Moonachie/Wood-Ridge exit. Make right at light onto Moonachie Ave. Pass Teterboro Airport (on your left) and continue going straight until road ends into BCUA facilities.

Traveling Route 17 South
Exit at Moonachie/Wood-Ridge exit (exit is by The Fiesta). Make left at light onto Moonachie Avenue. Pass Teterboro Airport (on your left) and continue going straight until road ends into BCUA facilities.

Directions to BERGEN COUNTY CAMPGAW MOUNTAIN RESERVATION: 5/19/07 and 9/8/07

Traveling Route 17 North
Take into Mahwah. Take Route 202 (Morristown/Suffern) exit. Make left at stop sign. Pass Ramapo College on left. Make left onto Darlington Avenue; bear right at fork onto Campgaw. The Reservation is on the right.

Traveling Route 208 West
Take into Oakland. Take Rt. 202/Ramapo Valley Road North. Right onto Darlington, bear right at fork onto Campgaw. The Reservation is on the right.
“Meet the Bunny” at Continental Soldiers Park (New Location!)

The Easter Bunny is coming to Mahwah on Saturday, March 31st to visit all his young friends! Join us at 1:00pm for some Easter treats and a photo with the Easter Bunny!

Youth Sports Parade

All spring sports athletes are invited to kick off their season by participating in the Spring Sports Parade on Saturday, May 5th at 9:30am. We ask that parents coordinate with their children's coaches to meet at Betsy Ross School at 9am; parade begins at 9:30am.

(All players and coaches should wear the team Shirt and Hat)

We request that parents who are not coaches line the parade route to view the parade rather than march with the players. This way it will make the children feel like it is a real parade. Parade Route: Starts at Betsy Ross School, and proceeds down Malcolm to Miller Road, right on Miller Road through Veterans Square to Commodore Perry Field.

Note: Once the players arrive at Commodore Perry field, they will be greeted by Council Members, the Mayor and other dignitaries. There will be various ceremorial procedures and recognitions. Refreshments will be served (Hot Dogs and Juice).

18th Annual Fishing Contest at Silver Creek Pond

Mahwah Recreation’s 18th annual fishing contest will be held on Saturday, May 26th at 10am. This family favorite is held at Silver Creek Pond, located at the intersection of Airmont Ave, 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!

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade and service, sponsored by VFW Post #7124 and the Township of Mahwah, will be held on Monday, May 28, 2007. The parade will begin promptly at 10am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church located on Island Road, followed by a Memorial Day ceremony held at Veterans Memorial Park, located at the corner of Franklin Turnpike and East Ramapo Ave.

Adult Residential Softball

OK parents… it’s your turn!!! You’ve spent the entire year driving your children from one athletic venue to another. Now it’s time for you to have some fun! Mahwah Recreation offers both a men’s and women’s summer softball league. Games are played in the evening at Continental Soldiers Park and Commodore Perry Field beginning June 25th and ending mid August. Women play on Tuesdays and Thursdays and men play on Mondays and Wednesdays. All participants must be 21 years of age on or before June 25, 2007. First time participants must attend one of the in-person registrations held Wednesday, May 23, 2007 and Thursday, June 7, 2007, from 6-7:30pm at the Recreation Building, 70 East Ramapo Ave. Residents who have played within the last two years will receive their registration form in the mail.

Mahwah Summer Recreation

The Summer Recreation Program runs four, (1) one week sessions beginning June 25, 2007 and ending July 20, 2007. (There is no program on July 4th). All children must be residents of Mahwah.

MINI Rec is for children entering K, 1st and 2nd grades in September 2007. This program is held at Joyce Kilmer School. BIG Rec is for children entering grades 3 through 7 in September 2007. This program is held at Mahwah High School. The weekly fee for both programs is $30.00 per child, and only $15.00 per additional immediate family member. Forms will be sent home with public school children after May 1, 2007. In-person registration will be held on May 23, 2007, from 6-7:30pm at the Recreation Building at 70 East Ramapo Ave. The Counselor in Training Program is open to children entering grades 8 and 9 in September 2007. The fee for this program is $15.00 per week.

Registration forms for the MINI, BIG REC and CIT’S will be available at the Recreation Building and the Municipal Building after May 1st. Application forms for COUNSELORS will be available at the Recreation Building, the Municipal Building and Mahwah High School after May 1st. For more information, call 201-529-1234, mailbox #4.

Paddle Days and Movie Nights at Continental Soldiers Park

The Mahwah Recreation Committee and Ramsey Outdoor Store will once again host Paddle Days at Lake Henry on Tuesday evenings in July from 5:30-8:30pm, weather permitting. Ramsey Outdoor Store will provide canoes, kayaks, paddles and PFD’s (personal flotation devices) as well as instruction on use. Participants must sign a waiver and should bring sun protection! After your time on the lake, join the Recreation Committee for a family friendly movie and some popcorn under the stars. Movies begin at 8:15pm.

Senior Picnic at Continental Soldiers Park

The Recreation Committee will host the 5th annual Senior’s Picnic at Continental Soldiers Park on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 12pm. This event is open to all senior township residents at no charge. Join us for some great food and perhaps a little line dancing!!!

13th Annual Mahwah Day

Mahwah Day will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at Commodore Perry Field. A parade, dog show, magician, and live music will be highlighted. Games, kiddie and pony rides will be available throughout the day, as will food and refreshments. If the weather cooperates, a FIREWORKS SHOW at 8pm will finish off the day. A planning meeting for Mahwah Day will be held on May 14th at 7pm in the Mahwah Public Library. All groups and organizations that plan on participating in Mahwah Day should be represented.
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's 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:

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 recycling centers.
- Check for good clearance between heating appliances and combustibles.

Store Flammable Liquids and Home Chemicals properly.
- Make sure that gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and are out of the reach of children and pets.
- Place flammable items 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 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.

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, contact Mahwah Fire Prevention @ 201-529-5757 ext 238.

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.

MAHWAH AMBULANCE CO. #1

The members of Mahwah Ambulance Co. #1 are proud to announce the celebration of our 60th anniversary of dedicated volunteer service to the Township. At this time, we are looking to the future and planning for our next 60 years. Currently, we need your help in this great endeavor. We are looking for new members to join our Emergency Medical Service (EMS) family. Prospective members need to be 18 years or older to join the squad and 16 to 18 years of age to join our junior squad. Training is provided free to all members. This includes CPR certification and EMT training. The next EMT training class begins in early June. If interested in joining or would just like to know more about our organization, please call. A representative from our Membership Committee will call you back to tell you about how you, too, can become a member of our EMS family. Our EMS family is based upon the ideals of neighbor helping neighbor to build a stronger community. We need your assistance now in helping your neighbors. Join today. For more information, please call 201-529-9301.
MAHWAH MUNICIPAL POOL

The Mahwah Municipal Pool will offer swim lessons and the Mahwah Marlins swim and diving teams 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 $75. Session One Lessons are taught each Monday, Thursday and Friday morning in July, and Session Two Lessons are taught each weekday morning the first two weeks 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 $300. Safety Training for Swim Coaches and Head Lifeguard Training may also be offered. Recertification courses may be available. Family pool membership is required for the Mahwah Marlins Swim and Diving Teams. 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 the first week 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 2007 season will be $75. Team caps are included, but suits are extra. Many programs and events have already been scheduled at the pool for this summer. The DARE pool party and lunch is an outstanding afternoon for Mahwah children. Seniors can look forward to a picnic with entertainment in August. The swim and diving team will celebrate with their family picnic. Mahwah High School’s graduating seniors will have a yearbook signing brunch on site, and the teachers are expected to book their year-end luncheon at the pool. The Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, sports teams, Summer Recreation and Safety Towns will make the summer at the pool exciting. Mahwah Municipal Pool rates have been set for the 2007 season. Mahwah Senior rates are only $20. Individual Mahwah residents may join early for $90, and Mahwah large families may join early for $250. Mahwah small families may join for $90 each person. After April 30, general rates are in effect. Non-resident rates set at $255 for an individual and $710 for a large family, and $255 each person for a small family, are available. 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 for guests of members. The weekday day rate has been set at $9. 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. Proof of residence is required at the gate. Pool hours are 11:30am to 8pm 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. Membership application forms are mailed to all Mahwah residents, and former out of town members, the first week in April. Extra forms will be available at the Municipal Building in the reception area. 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 of $6 per person 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. Applications for employment at the pool may be found at the Municipal Building in the reception area. For more information, please call the Pool Manager, Marion Crescitelli at 201-529-4949 or 201-529-1265.

PHASE 5 SANITARY SEWER UPDATE

The Township utility engineering firm, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., has completed the final design documents for the Phase 5 Sanitary Sewer Project. This project will extend sanitary sewer lines into several areas of the Township which presently do not have sanitary sewer mains available. The areas included in Phase 5 were identified, on notice to the affected property owners, at hearings in 2005 and at a hearing on February 22, 2007.

The construction contracts should be awarded in the Spring of 2007. Construction should start in 2007 and should be completed by December 2007. After completion of construction, a Special Assessment Committee will be appointed to determine the amount of assessments to be paid by the property owners either in a lump sum or in installments over ten years.
Why do I need a permit? This is the most frequently question asked. The permit process is designed to assure that the work you are performing meets the minimum standard for safety. The inspectors are all licensed professionals whose purpose and goal is to make sure the work you do does not endanger you in anyway. The codes are very complicated and on minimal standards that deal with living and working environments.

**Certification of Occupancy**

The Township of Mahwah does not require a Certificate of Occupancy for a resale or tenant rental. However, the State of New Jersey requires by Section N.J. A.C. 5:70-2.3 of the New Jersey State Uniform Fire Safety Act a Smoke Detector Certification. This certification requires smoke detectors on every level, carbon monoxide detectors outside all bedrooms and a 2A:10B:C fire extinguisher.

This application must be filled out at the Building Department in the Municipal Building at 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, N.J. 07430. The fee is $50.00; an appointment for the inspection will be scheduled at that time.

Inspections are between 7:30am to 9:00 am Monday thru Friday.

**Permit Applications**

Permit applications can be downloaded from our website, but a manila jacket must be filed with the applications and this must be obtained from the Building Department. A Construction Permit Chart shows what permits are needed for each project. If you have a project and are not sure it needs a permit, call the Building Department. Do not assume it does not need a permit even if it is not on the list, or your neighbor or contractor says it does not. Doing work without permits and inspections can be a hazard to your health and safety of your family. In addition, penalties can be issued.

**Permit Process**

After the permit is submitted to the Building Department, if required, it is forwarded to the Zoning Department for review and the Soil Permit is reviewed by the Town Engineer. After the Zoning Department approves the permit, it is submitted to all building inspectors -- Building, Electric, Plumbing and Fire, for approval. The building inspectors' approvals can take up to 20 days. Not until all approvals are made can the permit be picked up and paid for.

**Inspections**

Construction work must be inspected in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code Regulations N.J. A.C. 5:23-2.18. The agency will carry out such periodic inspections during the progress of work as necessary to insure that work installed conforms with the approved plans and the requirements of the Uniform Construction Code. The owner or other responsible person in charge of work must notify this agency when work is ready for any inspections. A final inspection is required for each applicable subcode area before a final Certificate of Occupancy or approval can be issued. As a homeowner, we strongly suggest you do not pay the final payment for the job until there is verification that the final inspections were made. This can be confirmed by calling the Building Department.

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**A FRESH NEW LOOK FOR MAHWAH AMBULANCE CO. #4**

Mahwah Ambulance Co. #4 welcomes "2007" with a brand new state of the art rig due to be delivered in early March.

New installed officers are:
- President - Glenn Vitrone
- Vice President - Mike Bushta
- Secretary - Florence Policano
- Treasurer - Dolores Rizzo
- Captain - Pamela Orbe
- Assistant Captain - Janet Diaz
- First Lieutenant - Bob Reilly
- Second Lieutenant - George Collard

The progressive volunteer agency has its sights on looking at the future of EMS, as it continues to recognize the needs of the community as well as the needs of its modern day volunteer. New ideas and changes are being implemented to make volunteerism more attractive, especially for the new generation. The Junior Corps. is also beginning to take shape. Michael Wu, a high school student in Mahwah, is just one example of how our younger generation is starting to become involved. He, along with senior core members, rides after school on Mondays, as well as on weekends. With the modern day computers installed at the building, he is able to do homework while awaiting a call. With the increasing number of calls, comes increasing man-hours. Mahwah Co. #4 alone answered over 500 calls last year. As stated by Co. #4's new President, Glenn Vitrone, "we will do whatever it takes to uphold our promise to the community by maintaining a volunteer organization. As a volunteer, it enables one to have the opportunity to give back to his or her community in a very charitable way. It is truly a worthwhile organization with only positive feedbacks". Newly appointed Captain, Pamela Orbe, together with Assistant Captain, Janet Diaz, are diligently working towards achieving this goal by becoming more visible, working along with Fire Co. #4 as well as all other EMS organizations within the community. Many surrounding towns have had to contract with commercial ambulance companies in order to meet the needs of the increasing call volumes. By working together, it is the hope and intention of Co. #4 to maintain its status of volunteerism. To learn more about supporting our organization and becoming involved as an active member, please call 201-327-2522 or visit their website at: www.mahwarfambco4.org. Be sure to visit the EMS tables this upcoming Mahwah Day.
Mahwah Health Department
Offers "Tick-Tips"

Mahwah Health Officer John Hopper reports that Lyme disease is the most widely reported infectious disease in New Jersey. Between 1990 and 2002, the cumulative number of cases of Lyme disease reported in New Jersey has exceeded 21,000, with half being reported over the last five years. Statistics for 2003 indicate that more than 2,400 cases have been reported to NJDHSS thus far.

Lyme disease is a bacterial disease transmitted to humans via the bite of an infected deer tick. If detected at an early stage, Lyme disease can be treated successfully with appropriate antibiotic therapy. If untreated, Lyme disease can progress to more debilitating symptoms involving the heart, nervous system and other organs, requiring more intensive treatment.

Lyme disease can produce many varied symptoms, which may include a flu-like illness with achy joints, muscle pain and headache. A bull’s eye shaped rash is often seen at the site of the bite.

Hopper states that in order to prevent infection, it is critical to be aware of where ticks are typically found as well as simple safety precautions to prevent infection.

In nature, the Lyme disease bacteria exist in a life cycle involving ticks, small animals and deer. Deer ticks prefer to live in the woods; dense, mature woods with leaf litter. A thick undergrowth of shrubs and small trees are their favorite habitats. They are also found, to a lesser degree, along the edge of woods where it may meet the lawn of your property. Immature ticks (most active spring and early summer) are typically found low to the ground, whereas adult ticks (most active fall and early winter) can crawl on low-lying vegetation and shrubs. They are spread in the wild by animals such as birds, mice, raccoons and deer, but domestic animals such as cats, dogs, horses and cows can also carry infected ticks closer to and even into the home. When mice become infected, they remain so for long periods without apparent ill effects; however, they spread the infection to immature ticks that feed on them. These infected ticks can then spread the disease to other rodents and animals as well as to humans.

Adult ticks prefer to feed on larger animals, especially deer. Deer are resistant to Lyme infection, but are an important source of blood meals for adult ticks. More than 20 species of birds are known to be infected and have been theorized to transport the ticks over great distances, resulting in the spread to previously unaffected areas.

The Mahwah Health Department recommends a few simple precautions to prevent Lyme disease. If you spend time in areas where ticks may be found, take these steps:

- Avoid wooded areas with dense shrubs and leaf litter, where ticks like to hide.
- Make your yard less attractive to ticks: mow lawns and prune trees.
- Wear solid, light colored clothing with pants tucked into socks. This will help prevent a tick from attaching to your skin and will also make sighting a tick on clothing easier. Use insect repellents on yourself and your pets. Two types of repellents that are effective for ticks are those containing DEET for use on clothes and exposed skin, and permethrin for use on clothes only. Read label directions carefully.
- Examine yourself frequently for ticks while in tick-infested areas.
- Perform a full-body exam on yourself, children, and pets after leaving tick habitat.
- Remove attached ticks promptly.
  - Use fine-pointed tweezers.
  - Grasp the tick’s mouth parts close to the skin.
  - Apply steady outward pressure.
  - Wash the area with soap and water.
  - Do not use petroleum jelly, noxious chemicals, or hot objects to remove ticks. Improper removal can increase the chances of infection.

- If you find and remove a tick, document the date and watch for bull’s eye rash, red with a clearing in the center that may follow infection. The rash is usually painless and may be in the places not usually inspected, such as the crease behind the knees and buttocks. Watch for flu-like symptoms. If you suspect infection, seek medical help promptly.

Resources:

http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/f_lyme.htm

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/index.htm

New Jersey Lyme Disease Hotline 1-800-792-8831
MAHWAH MUSEUM PRESENTS ..... 
THE DONALD COOPER RAILROAD COLLECTION

The Mahwah Museum Society is pleased to announce the acquisition of a very unique model railroad collection. The collection, named "The Donald Cooper Railroad" after its creator, is an HO layout that measures 9’ by 13’. It can run two trains on the main lines while operating a large freight yard and engine terminal. The collection also includes over 700 pieces of rolling stock, buildings and scenery and power supplies. The collection is a gift to the museum by Mahwah resident Renee Darboe, in memory of her late husband.

Members and volunteers of the society worked to open the collection to the public during the holidays to rave reviews. The gift was also the catalyst for a program for children at the Mahwah Public Library on model railroad building.

The railroad exhibit will be open to the public once again on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) during March, beginning March 10 through March 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. There is a suggested donation of $3.00 for adults, with children free. Donations are used for ongoing maintenance and growth of the exhibit. New since the holidays, visitors will see an elevated mainline, expanded freight yard and a renovated engine terminal that can accommodate eighteen locomotives. The exhibit is located at the Mahwah Museum, 201 Franklin Turnpike, near the corner of Miller Road.

New members and volunteers to the Museum Society interested in working on either the railroad or at our other permanent exhibit, The Old Station Museum, are always welcome. The railroad volunteers meet each Thursday evening beginning at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Museum building (201 Franklin Turnpike). The Old Station Museum will be reopening for our new season beginning in June. We are currently planning the renovation of our 1929 Erie Caboose. For further information, or if you have any items you might consider loaning or donating to these and other society projects, please call Bob Adler, Station Master at (201) 686 3344.