

# ANDOVER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## FALL 2010/WINTER 2011

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## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

<b>TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSING</b>	Town hall will be closed in observance of upcoming holidays on the following dates: November 25 and 26 (Thanksgiving); December 24 and 27 (Christmas); December 31 (New Years Day); January 17 (Martin Luther King's Birthday); February 11 (Lincoln's Birthday); February 21 (President's Day); April 22 (Good Friday); May 30 (Memorial Day).
<b>DPW INFORMATION</b>	During the next few months, the Department of Public Works will be checking township roadways for overgrown trees and limbs. They will then start trimming any overgrown or unsafe brush in anticipation of snow removal from the roadway. If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please call Darren at 973-383-4280, ext. 225.
<b>LEAVES</b>	Leaves will be picked up during the <i>month of November only</i> . All leaves <i>must</i> be put in large paper (recyclable) leaf bags. <b><u>NO PLASTIC BAGS.</u></b>
<b>BRUSH PICK UP</b>	Brush pick up will be <b>October 1, 2010 through April 15, 2011</b> , weather permitting. The cut end of the brush must be facing the roadway and be neatly piled, not crossed. The maximum diameter of limbs is <b>3</b> inches. For safety reasons, thorn bushes and briar bushes <b>will not</b> be picked up. <b>Please note:</b> brush pick up is for our <i>residents' convenience</i> when clearing away overgrown trees and bushes, or when storm damage occurs. We do not have the man power or large machinery to pick up huge amounts of brush. Any <b>commercially cut</b> trees or bushes causing an abundance of brush can not be picked up by our DPW crew. The SCMUA Recycling Center located on Rte. 94 in Lafayette is available to all residents. Their phone number is 973-579-6998.
<b>CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF</b>	Residents may bring discarded Christmas trees to a designated point in the lower parking lot at Hillside Park, Lake Iliff Road, during the month of <b>January</b> . When weather permits, the trees will be chipped into mulch and will be available to all residents. <b>Christmas trees will not be picked up curbside.</b>
<b>WASTE OIL DROP OFF</b> <i>Motor Oil Only</i>	Drop off is the <b>last Friday</b> of each month, EXCEPT for Holidays of November 26 and December 24 – would be the week before, between the hours of 8 - 10 A.M. at the Municipal Garage (upper parking lot), 134 Newton-Sparta Road. <b><u>Please do not drop off the motor oil at any other time.</u></b>
<b>OVERNIGHT PARKING/ SNOW REMOVAL</b>	Local Ordinance 10-10B restricts the parking of vehicles on any roadway in the Township between the times of 10 PM and 6 AM. This ordinance is in effect each year from November 15 <sup>th</sup> to April 15 <sup>th</sup> of the following year. The police department requests that if a vehicle needs to be parked on the roadway, a call be placed to the police department by the vehicle owner.
<b>OBSTRUCTION TO STREETS</b>	No person shall deposit, throw, spill or dump dirt, ashes or other material upon any street or highway in the Township. No person shall divert, obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of surface waters in any gutter, drain or ditch along any street or highway of the Township, nor in any way cause the normal flow of water to be stopped, diverted from or overflow the gutters, drains or ditches. <b>The Department of Public Works appreciates your cooperation.</b>
<b>AFTER HOURS PAYMENT DROP BOX</b>	As a convenience to our residents, we have installed an outdoor payment "drop box" on the pillar near the front entrance to the Municipal Building. This secure receptacle can be used at any time to leave payments or correspondence for any Andover Township Department. Payments left after 3:30 PM will be credited to the next business day.

### **THE MUNICIPAL BUIDLING HAS A BOX FOR FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION.**

Township employees and residents are encouraged to donate what they can. The donations are then brought to the Bodhi Monastery for distribution to those in need.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** A sincere thank you to the senior citizens who volunteered their time to help with labeling and sorting Newsletters for distribution to all Andover Township residents.

## **RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

**HOLIDAY BUS TRIP INTO NYC:** At the time this newsletter was being printed, seats were still available for the annual bus trip to the Big Apple on Saturday, December 4th for holiday shopping, sightseeing, theater, museum visits, etc. The bus fee for Andover Township residents is \$15 for each seat. For nonresidents the fee is \$30 for each seat. The bus will depart from the Florence M. Burd School at 8 AM and will depart NYC at 6 PM for the return trip home.

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** Annual children's Holiday Party, Hillside Park Hall, Sunday, December 5th. Doors open at 1:15 PM and the Andover Regional School Chorus will provide the entertainment. We expect Santa to visit at approximately 2 PM. Each child will receive a gift and refreshments will be available for everyone.

**LADIES CROSS TRAINING/PILATES CLASSES:** A winter session of cross training and Pilates will be held at the Hillside Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7-8 pm. We will begin on Monday, December 27th and continue for 30 classes ending on Thursday, March 3rd. The fee for 30 classes is \$60 for township residents and \$120 for non-residents. We will limit class size to 25. You are responsible for providing your own equipment.

**HILLSIDE HALL & HILLSIDE HOUSE:** Reminder to residents that the Hillside Hall is available for rental when it is not being used for township activities. The room can hold up to 300 people, but we offer tables and chairs for just under 200 guests. It has a full kitchen and large dry bar. It is air conditioned and heated. Rental fee for township residents is \$400 with a security deposit fee of \$400. If no damage is reported after your use, you will be reimbursed the security deposit fee of \$400 in a township check. The building adjacent to the Hillside Park Hall, now known as the Hillside House, can also be rented when it is not being used for township activities. It is suitable for meetings and small parties (capacity is 50 people). It is equipped with a refrigerator, sink, small wet bar area and microwave. It is air conditioned and heated. Township residents can rent this space for \$150 with a security deposit fee of \$250, return of which is handled the same as the Hall security deposit. Both buildings are open for rental from March 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Please call the Recreation Office at 973-383-4280, ext. 234 for rental information.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:** The Recreation Committee is comprised of 5 regular members and 3 alternate members. At this time all 3 alternate membership spots are open. We are anxious to have some new people come on board to help us provide our fellow residents with the activities, events and generally just "good times" that they have come to expect for themselves and families. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at town hall or the barn. If you are interested just call Jackie in the Recreation Office.

*If you need additional information or want to register for any of the above mentioned programs, please contact the Recreation Office at 973-383-4280, ext. 234 and ask for Jackie Huelbig.*

## **ATTENTION - SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Greater Andover Senior Citizens are actively seeking new members. You must be 55 years of age or older. The Group meets monthly on the first and third Monday of each month at the Senior Center on Route 517 S. in Andover Borough. Monthly trips and other activities such as in-house entertainment, catered luncheons, bingo and guest speakers are scheduled throughout the year. For information call Lois McCue at 973-383-3783.

**Various important services are available!!!! For information and referral on programs and services for the elderly, call the Sussex County Office of the Aging at 973-579-0555.**

## WHERE IS THE TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE?

At this time, the township is in the bidding process with trash/recycling contractors. The calendar will not be available until December. At that time it will be posted on our website. Copies will also be available by emailing [rhattersley@andovertwp.org](mailto:rhattersley@andovertwp.org) or calling 973-383-4280 X224.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is one detail that is very important that all residents need to know. Whoever our hauler is, they can no longer accept electronics curbside. "The Electronic Waste Management Act" (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99. et seq.) The state has mandated that all electronics be properly recycled. The SCMUA (Sussex County Municipal Utility Authority in Lafayette) and all landfills have been notified by the state that as of *January 1, 2011*, landfill disposal of electronics is prohibited. Some options that we know are available at this time:

- SCMUA periodically offers free e-cycle days. Any other time you take an electronic item to the landfill, the fee is dependent on the weight of the item(s).
- Best Buy takes TVs for recycling at their stores (they charge \$10, but you then receive a \$10 store credit).
- Manufacturers are required (by the NJDEP) to have e-cycling options available to customers of their products.
- NJ DEP has an "E-cycling" website:  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/Electronic\\_Waste/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/Electronic_Waste/index.html)

*Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.*

## DOG LICENSING

If you need assistance or information, please call 973-383-4280, Ext. 224. Failure to secure a current dog license could result in the issuance of summons.

**REMINDER:** *Puppies* must be licensed by 7 months of age. Also, any dog acquired during the year must be licensed within 10 days. All new residents owning dogs, which do not carry a current NJ license, must obtain one within 10 days. All licenses must be renewed every January. **Late fees of \$5 per month** per dog will be assessed to any license renewed after January 31.

**IMPORTANT** – Please continue mailing in renewal information. If your dog is currently licensed you will receive a renewal application. *Include a self addressed stamped envelope; copy of recent rabies certificate, spay/neuter certificate.* **Please do not mail 2011 Dog License renewals before December 28, 2010.**

**FREE RABIES CLINIC DATES:** The rabies clinic will be held on Friday, January 7, 2011 at the Municipal Garage, 134 Newton-Sparta Road. **Dogs** will be scheduled for **5 to 7 PM**. **Cats** will be scheduled from **7 to 8 PM**. In case of inclement weather, listen to WNNJ or WSUS for cancellation. Rescheduling will follow.

***Dog licensing will not be available at the time of the clinic.*** At this time, Andover Township does not require licensing for cats; however, be sure they are protected with a rabies shot.

**The State mandates that the rabies immunization not expire before November 1 of the licensing year.**

## ANDOVER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**OPERATION SANTA!!!!** The Andover Township Volunteer Fire Department will be chauffeuring Santa to deliver Christmas presents on **Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> between 6 PM and 9 PM.**

**Here's how it works:** We are requesting a \$10 (cash or check) donation from each family who would like Santa to deliver their presents. **100% of all donations will be used towards necessary expenses and equipment.** We also ask that you wrap a small gift for Santa to present to your child. No expensive gifts; only small presents valued at no more than \$15. Wrap the gift and put your child's name and address securely on top. This is a huge undertaking by the Fire Department. It is very important we have the proper information for each gift so no child is disappointed.

Firefighters will visit every requested address in the Township. They will sound their sirens and activate their lights and the children can then come to the engine and receive their gift from Santa and his elves. Imagine how excited your child/children would be to have Santa arrive at your door. All you need is a camera.

Please fill out the form below. Drop the check, form and gift off at the Firehouse at 625 Limecrest Road on **Friday, December 17th, 6 PM to 9 PM; Saturday, December 18th, 9 AM to 4 PM; and Sunday, December 19th, 9 AM to 2 PM.** You will be given a schedule of times for your area when you drop off your gift.

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Gifts:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**BLUE REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS:** The Andover Township Fire Department's Junior Auxiliary is currently selling *Blue Reflective Address Signs*. The signs are 6 x 18 inches and can *easily* be mounted to your house or mailbox. It is a great way to make your house quick to find in case of an emergency. The signs are \$15 and are available at the Fire Department at 625 Limecrest Road the second and fourth Monday of each month between 7:30 and 8:30 P.M. If you need further assistance, please contact Bob Reidmiller at 973-579-2694.

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## Stormwater Management

### 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 the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

### 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 bodies of water 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.

### 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 bodies of water.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

### Clean up after your pet

- Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life. Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the

ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, bays, the ocean and drinking water. Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

- Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or people's property.
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

### Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Participate in community cleanups.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

### Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- Follow Andover Township's yard waste collection rules.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.