

# ANDOVER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## SPRING/SUMMER 2010

### GOVERNING BODY

**Mayor Tom Walsh**

**Deputy Mayor Gail Phoebus**

**Committee Members: Phil Boyce, Mike Lensak, Bob Smith**

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# Message from the Mayor

My friends and neighbors:

I wish to address the accomplishments of the past year and touch upon the priorities ahead of us. I am pleased to say that Andover Township continues to thrive even as we proceed cautiously during these tough economic times. As we all know with the reduction of State Aid, this can be quite a challenge.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee was re-established to focus on attracting and retaining commercial businesses in our Township. This Committee, chaired by Rick Melfi, works tirelessly in its efforts to locate viable businesses to fill empty stores and offices along Newton-Sparta Road and Route 206. As members of the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce, they co-sponsored a Chamber Breakfast along with Perona Farms recording the highest attendance in the history of the Chamber Breakfast. We welcome new business establishments to town such as the Smokehouse Barbeque, the Dollar Smart and Vintner's Circle. We were saddened by the closing of D'Angelo's Gardens of the World but look forward to the Grand Opening of Lentini's Market at that site. Please visit the Economic Development website at [www.businessinandover.org](http://www.businessinandover.org). We support them and their mission statement which is "Andover is Open for Business".

On another positive note, at the Chamber Breakfast, the upcoming Andover Township Day Celebration set for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> was promoted. It is the goal of the Recreation Committee to have the cost of this day covered entirely by contributions from businesses, merchants and professionals located and working in Andover Township. With the help of our Economic Development Committee, we are proud to announce that the response to date has been very gratifying. Please refer to the Andover Township Day announcement in this newsletter to see the names of those very generous businesses and merchants who have stepped forward to help us reach our goal in providing a wonderful, family oriented, fun filled day for our residents at no cost to the taxpayer. Also at no cost to taxpayers, the construction of a new softball field at Long Pond School.

This year the Andover Township Volunteer Fire Department, at their Installation Dinner, honored member Bob Siple for 45 years of service. He was presented with a Proclamation. In a recent NJ Herald article, "Sip" was quoted as saying he is looking forward to his 50<sup>th</sup> year on the department. We all commend him and wish him the best.

The Open Space/Recreation Committees continue to work hard to construct a boardwalk/fishing dock off Limecrest Road at property acquired with funds collected through the Open Space Tax. This fund, along with a grant from the Department of Transportation, will also provide for the development of a walking/biking trail, that once completed, will connect Kittatinny Valley State Park to property adjacent to FMB School.

The Land Use Board continues to work on developing and fine-tuning ordinances that will protect our community as well as promote smart growth. Andover Township has received its COAH Third Round Substantive Certification in October of 2009, which will protect the Township from any significant dense development which could be proposed in what is known as a builders remedy lawsuit. The COAH Committee has spent a great deal of time in achieving this goal. The administration in Trenton is currently working to revise the current methodology and rules and regulations which will require our COAH committee to constantly be on top of potential changes in the law.

Municipal Building operations have been consolidated in an attempt to continue to provide the same level of service each resident is accustomed to with many employees taking on additional responsibilities. We have contracted with other towns for shared services. The purchase of an ambulance was done through cooperative efforts with Byram Township. The Salt Brine Treatment for pre-treatment of roads during inclement weather was established with the Town of Newton. This is a cost saving endeavor with the need of less materials and pre-treatment reduces the amount of overtime. This also reduces the amount of time spent on storm water management due to less grit on the roadways. We entered into a cooperative agreement with Newton to build a Truck Washing Facility which helped both towns to be in compliance with a State mandate. Our Animal Control Service is also done with a shared services agreement with Wantage Township. We will continue to find ways to reduce costs and not services.

I look forward to this year as we complete existing projects and undertake new initiatives. Though it may be challenging at times to continue to provide necessary programs and services to our residents under difficult economic circumstances, I am confident that Andover Township will remain the wonderful community that we have all come to know, love and call home.

*Tom Walsh*  
*Mayor*

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| <b>TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSING</b>   | Town hall will be closed in observance of upcoming holidays on the following dates: May 31, July 5; September 6; October 11; November 11; November 25 and 26; December 24.  |
| <b>NOTICE REGARDING HILLSIDE PARK &amp; GOODALE FIELDS</b>   | As most of the coaches who use Hillside and Goodale Parks' various recreation facilities know, the Road Department uses a RED flag system. If the red flag is out, all the sport fields are closed due to weather. If you use the fields at those times you are subject to actions that may result in losing the privilege of use.  |
| <b>LEAVES</b>  | Leaves will be picked up during the month of November only. All leaves <i>must</i> be put in large paper (recyclable) leaf bags. <u>Plastic bags are not acceptable.</u>  |
| <b>BRUSH PICK UP</b><br><br><i>PLEASE NOTE:<br/>This service may be reduced due to the governor's pending budget cuts.</i> | 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. <i>Please note: For safety reasons, thorn and briar bushes will not be picked up. DPW will not separate thorny brush from regular brush; therefore nothing at the curb will be collected.</i> 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 D.P.W. crew. The SCMUA Recycling Center located on Rte. 94 in Lafayette is available to all residents. Their phone number is 973-579-6998. |
| <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>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>  | Please call the police department at 973-383-5544 regarding animal control issues.  |
| <b>REMINDER – 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.  |
| <b>WELCOME TO ANDOVER TWP PACKETS</b>  | Have a new neighbor? Are you new to town? Contact Town Hall for a packet of information pertinent to living in Andover Township.  |

**SPECIAL RECYCLING DAYS AT THE SCMUA ON ROUTE 94 IN LAFAYETTE**  
**FOR DETAILS GO TO [WWW.SCMUA.ORG](http://WWW.SCMUA.ORG)**  
**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE FREE DROP OFF DAYS**

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| <b>SATURDAY, MAY 1 AND OCTOBER 2</b>   | <b>COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT</b><br>Computer Processors (prior removal of data), Monitors, Printers, Speakers, Stereo Equipment, CD Players, Copiers, Radios, TVs, VCRs, DVDs, Cell Phones, Fax Machines. Limit of 5 free per car. More than 5, there is a fee. |
| <b>SATURDAY, JUNE 5 AND NOVEMBER 6</b> | <b>HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE</b><br>Dispose of lead & oil base paints, stains, thinners, pool chemicals, mercury, lubricants, chlorine, driveway sealer, fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable batteries.  |

**AFTER OR BEFORE A HOLIDAY, WHEN THE ENTIRE TOWN WILL BE PICKED UP ON THE ONE DAY FOR RECYCLING, THE PICK-UP IS VERY EARLY**

*Recycling cannot contain trash/Trash cannot contain recycling.*

*If you need a copy of the recycling and trash pick up schedule, please see the website or contact town hall and we can mail a copy to you.*

*Collection items should be placed curbside no sooner than 24 hours prior to pick-up.*

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| <b>Definitions</b>                      | <b>Fiber</b> = Corrugated Cardboard; Newspapers; Magazines; Junk Mail/Paper.<br><b>Commingled</b> = Glass (no window glass), Plastic Bottles, Aluminum and Tin.   |
| <b>No Construction Material allowed</b> | Also no asbestos, hazardous materials, tires, batteries, wet paint, or chemicals allowed. For disposal information of these materials, please call The Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) Facility at 973-579-6998. They are located at 34 South Route 94, Lafayette, NJ.  |
| <b>Heavy Bulk Items</b>                 | Carpeting (must be rolled and tied), Sofas, Mattresses, Playground Equipment (pieces no larger than 4 feet), Furniture, Televisions, Ovens/Ranges, Hot Water Heaters and non-freon appliances. All paint cans must have lids removed and paint must be totally dry. Bulk items will be picked up every Wednesday <i>with a limit of 350 pounds per residence.</i>   |
| <b>Freon Appliance</b>                  | <b>Refrigerators and Freezers (doors removed), Air Conditioners and dehumidifiers</b> will be picked up by appointment only on the last Wednesday of every month. <i>If you have one of these appliances to be picked up, please call Robyn at the Municipal Building (973-383-4280, ext. 224) to arrange for removal.</i>  |
| <b>Trash</b>                            | <b>Appropriate container size</b> is 32 gallons with a limit of 2 per week for trash.   |
| <b>Recycling</b>                        | Must be placed in a reusable container no larger than 32 gallons with exterior handles (no 55 gallon drums or home made containers). No plastic bags allowed. Corrugated goods must be flattened and cannot contain any other packing material (peanuts and Styrofoam, etc.). Newspapers and magazines can either be crossed tied and bundled or put in a permanent container with other fiber recycling.<br><b>We can now recycle plastic containers with numbers 1 through 7 but can no longer recycle styrofoam.</b> |
| <b>WASTE OIL DROP OFF</b>               | <b>Motor Oil Only</b> - Drop off is the <b>last Friday</b> of each month, between the hours of 8 AM to 10 AM at the Municipal Garage (upper parking lot), 134 Newton-Sparta Road. <b>Please do not drop off the motor oil at any other time.</b>  |

**CONSTRUCTION/ZONING OFFICE NOTE REGARDING SWIMMING POOLS:** The current building codes define a swimming pool as any pool with a water depth of 24 inches or more, including portable pools and inflatable pools. All swimming pools are required to be enclosed by a four foot high barrier with a self closing, self latching gate, and electric connections that meet the electric code. In the case of the portable or inflatable pool, the cost of the fencing and underground electric will far exceed the cost of the pool. Homeowners with pools that do not have barriers and electric connections that meet the codes will receive Notices to address these code violations.

**DOG LICENSING:** All dogs must be licensed. The State of New Jersey mandates all dogs must be licensed when they reach seven months of age. Or, if a new dog is acquired during the year, a license must be obtained within 10 days. Proof of rabies and neutering (if applicable) are required. Rabies shot cannot expire before November 1<sup>st</sup> of the licensing year. Fee: Neutered/Spayed fee is \$8; non-neutered/spayed fee is \$11. All dog licenses are to be renewed every January. There is a late fee of \$5 per month, per dog added to the cost of the license for each month after January 31st. To replace a lost license, the fee is \$2. For further information, please call Robyn at 973-383-4280, ext. 224. ***Owners with unlicensed dogs are subject to a summons issued by the Animal Control Officer. Please avoid a summons and fine and license your dog.***

**MOSQUITO CONTROL:** The Sussex County Division of Health, Office of Mosquito Control, as well as the Andover Township Board of Health, is urging people to protect themselves from mosquitoes by reducing mosquito habitats. Under the right environmental conditions, certain species of mosquitoes can develop and emerge as adults in as little as one week becoming quite a nuisance. More importantly, some species of adult mosquitoes can carry and transmit diseases such as West Nile virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Small amounts of stagnant water provide an ideal location for mosquitoes to lay their eggs. Residents can play a primary role in mosquito control by eliminating habitats where mosquitoes breed by following these tips:

- Clean roof gutters at least annually
- Remove any unnecessary containers from the property (flower pots, tires, toys, boats, buckets)
- Drain and rinse birdbaths twice a week
- Aerate and/or stock ornamental ponds with fish
- Configure tarps to drain any incident rainwater
- Close pools when not in use. Pool covers can collect rainwater and provide a habitat for mosquitoes

For more information on how to protect yourself, your home or the daily spray schedule for truck-mounted ultra low volume mosquito control effort, call the Office of Mosquito Control at 973-948-4545 or visit [www.sussex.nj.us/mosquito](http://www.sussex.nj.us/mosquito).

# ANDOVER TOWNSHIP DAY AT HILLSIDE PARK

## MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 4:00 – 8:00 PM

**OUR GOAL IS TO COVER 100% OF THE COST OF ANDOVER TOWNSHIP DAY WITH DONATIONS. ANY SIZE DONATION IS APPRECIATED. PLEASE CONTACT THE RECREATION OFFICE AT 383-4280, EXT. 234 FOR INFO.**

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| 4:00 PM - Opening Ceremonies                     | Mayor and Township Committee  |
| Recreation Committee                             | Economic Development Committee  |
| Flag Raising Ceremony                            | Andover Scouts  |
| NASCAR Race Track                                | Donated by towing companies under township contract                   |
| Dunking Booth                                    | Donated by Deacon Homes   |
| Alcatraz Obstacle Course and Police Car Moonwalk | Donated by F.O.P. Lodge 177   |
| Fire Truck Slide                                 | Donated by Farmstead Golf and Country Club                            |
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| Hi Strikers                                      | Donated by All American Tree Experts & Metzgar Excavating             |
| Macaroni the Clown                               | Donated by Golden & Moran Engineering                                 |
| DJ Scott Both                                    | Donated by First Hope Bank  |
| Sweet As Honey Band                              | Donated by Morel Builders   |
| Skee Ball  | Morville, LLC   |
| World Sports Game 5 in 1                         | <b><u>ADD YOUR NAME HERE FOR A \$550 DONATION FOR 5 IN 1</u></b>      |
| Petting Zoo & Pony Rides with Photos             | <b><u>ADD YOUR NAME HERE FOR A \$750 DONATION FOR PETTING ZOO</u></b> |



**GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS**  
**THE GRAND FINALE OF ANDOVER TOWNSHIP DAY**  
**"INTENSE AND INTIMATE FIREWORKS DISPLAY"**  
**ADD YOUR NAME HERE BY MAKING DONATIONS OF:**  
**\$1,000 – PLATINUM /\$500 – GOLD /\$300 – SILVER /\$100 - BRONZE**

FIREWORKS DISPLAY  
DEPENDS UPON  
DONATIONS!!!



Food grilled by Andover Twp. Fire Department to benefit Andover Cub Scouts



Funnel Cakes – Bagel Bistro  
SOME OTHER ACTIVITIES/FOOD PROVIDED BY TOWNSHIP NON-PROFITS  
 Face Painting - Hair Braiding – Girl Scouts  
 Bake Sale - White Elephant Sale – Andover Seniors  
 Pop Corn - Cotton Candy - Zip Line - Rope Bridge – Andover Boy Scouts  
 Spin Art – Snow Cones Andover Cub Scouts  
 Schwan's Ice Cream – Recreation Committee

- Mom's Club
- Public Service Activities to include Child Safety Seat Inspections and Child ID's (FOP)
- Blue Reflective Address Signs (ATVFD)
- Blood Pressure Screenings (Lakeland Emergency Squad)

Craft vendors and Area  
Merchants Welcome  
\$20 per table

**RECREATION ACTIVITIES**  
**ANNUAL CONTESTS - SUMMER RECREATION - SPORTS CAMPS**

**YOGA - MAY 4<sup>th</sup> – JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>**: Next session of evening Yoga will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning on May 5<sup>th</sup> and ending on June 24<sup>th</sup> for a total of 8 classes for each day. The program will take place at the Hillside House. The classes start at 6:15 PM. The cost is \$80 for 8 Tuesdays and \$80 for 8 Thursdays and is being offered to township residents. It is not necessary to sign up for both days. Please contact Yoga Instructor, Darlene V. Cooper, RYT Member Yoga Alliance associated with Sunari Yoga, LLC. at 973-670-9664 or email [dvcooper@nac.net](mailto:dvcooper@nac.net) for registration information.

**SCRAPBOOKING**: Open crop sessions sponsored by the Andover Township Recreation Committee under the direction of Committee member, Jodi Halteman continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7 pm -10 pm at the Hillside House. Anyone interested in scrapbooking or learning to scrap is welcome. Scrappers of all levels are encouraged to participate. All members will bring their own supplies. Scrap space will be provided. Call Jodi at (973) 786-7646 to register.

**LITTLE MISS AND MR. ANDOVER TOWNSHIP PAGEANT – MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**: Will be held at the Hillside Park Hall at 3 PM just prior to the opening ceremony for Andover Township Day. Andover Township Children between the ages of 3 and 6 are invited to participate. The winners of the title will represent our Township at the Little Royalty and Sweetheart's Presentation held during the 2010 NJ State Fair in August. Gift bags are presented to each contestant. The completed application must be received at the Municipal Building by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MISS ANDOVER TOWNSHIP PAGEANT- JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>**: Held at the Hillside Park Hall at 1 PM. We invite women who are Andover Township residents between the ages of 17 and 21 to participate. The winner represents the Township at the Queen of the Fair Contest held during the 2010 New Jersey State Fair in August. Cash awards, gift certificates, etc. are part of the "prize package" given to the winner and runners-up. The completed application must be received at the Municipal Building by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM - JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> – JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**: We begin on June 21<sup>ST</sup> and end on July 1<sup>ST</sup>. The program runs for 2 weeks, Monday-Thursday from 9 to 11:30 AM. We will once again open the program to children 4 years of age and up to 12 years of age. We will have two age groups - 7 and under and 8 and older. The day will be divided into three categories: 9 to 9:45 AM - 7 and under will have Fun and Games while 8 and older will have Arts and Crafts. At 9:45 AM the children will have a break for snacks and some form of entertainment. Then at 10:45 to 11:30 AM, the 7 and under group will have Arts and Crafts while the 8 and older will have Fun and Games. The program takes place, rain or shine, at Hillside Park with the use of the Barn and the newly renovated Hillside House. The closing day activities will include entertainment and hot dogs and make your own sundaes. We will be asking for some parents to pitch in and help us with the sign in and sign out process so we can keep better control of the comings and goings of the kids! If you would like to help, please check off that area on the registration form. Use a separate form for each child. Registration will be limited to the first 125 applications received. Due to budget constraints it has become necessary to increase fees for the program. The fee is \$40 per child not to exceed \$75 per family. Even with the increase the fee is still a bargain at averaging out at \$5 per day for 1 child and even less per family. The check should be made out to Andover Township for the appropriate amount and sent to the attention of the Recreation Office. The cutoff date for receipt of registrations is June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a table for in-person sign ups at Andover Township Day on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Go to the township website at [www.andovertwp.org](http://www.andovertwp.org) to print out the appropriate registration forms and applications for the above mentioned programs and activities. Also, you may come to the municipal building at 134 Newton-Sparta Road, Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM to register or apply. For more information, keep in touch with the Recreation office at 973-383-4280, x 234.

**SUMMER SESSION OF LADIES' EXERCISE CLASS - JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> – SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**: The summer session begins on Tuesday, June 22nd and runs every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7 - 8 pm, ending on Thursday, September 2nd at the Hillside Park Hall for 22 classes. The fee is \$22 for Andover Township residents and \$44 for non-residents. Please bring your own weights, mats, exercise balls and steps. Call the Recreation Office at 973-383-4280, X 234 for registration information.

**SUMMER SPORTS CAMP - JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup>**: In association with the Recreation Committee, US Sports will be hosting our annual Summer Sports Camp at Hillside Park. The camp is open to children ages 3-5 from 4 PM to 5:30 PM at a fee of \$99. Children ages 5-7 from 9 AM to 1 PM at a fee of \$169; ages 7-14 from 9 AM to 3 PM at a fee of \$189. These fees have remained the same from last year with no increase. The goal of this camp is to introduce as many different sports as time allows (usually 10). Children will receive technical instruction and then experience the sport in a realistic game situation. This camp is non-competitive, promotes integrity, self-esteem, positive values and good sportsmanship.

**SUMMER TENNIS CAMP - AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>**: This will be the third year we are offering a tennis camp by the US Sports Institute. The session from 4 to 5:30 PM is for 7 to 10 year olds. The session from 5:30 to 7 PM is for 10 to 14 year olds. The fee for both sessions is \$119.

*To register for either of these camps, call the Sports Institute at 732-563-2520 or go to their website ([www.USsportsInstitute.com](http://www.USsportsInstitute.com)).*

**NYC HOLIDAY DROP OFF BUS TRIP - DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**: Mark your calendars now for our annual trip into the Big Apple for shopping, theater, museum visits, etc. The bus fee is \$15 for Andover Township residents and \$30 for non-residents. Departure time is 8 AM. We depart NYC at 6 PM. The Township will be under no obligation if the trip is cancelled due to inclement weather.

### **INFORMATION FOR SENIORS**

**THE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB OF GREATER ANDOVER** is a wonderful organization; it sponsors group trips (at great rates!), holiday celebrations, and has games and interesting guest speakers at their meetings, which are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 1:00 pm. Cake and coffee are served after each meeting. Annual dues are only \$10.00, and a \$1.00 donation is requested at the door for each meeting. If you are not already a member, or need further information on the Senior Club, please call Lois McCue, President (973-383-3783) or Bob Smith, Vice-President (973-300-1142). Come join the club and make some new friends!

**ATTENTION SENIOR/DISABLED HOMEOWNERS!!**: The State of NJ has raised the income levels in order to qualify for the Property Tax Reimbursement Program (also known as "The Freeze" or "Blue Book"). The 2008 income level for both single and married is now \$70,000, and the 2009 income level is now \$80,000. Please note that you must have been at least 65 years old or receiving Social Security Disability in 2008; lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 1998, and lived in and owned your home since December 31, 2005 to be eligible for the program. If you believe that you now meet the necessary criteria for entry into this program, please call the Division of Taxation at 800-882-6597 to have an application mailed to you. We also have a limited supply of forms for first time applicants here in the Tax Collector's office at the municipal building. Deadline to apply for the program is currently June 1, 2010.

**SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCHEON – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**: The annual senior citizens' (55 and older) luncheon sponsored by the Andover Township Recreation Department will be held at the Hillside Park Hall. Doors open at 1 PM. All senior citizens who reside in Andover are invited to come and enjoy a complementary buffet lunch with dessert and beverages. Please RSVP to Jackie at 973-383-4280, X 234 by [October 11th](#).

**LOIS MCCUE, AUTHOR AND FORMER SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**, has written a book, *Is ADD a Learned Behavior?* It was written for parents and caregivers to help them understand a growing behavior problem (Attention Deficit Disorder) that begins with the preschool child and often continues into adulthood. It transforms itself into ADHD and later into AADD, an Adult Attention Deficit Disorder. Call 973-383-3783 for book signing information. Lois will have a booth at Andover Township Day where her book will be available for purchase.

## *Andover Township Newsletter*

### 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.