2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET—
NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE

Message from Mayor Randall W. Teague, Commissioner Paul Dougherty & Commissioner James Mulroy

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

Haddon Township property owners will again see a zero percent tax increase in 2017 for municipal services. Our administration adopted the Municipal budget totaling $8,072,257.00, with the local tax rate of 0.64 per $100 of assessed valuation or 18% of your total tax bill. The spending plan comes in $433,651.00 below the 2% mandated state cap on tax levy increases. The 2017 Water/Sewer budget was approved with no cost increase in water/sewer rates and there is no increase in the Haddon Township Business Improvement District budget. Haddon Township property owners have not seen a Municipal tax increase for eight out of the ten years under this administration.

We believe that this budget is a fair estimate of the costs necessary to provide the services essential to continue the quality of life our residents demand, expect and deserve. It is a budget that recognizes the changing fiscal landscape and puts your tax dollars to work for the betterment of the entire community. We are proud to be able to deliver these services with no increase in local taxation through sound financial stewardship and effective governance.

A budget is a living document that sets forth a vision with a commitment to fiscal responsibility. Our vision
of Haddon Township is one that builds a foundation of safety, prosperity, protection, vibrancy and enhancement of the place we call "home". The 2017 Municipal budget lays forth the path of that vision to continue to improve the quality of life for our residents both in the present and into the future.

As your Mayor and Commissioners, we welcome your suggestions or concerns. Please feel free to contact us at MayorTeague@haddontwp.com, PDougherty@haddontwp.com and JMulroy@haddontwp.com.

**Department of Public Works Update—Streets & Roads**

Haddon Township has applied to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for municipal aid for year 2017 for streets and roads projects. Project selections and aid amounts are expected to be made by the state later this summer. Every year, a comprehensive investigation of the condition of our streets and intersections is completed by Key Engineers and DPW Superintendent, James Stevenson. Once the necessary field work is done, a list is compiled based on needed repairs.

When the state makes it decision on the amount Haddon Township will receive in municipal aid, extensive roadway projects will be placed out for bid to large construction companies.

Please go to our website at [www.haddontwp.com](http://www.haddontwp.com) for more detailed information on the 2017 Streets & Roads Improvements.

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**WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOSE YOUR PET**

When your beloved dog or cat strays from home, it can be a traumatic experience for both of you. Here are some tips that we hope will help you find your pet.

1. Please contact the Haddon Township Police Department at the non-emergency phone number, **856-854-0011** and report that your pet is missing. Please give an accurate description of your pet.

2. Contact Available Animal Control at the 24/7 emergency phone number, **609-306-2277** and inform our animal control officer that you have a lost pet.

3. Contact Camden County Animal Shelter at **856-401-1300** and file a lost pet report. Also contact other area shelters and file reports.

4. Have a recent photo of your pet and use social media to get the word out.

5. Search your neighborhood.

6. Please make sure that your dog or cat is properly licensed in Haddon Township.

The Haddon Twp. Police Department would also encourage residents to regularly inspect leashes, fencing and gates to ensure that pets are adequately contained for the safety of the animal and others.
HADDON TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL INFORMATION

Available Animal Control—John Micklewright, Certified Animal Cruelty Investigator
PO Box 1688, Blackwood, NJ 08012
609-306-2277

Services provided:

1. The pickup of stray dogs and secured cats and their transport to Camden County Animal Shelter located in Blackwood NJ.

2. The pickup of sick or injured animals (including sick or injured wildlife) and animals posing a threat to the public safety except for deer. Any sick or injured animals taken into the possession of animal control are required by law to received limited emergency vet care. Any owner responsibility for the care of his animal in question is ultimately responsible for this cost.

3. The pickup of dead animals on the public road ways excluding deer. Carcass removal will take place during normal working hours except for dogs, which are removed 24/7. Other carcass removal during off working hours will be at the police officer's discretion due to resulting traffic problems.

4. Removal of wildlife found in the resident’s immediate living space, such as bedrooms, living rooms, and kitchens. Wildlife in attics, unfinished basements, garages, sheds, crawl spaces, and areas behind walls or ceilings will not be removed by Available Animal Control and is considered nuisance or a wildlife call that would be addressed by a private wildlife or pest control company.

WHEN DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

Zoning Permits

Please remember that any changes to a property may require a zoning permit. A zoning permit is required prior to the commencement of any type of construction, reconstruction, alteration, conversion or installation of a structure or building. The Zoning Officer is responsible for the review of all zoning permits, assists in the process of permit applications as well as code enforcement within the Township.

As a general reference, here are some examples of the types of construction that require a zoning permit:

- Decks, Patios and Porches
- Additions and New Construction
- Fences and Retaining Walls
- Pools and Spas
- Sheds and Garages
- Sidewalks and Driveways

Before applying for a zoning permit, homeowners will need to have a survey of their property and a plan showing details and dimensions of the proposed structures. For more information, please contact Lee Palo, Zoning Officer at lpalo@haddontwp.com or at 856-833-6266.

Construction Permits

Township residents are reminded to call the construction office at 856-833-6265 prior to beginning any home repair or construction projects to determine what building, electric or plumbing permits may be required.
The proper permit serves as protection against contractors who may not follow mandated laws promulgated for consumer protection and is also important for insurance purposes. All home improvement contractors must be licensed by the State of New Jersey. For your protection, prior to hiring a contractor, please make sure they have the proper licenses.

**RITZ THEATRE PRESENTS DISNEY’S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

**July 13-August 6**

Come experience the tale of a prince who is transformed into a Beast as punishment for his cruel and selfish ways, and an adventurous young woman named Belle. In order to become human again, the Beast must earn Belle’s love. Can he break the curse? This hit musical ran on Broadway for 5,461 performances (the ninth-longest-running production in history!) and won four Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Whether you grew up watching Beauty and the Beast or you’re seeing the magic of Disney on stage for the first time, “Be Our Guest” for what will prove to be the highlight of the summer!

**Next up on the Main Stage:**

**RUMORS**
September 7 - September 24

**PIPPIN**
October 26 - November 19

For more information or to purchase tickets, please go to [www.ritztheatreco.org](http://www.ritztheatreco.org) or call the box office at [856-858-5230](tel:856-858-5230).

Ritz Theatre, 915 White Horse Pike
Haddon Township, NJ 08107

**Ritz Kidz Summer Arts Camp for Grades 1 to 12!**

In addition to daily classes, campers will attend the Ritz’s current mainstage production and talk to the professional actors involved. Plus, the whole camp will hop on a bus to New York City to see a Broadway show! It’s a terrific way to learn more about the craft of theatre while making new friends.

The Ritz Summer Arts Camp hosts a 4-week hands-on experience in the magical world of theatre. Each day, campers will explore acting, singing, movement, improv, dance, and production, all taught by trained instructors.

**2017 Summer Camp**

**Junior Camp** – Grades 1-8, Monday – Friday:
10 am -3 pm

**Senior Camp** – Grades 8-12, Monday – Friday:
3 pm – 6 pm

• July 24th-August 18th
• Register now! Space is limited!

For more information—including registration forms, details about before/after care costs, and scholarships—call [856-858-5230](tel:856-858-5230) or email [ritztheatrecamp@gmail.com](mailto:ritztheatrecamp@gmail.com).
HADDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING SUMMER HOURS

Please be advised that the Haddon Township Municipal Offices’ hours of operation have changed. Summer hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8:15 am to 5:30 pm and will be observed through Labor Day. The Municipal Building and Annex Building will be closed on Fridays. The Department of Public Works (7:00 am to 3:00 pm) and the Police Department Administration, Records and Information (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) will maintain normal hours of operation.

BIKE SAFETY INFORMATION

With the warmer months approaching, more residents will be out riding bikes on our roadways. Here is a list of important bicycle safety tips for riders:

- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Ride with traffic.
- Make sure your bike has a horn, as well as front and rear lights.
- Wear bright, visible, reflectorized clothing.
- Make sure your bicycle fits you and is in good working order.
- Wear a helmet it could save your life.

In New Jersey, anyone under 17 years of age that rides a bicycle or is a passenger on a bicycle, or is towed as a passenger by a bicycle must wear a safety helmet. On August 1, 1998, this helmet law was extended to include roller and inline skates and skateboards. Helmets have been shown to reduce the incidence of head injuries. A recent review of 5 well-conducted, case-controlled studies identified a 63 percent to 85 percent reduction in the risk of head and brain injuries for all ages of bicyclists. It makes sense for all bicyclists to wear one.

Please also remember to lock your bike!

LOCK IT, OR LOSE IT!

In 2016, the Township of Haddon experienced a rash of burglaries to motor vehicles which have resulted in the thefts of property from within. In almost every instance, these crimes occurred to vehicles that were left unlocked. In addition to these burglaries, we have also been experiencing a significant increase in bicycle thefts that were left unsecured. The common theme here is that criminals are stealing property that is left unlocked and unsecured. Although Haddon Township is a safe community to live and raise a family in, we are just as susceptible to the criminal element as our surrounding towns. Haddon Township
Residents need to help the police as well as themselves in not becoming easy targets. Even though many of these crimes are solved, a clear majority of them can be prevented to begin with. Below are some things that you can do every day to protect yourself and your property. Make these activities a habit!

• Lock your vehicle doors and windows, even if you are only going to be gone for five minutes.
• Remove all items from the inside of the car. If you must leave valuables in your car, place them out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously. An opportunistic thief is on the lookout for “trunk packing” and can break into your car the minute you’re out of sight.
• Park in well-lit, well-traveled areas. This helps deter thieves because the car and anything inside is more visible. Thieves don’t want to be observed or attract notice, so they choose their targets accordingly.
• Park your vehicle in the garage if you have one.
• Set your alarm or anti-theft device, as they can be an effective deterrent to an auto burglar.
• Be alert and be aware. And if you see something, say something! Call 9-1-1.

What are thieves looking for? The answer...EVERYTHING!!!

This includes: audio equipment; cash; purses; cell phones; tools; clothes; driver’s licenses and other personal documents; check books; luggage; cameras; anything of value or personal identification. Remember, if a thief manages to get anything on it with your personal information, including a social security number, you are now in danger of also becoming an Identity Theft victim.

Working together with the Haddon Township Police Department as a community we can eliminate many of these crimes. Let’s continue to be good diligent neighbors and look out for one another. By calling 911 immediately while observing suspicious activity increases the likelihood in the successful apprehension and prosecution of these criminals. As always, thank you for the support.

HTBID GOES SOCIAL!

The Haddon Township Business District (HTBID) has made the move towards the use of social media with the launch of a Facebook page and Instagram account as a means of enhancing public participation and communication between local businesses and residents.

Please visit our Facebook page “SHOP Haddon!” at www.facebook.com/SHOPHaddon/ and “Like” the page by clicking on the thumbs up symbol below the page’s cover photo. “Liking” the page will give you access to information by receiving messages in your newsfeed about any upcoming events or announcements.

For Instagram users, we also have an account called “shophaddon” that you can find at www.instagram.com/shophaddon/. Our Instagram account promotes local businesses through event postings and re-posts from your favorite Haddon Township restaurants, retail specialty stores and professional service businesses. Follow us @shophaddon to find out more!
CONGRATULATIONS HADDON TOWNSHIP ON BEING SELECTED AGAIN BY SOUTH JERSEY MAGAZINE AS A 2017 TOP TOWN!

WESTMONT FARMERS MARKET

The Westmont Farmers Market is open every Wednesday now through October! You don’t have to wait until the weekend for Jersey Fresh! This seasonal mid-week market offers fresh, locally grown produce, bedding plants, fresh cut flowers and prepared foods directly to our community. Patrons can dine while listening to live entertainment performed each week by local bands and musicians. The market is open from 4 pm to 7 pm and is located at the corner of Haddon & Stratford Avenues in the heart of downtown Haddon Township!

SPOT A POTHOLE?

The Haddon Township Department of Public Works encourages residents to report potholes and other roadway maintenance concerns by calling the Public Works garage at 856-833-6200 or via email to Betty Brookes at bbrookes@haddontwp.com. Once notified, DPW will work to address the pothole as quickly as possible as weather and conditions permit.
Save the Date!

UPCOMING TOWNSHIP EVENTS!

Happy Birthday America Celebration!
July 3rd fireworks at HTHS at dusk.
Gates open at 7:00 pm.
July 4th parade at 11:30 am
on Haddon Avenue to Crystal Lake Pool

7th Annual Luau
September 8th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Block Party
September 23rd 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 30th at 7:30 pm

Halloween Trick or Treating
October 31st from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

10th Annual Turkey Trot
November 25th, Race starts at 9:00 am

Holiday on Haddon & Parade of Lights
December 1st at 7:00 pm

CRYSTAL LAKE POOL
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The free Summer Concert Series is back in Haddon Township! On Thursday evenings in July and August, bands will be performing live at the Crystal Lake Pool from 7 pm to 9 pm. Gates open at 6 pm. Concerts are free to all Haddon Township residents. Limited chairs are available at the pool. The concession stand will be open for dinner. It's a great summer evening for the whole family.

July 13th
KING RICHARD

July 20th
SUPER GALACTIC FUN
PARTY BAND

August 17th
PARTNERS IN CROON,
DEAN MARTIN
& FRANK SINATRA

August 24th
BARBARA HARRIS AND
THE TOYS MOTOWN NIGHT