ANDOVER TOWNSHIP

134 Newton Sparta Road
973-383-4280

NEWSLETTER

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GOVERNING BODY

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	256	**POLICE NON-EMERGENT**	**973-383-5544**

***PLEASE NOTE**: Hours for these departments vary due to part-time positions and/or shared services agreements with other townships.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.andovertwp.org

THE TOWNSHIP ALSO HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

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. ***The food pantry is currently helping to supplement the needs of over 100 people on a weekly basis.***
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 15th to April 15th 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.
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.**
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, go to the site and follow the registration process to ensure that you receive these alerts.
SNOW REMOVAL	Local Ordinance 10-23. Effective immediately, whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the streets or highways, including town owned and operated parking lots, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on any street or highway or portion thereof. This parking prohibition shall remain in effect for an eight- hour period following the cessation of such snowfall.
TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSING FOR 2015	January 1 (New Year's Day), January 19 (Martin Luther King's Birthday), February 12 (Lincoln's Birthday), February 16 (Washington's Birthday), April 3 (Good Friday), May 25 (Memorial Day), July 3 (Independence Day), September 7 (Labor Day); October 12 (Columbus Day); November 11 (Veterans' Day); November 26 and 27 (Thanksgiving Day and the day after); December 25 (Christmas)
WASTE OIL DROP OFF DAYS	The last Friday of each month between the hours of 8AM and 10AM at the Municipal Garage (upper parking lot). The dates are only changed if a holiday falls on the last Friday.

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.

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 7:30PM and 8:30PM If you need further assistance, please contact Bob Reidmiller at 973-579-2694.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Sustainable Jersey is a statewide certification program for municipalities that want to go green, save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. Andover Township has joined this initiative and formed a Green Team comprised of volunteer community members. Based on the team's efforts and a long history of environmental best practices by our township's administrators, employees, residents and volunteers, Andover Township has recently earned a Bronze level certification through Sustainable Jersey. We are looking for more members to help us continue our township wide initiatives that help create a more environmentally sustainable community for all of our residents to enjoy. If interested, please contact Eric Olsen at eolsen@andovertwp.org

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LADIES EXERCISE CLASSES: Sessions are on-going. Classes are two nights per week (usually Monday and Thursday) from 7PM to 8 PM at the Hillside Park Hall (The Barn). Please check the township website, facebook page or call the municipal building. (You are responsible for providing your own equipment.)

RABIES CLINIC: Free rabies clinic on Friday, January 9 (snow date Friday January 16) at the Department of Publics works building (134 Newton Sparta Road, behind the township municipal building). Dogs from 5 to 7 PM; Cats from 7 to 8PM.

DOG LICENSING: If you need assistance or information, please call 973-383-4280, Ext. 221. 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. Fees: Spayed/Neutered $8; if not, $11. 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 Dog License renewals before December 31**.

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.

TRASH AND RECYCING INFORMATION

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

INFORMATION FROM Sussex County Municipal Utility Authority (SCMUA)

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. Large batteries from autos and boats should be brought to the SCMUA.

Paper Shredding: Third Friday of every month at the SCMUA from 9AM to 12PM; $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 SCMUA does charge a disposal fee.

Tires and Construction Debris: Must be brought to the SCMUA. It is not in the township contract with the hauler so it won't be picked up at the curb. However, if you are replacing a broken sink or toilet, that can be put at the curb.

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

THESE SERVICES ARE HANDLED BY THE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO THE BRUSH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

BRUSH PICK-UP: ONLY DURING October AND April, 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 bushes and briar bushes **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 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.

LEAF PICKUP: The month of November only. Must be in brown paper bags or other biodegradable 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.***

Fiber = Cardboard; Newspapers; Magazines; Junk Mail/Paper; Food and tissues boxes.
Commingled = Glass, Plastic, Aluminum, Tin, and wax coated containers.
Freon and Metal Pick Up must be scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month. **Call:** 973-383-4280 x221

Month	Tue	Wed
Dec 2014	**30** Commingled	**31** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
2015 Jan	**6** Fiber	**7** Trash/Bulk
	13 Commingled	**14** Trash/Bulk
	20 Fiber	**21** Trash/Bulk
	27 Commingled	**28** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
Feb	**3** Fiber	**4** Trash/Bulk
	10 Commingled	**11** Trash/Bulk
	17 Fiber	**18** Trash/Bulk
	24 Commingled	**25** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
Mar	**3** Fiber	**4** Trash/Bulk
	10 Commingled	**11** Trash/Bulk
	17 Fiber	**18** Trash/Bulk
	24 Commingled	**25** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
	31 Fiber	**1** Trash/Bulk
Apr CURBSIDE BRUSH PICK UP	**7** Commingled	**8** Trash/Bulk
	14 Fiber	**15** Trash/Bulk
	21 Commingled	**22** Trash/Bulk
	28 Fiber	**29** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal

Month	Tue	Wed
May	**5** Commingled	**6** Trash/Bulk
	12 Fiber	**13** Trash/Bulk
	19 Commingled	**20** Trash/Bulk
	26 Fiber	**27** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
Jun	**2** Commingled	**3** Trash/Bulk
	9 Fiber	**10** Trash/Bulk
	16 Commingled	**17** Trash/Bulk
	23 Fiber	**24** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
	30 Commingled	**1** Trash/Bulk
Jul	**7** Fiber	**8** Trash/Bulk
	14 Commingled	**15** Trash/Bulk
	21 Fiber	**22** Trash/Bulk
	28 Commingled	**29** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
Aug	**4** Fiber	**5** Trash/Bulk
	11 Commingled	**12** Trash/Bulk
	18 Fiber	**19** Trash/Bulk
	25 Commingled	**26** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal

Month	Tue	Wed
Sep	**1** Fiber	**2** Trash/Bulk
	8 Commingled	**9** Trash/Bulk
	15 Fiber	**16** Trash/Bulk
	22 Commingled	**23** Trash/Bulk
	29 Fiber	**30** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
Oct CURBSIDE BRUSH PICK UP	**6** Commingled	**7** Trash/Bulk
	13 Fiber	**14** Trash/Bulk
	20 Commingled	**21** Trash/Bulk
	27 Fiber	**28** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
Nov CURBSIDE LEAF PICK	**3** Election Day Commingled	**4** Trash/Bulk
	10 Fiber	**11** Veterans' Day Trash/Bulk
	17 Commingled	**18** Trash/Bulk
	24 Fiber	**25** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal
Dec	**1** Commingled	**2** Trash/Bulk
	8 Fiber	**9** Trash/Bulk
	15 Commingled	**16** Trash/Bulk
	22 Fiber	**23** Trash/Bulk
	29 Commingled	**30** Trash/Bulk/ Freon/Metal

Phone Numbers for Utilities that Service Andover Township

UTILITY	COMPANY	PHONE NUMBER
Cable Television	Service Electric Cable	973-729-7653
Electric	JCP&L * (Jersey Central Power and Light)	1-800-662-3115
Telephone	CenturyLink	1-800-786-6272
Water Companies	Forest Lakes Water Company	973-786-6600
	Lake Lenape Water Company	973-786-7412
	Newton Water Company	973-383-2090
	United Water Company (Sussex Parks Homes)	1-888-770-6030

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*Notice From JCP&L ~ Streetlight on the Blink? Tell Us.

Streetlights brighten up a community and help keep it attractive and safe. Help us keep streetlights working at they should by letting us know when lights are in need of repair. If you see a streetlight out, please contact us so that repairs can be made.

- Call our automated outage reporting line at 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877). For faster service, use the phone number associated with your account and say "streetlight problem" after the greeting.
- Visit www.firstenergycorp.com, and select your electric company. Under Outages, click on "Report Streetlight Problems."

- Your name and phone number, in case we need more information
- Address where the streetlight is located – nearest house or business address and the nearest cross street
- The number on the pole
- What is wrong with the streetlight – for example, damaged ole, light fixture is broken, the light is on during the day or the light flickers