

DECEMBER

Wantage Township Newsletter

2011

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TRIMMING TREES/BUSHES ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

From time to time, the Township must trim hedges, bushes, tree branches, shrubbery and other forms of landscaping planted along the public right of way. Technically, no trees, shrubs, etc., owned by private citizens should be planted along the public right of way. In reality, of course, quite often people do plant along the right of way, for the purpose of enhancing the curbside appeal of their property. The Township has no problem with any property owner wishing to beautify their property, ... but if a tree or bush planted in the right of way is blocking sight distance for drivers along the public roads, then these trees, branches, shrubs, etc., must be pruned and trimmed. If you have trees or bushes planted along the public right of way, and you do not want the Township to trim them, for fear that we may damage the plant or tree, please contact the Administrator's office at 973-875-7192. We will have a member of the Public Works Department come out and explain our needs, and if it is necessary to improve sight distance, we will allow you the opportunity to trim and prune the plants yourself, in a way that you find acceptable and will at the same time meet the needs of the public for safety along the roads. Please work with us on this issue! If we do not hear from you, and the public's safety is being compromised by sight distance problems, we will take appropriate action to prune and trim the branches and shrubs. Take a pro-active stance now to protect your curb-side landscaping, if you think this will be a problem or issue for you. Thanks!

WANTAGE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING 2012 DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS IN DECEMBER

If your dog's rabies shot expires before November 1, 2012, you must get your dog a new rabies shot before we can release your 2012 dog license to you. Wantage Township will mail a dog license renewal application form to all current dog owners in Wantage Township during the month of December. If you are a new dog owner, or if you do not receive a dog license application form and need one, you may obtain one by visiting the Wantage Township website at www.wantagetwp.com; or by checking the New Jersey Herald Newspaper on Monday, December 15, 2011; or stop by Wantage Town Hall and pick up a dog licensing form. If your dog has been spayed or neutered, the dog license fee is \$10.00. If your dog has not been spayed or neutered, the dog license fee is \$14.00. Late fees of \$2 per month, per dog, apply if you have not renewed your dog license before 02/01/12. When completing your application, please make checks payable to Wantage Township. You must include Proof of Rabies Vaccination. If your dog has been spayed or neutered, you must also include this proof with your application. You may obtain your dog license either by mail or in person at the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 State Highway 23, Wantage, NJ.

REGISTER YOUR ALARM SYSTEM WITH WANTAGE TOWN HALL!

There is a one-time registration form and fee for any residence or business that has a burglar alarm or fire alarm installed in Wantage Township. Contact the municipal clerk's office at 973-875-7192 for information and the application form, or visit www.wantagetwp.com

REMEMBER WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS!

From November 15 through April 15, parking is prohibited on the public streets of Wantage between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Do not park a vehicle on any Township Street or part thereof when there is snow or ice on the surface of the road!

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE THE SECOND WEEK IN JANUARY!

Wantage Residents may place their Christmas Trees for collection at curb side beginning January 9, 2012.

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

In return for organizing a roadside litter pickup in Wantage Township, your group can earn \$6.00 per hour, per person. Gloves, litterbags and safety vests will be provided. The participants in your organization will be developing civic pride in performing a valuable community service. This hands-on experience will help them understand the negative impact of litter on our environment. Choose a date and time for your litter pick up. Allow 1-2 hours for your clean up. Call Ken Karnas at 973-875-5316 for suggestions, and to obtain safety vests, gloves, and bags. Every participant must wear a safety vest and gloves.

The Wantage Township Recreation Commission is looking for volunteers to help plan 2012 activities. We invite you to attend our monthly meetings held at the Wantage Municipal building @ 7:30 pm. Dates for meetings can be found under the Wantage Township Recreation Commission section of Wantage Township website. Activities include seasonal festivals, community dinner-dances, Wantage Township Pageants (Little Miss/Mister and Miss Wantage), Wantage Township Talent Contest, Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, Holiday Decoration Contest, Wantage Day Celebrations, 5k Fun Run at Woodbourne Park, and bus trips. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more or volunteering to help with these activities, please e-mail your correspondence to: jeanne@wantagewp-nj.org. Thank you,

The Wantage Township Recreation Commission

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS: BUY THEM IN THE STORE, ... OR BUY THEM THROUGH THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP FIRST AID SQUAD. CHOOSE ONE, BUT GET IT DONE!

YOU CAN COMPLY WITH THE HOUSE NUMBERING REQUIREMENT OF WANTAGE TOWNSHIP AND HELP SUPPORT THE WANTAGE FIRST AID SQUAD AT THE SAME TIME. ORDER YOUR DOUBLE SIDED REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGN TODAY. IT HAS REFLECTIVE MATERIAL ON BOTH SIDES, IS FADE RESISTANT, AND LASTS FOR YEARS. PRE-DRILLED HOLES FOR MOUNTING. FREE SET UP FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND PERSONS AGE 65 OR OLDER WITHIN THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREA.

If your address has fewer than 5 digits, start at the left and X those boxes not used

ADDRESS NUMBER REQUESTED:

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

SIGN TYPE: DOUBLE-SIDED SIGN FOR MOUNTING ON MAILBOX OR POST: \$15.00
 PRE-MOUNTED SIGN ON METAL POST: \$20.00
 (PLEASE ADD \$3.00 IF DELIVERY WILL BE OUTSIDE THE WANTAGE TERRITORY)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WANTAGE TOWNSHIP FIRST AID SQUAD
 MAIL YOUR ORDERS TO: WANTAGE TWP FIRST AID SQUAD, P.O. BOX 721, WANTAGE, NJ 07461

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ORDER THESE PARTICULAR ADDRESS SIGNS ...
BUT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE SURE YOUR PROPERTY PROPERLY DISPLAYS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER.

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution: Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water. A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and 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're all doing 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, many municipalities and other public agencies, including colleges and military bases, must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to Stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties. As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides: Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer. Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted. Look into alternatives for pesticides. Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer. If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow instructions on the label on how to correctly apply them. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products: Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints. Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated. If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance. Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible. Recycle used motor oil. Contact your municipality, county, or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Keep pollution out of storm drains: Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies. Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Don't litter: Place litter in trash receptacles. Recycle. Recycle. Recycle. Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly: Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains. If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them. 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: Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules. An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And 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. Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Contact information: For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org. Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or 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.

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RESIDENT - WANTAGE TOWNSHIP

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TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, 888 ROUTE 23, WANTAGE, NJ 07461

Owner's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Dog: Sex: M F Breed: _____ Age: _____ Color: _____

Name of Dog: _____ Is The Dog Spayed/Neutered? Yes No

Veterinarian's Name: _____ Rabies Expires: _____