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# Haddon Press

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RANDALL W. TEAGUE, COMMISSIONER JAMES MULROY & COMMISSIONER RYAN LINHART

### Welcome to 2022's spring edition of the Haddon Press!

Preparation has begun on this year's municipal budget with initial assessments and determinations indicating that there will be **No Proposed Tax Increase for the year 2022**. With an uncertain and constantly changing economy, our administration's goal is to deliver the highest quality of municipal services without raising local taxes. The budgetary process begins first with a flat spending plan—not utilizing the allowable 2% cap by the state on yearly tax levy increases and then by examining ways to cut expenses and increase revenues. This financial plan renews our commitment to upgrading our infrastructure, roadways and recreational facilities, maintaining safe streets and neighborhoods, and continuing economic growth within our business districts.

Township owned infrastructure is all around us, with the majority of it "out of sight" and buried deep under the streets and roads we travel every day. The over 80 miles of storm, sanitary or combined sewers running beneath the municipality and almost 50 miles of roadways, provide essential services that directly impact our quality of life. The Township was awarded \$700,000 under the American Rescue Plan which was directly appropriated towards a complete water main replacement on W. Park Blvd.'s between Crystal Lake Ave. & Briarwood Ave. Our administration additionally dedicates \$600,000 - \$700,000 dollars for improvements to our Water/Sewer sanitary systems and roughly \$1 million for road reconstruction through our Streets & Roads program. Our key objective is to proactively meet the demands for new infrastructure while ensuring that our existing infrastructure remains safe and reliable. Like any good homeowner, Haddon Twp. must maintain and upgrade aging infrastructure, so as to protect our future investments.

We are pleased to announce that our Police Department is diligently working towards NJSACOP Accredited Status—a time-proven method of assisting law enforcement agencies to calculate and improve overall performance and adopt standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. All officers have been issued Axon Body Worn Cameras, providing a higher level of documentation and policy accountability along with the implementation of a new records management system that shares vital information throughout the County and can be accessed by officers on patrol.

As we look forward and move together in 2022, we will continue to work together in our shared commitment to making Haddon Twp. a better place to live, work and play.

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L TO R: COMMISSIONER JIM MULROY, THE TACCONELLI FAMILY, MAYOR RANDY TEAGUE & COMMISSIONER RYAN LINHART.

Carrying on a family business that spans five generations, Vince and Doris Tacconelli along with their son, Vince Jr., will be expanding to a second location on Haddon Ave. The former David Wilson's Men's Shop, located at 164 Haddon Ave. is presently undergoing a complete interior/exterior renovation with a planned July opening. Tacconelli's will be serving up salads with homemade dressings, fresh pasta, Italian desserts and of course, their unforgettable, thin-crust "tomato pies". Within walking distance of the Westmont PATCO station, Tacconelli's Pizzeria will be a great addition to Haddon Twp.'s dining district.



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## HADDON TWP. POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

### Lock it, or Lose it!

Although Haddon Township is a safe community to live in, our area is just as susceptible to crime as our surrounding towns. Haddon Township residents need to help the police as well as themselves in not becoming easy targets. Every year the warmer weather brings a significant increase in motor vehicle burglaries and bicycle thefts. Even though many of these crimes are solved, a clear majority of them could have been prevented.

### Below are some things that you can do every day to protect yourself and your property.

- Lock your vehicle doors and windows, even if you are only going to be gone for a few 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. 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.
- Park your vehicle in the garage if you have one.
- Set your alarm or anti-theft device, as they can be an effective deterrent against break-ins.
- **Be alert and be aware. And if you see something, say something! Call 911!**



### NJ Safe Passing Law

The NJ Safe Passing Law (NJSPL), which provides clear rules of the road for all motorists about when and how to pass people sharing the road on foot, on bicycles, on scooters, wheelchairs or in other legally permitted ways to travel other than a motor vehicle, went into effect on March 1, 2022.

New Jersey joins 42 other states in protecting the most vulnerable of those using our roadways. The Safe Passing Law requires drivers to use “due caution” whenever they see vulnerable people on the road.

### 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. This helmet law includes roller/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!**

### The law states that:

1. Drivers must follow all current no-passing, no speeding laws AND move over a lane if there’s one to move into.
2. On a single-lane road, drivers must allow at least a 4-foot safety zone when they pass.
3. If 4 feet is not possible on a section of road, drivers must slow to 25mph and be prepared to stop until they can pass safely without endangering those sharing the road.

2021 was the deadliest year on New Jersey’s roads in 14 years for drivers, and the deadliest in 30 years for the most vulnerable road users: people walking, cycling, and rolling.

## HADDON TWP. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Streets & Roads

The Township of Haddon has applied to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for municipal aid for year 2022 for streets and roads projects—including pedestrian safety improvements, installation of ADA accessibility, road resurfacing, and upgrading storm water management systems. Every year, a comprehensive investigation is completed by the Township engineers under the supervision of Mayor Teague, where streets and intersections are given a road condition rating. Once the necessary field work is completed, a list is compiled based on needed repairs and costs.

Once municipal aid is determined, roadway projects with the highest deterioration will be placed out for bid. Please visit our website at [www.haddontwp.com](http://www.haddontwp.com) for more detailed information on the 2022 Streets & Roads program in the next few months.

### To Report a Water or Sewer Emergency

To report a problem during regular hours (Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm), contact Public Works at 856- 854-1176 ext. 6260. **During off hours, weekends or holidays, please contact the emergency utility hotline at 609-820-8048.** The utility hotline is for water and sewer emergencies only.

### 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](mailto:bbrookes@haddontwp.com). Once notified, DPW will work to address the pothole as quickly as possible as weather and conditions permit.

### Go Green Drive-Thru Event! (Rain or Shine)

All residents are asked to remain in their vehicles and place materials in the rear cargo area, trunk or pick-up bed. DPW personnel will unload materials for disposal. Items being collected:

- Document Shredding
- Pharmaceutical Disposal
- Electronic Waste



## CONSTRUCTION/PERMITS INFORMATION

### When is a permit required?

Township residents are reminded to contact the Construction Office prior to starting any home repair, renovation or construction project to determine what permits (building, plumbing, electric, fire) 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 that they have the appropriate licensing.

### What work does not require a permit?

Ordinary maintenance projects such as painting, wall papering, flooring and carpeting, the replacement of existing windows and doors, the installation of gutter systems and the repair or replacement of exterior siding and garage doors.

### Permit Applications

Permit Applications are available online and in the Construction office, Mon. - Fri. between the hours of 8:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm. A description of the work to be done must be completed and submitted for review by the appropriate Sub-Code Official(s). Once approved and processed, residents are then notified of the cost and pick-up time.

Please contact Bonnie Richards, the Construction Technical Assistant at [856.833.6265](tel:856.833.6265) or via email at [brichards@haddontwp.com](mailto:brichards@haddontwp.com) for more information or visit our website at [www.haddontwp.com/departments/construction-office/](http://www.haddontwp.com/departments/construction-office/).

## CRYSTAL LAKE POOL

The Crystal Lake Pool Complex offers numerous amenities for pool members and daily visitors. The facility features a 25-meter pool, a wading pool for babies, a splash pool, play-ground area, picnic tables, a pavilion, extensive lawns and a clubhouse with lockers and showers. Individual and family memberships are available for Haddon Twp. residents.

### Memberships will go on sale beginning on Thursday, May 12th. Pool rates are as follows:

Family – \$240.00

Individual – \$70.00

Residents Day Pass (must show proof of residency at the gate) – \$10.00 per day



To become a member, please fill out the application along with payment and proof of residency and drop it off at the Tax Office. Application forms are located online at [www.haddontwp.com/departments/parks-recreations](http://www.haddontwp.com/departments/parks-recreations) and available in the Tax Office. On Thursday, May 18th and Thursday, May 25th, the Tax Office will remain open until 7 pm as a convenience for residents wishing to purchase pool tags.

**The pool opens for Pre-Season on Saturday, May 28th with Regular Season Hours on Monday, June 20th.**

## LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

The Learn to Swim Program begins on **Monday, June 20th from 10 am to 11 am** and is open to all Township children 5 years of age and older. Lessons are taught by certified swim instructors and the cost is **\$75 per swimmer** for the two-week course.

For more information on membership of the Learn to Swim Program, please contact Darlene Alfonsi at [dalfonsi@haddontwp.com](mailto:dalfonsi@haddontwp.com) or via phone at [856.833.6249](tel:856.833.6249).

## PLANNING/ZONING OFFICE

### Zoning Permits

A zoning permit is required prior to the commencement of any type of construction, reconstruction, alteration, conversion or installation of a structure or building. As a general reference, types of construction that require a zoning permit include: decks, patios and porches, additions or new construction, fences and retaining walls, pools and spas, shed and garages and sidewalks and driveways.

Before applying for a zoning permit, homeowners need to have a recent survey of their property and a clear, defined plan showing details and dimensions of proposed structures.

For more information, please contact Lee Palo, Zoning Officer, at [lpalo@haddontwp.com](mailto:lpalo@haddontwp.com) or via phone at [856.833.6266](tel:856.833.6266). Mr. Palo is responsible for reviewing all zoning permits, assisting with permit applications as well as code enforcement within the Township.



## WESTMONT MARKET OPENS MAY 19TH!

The Westmont Market will open the season this spring at Haddon Square, located at 51 Haddon Ave. in the heart of Haddon Township's thriving downtown. Shoppers will find a boutique-inspired, open-air market filled with a curated selection of local and regional artisans and makers.

Art, jewelry, accessories, homewares, clothing, beauty products and gourmet items that are inspired by the

heart and soul of an emerging maker will be available. The first Westmont Market is set for Thursday, May 19th from 4 pm to 8 pm. A rain date has been set for Thursday, May 26th. Local makers, live music, and samplings will keep the whole family entertained at the market.

Shoppers can mark their calendars for additional Westmont Market dates of June 16th and July 7th.



## VEGOUT

HT's newest addition to our market line-up—VegOut! Sponsored by the Haddon Twp. Business Improvement District, this boutique-styled market will be held on Thursday, May 5th & Thursday, June 2nd from 4 pm to 8 pm at the corner of Haddon & Stratford Ave. The evening will feature local vendors offering food, health & lifestyle information and environmentally friendly tips.

Whether you're vegan, pre-vegan or just really want to learn more about ways you can live a healthier life-style, mark your calendars for VegOut!



## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING TOWN-WIDE EVENTS!

### April

**Go Green Drive-Thru:** Saturday, April 23rd from 10am to 1pm  
(Crystal Lake Ave. & W. Park Blvd.)

### May

**Town-Wide Yard Sale:** Saturday, May 7th from 8am to Noon

### June

**2nd Annual HTEI Pride Parade:** Thursday, June 9th at 6pm  
(Haddon Ave. from Cuthbert Blvd. to Carlton Ave.)

**Summer Solstice Music Festival:** Friday, June 24th from 4pm – 10pm  
(Haddon Ave. (between Strawbridge Ave & Cooper St.))

### July

**Happy Birthday America Celebration:** Sunday, July 3rd from 7pm ending at dusk with Fireworks at the HTHS Football Stadium

**Independence Day Parade:** Monday, July 4th at 11:30am from the Municipal Building to Crystal Lake Pool. Parade registration begins at 10am in the Municipal parking lot. Free hot dogs and refreshments at the pool!

### August

**2nd Annual National Night Out:** August 2nd from 5pm – 8:30pm  
(at Crystal Lake Pool Complex)

## 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP DATES

**May 7th:** Environmental & Historical Center/Lees Lane Woods

**June 4th:** W. Collingswood Heights Ballfields/Woods

**September 4th:** Newton Tributary (area behind Acme markets/HTHS ball fields)

**October 22nd:** Saddler's Woods (register via email at [janer@saddlerswoods.org](mailto:janer@saddlerswoods.org))

**November 19th:** MacArthur Blvd./wooded area adjacent to Rohrer Middle School

Volunteers are needed from 9 am to 12 pm to help with litter & trash abatement, invasive plant removal, trail maintenance and destroy spotted lantern fly egg casings. Volunteers should wear long sleeved shirts, pants and sturdy waterproof foot-ware and bring a water bottle. Tools & work gloves are provided.

To register, please email [HTCleanups@gmail.com](mailto:HTCleanups@gmail.com) or leave a message at 856-833-6275.

