

ANDOVER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.andovertwp.org

Fall in Andover Township - the leaves are turning, the temps are falling, and the end of the year is fast approaching. Where does the time go? Every year, it seems to pass a little quicker. Our fast paced life-styles assist in that I'm sure. Just hope everyone takes the time to slow down and enjoy all that we have right here in Andover Township.

This year we opened up the hiking trail that connects from the barn at Hillside Park a few miles to Mulford Road. You will find joggers, hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders all enjoying it. This trail is an asset to our town and the guys from the DPW did a great job of getting it to look so good!! Just another example of how our employees are some of the best in the county.

We have had a few new businesses locate in our fine town. Andover Animal Hospital has made the corner of Limecrest and Newton-Sparta Road look vibrant and alive along with Dominos. Just up the road is a new florist, Blooms of Elegance. Chuckle Time is a fun place for young children to play and have parties. Dr. Ward opened his dental practice right across the street from a new accounting firm, Daniels and Wert. Both bring more professional services to our town as well as revitalizing empty commercial space. We welcome them, along with all future businesses that choose to locate in our town.

Andover Township is also excited to offer our residents a drug prescription card at absolutely no cost, no registration required, and no contract! This card is good at pharmacies across the country. It does NOT replace your current plan; if you have one, but it does give you the opportunity to show both cards at the pharmacy and you will receive the lower cost of either. It entitles you to discounted rates for MRI's, Cat Scans,..... AND...it works for pet medicine as well!! In a recent contact I had with a resident, she was excited to tell me that she gave a card to her sister, who then saved \$50 on a generic medicine!! Always happy to hear positive stories. Stop by town hall to pick up a card.

We had a few community events that showcase our great town this year. Two farmer's markets have been run by the Green Team in Andover. One was held this past winter and another, just recently, each promoting local farmers and vendors. Our township softball tournament raised over \$2400 that was distributed to various charities. Our Recreation Department continues to think of new ideas and implement them. Movie night in the park was a fun-filled evening with parents and children enjoying popcorn, games, entertainment and a movie to top off the event.

Our police do a fine job of keeping our town safe and our residents protected. They also act as first responders to many emergency health and accident calls. This assists our volunteer EMT's by providing care until the ambulance arrives. Unfortunately, or maybe 'fortunately', I had a recent experience which required the assistance of our dedicated EMT's that serve our community on the Lakeland Emergency Squad. They are true professionals and I thank them personally!"Our volunteer fire dept. does a fine job, both by protecting our homes, responding to emergencies and even providing us with some great dinners! If you haven't tried any of their dining events, I highly suggest you give it a chance.

We have consolidated and downsized where we can with our town hall staff. Everyone who is there has stepped up to the plate to help us get through these tough economic times. It has not been easy and we all hope that better times are around the corner. I would personally like to thank each and every employee for working hard to help. It is this small town spirit that makes Andover Township a great place to live, raise a family, and enjoy retirement in. We have the beauty of farms and the peace and quiet of rural living, making it THE premier place to live in Sussex County. Enjoy!!

Thank you and wish everyone a healthy, upcoming happy holiday season and a prosperous 2013!!

Mike Lensak
Mayor, Andover Township

ANDOVER TOWNSHIP
TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR 2013

PLEASE NOTE: Electronics can no longer be put curbside. 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).

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

THESE SERVICES ARE HANDLED BY THE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BRUSH PICKUP will be **October 1, 2012 through April 15, 2013**, 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 **3** inches. For safety reasons, thorn and briar type brush **will not** be picked up. **Please note:** brush pick up is for our *residents' convenience* 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 **commercially cut** trees or bushes causing an abundance of brush cannot 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. Their website is **www.scmua.org**.

LEAF PICK-UP: During the Month of November leaves must be placed in paper recyclable bags.

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF During the Month of January, trees should be brought to the lower parking lot at Hillside Park, Lake Iliff Road. When weather permits, the trees will be chipped into mulch and will be available to all residents. ***Christmas trees will not be picked up curbside.***

Waste Oil Drop off Days: The last Friday of each month between the hours of 8-10 AM at the Municipal Garage (upper parking lot). The dates are only changed if a holiday falls on the last Friday.

Plastic Bags should not be thrown out with trash or recyclables. They can be recycled at most grocery and department stores.

Styrofoam – Even if there is a recycling triangle on Styrofoam, this commodity is not recyclable at this time. Hopefully if/when this product becomes "marketable" SCMUA will once again accept it as a recyclable.

Battery Recycling: *If It's Rechargeable, It's Recyclable.* The Municipal Building has a recycle box for the following items: batteries from power tools, cell and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, etc.; lithium and button cell batteries. Larger batteries from autos and boats should be brought to the SCMUA.

Paper Shredding: Third Friday of every month, from 9 AM to 12 PM; \$6 per box.

Mixed Rigid Plastics (MRP): Storage containers, tubs, shelving, toys (houses, cars, trikes), buckets, crates, laundry baskets, lawn furniture. Material is weighed and facility does charge a disposal fee.

Freon and Metal Pick Up must be scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.

Call: 973-383-4280 X224

Construction Debris: Must be brought to the SCMUA. It is not in the township contract with the hauler so it should not be put at the curb on bulk pickup days. However, if you are replacing a sink or a toilet that is broken, that can be put at the curb.

Please note the hauler has off the following holidays:

2012-December 25; 2013-January 1 and December 25. Please carefully check calendar below.

Fiber = Cardboard; Newspapers; Magazines; Junk Mail/Paper; Food and tissues boxes.

Commingled = Glass, Plastic, Aluminum and Tin. **NEW ADDITION to Commingled:** We now can include wax coated containers such as juice boxes, milk, soup and broth cartons.

*REVISED*DEC 2012	
TUES	WED
4 Commingled	5 - Trash and Bulk
11 Fiber	12 - Trash and Bulk
18 Commingled	19 - Trash and Bulk
25 HOLIDAY <i>See Below</i>	26 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

**Mon 12/24: Fiber*

**Mon 12/31: Commingled*

2013 – JAN	
TUES	WED
1 HOLIDAY	2 - Trash and Bulk
8 Fiber	9 - Trash and Bulk
15 Commingled	16 - Trash and Bulk
22 Fiber	23 - Trash and Bulk
29 Commingled	30 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

FEBRUARY	
TUES	WED
5 Fiber	6 - Trash and Bulk
12 Commingled	13 - Trash and Bulk
19 Fiber	20 - Trash and Bulk
26 Commingled	27 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

MARCH	
TUES	WED
5 Fiber	6 - Trash and Bulk
12 Commingled	13 - Trash and Bulk
19 Fiber	20 - Trash and Bulk
26 Commingled	27 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

APRIL	
TUES	WED
2 Fiber	3 - Trash and Bulk
9 Commingled	10 - Trash and Bulk
16 Fiber	17 - Trash and Bulk
23 Commingled	24 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal
30 Fiber	

MAY	
TUES	WED
	1 - Trash and Bulk
7 Commingled	8 - Trash and Bulk
14 Fiber	15 - Trash and Bulk
21 Commingled	22 - Trash and Bulk
28 Fiber	29 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

JUNE	
TUES	WED
4 Commingled	5 - Trash and Bulk
11 Fiber	12 - Trash and Bulk
18 Commingled	19 - Trash and Bulk
25 Fiber	26 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

JULY	
TUES	WED
2 Commingled	3 - Trash and Bulk
9 Fiber	10 - Trash and Bulk
16 Commingled	17 - Trash and Bulk
23 Fiber	24 - Trash and Bulk
30 Commingled	31 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

AUGUST	
TUES	WED
6 Fiber	7 - Trash and Bulk
13 Commingled	14 - Trash and Bulk
20 Fiber	21 - Trash and Bulk
27 Commingled	28 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

SEPTEMBER	
TUES	WED
3 Fiber	4 - Trash and Bulk
10 Commingled	11 - Trash and Bulk
17 Fiber	18 - Trash and Bulk
24 Commingled	25 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

OCTOBER	
TUES	WED
1 Fiber	2 - Trash and Bulk
8 Commingled	9 - Trash and Bulk
15 Fiber	16 - Trash and Bulk
22 Commingled	23 - Trash and Bulk
29 Fiber	30 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal

NOVEMBER**	
TUES	WED
5 Commingled	6 - Trash and Bulk
12 Fiber	13 - Trash and Bulk
19 Commingled	20 - Trash and Bulk
26 Fiber	27 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal
LEAF PICK-UP ALL MONTH	

DECEMBER	
TUES	WED
3 Commingled	4 - Trash and Bulk
10 Fiber	11 - Trash and Bulk
17 Commingled	18 - Trash and Bulk
24 Fiber	25 - HOLIDAY
31 Commingled	

THURSDAY 12/26 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal
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2014 – JAN		
TUES	WED	THURS
	1 HOLIDAY	2 -Trash and Bulk
7 Fiber	8 - Trash and Bulk	
16 Commingled	15 - Trash and Bulk	
21 Fiber	23 - Trash and Bulk	
28 Commingled	30 - Trash/Bulk/Freon/Metal	

REVERSE 9-1-1	http://www.sussexcountysheriff.com/community/community_alerts/ Most landlines are already added to this system. If you want to add your cell phone numbers click on the link above for the registration process thus ensuring that you receive these alerts.
TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSING	2013: January 1 (New Years Day); January 21 (Martin Luther King's Birthday); February 12 (Lincoln's Birthday); February 18 (President's Day); March 29 (Good Friday); May 27 (Memorial Day); July 4 & 5 (Independence Day and day after); September 2 (Labor Day); October 14 (Columbus Day); November 11 (Veterans' Day); November 28 & 29 (Thanksgiving and day after); December 25 (Christmas Day).
OVERNIGHT PARKING	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 th to April 15 th 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.
SNOW REMOVAL	
OBSTRUCTION TO STREETS	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. The Department of Public Works appreciates your cooperation.
AFTER HOURS PAYMENT DROP BOX	As a convenience to our residents, we have 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.
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION BOX	The Municipal Building has a box for donations to be made to the Bodhi Monastery Food Pantry. Township employees and residents are encouraged to donate what they can. <i>The food pantry is currently helping to supplement the needs of over 100 people on a weekly basis.</i>

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

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

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY: Planned for Sunday, December 2ND at the Hillside Park Hall. Doors open at 1:15 PM and the Andover Regional School Chorus will provide the entertainment. We expect Santa to visit around 2PM. Each child will receive a gift; refreshments will be available for everyone.

LADIES CROSS TRAINING/EXERCISE CLASSES: A winter session of cross training and 20/20/20 will start shortly after the fall session ends. Please check the township website or call the recreation department. We will limit class size to 25. You are responsible for providing your own equipment.

PARENT/CHILD PLAY AND SIGN CLASS – Is your toddler having tantrums? Do you have difficulty understanding your young child? Help end frustration due to the inability to clearly communicate. Through songs, stories, simple projects and play, use sign language to enhance communication skills. Township resident and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Sharon Delli Santi is offering two sessions of sign language classes at the Hillside House this winter. The classes are on Mondays, from 9:15 to 10:00 AM. The first session is January 7th through February 4th (no class on MLK Day) for a total of 4 classes. The second session is February 11th through March 11th (no class on President's Day) for a total of 4 classes. The fee is \$40.00 for each session or \$75.00 for both. Ask about sibling discount. Please contact Sharon directly for registration at 973-906-6876 or email at Nickandshar2001@yahoo.com.

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.

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. [Cats do not need to be licensed, but should be protected with a rabies shot.]

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 2013 Dog License renewals before December 31, 2012.**

FREE RABIES CLINIC:

Friday, January 4 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. **The State mandates that the rabies immunization not expire before November 1 of the licensing year.**

Dog licensing will be available at the Municipal Building during the time of the clinic

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.

HOLIDAY FUND RAISER

The Andover Township FOP Lodge #177 and the Marine Corps Reserve will be running their second Annual Toys for Tots Benefit this holiday season. They are hosting a dinner/dance with food, drink, and live bands on Saturday, December 1st, 2012 at the Hillside Park Hall. Toy drop-off points will be located at the Andover Township Police Department on Lake Iliff Road and local businesses. Funds and toys collected last year went to Project Self Sufficiency and the Andover Regional Schools Toy Drive. In addition to these great programs, our members would like to reach out and help Andover Township residents in need. If you know of a family needing help making sure the kids get what they want this holiday season, or just want tickets to the event call

Patrolmen Daniel Kern or Brian Kithcart at the
Andover Township Police Department, 973-383-5544 or
by e-mail at andovertwpfop177@yahoo.com

ANDOVER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATION SANTA!!!! The Andover Township Volunteer Fire Department will be chauffeuring Santa to deliver Christmas presents on **Tuesday, December 18, Wednesday the 19, and Thursday the 20 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 14, 6 PM to 9 PM; Saturday, December 15, 9 AM to 4 PM; and Sunday, December 16, 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: \$ _____

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.