



ABERDEEN NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Aberdeen Township

Fall 2025



Aberdeen's Youth Programs Showcase

From painting curbs to supporting officers at township events, Aberdeen's summer jobs and cadet programs gave students real experience while improving the community. These initiatives show how investing in young people today builds confidence, pride, and the next generation of leaders.

Bringing Services Directly to You:

From property tax relief filing events to on-site MVC mobile units and senior scam prevention workshops, Aberdeen made it easier than ever for residents to access vital resources close to home. These efforts brought peace of mind and real support right to our neighbors' doorsteps.

Fall in Love with Aberdeen Parks:

From exciting new additions like major upgrades at Northland and Cambridge Parks, Aberdeen continues to invest in the places that bring neighbors together. With 17 parks across town, there's always a new spot to explore and enjoy.



Fred Tagliarini
Mayor



Margaret Montone
Deputy Mayor



Greg Cannon
Councilman



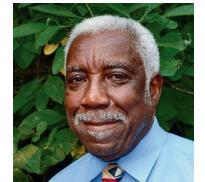
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Councilman



Connie Kelley
Councilwoman



Joseph J. Martucci
Councilman



Robert Swindle
Councilman

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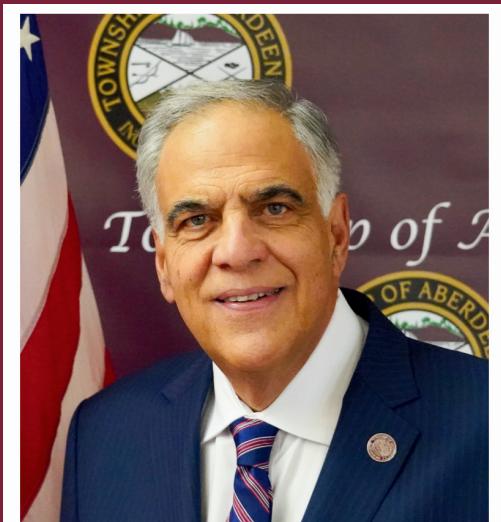
A FINAL WORD FROM MAYOR TAGLIARINI

As I prepare to conclude my time as Mayor, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to the people of Aberdeen. Serving this township has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Together, we've built a stronger, more vibrant community while holding on to the small-town values that make Aberdeen such a special place to call home.

From our neighborhoods and parks to our schools and local businesses, I've seen firsthand the strength, resilience, and kindness of our residents. It has been a privilege to work alongside so many dedicated individuals, from my colleagues on the Council to the volunteers, coaches, and neighbors who give their time every day to make Aberdeen better.

While my chapter as Mayor comes to a close, my love for this community remains as strong as ever. I look forward to continuing to see Aberdeen thrive in the years ahead, and I thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

With gratitude and pride,
Mayor Fred Tagliarini



Fred Tagliarini

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST & CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9AM-1PM
MATAWAN REGIONAL HS

Veteran's Day Celebrations in Aberdeen Township

Over the past few years, our Hometown Heroes banners have flown proudly over Aberdeen from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. Building on the success of this program, we debuted our Veterans Day Celebration in 2023 with the first Annual Veterans Day Car Show, including a ceremony honoring the men and women who served in our military.

This year, we're continuing that tradition. Join us on Saturday, November 8 at Matawan Regional High School for a Veterans Day Breakfast for honorees and their families, followed by a Car Show and community festivities outside. Together, we'll celebrate our veterans with pride, gratitude, and community spirit.

For more information or to be added to the honoree list, please contact Brittany Shea at (732) 583-4200 x132 or Brittany.Shea@AberdeenNJ.org.

Bringing Services Directly to You

This year, the Mayor and Council made it a priority to connect Aberdeen residents with the services and resources they need most, without the hassle of traveling far or waiting in long lines. By partnering with state and local agencies, we brought important programs right into our community.

One of the biggest successes was our ANCHOR Property Tax Relief Filing Event, which helped more than 80 residents. In September Township and State staff worked one-on-one with neighbors to file applications and answer questions. As Councilwoman Margaret Montone shared “We’ve brought resources directly to residents’ doorsteps. One woman shared with me how overwhelmed she felt trying to file on her own, with no one to help, until this event. It meant so much to know we were able to make that kind of difference.”

We also hosted the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) Mobile Unit twice this year. In April, the mobile DMV came to Town Hall, and in September, it returned to Cliffwood Beach. Residents were able to apply for REAL IDs, renew registrations, request non-driver IDs, and more all right here in town.

Finally, we prioritized protection and empowerment, especially for our seniors. At our Stop the Scam Workshop, residents learned how to recognize fraud and gained practical tools to stay safe. As Councilwoman Montone explained “We’re not just offering programs, we’re offering peace of mind.”



By continuing to bring these kinds of services directly into Aberdeen, the Council is committed to making life a little easier, a little safer, and a lot more convenient for all our residents.

A Summer to Remember in Aberdeen

This summer in Aberdeen was one for the books. From the solemn reflection of Memorial Day to the excitement of fireworks, concerts, and National Night Out, our community came together again and again to celebrate, honor, and enjoy the best of what Aberdeen has to offer.



It began on Memorial Day, when neighbors gathered at Veterans Memorial Park with Mayor Fred Tagliarini, the Township Council, and VFW Post 4745 to honor those who gave their lives in service. By July, the mood turned celebratory as families filled Veterans Memorial Park for our rescheduled Independence Day fireworks, rain couldn't keep Aberdeen down. That same week, residents rolled up their sleeves for a township Blood Drive, while the Summer Concert Series brought nights of music from the 80's & 90's to the park.



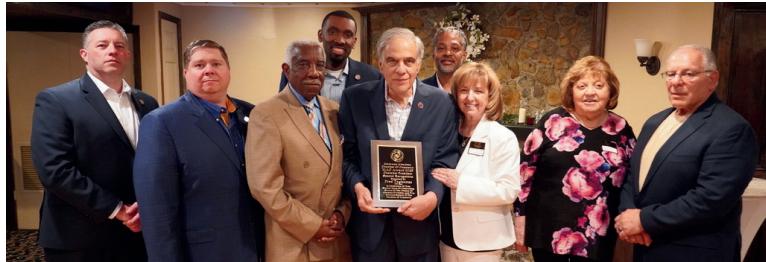
From "Ice Cream For Breakfast" on National Ice Cream Day to National Night Out, where kids won bikes, backpacks, and raced through obstacle courses, the season was full of moments that reminded us what community is all about. "These events don't just fill our calendar," said Councilman Arthur Hirsch. "They bring neighbors together and create memories that last far beyond the summer months."

Looking back, the story of this summer wasn't just about events. It was about Aberdeen coming together, whether to honor sacrifice, celebrate our country, or simply laugh with friends on a warm summer night.

Mayor Fred Tagliarini Honored at MAC Awards Dinner

On June 12, the Matawan-Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce gathered local leaders, business owners, and officials at MJ's at Buttonwood Manor for its annual MAC Awards & Board Installation Dinner. The evening celebrated the achievements of the business community and welcomed the Chamber's incoming Board of Directors.

One of the night's most memorable moments came when Chamber President Michael Grandi, joined by State Senator Vin Gopal, presented Mayor Fred Tagliarini with the Chamber President's Special Recognition Award. The honor highlighted Mayor Tagliarini's 16 years of dedicated public service and his unwavering support of Aberdeen's business community.



Accompanied by his wife Donna, their children, Council members, and township employees, Mayor Tagliarini grew emotional as he accepted the award: *"This community has given me everything,"* he said. *"It's where we raised our family, where I've had the chance to serve, and where I've made some of the most meaningful connections of my life. I'm deeply grateful."*

The evening also included additional tributes. A Joint Legislative Resolution from the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly recognized his leadership and role in major projects such as creating Aberdeen's first county park and restoring Cliffwood Beach's coastline. The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners followed with a Certificate of Recognition, proclaiming June 12, 2025, as "Mayor Fred Tagliarini Day."

A proud Aberdeen resident since 1987, Mayor Tagliarini's legacy stretches far beyond his time in office. From his years coaching youth sports and volunteering with civic groups to his four terms as mayor, he has been a steady, respected leader who put community first. As he reflected on the honor, Mayor Tagliarini reminded everyone of his lasting bond with Aberdeen: *"I may be stepping down, but I'll never stop being part of Aberdeen. This is my home and always will be."*



Aberdeen Township Safe Shred Saturday

**Aberdeen Town Hall, 1 Aberdeen Square
Saturday, November 15th
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Aberdeen Township Shredding Day Event
ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY**

Police Update: Service, Dedication, and Community Spirit

This summer was a powerful reminder of what makes the Aberdeen Township Police Department so special, courage in critical moments and dedication to building community. Sergeant Bruce Monro, Patrolman Frank Maisano, and Patrolman Nicholas Darocha were honored by the Monmouth County 200 Club after saving the life of a critically injured individual. Their calm response, use of tourniquets, and coordination with EMS made the difference, allowing the person to make a full recovery.



The department's commitment also shined in June when officers proudly carried the Flame of Hope during the 42nd Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics New Jersey, joining more than 3,000 officers statewide in a display of unity and inclusion.



Community spirit carried onto the ballfield as well, where Aberdeen PBA Local 163 earned bragging rights in the annual Battle of the Badges, defeating Matawan PBA Local 179 with a 19-7 final score in front of cheering neighbors at Oakshades Park.

The summer wrapped up with National Night Out 2025, where families explored police cars, enjoyed the Cadet Program's obstacle course, and went home with school-supply knapsacks and even brand-new bikes. It was an evening of fun, safety, and connection that brought Aberdeen families together under the summer night sky.

"I couldn't be prouder of our officers," said Chief Matt Lloyd. "They don't just wear the badge they embody service to our community every single day."

That spirit continued into the fall on October 1st, when the department celebrated "National Coffee with a Cop Day" at the Aberdeen Starbucks on Route 34. Officers spent the morning chatting with children, answering questions from residents, and even serving coffee at the drive-thru window. It was a simple but meaningful way to strengthen connections with the community, and plans are already underway to explore evening sessions so even more neighbors can join in.



ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP 2025 EVENTS

VETERANS DAY
BREAKFAST & CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9AM-1PM

MATAWAN REGIONAL HS

TREE LIGHTING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
6-8:30PM

TOWNHALL

MENORAH LIGHTING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
6-7:30PM

TOWNHALL

**TOWNSHIP EVENTS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
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Aberdeen Recreation Closes out 2025

As the year winds down, Aberdeen Recreation has plenty of exciting events to keep families active and entertained. From festive trips to princess tea parties there's something for everyone to enjoy before the year ends.

Aberdeen Recreation Fall/ Winter Programs-

- Pizza & Pumpkin Carving: October 28, 2025 – Full
- Disney on Ice – Jump In!: October 29, 2025
- Princess Tea Party: November 18, 2025
- Historic Smithville Senior Trip: November 20, 2025
- Christmas Spectacular ft. The Rockettes – Bus Trip: December 29, 2025



In addition to these special events, don't miss out on our regular programs , from Senior Center exercise classes and clubs to Open Gym Nights for kids and Yoga for Adults every Wednesday.



All registrations can be found online
at parksrec.egov.basgov.com/aberdeen.



Aberdeen Day 2025



This year's Aberdeen Day was one for the record books. From the moment festivities began, residents and visitors filled Matawan Regional High School and the surrounding grounds, creating an atmosphere brimming with energy, pride, and hometown spirit. One of the biggest highlights was the autograph signing, our very first year featuring an active Major League Baseball player. The excitement was so strong that lines stretched out the high school gym doors, showing just how proud we were to host such an experience right here in Aberdeen.

The Family Fun Zone was alive all day long with families scaling the rock-climbing wall, marveling at the live animal show, and cheering for the high-flying BMX performances. Dance contests and music kept the energy high, making it clear once again that Aberdeen Day has something for everyone.

And, of course, the contests brought out plenty of friendly competition. Congratulations to the winners of this year's pie-eating contests in both the children's and adult divisions

Councilman Robert Swindle reflected on the day's success, sharing, "Aberdeen Day continues to remind us that when we come together, we're more than just neighbors, we're a family. Seeing kids laugh, parents relax, and generations enjoying the same traditions makes this one of my favorite days of the year."

Mayor Fred Tagliarini, presiding over his final Aberdeen Day as Mayor, also offered his thoughts: "After 16 years, I can't think of a better send-off than seeing our community come together like this. The laughter, the pride, the joy, it's what Aberdeen is all about, and it's been the honor of my life to serve this town."

This day would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. A heartfelt thank you to our Presenting Sponsors: ARH Associates, BGIA Insurance, Dykes Lumber, NJ Leaf, Hidden Village, and Weiner Law Group. Your partnership ensures that Aberdeen Day continues to grow bigger and better each year.

Aberdeen Day 2025 was an incredible success because of you, our residents, volunteers, performers, vendors, and sponsors. Together, we've proven once again that Aberdeen is more than just a town; it's a true community.







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ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

WEEKLY PICK-UP BEGINS: OCTOBER 13TH

**LEAVES MUST BE PLACED CURBSIDE.
CREWS WILL COLLECT IN THE SECTIONS
LISTED FOR THAT WEEK.**

SCHEDULE

Sections A, N, D, C, B, Santa Fe, Heather Glen

- October 13
- November 10



Sections I, J, High School, Oakshades

- October 20
- November 17

Cliffwood Beach, Cliffwood, Aberdeen Road

- October 27
- November 24

Sections W, F, O, Woodbrook, Randall Way, Freneau

- November 3
- December 1

Final Pick-Up – All Sections of Town

- December 8



From neighborhood playgrounds like Fordham and Guisti, to destination parks like Veterans Memorial with its basketball courts, baseball field, playground, and popular splash pad, our parks are true community treasures.

Recent investments are creating even more opportunities:

- Northland Park reopened in 2024 after a \$1 million transformation, featuring six pickleball courts, a basketball court, pavilion, ADA-accessible playground, and improved parking.
- Freneau Woods County Park, created through a partnership with Monmouth County, now protects over 300 acres of woodlands and wildlife habitats, safeguarding Lake Lefferts and Raritan Bay.
- Cambridge Park saw safety and accessibility upgrades with new lighting, pathways, and playground improvements.



These projects join ongoing upgrades across town, from Veterans Memorial to Deerfield Park, ensuring safe, modern spaces for children, families, and seniors alike.

Aberdeen's parks aren't just places to play, they're investments in quality of life, public health, and community spirit. With 17 parks to explore, there's always another reason to fall in love with Aberdeen.

Fall in Love with Aberdeen Parks

Over the past decade, Aberdeen Township has made it a priority to invest in our parks, transforming them into vibrant spaces that bring people together. From new playgrounds to upgraded facilities, we've worked to ensure that our parks are a true highlight of our community.

Did you know Aberdeen is home to 17 parks?

- Andover Park
- Cambridge Park
- Booket Park
- Deerfield Park
- Fireman's Field (Oakshades Park)
- Fordham Park
- Freneau Woods Park
- Guisti Park
- Harrison Ave. Park
- Ivyhill Park
- Philip N. Gumbs Park
- Northland Park
- Overlook Park
- Storyland Park
- Veterans Memorial Park
- VFW Park (Ross Field)
- Vincent Vinci Park



Aberdeen's Youth Programs Showcase Community Pride and Future Leaders



This summer, Aberdeen Township once again demonstrated that when you invest in young people, the whole community benefits. Through initiatives like the Clean Communities Summer Jobs Program and the Police Cadets Program, students not only learned responsibility and teamwork but also made a lasting impact on their hometown.

The Clean Communities Program offered local high schoolers their first real work experience, with paid positions that allowed them to directly improve the look and feel of Aberdeen. From painting curbs and freshening playground mulch to clearing litter at parks, schools, and the train station, their efforts touched nearly every corner of town. What may have started as a summer job quickly became an opportunity to build confidence, pride, and skills that will serve them long after the season ends.

At the same time, the Police Cadets Program gave students a front-row view into public service. By assisting at township events, helping with traffic, supporting officers during large community gatherings and engaging with residents, the cadets became role models for their peers and a visible reminder that Aberdeen's future is already stepping up to serve.

Deputy Mayor Margaret Montone praised the students' involvement: "Our young people showed us this summer that they are not only capable, but eager to contribute. Their energy, their commitment, and their willingness to take on responsibility gives me so much optimism for the future of Aberdeen. Programs like these prove that when you give students a chance to lead, they rise to the occasion."

Together, the Clean Communities Summer Jobs and Police Cadets Programs highlight the township's dedication to preparing the next generation of leaders while strengthening community pride today.



Recycling Pickup Schedule (2025)

Section I - Recycling Pickup Dates

- October: 10/1, 10/15, 10/29
- November: 11/12, 11/26
- December: 12/10, 12/24

Section II - Recycling Pickup Dates

- October: 10/8, 10/22
- November: 11/5, 11/19
- December: 12/3, 12/17, 12/31

What Section You Are In?

Section I
Cliffwood Beach
Cliffwood
River Gardens
Oakshades
Freneau
Heritage Estates

Section II
Strathmore
High School Area
Woodbrook Drive
Randall Way
Storyland
Santa Fe
Heather Glenn

Investing in Youth Safety: AEDs for Aberdeen Sports

In July, the Aberdeen Township Council took a major step toward community safety by equipping local youth sports organizations with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). These life-saving devices were distributed to basketball, softball, baseball, soccer, football, cheer, and wrestling programs across town, ensuring that children, parents, and coaches have vital protection on the sidelines.



Councilman Greg Cannon, who volunteers as a coach for Matawan Aberdeen Youth Basketball (MAYB), Aberdeen Matawan Soccer Club (AMSC), and Matawan Aberdeen Babe Ruth League (MABRL), brought both experience and perspective to the process. All three organizations received AEDs, and his involvement as both a coach and parent made the initiative especially meaningful.

“As a coach and a parent, I know firsthand how much peace of mind it brings to have AEDs available at our games and practices,” said Councilman Cannon. “This initiative is about more than equipment, it’s about protecting our kids and giving families confidence that safety always comes first in Aberdeen.”

Councilman Joe Martucci added “Being involved in youth sports myself, I know how critical it is to have AEDs on hand. This is a vital step in making sure our kids, coaches, and families are safe on the field.”



Saluting Our Retiring Leaders

Aberdeen Township proudly thanks Mayor Fred Tagliarini and Councilman Joseph J. Martucci, Sr. as they retire after years of dedicated service. Mayor Tagliarini, first elected in 2009, guided Aberdeen through major projects, land preservation efforts, and the creation of our WTC Memorial. His steady leadership has left a lasting impact on our community.

Councilman Martucci, a lifelong resident, has served on Council since 2013 and spent nearly four decades in the Matawan-Aberdeen School District as a teacher, coach, administrator, and Athletic Director. He also continued coaching at Kean University and Saint John Vianney, inspiring generations of student-athletes.

“Coaching has always been about more than the game, it’s about shaping young people to succeed in life,” he reflected.



Together, Mayor Tagliarini and Councilman Martucci have given Aberdeen decades of leadership, dedication and heart. “I’ve been blessed to live and raise my family in Aberdeen,” Martucci added. “Serving this community is an honor that means a great deal to me.”

Their retirement marks the end of an era of service, but their legacy will continue to guide our township for years to come.

Honoring Service and Dedication



At the October Council Meeting, Mayor Fred Tagliarini and the Township Council proudly recognized both new and longtime members of our community. Officer Dimitrious Myers was officially sworn in, and officers were honored with the Department Citation, Lifesaving Award, and Meritorious Service Award for their actions that helped keep Aberdeen safe.

The Council also celebrated 25 years of service from Chief of Police Matt Lloyd, Catherine Moelius, and Shawn Ramsey, each presented with a proclamation of gratitude. As Councilwoman Connie Kelly shared, “Milestones like this remind us that our community is built on the dedication of people who show up every day to serve.”

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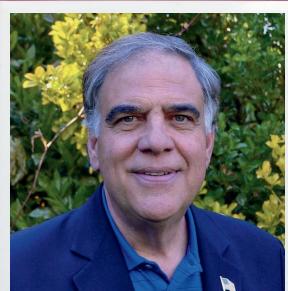
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- You'll receive an email confirmation once your application is accepted and processed. It's the applicant's responsibility to follow up with the office to ensure timely enrollment for the next quarter.

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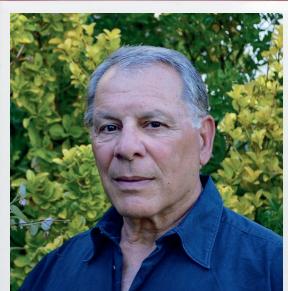
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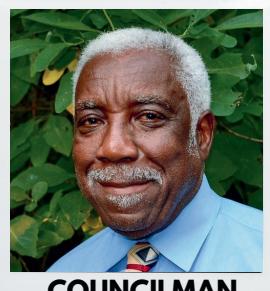
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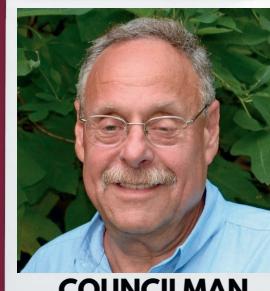
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