

**MAY**

# Wantage Township Newsletter

**2010**

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## **DID YOU FORGET TO RENEW YOUR DOG LICENSE ?**

If your dog has been spayed or neutered, the dog license fee is \$10.00, plus late fees. If your dog has not been spayed or neutered, the fee is \$14.00, plus late fees. Late Fees of \$2 per month, per dog, apply if you did not renew your dog license before 02/01/10. Please make checks payable to Wantage Township. If your dog has been spayed or neutered, include this proof with your application. You Must Also Include Proof of Rabies Vaccination. If your dog's rabies shot expires before November 1, 2010, you must get your dog a new rabies shot before you can apply for your 2010 dog license. **You may obtain your dog license either by mail or in person** at the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 State Highway Route 23, Wantage, NJ. If you have any questions, call us at 973-875-7192.

**The Public Hearing on the 2010 Wantage Municipal Budget is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at the Wantage Town Hall, 888 Route 23.** For a property assessed at \$320,000, local taxes will increase \$105 in 2010. A copy of the proposed budget can be found on the Wantage Township website, [www.wantagetwp.com](http://www.wantagetwp.com).

## **ANNUAL BULKY WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM**

The 2010 Spring Clean Up of bulky waste for residences in Wantage Township will take place during the first two weeks in June. Property Owners who purchase a Bulky Waste Sticker from the Wantage Town Hall will be permitted to place up to 500 pounds of bulky items for collection at curbside. Items must be placed at curbside on the evening prior to the week's collection for your area of town. Materials may include household appliances (commonly referred to as white goods), couches, tables, chairs, mattresses, bedsprings, etc. No household garbage, recyclable material, clothing, building materials, brush/leaves/grass, hazardous materials or tires will be collected. A Bulky Waste Sticker may be obtained from the Wantage Tax Collector's office, at a cost of \$30, for each household in Wantage. Proof of residency may be required at the time of purchase. If you are not sure which week to place your bulky waste out for collection, call us at 973-875-7192 and we will let you know. Collection will take place no earlier than 7:00 a.m., and no later than 4:00 p.m. on any given day.

**Tickets go on sale as of Monday, May 3, 2010.**

There will be no bulky waste collection on Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)

If you live on a street located to the east of State Highway Route 23, the collection of bulky waste will take place from Tuesday, June 1 — Saturday, June 5.

If you live on a street located to the west of State Highway Route 23, the collection of bulky waste will take place during the week of Monday, June 7 — Saturday, June 12.

**STAY CURRENT ON TOWNSHIP ISSUES—VISIT [www.wantagetwp-nj.org](http://www.wantagetwp-nj.org)**

Budget constraints may limit the Township's ability to mail future newsletters; keep in touch through the Township website!

## AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE MAYOR: Stormwater Management and Local Ordinances

Dear Fellow Wantage Township Resident:

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns can affect our drinking water supplies and the lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we all need to do something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of Stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, Wantage Township has adopted ordinances and other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to Stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

**Don't litter: Wantage Township has a Litter Ordinance in place!** Place litter in trash receptacles.

**Recycle. Recycle. Recycle!** You can read the Township ordinances for Litter control and Recycling requirements on the Wantage Township website at [www.wantagetwp.com](http://www.wantagetwp.com).

**Help Keep Wantage Clean – And make a Buck While You're At It!**

Through the Wantage Township Clean Communities program, you can organize and participate in community cleanups, and receive cash through the Township's Clean Communities Grant for doing so! Contact Christine Von Oesen at Wantage Township Municipal Building, 973-875-7192, and we will set you up with our Clean Communities Coordinator.

**Dispose of yard waste properly:** Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

**Clean up after your pet:** Remember to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public property or other people's property. Remember to use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes. Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet. Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

**Don't feed wildlife:** Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

**Contact information:** For more information on stormwater related topics, visit [www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org). Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps). New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (609) 633-7021.

Together, we can make a difference and protect our future. Thank you!

Yours truly,

Clara Nuss, Mayor

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

A message from the Sussex County Health  
Department, Office of Mosquito Control

Mosquito-borne diseases, such as malaria and yellow fever, have plagued civilization for thousands of years. Organized mosquito control in the United States has greatly reduced these diseases. However, there are still a few diseases that mosquitoes in New Jersey can transmit. West Nile Virus is the newest introduced mosquito-borne virus. Several other viruses have been in New Jersey for a long time, including those that cause Eastern Equine Encephalitis and St. Louis Encephalitis.

Both dogs and horses are possible hosts for mosquito-borne diseases. Dog heartworm is a serious threat to canine life and is costly to treat once an animal becomes infected. Dog heartworm can be transmitted by one of the mosquito species, the northern house mosquito, which also transmits West Nile Virus. Horses are susceptible to both West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. In Sussex County during the 2000 season, 3 horses died of West Nile Encephalitis. Consult your veterinarian for the availability of horse vaccines.

The office of Mosquito Control is responsible for the control of nuisance mosquito populations. Our activities are based on an extensive surveillance program. Emphasis is placed on elimination of mosquito breeding habitat and the control of mosquitoes while they are still in their aquatic stages of development.

As Homeowners, the most efficient method of controlling mosquitoes is to reduce the availability of water suitable for larval and pupal growth. Large lakes, ponds, and streams that have waves, contain mosquito-eating fish, and lack aquatic vegetation around their edges do not contain mosquitoes; mosquitoes thrive in smaller bodies of water. Examine your home and neighborhood and take the following precautions:

Dispose of unwanted buckets and tires.

Clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs.

Flush sump-pump pits weekly.

Stock ornamental pools with fish.

Change water in birdbaths, fountains, and troughs twice a week.

Clean and chlorinate swimming pools; when not regularly used, they should be emptied.

Turn over unused wading pools and other containers that tend to collect rainwater.

Cover containers tightly with window screen or plastic when storing rainwater for garden use during drought periods.

If mosquitoes present a problem in your area, contact the office at 973-948-4545.

Our staff will investigate your service request.

# RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO RECYCLE!

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

Please join us in a very simple course of action that we believe will greatly increase our recycling rate:

# RECYCLE JUNK MAIL!

We all “get” the need for recycling. We’ve been doing it for years and years. We recycle the newspapers, and the cardboard, the glass, the plastic, and the aluminum. But one thing that we can do more of, is recycling our paper products, especially our junk mail — a very simple way to “go green.”

### For Your Information:

Sussex County Residents & Businesses



Can Now Recycle:



**Chipboard** : Food, tissue, & other gray or white paperboard can be included with cardboard. No wax coated material (i.e. Juice Boxes).



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**Plastic Containers**



: All rinsed

plastic containers with codes between 1 (PET) and 7 (OTHER) can be included with commingled containers. No plastic toys.



For more information  
 Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA)  
 34 South Route 94  
 Lafayette NJ 07848  
 973-579-6998  
 www.scmua.org

## **WANTAGE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION UPDATE**

**Veterans Memorial Dedication to be held on May 30:** Please Join us at Woodbourne Veterans Memorial Park, at the corner of Sherman Ridge Road and Berry Road, for a dedication ceremony on May 30, 2010 starting at noon. The recently completed Memorial represents a beautiful and moving tribute to our Veterans, as well as a testimony to the patriotic spirit of our community. Help renew the true meaning of Memorial Day—join us for this Dedication ceremony.

The Wantage Township Recreation Commission will be hosting the Little Miss Wantage, Little Mister Wantage, and Miss Wantage Contests on June 12, 2010. The winner of the Miss Wantage contest will represent Wantage Township at the “Queen of the Fair” Pageant during the New Jersey State Fair. Look for further details to come on [www.wantagetwp.com](http://www.wantagetwp.com).

Calling All Talented Residents! The 2010 Talent Show needs you! The winners will be eligible to compete at the annual Sussex County Talent Show to be held at the New Jersey State Fair. Watch for further announcements on [www.wantagetwp.com](http://www.wantagetwp.com)

**KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN!** The Wantage Recreation Commission reminds you that Woodbourne Park and Lott Road Fields are “Carry In, Carry Out” facilities. Do not leave litter behind! It attracts bees, bears, and flies, and creates the need for extra expense to remove the litter. Working together, we can keep our parks clean and attractive. Come enjoy our parks, and leave with happy memories—and with full garbage bags if you brought food! Thank you.

Watch for announcements about Tire Turn-In Day in October!

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