

Mayor: Ronald Bassani Deputy Mayor: William DeBoer

Committeeman: William Gaechter Administrator: Jim Doherty

### TRIMMING TREES/BUSHES ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

From time to time, the Township must trim hedges, bushes, tree branches, shrubbery and other 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, to enhance 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 is blocking sight distance for drivers along the public roads, then these trees, branches, shrubs, etc., must be 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. Thank you for working 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!

### REGISTER YOUR ALARM SYSTEM!

There is a one-time registration form and fee for any residence or business that has a burglar or fire alarm installed in Wantage Township. Contact the municipal clerk at 973-875-7192 for information and the application form, or visit [www.wantagewp.com](http://www.wantagewp.com)

### KNOW THE LAW for RE-USE OF ASPHALT AND CONCRETE: Visit the NJDEP website at

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/rrtp/asphaltguidance.pdf> regarding the use of recycled asphalt pavement, including asphalt millings excavated from public highways and roads which may then be used in residential driveways. Protect your environment and your groundwater by making sure it's done right!

### "People and Bobcats and Bears, Oh My!"

Living in Northwest New Jersey is a wonderful experience, full of exciting opportunities for communing with Nature.

It also carries with it a responsibility to stay fully informed about wildlife that you may come into contact with. See below public information provided from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/ensp/pdf/end-thrtened/bobcat.pdf>

<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts.htm>

### 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 road!

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: 12/06 @ 6:30 pm

Please Join Us on December 6, 2013 at the Wantage School on Route 23, for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Have fun with the Book Fair, Refreshments, Carol Singing with the High Point Chamber Singers, and of course, ... SANTA!

### CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY!

Wantage Residents may place their Christmas Trees for collection at curb side beginning January 6, 2014.

## **JCP&L Warns Customers About Possible Scams**

**Morristown, N.J. – Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) reminds customers to beware of telemarketers and door-to-door salespeople claiming to be employees of JCP&L or FirstEnergy.**

**Some third-party salespeople are reportedly using deceptive and/or aggressive tactics to convince customers to switch electric generation suppliers. While JCP&L customers have the right to choose an alternative generation supplier under New Jersey's Energy Choice Program, the company urges customers to be cautious if they are contacted via phone or approached at their home, particularly if the salesperson claims to be affiliated with JCP&L.**

- JCP&L employees and contractors do not engage in telemarketing or door-to-door sales for the purpose of encouraging residential customers to switch energy suppliers.**
- JCP&L employees do not ask for sensitive information such as social security numbers or bank account numbers. In addition, JCP&L employees do not ask customers to provide a copy of their electric bill.**
- Virtually all visits to customer homes by company representatives or contractors are prearranged by the customer or through a call to the customer.**
- All JCP&L and FirstEnergy employees and contractors must carry company-issued photo identification. If someone claiming to be from JCP&L comes to your door, ask to see the individual's identification.**
- If customers have any doubts about a caller or visitor claiming to represent JCP&L or FirstEnergy, or about the information they are being asked to provide, they can call JCP&L at 1-800-662-3115 for verification. If the caller or visitor is a scammer, customers should contact their local police department to report the fraud.**
- While the practice is not used by JCP&L, other electricity suppliers licensed by the state may use agents to conduct door-to-door or telephone marketing or sales activities. Their activities must comply with all federal, state and municipal laws and regulations.**

**JCP&L reminds customers that, if they choose to shop for their electricity supply, they should evaluate all offers carefully and pick the one that is best suited for their situation. In addition, before switching, customers should be sure they fully understand all the terms of any supplier's offer. Resources on electric deregulation and the New Jersey Energy Choice program are available on the JCP&L website at [https://www.firstenergycorp.com/customer\\_choice.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/customer_choice.html), or on the BPU's website at [www.nj.gov/bpu](http://www.nj.gov/bpu).**

**Customers with concerns about third-party suppliers should contact the BPU by calling the complaint hotline at 1-800-624-0241, or by submitting a complaint online: [www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/complaints/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance/complaints/index.html).**

## **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](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.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.

### 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 2014 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](mailto:jeanne@wantagewp-nj.org). Thank you!

### 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 DISABILTIES AND PERSONS AGE 65 OR OLDER WITHIN THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREA.

ADDRESS NUMBER REQUESTED:

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

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.**

**Subject: 2013 Hurricane Season Information from the Office of Emergency Management**

As we approach the 2013 Hurricane Season, we take a minute to reflect on the 1 year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. This tropical storm caused severe damage to the MUNICIPALITY. Through the efforts of local, county and state emergency management personnel, we were able to overcome the devastating effects of this storm. In addition the Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works and many others came together and worked through this critical time. The State Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has put together a comprehensive Hurricane Survival Guide (see attached or use link below). We ask that you please take a minute to look this over and share with family and friends. Link to Hurricane Survival Guide:

[http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/plan/pdf/081412\\_hurricane\\_surviveguide.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/plan/pdf/081412_hurricane_surviveguide.pdf)

We need you to Stay informed, Make a Plan, and Build a Hurricane Kit. Thank You!

Joe Konopinski, Wantage EMC

**TIRE TURN IN DAY  
OCTOBER 19, 2013**

**9:00 a.m.—Noon at the Wantage Twp  
Municipal Building, 888 Route 23.**

**Car Tires and Light Truck Tires. Limit 8  
Tires Per Household. Proof of Residency  
Required. Sponsored by the Wantage Twp  
Clean Communities Program**

**FREE RABIES CLINIC  
NOVEMBER 1, 2013**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Wantage Twp  
Municipal Garage, 888 State Route 23**

**FREE RABIES VACCINATION FOR DOGS  
AND CATS. DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AND  
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. CATS MUST  
BE IN A CARRIER AND ACCOMPANIED BY  
AN ADULT.**

**ON OCTOBER 30 AND OCTOBER 31, A CURFEW IS IN EFFECT IN WANTAGE**

It is unlawful for anyone under the age of 18 years to be in any public place in the Township of Wantage on October 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following date, unless accompanied by his or her parent or guardian. No parent or guardian shall knowingly permit any juvenile to violate the curfew. The following exceptions apply:

- A. Traveling to or returning from a hospital, doctors office, emergency care facility or pharmacy, the curfew does not apply.
- B. Traveling directly to or returning from his or her place of employment, the curfew does not apply.
- C. Engaged in performance of an errand at the direction of a parent or guardian of such juvenile the curfew does not apply.
- D. Going to, engaging in or returning from school activities, an activity sponsored by the Township or by religious or community-based organizations or similar activities provided the juvenile has the permission of his or her parent or guardian, the curfew does not apply.

**Upcoming Road Work Projects :**

Milling for Armstrong Road and various roads within Lake Neepaulin (Schawungunk Trail, Butternut Lane, Locust Road, and portions of Pepperidge Road and Elkhorn Trail) will commence on or about October 7th, with paving starting on or about October 9th. Paving should be completed on or about October 15th.

**WANTAGE TOWNSHIP**

**888 Route 23**

**Wantage, NJ 07461**

**STD MAIL**

**US POSTAGE PAID**

**FRANKLIN, NJ**

**PERMIT NO. 321**

**RESIDENT - WANTAGE TOWNSHIP**

**Wantage, NJ 07461**

**ATTENTION: WANTAGE DOG OWNERS**

**WANTAGE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING 2014 DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS IN DECEMBER 2013.**

If your dog's rabies shot expires before November 1, 2014 you must get your dog a new rabies shot before submitting your application for a 2014 dog license. 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 fee is \$14.00. Late Fees of \$2 per month apply if you do not renew your dog license before 02/01/14. Please Make Checks payable to Wantage Township. You Must Include Proof of Rabies Vaccination. If your dog has been spayed or neutered, 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_