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Save the Date!

UPCOMING TOWNSHIP EVENTS!

7th Annual Luau

September 9th from 7:00 pm to 11:00pm

Block Party

September 24th from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm

Haddon Township Music Festival

October 23rd from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

70th Annual Westmont Lions Parade

October 27th at 7:30 pm

Halloween Trick or Treating

October 31st from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

10th Annual Turkey Trot

November 26th, Race starts at 9:00 am

Holiday on Haddon & Parade of Lights

December 2nd at 7:00 pm

WIND DOWN THURSDAYS!



The free summer concert series is back this year! Start your weekend early on Thursday evenings and catch live performances at the Crystal Lake pool complex located at the corner of Crystal Lake Avenue & W. Park Boulevard. Concerts are free to Haddon Township residents and gates open at 6:00 pm.

2016 Summer Concert Schedule

July 14th

Parrot Bay

A Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band

July 21st

Wayside Shakeup

Rock & Roll to Funk & Soul featuring Haddon Twp.'s very own Chris D'Antonio & Rob Volansky

August 4th

Mark Reno

A Tribute to Elvis Presley!

August 11th

Jim Bruno & Anthony Caraffa

perform "Sinatra & Martin"

It's the perfect way to spend a summer evening in Haddon Township. This event is BYOB—Bring Your Own Blanket. Chairs are available at the pool. The concession stand will be open for dinner & snacks.



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2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET— NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE

Message from Mayor Randall W. Teague, Commissioner Paul Dougherty & Commissioner John C. Foley

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

For the seventh year during our elected tenure, Haddon Township residents will once again see a zero percent tax increase for municipal services. Our administration approved a municipal purpose tax totaling, \$8,015,354.00 with the local rate of 0.638 per \$100 of assessed valuation or 18.14% of property owners total tax bill.

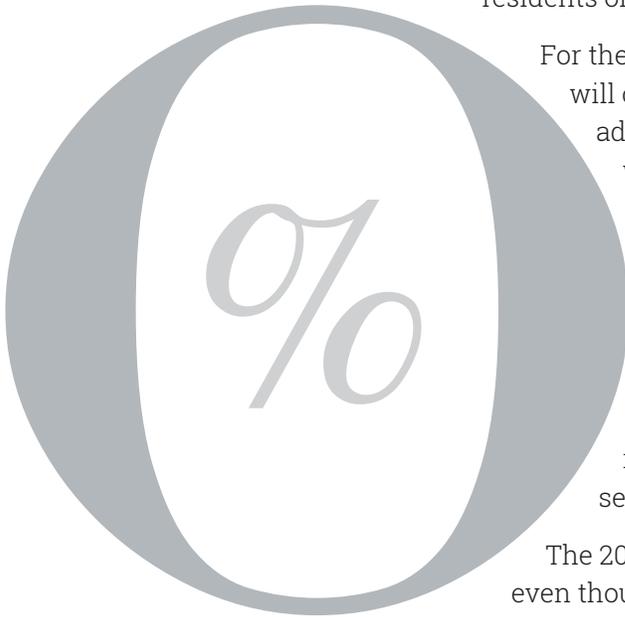
In 2016, the median average home is assessed at \$224,478.38 and will pay \$7,926.33 in property taxes including county, school, municipal and fire. Out of the total taxes levied, the Township receives \$1,431.50 for such services as police and emergency management services, sanitation & recycling collection, snow removal, maintenance of roadways, improved recreational facilities, leaf and brush pick-up, senior services, popular Township events and more.

The 2016 Water/Sewer budget has also been approved with no cost increase even though New Jersey American Water continues to raise its rates.

The budget process included a thorough cost/revenue analysis, a hard look at the consolidation of governmental functions and activities and a breakdown of the needs and goals of each municipal department using sound fiscal measures while maintaining high level services to our residents.

Municipal budgets are more than numbers and figures. They are policy documents that reflect the fiscal priorities of a community—what is affordable and what is essential. We believe that the 2016 Municipal budget shows our commitment to Haddon Township to continue to thrive as a great place to live, work and play—without burdening our residents by raising taxes.

Please feel free to contact us with your suggestions or concerns at **MayorTeague@haddontwp.com**, **PDougherty@haddontwp.com** or **JFoley@haddontwp.com** and we hope that you have a wonderful summer.



HOW TO CALL THE HADDON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



All too often, we receive emergency calls at the Haddon Township Municipal Building or hear from residents that they were not sure which number they should use to contact the police department. There are only TWO phone numbers you need to know to reach us. They are **911** or **854-0011**. For crimes in progress or life threatening situations, **immediately call 911** (without hesitation).

Keep in mind if you dial 911 and hang up for some reason, an officer will be dispatched to the location of the 911 call to investigate further.

When you call the police regarding a situation requiring a police response, the police dispatcher will ask several questions similar to those listed below. These questions are to ensure that the police will be able to respond to your call in the most efficient manner possible. Remain calm and answer the operator's questions to the best of your ability.

To report less serious situations or even just to make us aware of something, call our Central Communications at **856-854-0011**.

WHAT YOU WILL BE ASKED:

Why are you calling?

Crime: Is the crime in progress, or did it occur earlier?

Traffic Accident: Are there any injuries?

Disturbance: What is the nature of the disturbance (family fight, street fight, etc.)? Are there weapons involved?

Suspicious Activity: What is the nature of the suspicious activity and where is it occurring?

What is the location of the problem? If possible, provide the exact address. If the exact address is unknown, give the cross streets.

What is your name and what telephone number are you calling from? * (If you would prefer to remain anonymous, that is acceptable).

Are there suspects and what are their descriptions?

Provide details using the examples below:

Physical Description, Clothing Description, Sex, Age, Race, Shirt, Pants, Height, Weight, Dress, Skirt, Hair, Eyes Glasses, Jacket, Shoes, Complexion, Beard, Mustache, Hat

How many suspects are there?

What was their direction of travel?

Was a weapon used?

Was there a vehicle involved?

What is the license plate number, description, and direction of travel?

REMEMBER – while you are talking to the police dispatcher on the 911 line, a police unit is being dispatched to the incident scene. Remain on the phone until the police officers arrive or the dispatcher advises you to hang up. Once again, the telephone numbers are **911** or **856-854-0011**. Please make note of these numbers.

LOCK IT OR POTENTIALLY LOSE IT!



With the warmer weather comes an increase in outdoor activity and pedestrian traffic. Recently we have seen an uptick in property crime, much of which is preventable with just a little extra effort. While we live in a great community, we are unfortunately not immune to criminal opportunists, especially if we make it just a little too easy. This is not blaming the victim, this is reality. Fortunately, there are several things you can do, and if you do them consistently, they will reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim.

GET INTO THESE SIMPLE HABITS

- Lock your car doors every single time you exit your vehicle.
- Always lock doors and ground floor windows when not at home, and check to make sure locks are functioning properly.
- Don't leave spare keys in easy-to-guess hiding spots, such as under the doormat or in a plant.
- If you can afford an alarm system, purchase one and use it consistently.
- Leave a light or the television on when not home. Motion sensors and timers can also be useful.
- If you live in an apartment building, never prop the entrance door open or let someone into the building that you don't know.

WE ARE ALL PEDESTRIANS

As the weather gets warmer, our activities tend to move to the outdoors. The Haddon Township Police Department wants to take this opportunity to remind motorists to be mindful of more pedestrian activity in the area. Remember, "everyone is a pedestrian". As soon as you step out of your vehicle, you become a pedestrian. We have put together a few tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remember to help keep you safer as you walk about town, enjoying the warmer spring and summer weather.

On average, a pedestrian is killed every two hours and injured every seven minutes in traffic crashes. Fourteen percent of all traffic fatalities and an estimated 3 percent of those injured in traffic crashes were pedestrians.

Traffic Safety Facts: Pedestrians, April 2014

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.



- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by a electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.
- Look for cars in all directions—including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flash-light at night.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.

WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING:

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard to-see conditions, such as nighttime or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks (NJSA 39:4-36a(1)) and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street.
- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where there are children present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up—pedestrians can move into your path.



When motorists and pedestrians work together we can have a fun and safe summer season. If you have questions or need to contact the Haddon Township Police Department, call (856) 854-0011. Please call 911 for emergencies.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

HADDON TOWNSHIP'S E-WASTE RECYCLING UPDATES!

The New Jersey Electronic Waste Management Act was established in 2009 and was designed to create free and convenient programs for the re-cycling of e-waste. This law banned the landfilling or incineration of electronic devices and mandated their re-cycling. The primary responsibility fell on the electronics manufactures to provide this program to the residents of New Jersey. Due to the increase in the volume of material collected and changes in the market for cathode ray tubes (CRTs), a major issue has risen in the electronic re-cycling industry. This has shifted the burden of paying for these re-cycling programs away from the manufacturers of the equipment and onto local communities and taxpayers.

Independent re-cyclers and state government officials are hoping to update the law and help rectify the situation.

Due to the increasing expense of recycling e-waste, the Township will no longer be able to collect items such as televisions, computers, cell phones, or "anything with a plug." Please do not put items out at the curb. To properly dispose of e-waste, you may contact any of the following businesses—(fees may apply):



Magnum "Thanks For Being Green" Call:
856-333-0991



Goodwill Industries
goodwillnj.org/material-donations/



Best Buy
www.bestbuy.com/site/Global-Promotions/Recycling-Electronics/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025

For more information about Camden County collections, go to:

<http://www.camdencountcom/parks/recycling-info/electronic-recycling-collection-events>

INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

Robert Krupinski Sr. Memorial Park

Due to the expanded use of the fields for township sporting events (flag football, softball, lacrosse and soccer), a new storage facility with ADA accessible restrooms has been constructed at the Robert Krupinski Sr. Memorial Park in West Collingswood Heights. Teams now have the ability to store equipment and athletes, spectators and residents alike now have access to public restrooms.



New Jersey Avenue Park

Phase 1 of the project has been completed. Improvements to the sanitary sewer including the installation of a new pump station and upgrades to the storm water drainage system was needed to correct flooding and erosion issues at the end of New Jersey Avenue Phase II includes replacing and upgrading the current storm drainage system throughout the park. Once Phase II's work is completed, new, state of the art playground equipment will be installed.

Street & Roadway Restoration Projects

Mansion Avenue Restoration Project

The Township submitted an application for Municipal Aid for the second phase of the reconstruction of Mansion Avenue. We have been awarded \$200,000 grant from the NJDOT.

Phase II will include re-surfacing, curbing and new driveway aprons from Conard Avenue to the Municipal border at Lees Lane. New sewer traps and slip lining for the mains are included in this phase of the project.

Street Improvement Program

Survey fieldwork has been completed on the following intersections and roadways and will be included in the Township's 2016 Street & Road Maintenance Program:

- Intersection of **New Jersey Ave. & King Ave.**
- Intersection of **Virginia Ave. & Locust Ave.**
- Intersection of **Addison Ave. & Cuthbert Blvd.**
- Intersection of **Bradford Ave. & Hampton Rd.**
- Intersection of **Heather Road & Kraft Ave.**
- Intersection of **Cornwall Drive & Kraft Ave.**
- Intersection of **Pyle Ave. & Crestwood Ave.**
- Intersection of **Heather Road & Lees Lane**



All intersection will be re-surfaced, new gutter strips and handicap ramps will be installed to meet ADA compliance regulations. These storm water management improvements will help to remove run-off water from pooling and prevent icing at the corners.



WESTMONT LIONS



The Westmont Lions Club is part of the Lions Clubs International and is the world's largest club service organization with more than 1.4 million members across the globe. The Westmont Club was established on December 30, 1943 by Franklin P. Jackson, III along with thirty two other charter members for the betterment of humanity and community. For the past 72 years, the Jackson family has continued the legacy and supported that vision.

The club provides an enriched sense of quality, wellness and caring by assisting those who suffer from visual and/or hearing impairments, individuals in need of food, shelter and other life essentials and communities impacted by natural disasters.

The Lions organize eye screenings for children in our schools for early detection of possible sight impairments, provide, through the cooperation of the South Jersey Eye Center, the "Eye Mobile" at community events, supply Thanksgiving Dinners for seniors, and award four high school scholarships.

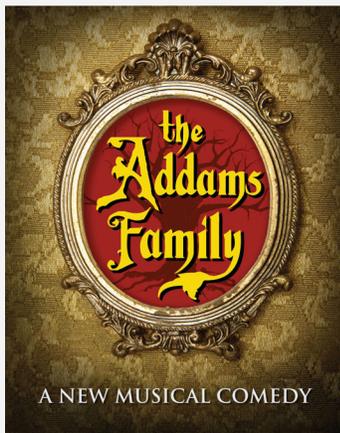
The club sponsors the Annual Halloween parade, pancake breakfast, Easter egg hunt and collects and re-cycles eyeglasses, cell-phones, and hearing aids. Drop off locations are located at the Annex building, 10 Reeve Ave. and the William G. Rohrer

Memorial library, 15 MacArthur Blvd.

If you are service-minded and are interested in improving your community, contact Frank Jackson, V, membership chair at fandgjack5@comcast.net and become a member.

True reward comes to those who give as well as receive—and is a matter at the very heart of the PRIDE OF LIONS.

—Anonymous



THE ADDAMS FAMILY

**A New Musical Comedy at the Ritz Theatre
July 14th - August 7th**

The wonderfully ghoulish family we know from the 1960's TV show come to life...er, um, death...on stage in this devilishly silly musical that's fun for the whole family. Find out what happens when Wednesday Addams, all grown up but as Goth as ever, brings home a normal boy. Gomez has to keep a secret from Morticia, Lurch lurches, Uncle Fester festers, and Pugsly gets tortured on the rack – just a typical night for any American family, right?

For tickets, please contact the Ritz Box Office at **856-858-5230** or visit www.ritztheatreco.org



On May 24th, **Sustainable Haddon Township** in conjunction with the Haddon Township Clean Communities Program awarded the Sustainable Haddon Township Scholarship to Haddon Township High School Senior, John Cona. The annual scholarship is offered as an initiative to engage students and promote a sustainable future by offering a one-time \$500.00 scholarship to a senior who is planning to pursue a career in sustainability, environmental sciences, or a related field. The scholarship requires applicants to write an essay about what inspired them to choose a career in a sustainability field, how they developed these goals in high school, and why they are motivated to pursue this type of career. John's application exceeded these requirements as he had an inspiring essay, an impressive list of local volunteer work, and a challenging long term career goal. John Cona will be attending the University of Vermont, Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, Honor College in the fall. He plans to major in Wildlife Biology or Conservation. We wish he him great success!



The Westmont Farmers Market is open **every Wednesday, from May through October!** This seasonal mid-week market offers fresh, locally grown produce, meats, cheeses, bedding plants, fresh cut flowers and prepared foods directly to Haddon Township residents and the surrounding community. The market is open from **4:00 PM to 7:30 PM** and is located at the corner of Haddon and Stratford Avenues in downtown Haddon Township.

