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2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET— NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE

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

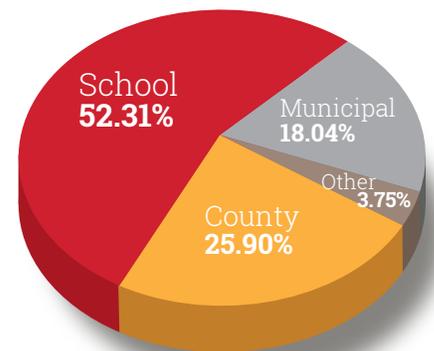
Haddon Township residents will see a zero percent tax increase for municipal services for 2015. Our administration adopted the budget totaling, \$12,570,000 with the local tax rate of 0.637 per \$100 of assessed valuation or 18.04% of your total tax bill. **The average home, assessed at \$224,000 will pay \$7,909.44 in property taxes of which \$1,425.28 is paid to the Township for municipal services.**

Haddon Township residents will also see no increase in Water/Sewer rates this year.

During our administration, we have worked to provide the highest quality of municipal services, upgrade and replace deteriorating infrastructure, improve recreational facilities and playgrounds, focus on green initiatives and sustainability and cut wasteful spending to get the most for your tax dollar. **Our administration has not raised taxes six out of the eight years that we have held elected office.**

As your elected officials, we continue to explore new opportunities for cost saving measures while maintaining exceptional government services and work to insure that Haddon Township is fiscally responsible and sound for future generations.

Please feel free to contact us with your suggestions or concerns at MayorTeague@haddontwp.com, PDougherty@haddontwp.com or JFoley@haddontwp.com and hope to see you at an upcoming event!



**Distribution of
Property Taxes Collected**



TOWNSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

Since being elected, a major priority of our administration has been the importance to replace our aging infrastructure.

Numerous water and sewer main breaks and developing sink holes throughout our town are clear indications that our infrastructure is deteriorating in certain areas and in dire need of repair. We continue to upgrade our township's roadways, water treatment facilities and recreational areas and look for new opportunities to increase safe, outdoor play and exercise for all of our residents.

HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS



The Township has received \$200,000.00 in New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid for the final Phase I Reconstruction of Mansion Avenue from Cuthbert Blvd. to Conard Avenue. The scope of work to be completed will be determined after bids have been received.

The Township prepared and submitted application packages to the Camden County

Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Authority Committee for the Open Space Trust Fund Recreation Facility Enhancement Program. We are pleased to report that the Township has received a \$25,000.00 grant for the continued construction of a multi-purpose pedestrian path from Recchino Field to the Crystal Lake Pool Complex and a \$25,000.00 grant to extend the multi-purpose path constructed in MacArthur Woods to the sidewalk on Valley Drive near Van Sciver School.

After several meetings with FEMA, the Township has been notified that financial assistance will be available for the costs that the municipality incurred for the repairs to the washout in Edison Woods and Saddler's Woods. Funding in the amount of \$13,900.00 for repairs in Edison Woods and \$30,341.00 for the Canyon Drainage Repairs in Saddlers Woods will be issued to the Township by the State.

The Public Works Department identified sinkholes that had developed over the existing sanitary sewer main on Oneida Avenue. TV inspections of the main have indicated that the 18" diameter piping was in very poor antiquated condition and approximately 260 linear feet of main on Oneida Avenue had to be replaced immediately. An emergency contract had been awarded and all of the main replacement work has been completed. All concrete work and new handicap ramps have been installed at the intersections of Akron & Oneida and Utica and Oneida Avenues including two new man holes.

A full investigation and all necessary field work was done on drainage and storm water management improvements to the Township owned property at the end of New Jersey Aveue where a children's recreational park is located. This work, due to continued wash out, is needed to upgrade the sanitary sewer system and state's storm water regulations. Bids have been received and contracts have been awarded. Work is scheduled to begin late summer, weather permitting.

New pumps will be installed at the Park & Albertson sewer pump station which will ensure more cost efficient pumping of the sanitary sewer system. A treatment works approval has been received from the NJ DEP. The water plant facility has been upgraded with reconditioned aerators, new pipes and valves, and all reservoirs have been sanitized.

SUSTAINABLE HADDON TOWNSHIP

Haddon Township received top honors as a sustainable leader at the 6th Annual Sustainable Jersey Awards Program held in Atlantic City. With over 400 municipalities participating in the program, Haddon Township is one of only 27 communities to have achieved a silver level of certification! (Currently, a gold level of certification does not exist.)

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, the Township had to complete a balance of the rigorous sustainability actions. To get involved with the Township's Green Team and sustainability initiatives, contact Barbara Prince, email bprince@haddontwp.com or call 856-833-6262. To learn more about the Sustainable Jersey program and free workshops and events held across the state, visit www.SustainableJersey.com.



HADDON TOWNSHIP WINS BEST WATER IN SOUTH JERSEY



The South Jersey Water Professionals Association, which has more than 300 members and represents about 50 water purveyors in the southern part of the state, holds a competition every year to determine the region's best tap water.

The judges test each sample without knowing where it comes from. Flavor, mouth feel (refreshing, heavy or stale) and aftertastes were part of the complex scoring system on scales of 1 to 10, with entrants seeking the lowest total.

The competition is not just about taste. The reports the utilities must file detailing the quality of their water is part of the scoring. Any violations lead to scoring penalties.

All of the recent upgrades to the Water Treatment facility and Township infrastructure have ensured that our residents receive the best quality and best tasting drinking water.

Congratulations to our Water and Sewer Department!

For tips on managing storm water pollution, please visit our website at www.haddontwp.com.

REDEVELOPMENT NEWS

Albertson Village

Construction is nearly complete on Albertson Village, a new 82-unit luxury apartment-rental community being developed by the Walters Group.

Site improvements got underway earlier this year on Albertson Village, which is being built to LEED-certified levels. The residential development is rising on the site of the former Russell Cast Stone cement factory. Located on West Albertson Avenue just off Haddon Avenue, the property sat vacant for more than 10 years. The Walters Group, owner of the property, is using environmentally friendly “green” technologies in the construction of the new buildings. When completed, Albertson Village will offer one-bedroom and two-bedroom residences, with optional loft spaces and upgraded interiors.

Comprised of four three-story buildings, the community will be situated in landscaped open spaces with paved pathways so residents can easily walk to a community clubhouse with a 24-hour fitness center. Other amenities include Energy Star appliances, granite kitchen countertops and elevators in each building. Parking garages will be available for residents. Occupancy is slated for the fall of 2015.

For nearly 30 years, Walters Group has been engaged in the successful development, management and sale of award-winning multifamily, single-family, affordable housing, student housing and mixed-use projects. We believe that this

redevelopment project will bring in a much needed ratable and help further the development of the Haddon Avenue business district.

For more information about Albertson Village, please visit www.waltersgroupapartments.com.

Westmont Theatre

Haddon Township has taken the necessary steps towards the redevelopment and sale of the long shuttered Westmont Theatre. Mayor Teague along with members of Lazgor, LLC appeared before the New Jersey Historic Sites Council seeking permission to refurbish the building. The council which is an arm of the State Historic Preservation Office recommended that the Department of Environmental Protection approve the sale of the building contingent on various conditions. Due to the theatre’s listing on the state Register of Historic Places, an application for the proposed development had to be presented to the state.

Many different uses were considered such as a specialty foods market and restaurant, but these options would have been rejected by the preservation council. Since most businesses would need to make alterations to the exterior of the building, (windows, doors, loading zones) would not be possible due to the theatre’s historic listing.

The Lazgor plan was approved by council and has received final site plan approval from the planning/zoning board. Construction is slated to begin in the next few months.

Haddon Towne Center



A proposed transit-village rendering of the Haddon Towne Center by Fieldstone Associates at the former Dy-Dee Diaper site including; 12,500 square feet of retail, pool & fitness complex, club house and 252 luxury apartments.

HADDON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL CENTER UPDATE

Phase 1 Restoration and Rain Gardens Completed!

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network completed the first phase of the ecological restoration and green storm water improvements at the Haddon Township Environmental and Historical Center with 50 volunteers on October 4th, culminating two years of planning, design and installation. The Ecological Master Plan was completed by DRN in 2013, and approved by Mayor Teague, Commissioner Foley and Commissioner Dougherty.

Installation of the vegetated swales and two rain gardens began in September 2014 with grading and site infrastructure directed by DRN and installed by the township Department of Public

Works. DRN then brought in plantings funded by a DRN grant, and volunteers installed them during a great work day; partners included Wakefern Corporation/Shoprite, Bonner Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at the College of New Jersey, Rutgers Camden, and Haddon Township Environmental Commission/Shade Tree Commission/Green Team.

Next steps include installing the native meadow and continuing the riparian corridor restoration—volunteers welcome! Look for upcoming information and community service dates on The Township website at haddontwp.com or contact John Nystedt at john@delawariverkeeper.org



HADDON TOWNSHIP'S 26TH ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

The 26th Annual Haddon Township Block Party, sponsored by Mayor Randy Teague, Commissioner Paul Dougherty, and Commissioner John Foley, will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd** from **12:00 PM-6:00 PM** along W. Park Blvd. near the Township's Crystal Lake Pool Complex. Rain date is scheduled for **Sunday, October 4th**.

The event will feature displays and exhibits from local organizations along with exciting new arts and crafts vendors, staged performances by area musicians, a car show, food court, beer garden and amusements and rides galore.

Ride bracelets for the day will be pre-sold for \$7.00 in the Municipal Building and area businesses. Bracelets are \$10.00 the day of the event.

A 10x10 booth space is \$50.00 and applications can be found on the Township's website at www.haddontwp.com or can be picked up in the Municipal building at 135 Haddon Avenue.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact **Kate Burns** at 856-833-6247 or at kburns@haddontwp.com.



**HADDON TOWNSHIP
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015
1-10 PM | HADDON AVENUE BETWEEN
STRAWBRIDGE AND COOPER

Beer Garden	Belly Dancers	Car Show
Food Trucks	Jugglers	DJ Dave Michaels
Food Court	Lawn Games	Kids Stage

CELEBRATING HADDON TOWNSHIP'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday, October 10**
Severino Pasta Co. hosts the Haddon Township Family Night Dinner
- **Thursday, October 29**
Westmont Lions Halloween Parade
- **Saturday, November 28**
9th Annual Turkey Trot
- **Friday, December 4th**
Holiday on Haddon



MUNICIPAL BUILDING PHONE + EMAIL LISTING

Phone: To reach the offices listed below dial 856-854-1176 and follow the appropriate extension or dial directly using the phone numbers listed below.

Mayor , Director of Public Works, Parks & Public Property	Randall W. Teague	856-833-6240	Ext. 6240	mayorteague@haddontwp.com
Commissioner , Director of Public Safety & Department of Public Affairs	John C. Foley	856-833-6241	Ext. 6241	jfoley@haddontwp.com
Commissioner Director of Revenue & Finance	Paul Dougherty	856-833-6242	Ext. 6242	pdougherty@haddontwp.com
Accounts Payable	Shirley Johnson	856-833-6259	Ext. 6259	sjohnson@haddontwp.com
Animal Control	Robert Chabot	856-718-0305		
Business Improvement District	Kate Burns	856-833-6267	Ext. 6267	kburns@haddontwp.com
Chief Financial Officer	Jack Bruno	856-833-6248	Ext. 6248	jbruno@haddontwp.com
Civic Celebration Committee	Kate Burns	856-833-6267	Ext. 6267	kburns@haddontwp.com
Compliance Officer	Betty Band	856-833-6247	Ext. 6247	bband@haddontwp.com
Construction Official	Mike DePalma	856-833-6270	Ext. 6265	etoussaint@haddontwp.com
Construction Secretary	Bonnie Richards	856-833-6265	Ext. 6265	brichards@haddontwp.com
Environmental Commission	Maggi Liebe	856-833-6275	Ext. 6275	envirocomm@haddontwp.com
Fire Official	William Behnke	856-833-6269	Ext. 6269	wbehnke@haddontwp.com
Municipal Clerk	Dawn Pennock	856-833-6250	Ext. 6250	dpennock@haddontwp.com
Municipal Court Administrator	Mary Twisler-Soldano	856-833-6251	Ext. 6251	mtwisler@haddontwp.com
Planning/Zoning Board Secretary	Bonnie Richards	856-833-6265	Ext. 6265	brichards@haddontwp.com
Pool Manager (seasonal)	Mike Thomson	856-854-9229		
Public Works Office Manager	Barbara Prince	856-833-6262	Ext. 6262	bprince@haddontwp.com
Public Works Superintendent	James Stevenson	856-833-6260	Ext. 6260	jstevenson@haddontwp.com
Recycling Coordinator	Barbara Prince	856-833-6262	Ext. 6262	bprince@haddontwp.com
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Darlene Alfonsi	856-833-6244	Ext. 6244	dalfonsi@haddontwp.com
Rent Control Board Secretary	Bonnie Richards	856-833-6265	Ext. 6265	brichards@haddontwp.com
Senior Citizen Coordinator	Betty Band	856-833-6247	Ext. 6247	bband@haddontwp.com
Senior Tax Clerk	Margaret King	856-833-6249	Ext. 6249	mking@haddontwp.com
Shade Tree Commission	Chris Squazzo	856-833-6274	Ext. 6274	shadetrees@haddontwp.com
Tax Assessor	Martin G. Blaskey	856-833-6259	Ext. 6259	mblaskey@haddontwp.com
Tax Collector	Ryan Giles	856-833-6246	Ext. 6246	rgiles@haddontwp.com
Water/Sewer Billing	Darlene Alfonsi	856-833-6244	Ext. 6244	dalfonsi@haddontwp.com
Water/Sewer Emergencies	On-Call Person	609-820-8048		
Water/Sewer Superintendent	James Stevenson	856-833-6260	Ext. 6260	jstevenson@haddontwp.com
Zoning Officer	Lee Palo	856-833-6266	Ext. 6266	lpalo@haddontwp.com
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Police Admin & Information		856- 833-6200	Ext. 6200	
Police Records		856- 833-6206	Ext. 6206	
Overnight Parking		856- 833-6222	Ext. 6222	
Firearms Applications		856- 833-6212	Ext. 6212	
Internal Affairs		856- 833-6205	Ext. 6205	
Anonymous Tip Line		856- 833-6211	Ext. 6211	
Parking Meter Information	Tom Fitzgerald	856-833-6200		
Dispatch - Non-emergency		856- 854-0011		
Police - Fire – Ambulance Emergency		9-1-1		
FIRE COMPANIES				
Westmont Fire Company	Chief John Medes	856- 854-1444		jmedes@westmontfireco.org
W. Collingswood Hts. Fire Co.	Chief Robert Dawalt	856- 742-0483		wchfh152@gmail.com



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This year we celebrate Haddon Township's Sesquicentennial. On February 23, 1865, the eastern portion of Newton Township split off and the Township of Haddon Township was created.

Photo courtesy Haddon Township Police Department Collection.

New Township Playgrounds!

Haddon Township children have a lot to smile about with the installation of new playground equipment at the West Collingswood Heights and the Edison Woods playgrounds.

At the West Collingswood Heights site, all old apparatus was replaced by new state of the art, safety certified equipment. The new playground, designed for children between the ages of 2-5 was installed in late November and includes: new swings, a bench, climbing apparatus, a teeter-totter and rubber mulch playground surfacing.

The Edison Woods playground was also be upgraded with two areas of recreation for children 2-5 and 5-12 years of age. The new playground equipment is larger and more colorful with assorted slides, swings, climbing walls and other exercise functions dedicated to outdoor recreation.

Both playgrounds structures were manufactured by Miracle Recreation---one of the nation's leading innovators in the design, providing the safest, most durable products in the country.

