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WFM FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 10

THIRD ANNUAL HADDON TOWNSHIP LUAU

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

7:00-11:00 P.M.

CRYSTAL LAKE POOL COMPLEX

\$20.00 per person
Buffet & Music

Rain date: Saturday, September 8, 2012



Throw on a Hawaiian print shirt and a lei and hula on over to Crystal Lake Pool Complex for the Third Annual Luau sponsored by Mayor Randall W. Teague, Commissioner Paul Dougherty and Commissioner John Foley.

On Friday, September 7th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm the pool will be turned into an island paradise with Hawaiian themed décor, a tropical pig roast and music by the Toonz to keep the tiki torches burning all night long.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes dinner, soft drinks and ale. Specialty drinks and cocktails will be sold. Guests must be 21 years of age to attend. A rain date has been set for Saturday, September 8th.

Tickets are on sale now at the Municipal building and area local businesses.

Please check our website at www.haddontwp.com under News+Events/Upcoming Events for more information.



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THE 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET DOING MORE WITH LESS

4TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR WITH NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE

Welcome to the latest edition of the *Haddon Press*, our official newsletter updating our residents on important Township information and events.

For the fourth year in a row Haddon Township residents will see a zero percent tax increase for municipal purposes. Our administration adopted the budget totaling \$11,428,000, with the local tax rate remaining at .5780 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The spending plan comes in \$728,915 below the two percent mandated state cap on tax levy increases. Residents will also see no increase in Water/Sewer rates this year even though New Jersey American Water continues to raise its rates.



The 2012 Municipal budget maintains all high level services, reduces the number of employees through shared service agreements and attrition and provides the delicate balance our residents expect during these uncertain financial times. Our administration believes that since many households are tightening their belts, it is government's responsibility to tighten its belt on all levels.

The budget process included a cost/revenue analysis, administrative meetings discussing the needs and goals of each department, the consolidation and integration of department functions and activities and optimizing the use of technology with sound fiscal measures and prudent resource allocation.

Municipal budgets are more than numbers and figures. They are policy documents that reflect the priorities of a community—what is affordable and essential. Our administration promised to restore pride and progress, upgrade our aging infrastructure, make our streets and homes safer while continuing high quality services that make this community a great place to live, work, and play. The 2012 Municipal budget reflects those priorities and how the Township of Haddon can remain true to them while spending less.

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HADDON TOWNSHIP
Top Town That Has It All!

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HADDON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS TO FIGHT CRIME

The Haddon Township Police Department is pleased to announce the launch of its new official Facebook page and Anonymous Tip-line.

The Department will use Facebook to post the latest news, updates, alerts and important crime prevention steps for area residents and businesses. Residents are encouraged to “like” the page to receive newsfeeds from the police department on current, up-to-date, important crime issues throughout Haddon Township and the Borough of Audubon Park.

Communicating directly with the public and providing current information through social media is a critical first step in providing responsive service. By reaching out to our residents in new ways, the police can interact with a larger audience and disseminate accurate information and content in a timely manner.

An Anonymous Tip Line has also been set up to provide the public with an alternative way to relay valuable information in an anonymous manner. The Department’s goal in activating this service is to obtain information on criminal activity that is unattainable through conventional methods and to assist in investigating criminal activity that might otherwise go unreported.

The Department is hopeful that these forums will become effective tools in gathering tips, informing the public at large and deterring criminal actions. The public is encouraged to visit the Police Department’s Facebook page by either logging on to the Township’s website at www.haddontwp.com or linking to www.facebook.com/Haddontownshippolice?sk=info. To report an anonymous tip 24/7, please call 856-854-1176 ext. 4TIP (4847). To report an emergency, please dial 911.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- WATER SEWER UPDATE

Tax Dollars at Work

Regardless of where you live in Haddon Township, everyone knows that it takes a network of infrastructure to support an enjoyable quality of life. The Township continues to address and prioritize our aging sanitary sewer systems, water treatment plants and deteriorating streets and roads through long term professional planning.

The Township Water & Sewer Department has installed a new standby emergency by-pass pump at the Albertson Avenue Pump Station to keep the station operational during power outages and mechanical failures. This critical pump station will be completely upgraded this fall with state of the art pumps and controls vastly improving the sanitary collection system. All work will be done in house at a substantial cost savings to the Township.

Survey fieldwork has been completed on the following intersections and roadways and will be included in the Township’s 2012 Street & Road Maintenance Program:

Drainage at the end of Evergreen Avenue

Intersection of Utica Avenue & Cooper Street

Intersection of Penn & Emerald Avenues

Intersection of Patton & Glenwood Avenues

Curb ramps at the intersection of Calvert & Newton Avenues

Inlet repairs at the intersection of Walnut & Newton Avenues

Pothole/Roadway restoration on Carlton Avenue

DPW just completed a major renovation project on Penn Avenue, resurfacing the roadway with more than 20 yards of concrete. The department plans on continuing to aggressively complete more roadway projects in house with the purchase of an asphalt roller and a 36” concrete saw.



The Township submitted an application for Municipal Aid for streets and roads to the NJDOT. We have been awarded \$190,000 grant for the reconstruction of Briarwood Avenue.

A new sump pump collector and storm drainage main will be installed to alleviate

icing and flooding conditions along with a new bus lane for drop off and pick up at Stoy Elementary School. New paving, curbing, driveway aprons and curb cut outs with handicap ramps will complete this project.

As your elected officials, we welcome your suggestions or concerns. Please feel free to contact us at MayorTeague@haddontwp.com, PDougherty@haddontwp.com or JFoley@haddontwp.com.

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!

A home fire impacts the life of a family every 85 seconds. It is a fact, that working smoke alarms can double your family's chance of getting out of a home fire alive by providing the early warning and critical extra seconds needed to escape. Although smoke alarms are present in 96 percent of homes, 23 percent do not work, mostly because of dead or missing batteries. So, when you turn your clocks back on November 4th make a lifesaving change in your household — change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

SIXTH ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

The Westmont Fire Company No. 1 will host their Annual Fire Prevention Open House on Friday, October 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The event will offer residents an opportunity to tour the fire house, view the fire trucks and equipment and meet the firefighters and EMTs.

Fire prevention materials and fun education items for kids will be available. Free firefighting demonstrations will take place in the rear lot. Kids, young and old, will also have an opportunity to handle a hose line and flow water from one of the engines.

Trucks from other fire companies as well as the "Pride of our Fleet" a 1929 Ahrens-Fox will be on display. Refreshments will be served compliments of the Westmont Fire Company. All are welcome.

POSTER CONTEST

The Westmont Fire Company No. 1 will be sponsoring their Annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest for children in grades K – 5th. Posters must be submitted to the firehouse by Monday, October 1st and on the back of any size poster, please include name, grade, school and phone number. Prizes will be awarded at the Fire Prevention Open House.

WESTMONT LIONS HALLOWEEN PARADE

A SPOOKTACULAR TRADITION!

Ghouls, fairies and Frankenstein's will be lining up for the 66th Annual Westmont Lions Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 30th at 7:30 pm. The rain date is Wednesday, October 31st.

Every year, folks parade up Haddon Avenue decked out in some of the scariest, most innovative and most hilarious costumes — while numerous bands complement the ghoulish revelry. Come up with a creative costume or float and join in the festivities, or take it all in from the sidelines. Prizes will be awarded in numerous categories and age groups. Pre-registration is free and can be completed at Westmont Ace Hardware; 127 Haddon Avenue. Participants must register to be eligible for prizes. For more information on the parade, or how to make a donation and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Frank Jackson at fandjack5@comcast.net.

HADDON TOWNSHIP TRICK OR TREATING HOURS: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST FROM 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Where Reaching Community Matters



The Grace Baptist Church Food Pantry has just completed its first year under new direction. The pantry was started to help individuals and families

with food insecurities in Haddon Township. **The program has grown in one year from serving 30 to 400 people a month from Haddon Township and surrounding communities.** The mission of the Food Pantry at Grace Baptist Church is to distribute food and personal care items to individuals and families in need and to do so in a kind and compassionate way without judgment or bias. Items are distributed with minimal rules and paperwork.

The pantry operates like a small grocery store, allowing patrons to select the foods that meet their dietary needs and preferences as much as possible. All food items are provided free of charge and guests are welcome to shop on a bi-weekly basis. The pantry is a member of the Food Bank of South Jersey and Philabundance. Its hours of operation are: The first and third Thursdays of the month are evening hours from 6–8 PM and the second and fourth Thursdays of the month are day time hours from 10 AM–12 PM, closed on the 5th Thursday of the month.

The pantry is also open for donations during these hours. There will be a donation box coming soon to the pantry that will be located at the front of the church to accept donations at any time, and there currently is a bin at the Westmont Fire Company to accept donations.

The food pantry carries out its mission by receiving donations of food and money from local individuals, schools, professional and nonprofit organizations.

A donation of \$25 can feed a family of four for a week. One hundred percent of our monetary donations go to the purchase of food and supplies for the pantry. Food and monetary donations are always welcome and needed.

If you have any questions about the food pantry, would like to make a donation or would like assistance setting up a food drive, please contact the pantry at Grace Baptist Church. The volunteers at the pantry are eager to help you and thank you in advance for any help for those in need.

Grace Baptist Church Food Pantry

25 Reeve Avenue · Haddon Township, New Jersey 08108
www.gracebaptisthaddontwp.com, 856-854-5573

PACKAGING WITH RECYCLING WITH

Last year the Township's Packaging with a Purpose Program diverted thousands of packaging materials from landfills to Terracycle. The eco-company Terracycle partners with communities to turn traditionally non-recyclable materials into new products. With the help of local school children and residents of our community, the Terracycle program contributed nearly \$500 to the Almost Home Animal Shelter! All items can be brought to the Department of Public Works or to the Haddon Township Municipal building. For further information, contact Barbara Prince at bprince@haddontwp.com. See the full list of collectable packaging materials detailed below. What are you saving?

Candy Packaging Brigade:

All sizes/brands of candy packaging



"Snack Chip" Packaging Brigade:

All sizes/brands of chip packaging

Energy Bar Packaging Brigade:

Any brand foil style type of energy/granola bar

Cheese Packaging Brigade:

All types of flexible cheese packaging

Bear Naked Brigade:

Bear Naked (only) granola bags, trail mix bags, cookie boxes

Dairy Tub Brigade:

All cream cheese tubs, all sour cream tubs, all yogurt, butter and cheese tubs and foil and all other tops

GET GREEN, G

Is your organization looking to raise funds?

The Township of Haddon has three environmental mini-grant opportunities available for the following dates and locations.

9/15/12 – Crystal Lake Fields

10/13/12 – West Collingswood Heights Woods

11/10/12 – Edison Woods

WITH A PURPOSE: WITH A HEART!

Diaper/Wipes Packaging Brigade:

Outer packaging from any diaper /wipe flexible package

Tostada Packaging Brigade:

Any brand Tortilla plastic packaging

SHOE Brigade:

Pairs of women's, men's, and children's shoes, which may include any type of shoe or sneaker such as athletic sneakers, cleats, flats, high heels, casual sneakers, boots, etc: NO slippers and no singles

Toothbrush and Toothpaste Brigade:

Used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and their packaging.

Beauty Care Product Packaging Brigade:

Lipstick cases, mascara tubes, conditioner bottles, eye shadow cases, shampoo bottles, soap and lotion dispenser, powder cases, bronzer cases, foundation cases, body wash containers, any tube lotion bottles, face lotion jars, eyeliner cases, eyeliner pencils, eyeshadow tubes, concealer tubes/sticks, lip liner pencils, hand lotion tubes, hair gel tubes, hair paste jars, deodorant containers, etc.

Cleaner Packaging Brigade:

Pumps, triggers, pouches, and flexible cleaner product packaging



OING GREEN!

Local organizations can assist the Township's Environmental Commission with scheduled monthly cleanups and earn \$500 while keeping the Township clean and green! Funding is limited and must be prescheduled. For details, contact Clean Communities Coordinator Barbara Prince, bprince@haddontwp.com or 856-854-1825.

Haddon Township's Class of 2012 earned a mini-grant to help offset the cost of their senior activities!

23RD ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

Celebrate the end of summer at the 23rd Annual Block Party on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 12:00–6:00 pm. Beginning at the corner of Crystal Lake Avenue & West Park Boulevard, the street will be lined with crafters, artisans, and vendors representing local community, school and municipal organizations. A rain date has been scheduled for Sunday, September 30th.

A Dare car show, food court with specialties from local restaurants, beer garden, amusement rides, games and entertainment highlight the event.

Ride bracelets are \$7 per child and \$10 the day of the event and entitle each child to ride as many rides, as many times throughout the day for one low price. Any family with four or more children can purchase a family package of bracelets for \$25 with identification at the Municipal Building only. Bracelets go on sale September 1st and can be purchased at the Township Municipal Building and local area businesses.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, vendor registrations, and ride bracelets, please visit www.haddontwp.com.

TONY AND FRIENDS RUN A Summer Evening Running Tradition!

Walk, Wheel or Run—but come! The 21st Annual “Tony and Friends Run”, presented by Mayor Randall W. Teague, Commissioner Paul Dougherty, Commissioner John C. Foley and Friends of Haddon Township, will be held on Wednesday, August 29th at the Tap Room and Grill, located at 427 Crystal Lake Avenue

The 1 mile fun walk/run begins at 6:15 PM and the 5K race starts at 7:00 PM. Registration begins at 5:00 PM on the day of the race. Early registrants can sign up on line at www.lin-mark.com or in person at the Crystal Lake Pool Complex on Tuesday, August 28th from 5:00—8:00 PM. The entry fee is \$20 in advance, \$20 for team registration and \$25 on the day of the race. Free t-shirts for the first 600 runners! This event is rain or shine.

We hope that once again the Friends of Haddon Twp. and the local running community will show support for this most worthy event. Events proceeds aid Haddon Twp. families and individuals in need with financial assistance.

A RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO CALLING THE POLICE

The battle against crime is one demanding the combined efforts of police and residents. Because police cannot be at all places, at all times – the Haddon Township Police Department is dependent on your cooperation in the fight against crime. Many crimes could be prevented if more citizens would call police.

When should I call the police?

If you observe suspicious activity or a possible crime in progress, take the initiative and CALL 911! Do not rely on someone else to act – this may never happen. You could be the only caller, and crimes are often deterred by police questioning the individuals seen lurking in or repeatedly traveling through our neighborhoods. Many people fail to act because they don't think that it's worth reporting. When in doubt, CALL 911 immediately.

Reasons Some Residents Give for Not Calling the Police

- Someone else will report it. *Maybe not.*
- The police are too busy. I don't want to bother them. *Calls of potential crimes or suspicious activity are always important. If we are not notified immediately it is often too late and a crime has been committed.*
- That noise is probably nothing. *If so, why did it draw your attention?*
- That unknown person may be visiting a neighbor. *Maybe not. It's best to be certain and call the police.*
- That strange car may just be lost. *There may be a crime about to occur.*
- The stranger at your door seems friendly. *This is how some burglars determine if anyone is home.*
- I could be wrong, and there is no crime occurring. *Maybe not. But then again, no harm is done by calling the police and allowing us to investigate it.*
- It's none of my business. I don't want to get involved. *You and your family may be the next victim.*



ASSIST YOUR POLICE!

The Haddon Township Police Department urges all residents to CALL 911 immediately when anything suspicious occurs! We would rather investigate suspicious situations than be called when it's too late. YOUR CALL MAY SAVE A LIFE, PREVENT AN INJURY OR STOP A CRIMINAL ACT!



DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION UPDATE

To protect and maintain the public health, safety, and general welfare of our residents, Mayor Teague, Commissioner Foley and Commissioner Dougherty unanimously amended Ordinance #1293 regulating door to door solicitation, peddling and canvassing. In order to deter crime and deceptive practices of fraud, Haddon Township now prohibits any person or organization from conducting solicitations and canvassing of residences without a permit and an official Township Identification Badge issued by the police department. Parties engaging in door to door solicitation must carry their permit and prominently place the identification badge on the outside of their clothing and are only permitted to solicit between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Residents should CALL 911 immediately to report any person or persons canvassing homes without proper permitting and identification.

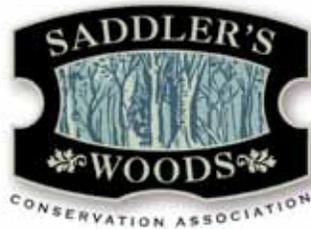


JOIN THE FUN IN SADDLER'S WOODS



Saddler's Woods Conservation Association (SWCA) will be hosting a variety of programs and volunteer events in the coming months. SWCA offers tours to school groups, clubs and individuals by appointment. SWCA is also expanding its series of children's programs offered both in the woods and in the new Environmental & Historical center. The children's programs are offered on a monthly basis in four different age groups for infants to children 12 years old. These programs are held on Friday afternoons. Upcoming topics include; Water, Water Everywhere, Lenni-Lenape Lifeways, Autumn, and Winter Birds.

SWCA will also host a fun Fall Stewardship Event on Saturday October 20th! Join SWCA volunteers to help extract invasive plants, remove litter, and maintain trails.



The event is sponsored by REI, Marlton and will last from 9:30—1pm, rain or shine. Please register by October 12th, refreshments and free REI t-shirts will be provided.

Saddler's Woods is located at 250 MacArthur Blvd. (across from the Haddonview apartments) and contains a rare stand of old growth trees, young woodlands, wetlands and a meadow habitat. Saddler's Woods Conservation Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to education, restoration, and research of Saddler's Woods.

To register or for more information on events, tours, and education programs contact Kristen at **856-869-7372** or **Kristen@saddlerswoods.org**. Visit our website at **saddlerswoods.org** and don't forget to like us on facebook! **facebook.com/SaddlersWoods**