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**SPRING/SUMMER 2004**

## **\$\$\$ GREEN ACRES PAYDAY \$\$\$**

### **AN OPEN SPACE UPDATE**

We recently received a \$242,025 reimbursement from the New Jersey Green Acres Program for the acquisition of the Wigmore Acres property (11.4 acres located at the corner of Westfield and Bridgeboro Roads). Closing actually took place in June of 2001, so the reimbursement was long overdue. The Council recently requested that Green Acres expedite open space payments to minimize the actual cost to you, the taxpayer. The Wigmore funds represent the State's first open space payment to Moorestown. We have been allocated a total of \$1,550,000 to date and partial reimbursement for the Benner property (Swede Run Fields) is expected soon.

### **NEW WATER RATES ADOPTED**

Effective May 1, 2004, the Township's water rates will increase for some homeowners and businesses. Higher usage rates have been adjusted to reflect the costs of water purchased from the NJ American Water Company to meet peak demand. NJ American has just received a major rate increase approval from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. As a result, the Township has adjusted its rates. Specifically, the water rate for those using between 30,000 and 100,000 gallons per quarter will increase from \$3.01 to \$3.18 per 1,000 gallons. For those properties using more than 100,000 gallons per quarter, the rate will increase from \$4.47 to \$4.96 per 1,000 gallons. There will be no increase for those using less than 30,000 gallons per quarter. All water customers are encouraged to conserve water and monitor its use carefully. Sewer rates have not changed.



### **SUMMER LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS**

The Township is enforcing mandatory "odd-even" sprinkling restrictions in an effort to conserve water. Under these restrictions, homeowners with odd-numbered addresses can water their lawns on odd-numbered days; likewise, even-numbered addresses can water their lawns on even-numbered days. Lawn sprinkling, through the use of automatic sprinkling systems, is prohibited everyday between 9am and 5pm, since much of this water evaporates before the grass can benefit. Hand-held watering is legal during daytime hours on the correct day. These restrictions become effective on May 1, 2004 and remain in effect until September 30<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 235-3520. Please be aware, that while Moorestown has set forth local policies, any provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey during the warm months will be in addition to and will supersede the local policies.



### **WEST MOORESTOWN TASK FORCE**

The Task Force has been hard at work volunteering their time to make recommendations to the Council on improvements needed in the western neighborhoods of town. The Task Force, a committee comprised of residents from the area, has been challenged by Council to make an assessment of the needs in the area. It has been diligently working at accomplishing this task by meeting monthly with Township, County and State Officials. In addition, they have been seeking information and input from the residents and business owners. Late last year, residents and business owners in the designated area were surveyed asking them to rate the needs. Survey results can be viewed at <http://www.moorestown.com/pubs/353.pdf>.

The Task Force wanted to remind all residents in town that they are eligible to participate in the Township's 25% sidewalk reimbursement program should they wish to repair or replace the sidewalk in front of their home. This is true whether you live on a township or county road. You are strongly encouraged to contact the Township Offices if you are interested in this program.

### ***An Important Advisory from the Police Department***

Pickpocket rings are targeting the Delaware Valley area shopping centers, particularly coffee shops like Panera Bread and Barnes & Noble. Residents are warned not to leave handbags hanging on the back or under chairs as these fraudsters will have your credit cards and ID before you know it. Carry only essential credit cards and ID, particularly not your social security card. If you are pick-pocketed, contact the police and your credit card companies immediately. Also, a new internet fraud scheme known as "phishing" has been rising in popularity with fraudsters, particularly from overseas. These fraudsters are hacking legitimate sites for your email address, sending out millions of emails (fishing for info) each week to unsuspecting victims demanding an immediate response to a website that mimics a legitimate credit card issuer or bank, etc. stating that your account will be suspended unless you reply with your account and personal information. Some of these sites are frightfully good copies that have fooled even law enforcement officers that have been emailed. **NONE OF THESE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WILL EVER REQUEST YOUR IDENTIFIERS IN THIS MANNER, SO DO NOT RESPOND. CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.**

**June 8, 2004 - Primary Election - Polls open 6am until 8pm**



# brush up on brush collection



The Township has been receiving complaints from some of your neighbors. Apparently, some are placing their brush in the street and/or at the curb far in advance of their scheduled pick up. Piling brush in the street or too far in advance of your scheduled pick up can be hazardous and make for an unsightly neighborhood. So, please take notice that we provide brush collection 10 months of the year (according to your trash district). November and December monthly brush collection is suspended for leaf collection services. **Please schedule your trimmings and clean up projects to coincide with the brush removal schedule**, so we can remove your material from the curb in a timely manner. ***Your neighbors will appreciate it and your neighborhood will benefit.*** You may view our website to view pictures of appropriate versus inappropriate ways to place your brush curbside.

## BRUSH AND LARGE APPLIANCE PICK UP SCHEDULE FOR 2004

DISTRICT #	1	2	3	4
LARGE APPLIANCES SCRAP METAL AND TIRES	1 <sup>st</sup> FRIDAY OF MONTH	2 <sup>nd</sup> FRIDAY OF MONTH	3 <sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY OF MONTH	4 <sup>th</sup> FRIDAY OF MONTH
BRUSH TO BE PLACED AT CURB BY:	1 <sup>st</sup> MONDAY OF MONTH	2 <sup>nd</sup> MONDAY OF MONTH	3 <sup>rd</sup> MONDAY OF MONTH	4 <sup>th</sup> MONDAY OF MONTH

## MOORESTOWN SUMMER TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

DISTRICT	REGULAR TRASH COLLECTION	SUMMER (JUNE 21 - SEPTEMBER 3) TRASH COLLECTION
1	MONDAY	MONDAY AND THURSDAY
2	TUESDAY	TUESDAY AND FRIDAY
3	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY AND FRIDAY
4	THURSDAY	MONDAY AND THURSDAY
BUSINESS DISTRICTS 1 & 2	TUESDAY AND FRIDAY	MONDAY AND THURSDAY
BUSINESS DISTRICT 3	TUESDAY AND FRIDAY	TUESDAY AND FRIDAY
COMPLEXES WITH DUMPSTERS/CONTAINERS	FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY

May 10, 2004 is the last day to register to vote for the June Primary

# RECREATION NOTICE

*The following programs will be offered during the late spring and summer:*



### ANNUAL PHILLIES HOME RUN DERBY – Friday, May 21 at Jeff Young Park

- Boys and Girls Ages 7, 8, and 9 - 5:30 PM
- Boys and Girls Ages 10, 11, and 12 - 6:15 PM
- Boys and Girls Ages 13, 14, and 15 - 7:00 PM

Description: Using a pitching machine, each contestant hits ten pitches. Points are scored for fair balls, distance hits, and homeruns. Engraved plaques are awarded to all first, second, and third place finishers, with the chance to move on to the regional finals. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Office in Town Hall.

### SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM – June 22-July 30

When: Weekdays 9AM-12Noon and 1PM-3PM

Locations: Mary Roberts School, New Albany Recreation Center, Frank Fullerton Memorial Park, and Salem Road Park

Registration: At the playground any day during the first week of the program. No fee.

### SUMMER THEATER PROGRAM – Weekdays 9AM-11AM and 1PM-3PM



Auditions: June 21 - June 22 9AM-11AM and 1PM-3PM

Production Dates: July 30 and July 31

Registration: At your attendance of the auditions. No Fee

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES is a series of six concerts on

Wednesday evenings beginning in late June through early August. Concerts are on the lawn at Perkins Center for the Arts beginning at 7:30PM. Featured sounds include "Big Band" show tunes and marches. The concerts are free -- just bring a blanket or lawn chair.

**SUMMER TRIP SERIES** is for children attending the Playground Program, a series of field trips including ball games, museums, and other interesting tours. Registration will take place on the playgrounds. A nominal fee will be charged for each trip.

## MOORESTOWN LIBRARY



Kids can explore new pathways through reading during the **Discover New Trails...Read** summer reading program at the Library. Sign up starting Monday, June 2, at 8 pm, for a summer of reading games, story times, crafts, performances and special events. Teens will **Get Lost @ Your Library** in the world of books this summer in a separate program of activities and prizes; signups start Monday, June 28, at the Reference Desk. All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library, who invite you to join them in enhancing Library service to everyone.

DURING SUMMER VACATION, PLEASE REMEMBER, OUR CHILDREN WILL BE OUTSIDE PLAYING. PLEASE BE AWARE, SLOW DOWN AND DRIVE CAREFULLY.

TOWNSHIP OFFICES  
**CLOSED**  
MAY 31 JUL 5 SEP 6  
NO TRASH  
COLLECTION

**PLAYGROUND SWIMMING** - In connection with the Playground Program, open swimming at the Community House Pool on weekdays 1PM-4PM beginning on June 22-July 30th. Registration is on a day-to-day basis and the fee is 50 cents per hour.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Rotary Run - June 5 at 8:30 am - Begins/Ends at Community House**

**Moorestown Day - June 12 - 9am to 3pm**