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New rules in place **Residents urged to boost recycling**

In an effort to boost recycling compliance and save tax dollars, the Township Council has approved a measure to allow residents to place mixed paper in the same container as their bottles and cans.

“Many residents, especially those who live in homes without basements or whose garages have been converted to family rooms, have told us that they do not have room for another receptacle to place mixed papers,” stated Councilman Greg Cannon. “By allowing mixed papers to be placed in the same container with bottles and cans, we hope to resolve this issue.”

Effective immediately, plastic bags of any color may not be used for recycling.

Recycling is mandatory for residents. With the addition of single stream recycling in 2012, compliance has improved in recent years. However, township officials report that compliance rates have not increased to levels appropriate for the number of homes/residents. “Beyond the obvious benefits to the environment, increased compliance can help keep property taxes in check by reducing the amount of

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Sewers finally coming to Woodfield area

Aberdeen has just one full neighborhood without sewers, but that’s about to change. Under a plan unanimously approved by the Township Council, a new project will bring sewers to the rural Freneau section’s Woodfield neighborhood, with completion targeted for mid-2017.

“The residents of Woodfield have been waiting decades for the township to come up with an economically feasible plan to meet their needs,” said Councilwoman Margaret Montone, who, since the time of her election in 2009, has led the Council committee charged with facilitating the project. “As a resident of the area for over 30 years, I was vividly aware of my neighbors’ concerns regarding ongoing problems with our private septic systems, and have been a strong advocate for seeing this come to fruition. Upon completion, this project will improve the quality of life for our residents and enhance home values, while maintaining the unique rural character of our section of Aberdeen.”

“When coupled with the creation of the nearby new Freneau Woods County Park,

the sewer installation is clearly another important environmental milestone for our community,” added Mayor Fred Tagliarini. “We’re conserving almost 300 acres of land and stopping toxins from going into the ground by removing or decommissioning all the septic tanks in the Lake Lefferts watershed.”

Proposals to install sewers in Woodfield go back nearly 20 years, when a committee was formed to discuss the cost and feasibility, according to Councilman Greg Cannon, who serves on the current committee along with Montone and Councilman Robert Swindle. “In the early 2000’s, plans were put forward by Aberdeen Wilson Associates and Kara Homes to build approximately 1,100 units of housing in an undeveloped section of Freneau. Sewers would have been brought to the Woodfield neighborhood by virtue of those developments,” Cannon related.

Then, in 2012, an opportunity arose for Aberdeen to partner with Monmouth County, the Trust for Public Land, New

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Coupled with the nearby Freneau Woods County Park, the Woodfield sewer installation is another important environmental milestone for Aberdeen. The future park site was recently toured by a group that included (l. to r.) Greg Remaud of NY/NJ Baykeeper, Councilwomen Margaret Montone and Connie Kelley, Deputy Mayor Harvey Brenner, Mayor Fred Tagliarini, Councilman Greg Cannon, State Sen. Joseph Kyrillos, Councilmen Robert Swindle and Joseph Martucci, and Freeholder Serena DiMaso. (See additional story on page 4)

Recycling (con't)

tipping fees paid at the Monmouth County Landfill,” noted Mayor Fred Tagliarini. Tipping fees are the costs for disposing waste at landfills and recycling cuts down on the amount of waste dropped off. In 2014, Aberdeen recycled a total of 4,279 tons, delivering tipping fee savings exceeding \$312,000, Public Works Director Bob Brady reported. Both numbers exceeded prior year levels.

Under Aberdeen’s program, all household recyclables are picked up at curbside twice a month. The Cliffwood Beach, Cliffwood, River Gardens, Oakshades, Freneau, and Heritage Estates sections have their recycling picked up on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The Strathmore section, High School area, as well as the Woodbrook Drive, Randall Way, Storyland, Sante Fe, and Heather Glen neighborhoods have their pick-ups on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

Trash pails for regular pick-ups & recycling should be placed at the curb no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the day before pickup.

Another important change in Township recycling rules concerns the use of clear plastic bags for mixed papers and/or bottles and cans. Previously, homeowners had the option of placing items in clear plastic bags or in closed containers. Effective immediately, plastic bags (any color) may not be used for recycling.

Newspapers

- **Do:** Tie and bundle all newspapers.
- **Don't:** Include newspaper used for pet waste or household projects.

Bottles & Cans

- **Do:** Place glass jars, aluminum cans and pourable plastic milk, soda, water, detergent, and juice bottles (plastics marked #1 and #2 within the triangle on the container’s bottom) in a container. All items must be rinsed.
- **Don't:** Include foil, pie tins, yogurt containers, trays, cookware, dishware, light bulbs, ceramics and window glass. Don't place in plastic bags.

Mixed Paper

- **Do:** Place magazines, circulars and other “junk mail,” telephone books, cereal and other clean food boxes, and all other paper products in a closed container.
- **Don't:** Place in plastic bags. Don't include food wrappers, used or food-tainted paper cups and plates, or hardcover books (unless cover and binder removed).

Cardboard

- **Do:** Flatten and bundle with string.
- **Don't:** Include food-contaminated cardboard such as pizza boxes or waxed cardboard (i.e., frozen food boxes).



Homeowners have the option of dropping off their recyclables at the Public Works Yard on Lenox Rd., off Cliffwood Ave. The facility also offers bins for recycling TVs and other electronic products.

A list of do’s and don’ts for each type of recycling appears below.

Homeowners also have the option of dropping off their recyclables at the Public Works Yard on Lenox Rd., off Cliffwood Ave., Monday through Saturday, from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The facility also offers bins for recycling TVs, computers, stereos, and other electronic products. In addition, Aberdeen provides a yearly shredding event at town hall where residents may bring up to

Bulk pick-ups

Residents requiring pick-up of large items — refrigerators, air conditioners, stoves, washers & dryers, water heaters, furniture, carpets, certain building materials, etc. — must schedule a special pick-up by calling Suburban Disposal at (800) 339-1757. There is no fee. Items should not be placed at the curb until arrangements are made.

100 pounds of paper to be shredded, on-site.

Hazardous household waste, such as car batteries and paint cans, must be brought to the Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 3211 Shafto Road in Tinton Falls. For further information, call (732) 683-8686 and follow the

prompts for “household hazardous waste disposal” or go to www.visitmonmouth.com and select the link for “recycling” on the left side of the home page, where you will find a complete rundown of recycling programs available from the county and its municipalities. ■

Basketball courts rebounding with new look



Basketball courts at Ross Field were among the first of nine throughout town being resurfaced and painted.

Nine basketball courts around Aberdeen are scheduled to be resurfaced and painted in the coming months. This follows the completion of similar projects at Cambridge Park in Strathmore and Ross Field in Cliffwood Beach. According to Aberdeen Public Works Director Bob Brady, the projects went to bid August 12 and were awarded on August 18, with work scheduled to begin in September.

“These projects are representative of our commitment to keeping our neighborhood athletic and playground facilities in top shape,” said Councilman Joseph Martucci. “While our Recreation and Public Works departments do their best to stay on top of things, we encourage residents to let us know when their local facilities are in need of repair or have other issues.”

Residents desiring to report issues in the parks, can call (732) 583-4200 and leave a message on the complaint line or dial 0 for the receptionist or go to the “Request for Service” tab on the township’s website, www.aberdeennj.org. ■

2015 Job Fair a big success

The Aberdeen Economic Business Council's (EBC) Third Annual Job Fair attracted nearly 400 job seekers and a record 42 businesses. Indicative of the event's success, an exit poll of participating employers found that 89% expected to hire candidates that applied for positions that evening, with 57% saying they are "likely" to hire and 32% "very likely." ■

A- Held at Matawan Regional High School, the event attracted employers in a wide variety of fields. Aberdeen businesses that participated included Quality 1st Basement Systems, Abigail Consulting Solutions, Mountain Energy Solutions, and The Tutoring Center.

B- For the second year in a row, students from Matawan Regional's Business Academy, under the direction of teacher Dan Bernstein, took part in planning and implementing the event.

C- EBC members Carmine Visone, Maxine Rescorl, Bill Parness, and David Shah were joined at the fair by Mayor Fred Tagliarini and Township Council members Robert Swindle, Connie Kelley, Margaret Montone and Joseph Martucci.



Project updates

Aberdeen continues to make strides in its efforts to improve infrastructure throughout the town, with the completion of several major projects and additional projects in the planning stages.

In Cliffwood, the Lakeshore Drive sewage pumping station has been rebuilt using funds from FEMA following its destruction during Superstorm Sandy. In addition, the long-awaited elevation and reconstruction of Lakeshore Drive has been completed at Cliffwood Beach, clearing the way for the reconstruction of Cliffwood Beach Park and the scenic



Work was completed on the Cypress Lane footbridge damaged during Hurricane Irene.

walkway along the seawall. Meanwhile, the state completed two significant projects in Cliffwood – the raising of Rte. 35 to alleviate persistent flooding in that section of the highway and consequent traffic detours down County Road, as well as the reconfiguration of the Cliffwood Ave./-Rte. 35 intersection to lessen congestion in Cliffwood Beach. In addition, Monmouth County has begun upgrading the Amboy

Ave. bridge between Keyport and Aberdeen.

In Strathmore, work was completed on the reconstruction of Warren Dr. from Lloyd Rd. to Waverly Pl., while a mill-and-overlay was wrapped up on the remainder of the street from Waverly Pl. to Lloyd Rd. Further, work was completed on the Cypress Ln. footbridge. Destroyed during Hurricane Irene, the footbridge links the street with Chilton Ln. And in the 'D' section, work was finished on the replacement of the Deerfield Ln. footbridge that connects the neighborhood to Matawan Regional High School.

Looking ahead, complete reconstruction projects are planned for the entire length of Rose Dr., Inglewood Ln. and Avondale Ln. The projects are currently in the design stages and once design is completed, the jobs will go out for bid, according to Director of Public Works Bob Brady. The projects are expected to start in late-fall or early-spring, depending on the length of time it takes to complete the Department of Environmental Protection permitting process for the work on Rose Dr., Brady noted. ■

New polling place

Polling Districts #6 and #13, formally located at Matawan Regional High School, have been relocated to the Matawan United Methodist Church located at 478 Atlantic Ave. (corner of Church St.).

**Election Day is
Tuesday, Nov. 3, with polls open
from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Officials tour site of future county park

Members of the Aberdeen Township Council were joined by State Senator Joe Kyrillos and other officials when they gathered for the first walk-through of the nearly 300-acre site designated for the future Freneau Woods Park, a passive recreational area that will become part of the county system.

The park will be located along the southern end of Lake Lefferts and will be the county's northernmost park. Plans include a variety of passive recreational offerings, including walking and hiking trails, picnic tables, and most likely a playground. The majority of the acreage will be maintained as protected woodlands, according to Councilwoman Margaret Montone, who serves on the Council's Freneau Land Preservation Committee along with Mayor Fred Tagliarini and Councilman Greg Cannon.

More than 30 people took part in the walk, including Tagliarini, Cannon, Mon-

tone, Deputy Mayor Harvey Brenner and Council members Connie Kelly, Joseph Martucci and Robert Swindle. They were joined by representatives from the town-



Pictured deep within one of the future park's scenic areas are (l. to r.): Councilmen Greg Cannon and Robert Swindle, Mayor Fred Tagliarini, Freeholder Serena DiMaso, and Councilman Joseph Martucci.

ship's Environmental & Shade Tree Advisory Board and Recreation Advisory Board, as well as Freeholder Serena DiMaso, State Senator Joe Kyrillos and his wife, Susan, Greg Remaud of the NY/NJ Baykeeper, and a number of enthusiastic area residents who guided the tour through their now-preserved wooded neighborhood enclave.

Altogether, the county will be utilizing money from a trust fund designed to protect open spaces to meet the final \$10.6 million cost of acquiring and assembling the multiple parcels in Aberdeen's Freneau section, including areas which had been targeted for the development of more than 1,000 homes. Portions of the park's overall site will also lie within neighboring Matawan and Marlboro.

Noting that the park ultimately prevented the construction of the large-scale town-house developments that had been proposed for the site, Tagliarini said: "This project rep-

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Woodfield *(con't)*

York/New Jersey Baykeeper, and the Monmouth Conservation Foundation to preserve nearly 300 acres of land that will ultimately become the Freneau Woods County Park. "With the land preservation in process, installing any sewer infrastructure in the area was put on hold in order to reduce any incentive for a developer to



The Woodfield sewer project is seen improving the quality of life and enhancing home values in Aberdeen's most rural area.

pursue what would have clearly been over-development of Aberdeen's most rural area," said Cannon.

"With the threat of development removed from that section of Aberdeen, it is now time to move forward with the project to extend the Township's sewer system into Woodfield," Cannon continued. "It will be a force-main along the Conrail right-of-way, beside the Henry Hudson Trail, down Sutphin Ave. and up Rte. 516 to Woodfield. All existing houses and buildable lots will be able to connect.

A pumping station will be constructed on the rear, downhill side of the neighborhood. Most people won't even know it's there."

The sewer project will be financed through a combination of funding from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, bonds, and funds from the township's current sewer operating budget without using property tax dollars.

"This is a large project and financing was not easy given that Aberdeen is a relatively small town," Cannon explained. "However, there are a number of sewer utility bonds from the mid-1990's which will be paid off in the next two years - creating enough budget space to finance the Woodfield sewer project without drastically increasing sewer rates. Between the upcoming retirement of existing sewer utility debt, the current climate of low interest rates and the recent move to preserve Freneau's parkland, this was an ideal time to launch this long-promised project." He added that future sewer rates for the township will be determined as part of the normal five-year cycle of reassessing sewer utility rates - next in 2019.

Everyone who has an occupied dwelling will have to hook up to the system within a timeframe to be determined. Installation cost for residents is derived primarily from connection fees, including \$8,466 per unit paid to the Bayshore Regional Sewage Authority to initiate a



All roads in Woodfield will be redone in connection with the sewer project.

hook-up and an additional \$5,064 paid to the township. Residents would also have to pay to decommission their septic tanks at the prevailing rate. Plumbing permits and physical connections to the stub would also be required. Total estimated cost per household will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

In the meantime, township officials are exploring the possibility of a financing program for residents hooking up to the system, Swindle said. "Of course, those with adequate equity in their homes can always use low-interest home equity loans to finance this major improvement to their property," he added.

All roads in the area will also be redone as part of the project. "Residents will have to deal with disturbance to streets," Swindle noted, "but ultimately they will have a brand-new neighborhood." Precautions to minimize the disruption include phasing the project, working on certain sections of the neighborhood at any given time. ■

Work begins on new Cliffwood Community Center

Work is well under way on the project to transform the former Aberdeen EMS facility at 651 Prospect Ave. in



(L. to R.): Council members Greg Cannon and Robert Swindle got the ball rolling on the conversion of the former EMS building into the new Cliffwood Community Center as Council members Margaret Montone, Connie Kelley and Joseph Martucci looked on.

Cliffwood into a new community center that will also serve as the new home of the H.A.M. Therapeutic Recreation Program, which provides a variety of educational and social activities for developmentally disabled residents of Hazlet, Holmdel, Aberdeen and Matawan.

The contract for the work—which includes general repairs and updates, upgrades on the restrooms and doorways, and

other improvements to make the building ADA-compliant-- was awarded through sealed, competitive bidding to Quality 1st Basement Systems of Cliffwood, said Township Manager Holly Reycraft. The project on the 5,700-square-foot building is expected to be wrapped up by the end of the year.

When the construction is complete, H.A.M. will use the building for camp and other organized events, including its weekly Night Owls program of social activities, as well as regularly scheduled cooking, arts and crafts, exercise and dance classes. Currently, the group operates out of a small classroom in Matawan, but has also used other sites for certain activities, including the senior center in Holmdel for its cooking classes. H.A.M. will continue to offer bowling, movies and a six-week traveling summer day camp at offsite locations.

The building became vacant with the

privatization of EMS, and ownership was initially transferred to the Aberdeen Patrolmen's Benevolent Association as a facility for their meetings. Last fall, ownership was transferred to Aberdeen Township for the new Cliffwood Community Center, which will be used as H.A.M.'s new headquarters and for general community uses, including fundraisers and programs for seniors. The space will also include an office for the Aberdeen Township P.B.A.

"We are extremely grateful to the P.B.A. for transferring the building to the township," said Councilwoman Connie Kelley. "This allows H.A.M. to hold the vast majority of its worthwhile activities under one roof for the first time, and also offers our seniors and other groups a new venue for various events." ■

Turning a new leaf...

With the coming of Fall and the leaves that follow, Aberdeen's Public Works Department has purchased a new leaf truck to remove leaves from township streets. The truck, which is one-man controlled, compared to the township's previous leaf truck which required two people to operate it, will make it possible for the second worker to focus on other department needs, explained Public Works Director Bob Brady.

County Park (cont)

resents the delicate balance between development and conservation, while also serving as a great example of bipartisan cooperation. Our Council wants to thank the Monmouth County Freeholders for approving the dollars needed for acquiring the additional acreage necessary to make this a large-scale park. In addition to the Freeholder board,

including members Thomas Arnone and Lillian Burry, we would like to offer special thanks to Senator Joseph Kyrillos; Greg Remaud, Deputy Director of the NY/NJ Baykeeper; and James Trunzer and Andrew Coeyman of the Monmouth County Park System. It was a total team effort in making this happen."

Site assembly began in 2012 with Aberdeen's purchase of the 22-acre former Hauser Farm for a passive recreational area that will be incorporated into the new county park.

"Freneau Woods will be a great legacy that the Mayor and Council will leave for the residents of Aberdeen and surrounding towns for generations to come," said Cannon. "Land that was once slated for development will now be preserved, and that's the kind of legacy that we want to leave."

"From its strategic location in the northwest corner of the county, this preserved

landscape will provide a gateway to the entire Bayshore area," added Brenner. "We are pleased that Aberdeen will be the host municipality for the largest portion of Freneau Woods." ■

New businesses...

The Aberdeen Economic Business Council's (EBC) Grand Opening program welcomed a number of new businesses to various parts of town over the past year, including Farmers Insurance, Score Consignments, Air Trampoline Sports, the Town Square Diner and Cherry Blond Salon.

Members of the EBC and Aberdeen Council participated in grand opening activities, which included a ribbon cutting ceremony and provision of welcome gifts from EBC members, along with the preparation and distribution of press releases announcing the new business. ■

Sign up for Alerts

Residents and businesses are reminded to sign up for alerts via the Nixle notification system. Nixle provides low level notifications by e-mail and text. To receive alerts via Nixle, go to the township's website or Facebook page to sign up. Registration can also take place by sending a text message with the user's zip code to 888777 or online at www.nixle.com.

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Doo Wop Night draws biggest crowd ever

Aberdeen's annual Doo-Wop Night and Classic Car Show on July 16 attracted the largest crowd and the greatest number of cars on display in the event's history. Held for the first time at Guisti Field in Cliffwood, the event, which was free and open to the entire community, featured musical performances by Special Request, a Classic Car Show with 85 antique cars on display and refreshments for sale. Approximately 350 guests attended, according to Aberdeen Recreation Director Jim Colabelli.

Township officials credited the increased attendance to moving the event from the

Municipal Building to Guisti Field, which offers ample parking and greater room for the classic car displays. In addition, the event was publicized via phone calls to residents who signed up for the Code Red notification system, on Aberdeen's Facebook page and website, as well as in local media outlets.

"It was most gratifying to see Aberdeen residents gather together for a beautiful evening of music and memories," said Councilman Robert Swindle, who attended the concert. "Residents of all ages enjoyed looking at the cars and many were singing along and even dancing to the music." ■



A- With 85 classic vehicles on display, this year's event featured the largest number of cars in the event's history.

B- A warm summer night brought out a record crowd to this year's Doo-Wop Concert and Car Show.

C- People of all ages enjoyed the evening's events.

D- Special Request wowed the crowd with a mix of oldies hits.