



# Mahwah MATTERS

Fall 2005 Newsletter

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## HISTORIC CRAGMERE PARK SUBJECT OF MAHWAH MUSEUM PROGRAM

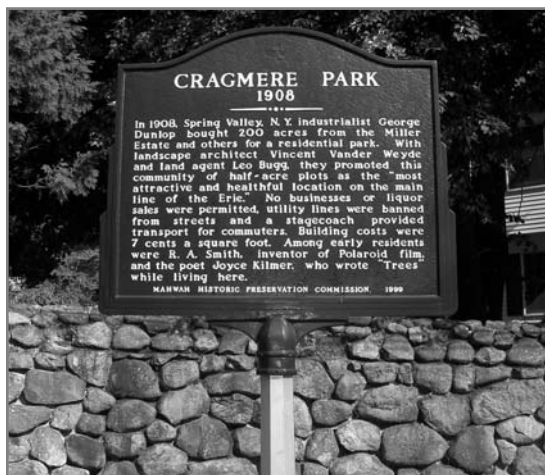
Cragmere Park, located on the east side of Franklin Turnpike, was established in Mahwah in 1909. This development was the first step toward the suburbanization of the town. The advertising brochure of the day said that

“THERE IS NO OTHER TOWN OR SECTION in either New York or New Jersey THAT CAN BE COMPARED WITH MAHWAH for its location, healthfulness and natural beauty, and that IT IS in every way, THE MOST DESIRABLE SUBURB OF NEW YORK CITY.”

On **September 19**, the Mahwah Museum Society will present a program by Tom Dunn about “Historic Cragmere Park.” This multimedia program will be at

**7:30 p.m. at Betsy Ross School** on Malcolm Road, the site of “Oweno Lake Park, ... a beautiful little lake which affords bathing facilities for all and small boat sailing for children.”

Come learn how the streets of Cragmere got their names, the location of the first house in Cragmere Park, the biographies of some of the prominent early residents of Cragmere and a lot of other “true facts.” Current residents of Cragmere should be particularly delighted to learn about the history of their houses.



*Oweno, the home of Col. Ezra Miller. After a disastrous fire, this property became Cragmere Park in 1909 and the lake later became the site of Betsy Ross School. "Historic Cragmere Park" will be presented by the Mahwah Society at 7:30 pm on September 19, 2005 at Betsy Ross School. (Picture from the archives of the Mahwah Museum Society)*

# MAHWAH CERT TEAM ON FAST TRACK

The Mahwah Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) had a very busy year. Thirteen CERT team members participated in TOPOFF 3, the largest terrorism preparedness drill in US history. The week long exercise, called TOPOFF 3 -short for "top officials", "3" for third in a series of exercises mandated by Congress involved thousands of officials from local, state and federal emergency agencies who reacted to a simulated biological terror attack by fictional terrorists who had released pneumonic plague in New Jersey.

TOPOFF was designed to test and stress our disaster response system to the limits. The Mahwah team was very involved at the "point of distribution" center where medication was distributed to victims pretending to be seriously ill due to a "biological agent" dispersed by a vehicle found in New Jersey. The Bergen County Office of Emergency Management complimented the team for their participation.

The Mahwah CERT team participated in a "mock" disaster exercise where they were placed in a real life situation. A building explosion left four victims inside the building. Working in teams and linked by radio communication, all four victims were rescued, brought to the triage area and treated for their injuries. Junior firefighters from the Mahwah Fire Department acted as victims and observers from the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and the Office of Emergency Management complimented the CERT team on the use of their skills during this field training exercise.

Allan Becker, Mahwah's CERT team coordinator conducted an 8 week CERT training course for a group of staff members at Ramapo College. Graduation was held at the college on May 10th and was attended by representatives from the New Jersey State Police, Bergen County Office of Emergency Management and the Mahwah Town

Council. Ramapo College is now one of the only Colleges in the State to have a CERT team.

Should a disaster occur requiring evacuations no matter how large or small, the Mahwah CERT team can now assist the town or the Red Cross with opening and maintaining a Shelter. Twenty members of our CERT team completed an intense 3 night Shelter Operations course conducted by the Bergen-Hudson chapter of the American Red Cross. The Mahwah CERT team is one of only a few CERT teams in Bergen County trained in shelter operations. Recently six Mahwah residents graduated the CERT training course at the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute and have become members of our CERT team.

There is no cost to participate in the next course which will take place on Wednesday evening, October 5th from 7:00-10:00PM and will run for eight consecutive Wednesday nights at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah. At the completion of the program, basic CERT safety equipment will be issued to each successful participant. Mahwah residents can contact Raymond Roe, OEM Coordinator at 201-529-5757 extension 240 or email: Mahwahcert@optonline.net for an application or additional information.



*Shown here are CERT Member Josephine Gaughan and victim Christy Nelson during a "Mock" Disaster Exercise.*

**The recently delivered Verizon Phone Directory Listing for the Township of Mahwah is incorrect. Please disregard the Verizon Phone Directory and use the following phone numbers for your Township needs.**

## TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH

475 Corporate Drive • Mahwah, NJ 07430

Main Number .....201-529-5757  
 Mayor/Administration Fax .....201-529-0061  
 Clerk/Council Fax .....201-529-5740  
 Website .....www.mahwahtwp.org

Mayor Richard J. Martel .....(W) 201-529-5757 ext. 267  
 .....(H) 201-891-8137  
 Township Council John Kelly, *President* .....201-529-1570  
 Samuel A. Alderisio .....201-529-5757 ext. 230  
 Brenda L. Calandrillo .....201-818-9668  
 H. Lisa DiGiulio, *Vice President* .....201-934-8313  
 Gary A. Paton .....201-825-6052  
 Eileen L. Richter .....201-891-3739  
 John F. Roth .....201-529-9358

Business Administrator Brian T. Campion .....201-529-5757 ext. 265  
 Administrative Assistant Denise M. Storms .....201-529-5757 ext. 264  
 Administration Office Barbara A. Trent, *Exec. Secretary* 201-529-5757 ext. 262  
 Board of Education Dr. Charles V. Montesano .....201-882-2403  
 Board of Health John Hopper, *Health Officer* .....201-529-5757 ext. 2  
 Chief Financial Officer/  
 Treasurer Kenneth Sesholt .....201-529-5757 ext. 256  
 Construction Official Gary L. Montroy .....201-529-5757 ext. 241  
 Emergency Services Raymond R. Roe, *Director* ... 201-529-5757 ext. 240  
 Environmental Commission Jane DeWan, *Secretary* .....201-529-5757 ext. 260  
 Fire Prevention  
 (non-emergency) Raymond R. Roe .....201-529-5757 ext. 240  
 Fire Department Kevin Larkin, *Chief* .....201-828-2017

Historian John Bristow .....201-529-3136  
 Historic Preservation  
 Commission Denise M. Storms, *Secretary* ... 201-529-5757 ext. 264  
 Housing Commission Mary Ann Reed, *Sec./Manager* ... 201-529-5757 ext. 206  
 Human Services Dolores Raiz, *Director* .....201-529-5757 ext. 205  
 Access Transportation Dolores Raiz, *Director* .....201-529-2691  
 Affordable Housing Dolores Raiz, *Director* .....201-529-5757 ext. 205  
 Inspections Gary L. Montroy, *Const. Code Official* 201-529-5757 ext. 241  
 Library Kenneth W. Giaimo, *Director* .....201-529-READ  
 Municipal Court Admin. Lorraine Cuomo .....201-529-2862  
 Municipal Pool Marion Crescitelli, *Manager* .....201-529-4949  
 Planning Board/Zoning Mara Winokur, *Admin. Officer* ... 201-529-5757 ext. 245  
 Planning Board/Zoning Rosalie DeMartino, *Secretary* ... 201-529-5757 ext. 243  
 Police James N. Batelli, *Chief* .....201-529-1000 ext. 200  
 Stanley G. Spiech, *Director* .....201-529-3344  
 Public Works Department Dawn DaPuzzo, *Interim Director* ... 201-529-5757 ext. 254  
 Recreation Department John Soha, *Foreman/Recycling Coord.* .....201-529-2991  
 Recycling Center Keith P. Hallissey, *Superintendent* .....201-529-3344  
 Road Department Susanne Small .....201-529-5757 ext. 213  
 Senior Center Coordinator Stuart Stolarz .....201-529-5757 ext. 229  
 Tax Assessor Ann Marie Mancuso .....201-529-5757 ext. 228  
 Tax/Utility Collector Kathrine G. Coletta ... 201-529-5757 ext. 230  
 Township Clerk Maryann S. Malone .....201-529-5757 ext. 221  
 Water Billing Department Edward F. Osborne, *Sr., Supt.* .....201-529-4413  
 Water/Sewer Department Edward F. Osborne, *Sr., Supt.* .....201-529-4413  
 Water/Sewer Service

### Mahwah Public Schools:

Administration .....201-882-2408  
 Lenape Meadows School .....201-882-2260  
 George Washington School .....201-882-2240  
 Betsy Ross School .....201-882-2250  
 Joyce Kilmer School .....201-882-2270  
 Ramapo Ridge Middle School .....201-882-2380  
 Mahwah High School .....201-882-2300

# TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH RECEIVES GRANT

## Environmental Commission Receives DEP Grant

The Mahwah Environmental Commission has been awarded a matching grant by NJ Department of Environmental Protection for a project called: Lake Henry Environmental Circuit Trail at Continental Soldiers Park.

The goal of the project is to design and install educational markers along the hiking trail around the lake. The theme of the trail will be: education, recreation and preservation. Commission members have been working on developing ideas and designs which include: trail orientation, drinking water and the aquifer, lake ecology, plant identification, history of the property, and native animals. Of course, there will be directional signs and signs to remind the visitors to avoid littering by taking out what they take in to the park.

The Township has also received grant approval for the following:

- \$27,500.00 Municipal Park Improvements from the 2004 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- \$130,000.00 MacArthur Boulevard Road Improvements from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation.

## ROTARY CLUB MAKES DONATION TO MAHWAH MUSEUM

The Bergen Highland/Ramsey Rotary Club has generously made a donation to the Mahwah Museum Society for the purchase of a computer and software. This will allow the Society to catalog its collection and make it available to researchers who are interested in the history of Mahwah.

The Museum, located at 201 Franklin Turnpike near Miller Road in Mahwah, has collections of 18th century deeds, tax and census records for Hohokus Township, papers donated by prominent resident of the Township, vintage photographs, records of the Havemeyer farm, art works, classic books about the history of Mahwah and the region and much more. The Museum's permanent exhibit will reopen this fall.

## HPC RECIEVES GRANT

The Historic Preservation Commission received a federal grant from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Interior, administered by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office for publication of "Design Guidelines for the Preservation of Historic Structures". This booklet prepared by McCabe & Associates, Professional Planners, provides an understanding of Mahwah's architectural treasures by pointing out some of the distinguishing features that give Mahwah's buildings and neighborhoods their special personalities. The booklet is available at the Municipal Building.

# MAHWAH FIRE PREVENTION

## Improving Their Public Educational Programs



The Mahwah Fire Prevention Bureau received a Federal Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to improve the Bureau's fire safety educational programs. The Mahwah Fire Prevention Bureau purchased a table top fire safety hazard house with the grant.

The hazard house is designed to be an interactive tool for children to learn about fire safety. The house which is designed to look like a residential home contains various rooms and can demonstrate the



*Pictured is Inspector Thomas Dillon using the Hazard House to demonstrate fire safety at the Kindercare Day Care Center.*

presence of common fire hazards which can be found in every home. Some of the hazards demonstrated are, overloaded electric outlets, cluttered storage areas, and improper storage of flammable liquids and household chemicals. Some of the rooms can even generate smoke to simulate a fire condition and teach the children about smoke travel and the need for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. This traveling house has been brought to a number of educational affairs and taken to classrooms for fire safety lessons at the local schools. The hazard home contains movable display panels which can be used



*Pictured is Inspector Tim Hetzel reviewing safety plans with the Sharp Electronic Corporation's Safety Committee.*

to teach children how to be safe in their neighborhood when playing at the playground, in the pool and on the street.

Many corporations have asked the Fire Prevention Bureau to assist them in reviewing and formatting a safety plan for their locations. The Fire Inspectors have been asked to attend safety committee meetings from various businesses within the Township and guide them in fire safety and evacuation procedures.

Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 201-529-5757 if you wish to have your plans reviewed.

## TAX AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT

The Township Tax and Utility Collector, Ann Marie Mancuso is retiring October 1, 2005. Ms. Mancuso started working for the Township in 1985 and has implemented many improvements in her Department during her tenure. The most recent change will be a new bill format for the Water and Sewer Utility, and the Tax and Utility bill drop box located outside of the municipal building.

## TOWNSHIP UPDATES

### Wyckoff Avenue and Forest Road Intersection

The intersection improvements by Bergen County at the intersection of Wyckoff Avenue and Forest Road in the Fardale section of the Township are proceeding on schedule. The project will provide turning lanes and an improved traffic light control. The initial work stage on Wyckoff Avenue south of the intersection was completed in May 2005 and is now open to traffic. The second phase of the project required Pulis Avenue west of the intersection to be closed in May 2005. This work included installation of two concrete culverts, a modular bin retaining wall, drainage, utility and road widening improvements. This section of Pulis Avenue will be reopened in the fall of 2005.

All roadway improvements, restoration, landscaping and final paving will be completed in the spring of 2006.

### Recycling Bins

The Township Recycling Department and the Beautification Committee have purchased plastic recycling bins with a Recycling Grant from the State of New Jersey. These bins will be made available to residents of Mahwah (one per household). The Beautification Committee will distribute these bins free of charge at Mahwah Day on September 24, 2005. The bins will also be distributed, while supplies last on October 8, 2005 at the Township Recycling Center on North Railroad Avenue from 7:30a.m. to 11:00a.m.

### Stormwater Pollution Prevention

The Township of Mahwah has adopted local ordinances required by the N.J.D.E.P. for prevention of stormwater pollution. Ordinance Number 1511 requires pet owners to clean up pet wastes. Ordinance Number 1512 provides penalties for illegal connections to the Township storm sewer system. Ordinance Number 1513 establishes a schedule for collection of yard waste. Yard waste, consisting of leaves, grass clippings and tree branches which are not in a container cannot be placed at the curb or along the street more than seven days prior to the scheduled collection date and no closer than ten (10) feet from any storm drain inlet.

Starting January 1, 2006 the Township of Mahwah Recycling Center will no longer accept car tires and motor oil. These items should be disposed of at the commercial establishments where they are purchased or at the periodic collections announced by Bergen County at the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy.

### Leaf Pick Up



Leaves will be picked up on a continuous schedule from October 17, 2005 through December 2, 2005. During the leaf season, your grass clippings can be mixed with the leaves left at the curb. If the homeowner hires a contractor or landscaper for their leaf clean-up, the contractor can dispose of the leaves at the township mulch area. They are required to have a letter from the resident including street address and telephone number.

## RECREATION EVENTS

### 11th Annual Mahwah Day

The 11th Annual Mahwah Day is Saturday, September 24th at Commodore Perry Field. A parade, starting at 12:30 PM kicks off the events. The dog show, magician, clowns and live musical entertainment are perennial favorites, as are the kiddie rides and many games for children. Of course, food will be available throughout the day and the Township's Access Transportation buses will be available to shuttle visitors to and from area parking.

### Annual Halloween Costume Parade



The Annual Halloween Parade, sponsored by the Recreation Committee, will be held rain or shine on Monday, October 31, 2005 at Commodore Perry Field beginning promptly at 6 PM. Children in costume will be judged by age group, prizes will be awarded and free refreshments will be available to all children and adults attending. The Volunteer Club of MHS, led by Laura Kandoth, helps with

everything from decorating the field to leading ghosts, goblins and princesses of all kinds around the field. Secor Farms lends their talent as well as hay bales and pumpkins for decorating the field and apples to distribute.

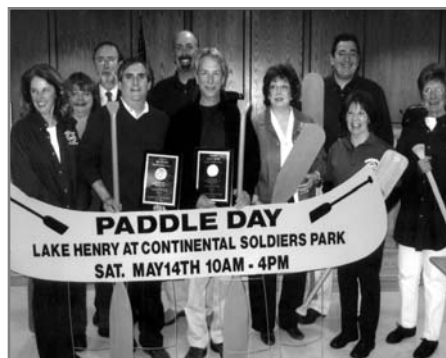
### Annual Veterans Day Service

The Annual Township of Mahwah Veterans Day Service will be held on Friday, November 11, 2005 at Veterans Memorial Park, located on Franklin Turnpike between Miller Road and East Ramapo Avenue beginning promptly at 11 AM. This event is sponsored by the Mahwah Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 7124 and the Mahwah Recreation Committee.

### Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

The Annual Township of Mahwah Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at the Mahwah Township Municipal Building located at 475 Corporate Drive beginning at 5 PM. Musical entertainment by local school children, led in the past by Irene Lahr, refreshments and gifts for all children will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Recreation Committee and the Mahwah Volunteer Fire Department.

*The Township Council recently thanked the Recreation Committee and the Ramsey Outdoor Store for the successful 2005 Paddle Day Program.*



*Left to right: Rec members Jean Lascar and Monica Ullrich, current Council President John Kelly, Rob Fischer of Ramsey Outdoor Store, Rec member Todd Cochran, Stuart Levine of Ramsey Outdoor Store, former Council President Eileen Richter, and Rec members Ward Donigian, Westa Hopkins and Julia Smith. Missing from photo is Rec member Drew Baumgardt.*

# MAHWAH SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Senior Coordinator:

Susanne Small - 201-529-5757 ext. 213

Coordinator's Assistant:

Rosalie Giudice - 201-529-5757 ext. 277

The Mahwah Senior Activity Center is open to every Mahwah senior resident age 60 and older to participate in activities and programs at the center. There is no membership fee to join and fees are not charged for class participation; however, some workshops may require a fee to cover instruction and materials.

## OPEN HOUSE AT THE MAHWAH SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Friday, September 23, 2005

1:00pm until 3:00pm

Meet our innovative instructors and get to know our active Mahwah Seniors and their wonderful art display. Refreshments will be served.

## MAHWAH SENIOR BREAKFAST

The Mahwah D.A.R.E. Alliance will be co-sponsoring the annual Mahwah Senior Breakfast on Friday, October 14, 2005. The breakfast will be held at the Sheraton Crossroads Hotel, 1 International Boulevard, Mahwah, and will begin promptly at 9:00 am. All seniors who reside in Mahwah are invited to attend. Tickets will be available at

the Senior Citizen Center, 475 Corporate Drive. For more information, please contact Susanne Small, Director at 201-529-5757, ext. 213 or Officer Michota, D.A.R.E. Coordinator at 201-529-1000, ext. 211.

## UPCOMING SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

On Thursday, October 20, 2005 the Mahwah Senior Activity Center will present Ex Tempore, an intercultural contemporary world-jazz ensemble with members from India, Mali, Germany and the United States. It was initiated in 2002, when artists from Afghanistan, Eritrea, India, Germany and the United States met for a seven-day collaborative residency in Germany. This program will be integrated with a lovely luncheon starting at 12:00 noon.



Art Class at the Mahwah Senior Activity Center

## Memories of Mahwah Holiday Ornaments

Memories of Mahwah Holiday Ornaments that feature Mahwah historic sites are still available at \$10.00 each. If you are missing one of the ten ornaments, 1994 Mahwah Train Station Museum; 1995-Hagerman-Havemeyer House; 1996-Ramapo Reformed Church; 1997-Darlington School House; 1998-Winter House; 1999-Quackenbush Barn; 2000-Commodore Perry School; 2001-Hopper-Van Horn House; 2002-Joyce Kilmer House; 2003-Westervelt-Hosey House, or if you would like to start your collection, please send an e-mail to [dstorms@mahwahtwp.org](mailto:dstorms@mahwahtwp.org). Include your name and address so we can mail an order form to you. Not only are these traditional glass ball ornaments a "local collectable" for your own home, they are lovely stocking stuffers, hostess gifts, or thoughtful presents for former Mahwah residents.

The Senior Center provides a bi-monthly lunch program every 1st and 3rd Thursday

## Senior Club Meetings

The Senior Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 12:00PM. For further information please contact Jake Jarema, Club President at 201-529-3621.



Tai Chi Chih at the Mahwah Senior Activity Center

# MAHWAH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Over 570 children joined the Summer Reading Club and the Teen Craft Summer Program.



Upcoming events for the Library call 201-529-READ or visit the website at [www.bccls.org/mahwah/](http://www.bccls.org/mahwah/).

## BOOK ON MAHWAH HISTORY IS AVAILABLE

***From Pioneer Settlement to Suburb*** has been republished

The Mahwah Museum Society announces that "From Pioneer Settlement to Suburb – A History of Mahwah, New Jersey, 1700-1976" by Henry Bishoff and Mitchell Kahn has been republished. The detailed history of Mahwah from its pioneer origin to modern suburb was first published in 1979. The authors have been members of the Ramapo College faculty for over 20 years. The book, which has been out of print for some time, is now available for purchase. The cost is \$25.00.

The books are for sale at the Township Clerk's office at Mahwah town hall; Fran's Hallmark at A&P shopping center; Paragon Federal Credit Union at Island Rd. and Lethbridge Plaza; Commerce Bank, 814 Wyckoff Avenue; Mahwah Wine and Liquor, Macarthur Plaza, Ridge Road and Macarthur Boulevard. Volume discounts are available. For information call (201) 236-6302.

## Mahwah Museum Program Dates

- Monday, September 19 – program on Cragmere Park at Betsy Ross School, 7:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, September 24 – participation at Mahwah Day at Commodore Perry Field
- Save this date for a festive holiday musical event!**
- Sunday, December 11 – Colonial America Christmas Music Program at 3:00 p.m. at the Ramapo Reformed Church.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS



*Officer Victoria Regal*

Officer Victoria Regal and Officer Michael Grassi have recently joined the Mahwah Police Department and both are expected to be a tremendous asset to the Department and the community.

Officer Regal was previously employed by the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office as a Detective for the past several years and was assigned to the sex crimes unit. Officer Regal has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from St. Thomas Aquinas College and is currently completing her Master of Arts degree from John Jay College in Forensic Psychology.

Officer Grassi was previously employed as a police officer for the past four years with the Wyckoff Police Department. Before becoming a police officer he received an honorable discharge as a petty officer from the United States Coast Guard. He is currently enrolled at John Jay College and will be receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminology. Officer Grassi is a certified paramedic and was very active in community policing in Wyckoff and will continue his endeavors in the Township of Mahwah.



*Officer Michael Grassi*

### 4th Annual Junior Police Academy A Tremendous Success

Summer months and idle time for children? Not in Mahwah. The Mahwah Police Department sponsored its fourth annual Junior Police Academy and it was an overwhelming success. With the motto of "Respect, Discipline & Honesty" seventy-seven incoming sixth graders, ages ranging from 10-11 years old entered a two week police academy to learn what law enforcement and policing is about. The "probationary officers" attend classes on a daily basis on a variety of law enforcement topics and also attend a number of field trips to learn hands on training. This year, students attended field trips to the United States Coast Guard Academy in Staten Island, the Connecticut State Police Academy, the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Complex and a scheduled landing of an Army National Guard helicopter in which the sixth graders were able to view the helicopter and ask questions of the National Guard pilots. Graduation from the Junior Police Academy culminated with a trip to a Newark Bears baseball game with fireworks and pizza. If you are interested in having your children attend next year's academy look for notices sent home through the School System or contact Officer Robert Curtis, Mahwah's School Resource Officer at 201-529-1000 x 226.



*Mahwah Junior Police Academy attended the Connecticut State Police Academy*

### 2nd Annual Mahwah DARE Car Show

The Mahwah Police Department Dare Unit, in conjunction with

Lincoln Technical School will be co-sponsoring our 2nd Annual Car Show, on Sunday, October 2, 2005 to benefit the DARE Street Hockey Program and the Mahwah Municipal Alliance. The car show will be held at the Lincoln Tech Campus on McKee Drive from 9am to 2pm. Over 200 cars participated in last years show. There will be a fee to register your car for the show, \$10.00 before September 30th, \$15.00 thereafter and day of the show. If you are interested in registering your car, contact Officer Jerry Michota, at 201-529-1000 x 222 or check the website to download an application at [www.mahwahpd.org/car.php](http://www.mahwahpd.org/car.php).

### Halloween Safety

The Mahwah Police Department would like to remind parents and children of precautionary measures that can ensure that Halloween can be safely enjoyed by the community this year. Parents should accompany or arrange for an adult to accompany younger children as they go Trick-or-Treating and inspect all candy and food items that their children receive. Suspicious items should be reported to the police. Parents and guardians should attempt to conduct all activities during the daylight hours. This would include parents ensuring that even older children conduct unsupervised activity during daylight hours.

The Mahwah Police Department would like to bring particular attention to the Community and **especially parents** regarding "Mischief Night" or "Cabbage Night" which will be on **Sunday, October 30th**. Historically the community experiences property damage as well as mischievous and criminal behavior by unsupervised juveniles and young adults on this night. Being that this night falls on a non-school night it is anticipated that more problems may occur. It is important for parents and the Community work in cooperation with the Mahwah Police Department to deter this activity and make both dates safe and enjoyable for all. Parents and guardians should be aware of the activity that occurs when their children are out unsupervised.

### No Overnight Parking

Township Ordinance 7-3.3 prohibits the parking of vehicles along ANY roadways between the hours of 12 Midnight and 6:00 a.m. **NOVEMBER 15th thru APRIL 15th**. Please make arrangements to park your vehicle off the roadway. Warnings may be issued first. In the event that the Township is plowing snow off the roadways, Summonses will be issued.

### Winter Snow Removal Reminders

The Police Department reminds local residents about the following requirements during the winter snow season. Violations of local ordinances may result in a summons being issued and may require an appearance in municipal court.

Parking is prohibited on all streets whenever snow removal operations are underway. Snow removal along sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner and must be completed within 12 hours of the completion of snowfall.

Snow removed from driveways and sidewalks is prohibited from being pushed into the roadway.

### Web Site Information

If you want to stay informed on the latest law enforcement issues and events involving the Police Department visit our web site at [www.mahwahpd.org](http://www.mahwahpd.org).

# MAHWAH POLICE DEPARTMENT RESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to assess the quality of police services delivered to the community the Police Department is conducting a random survey of Mahwah residents. I appreciate the time you take to complete this brief survey so that we can continue to provide a high level of police services. If there are any topics not covered in this survey please do not hesitate to contact me.

**James N. Batelli**  
*Chief of Police*

1. Overall the officers of the Mahwah Police Department deliver a high level of professional police services to the community it serves.  
Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree
2. The Mahwah Police provide a visible deterrent to crime through their presence in marked police cars in my neighborhood.  
Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree
3. Generally speaking Mahwah is a safe community in which to reside in and raise a family.  
Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree
4. The quality of police services delivered to the community is directly related to the level of safety of its residents.  
Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree
5. I believe that it is important for the Police Department to provide community oriented programs for residents. Example – DARE – Student Resource Officer Program – Junior Police Academy – Child Safety Seat Inspections  
Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree
6. The types of programs described in question # 5 improve community relations between the Police Department and its residents.  
Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree
7. Have you had personal contact, for any reason, with a Mahwah Police Officer within the past 12 months? If no skip to question # 10.

Yes

No

8. What was the nature of your most recent contact?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ I called the Department to request police assistance or report an incident.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ I was the victim of a crime.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ I was a witness to a crime or incident.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ I was involved in a motor vehicle accident.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ I was arrested.
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ I was issued a motor vehicle summons.
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ I was contacted about a problem or disturbance.
- h. \_\_\_\_\_ I was involved in another way (Please describe \_\_\_\_\_)

9. Based upon your most recent contact, please rate the experience with the Mahwah Police Department.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Concern	_____	_____	_____	_____
Knowledge	_____	_____	_____	_____
Response Time	_____	_____	_____	_____
Service Quality	_____	_____	_____	_____

10. Has your residence ever been notified of an event or incident in the Township through our automated calling Reverse 911 system?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

11. If yes, do you think this is an effective means of notifying residents of an emerging situation?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

12. What is the general location of your residence? \_\_\_\_\_

13. We welcome any comments or suggestions on how the police could better serve your community.

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*Please return completed questionnaires to:* Office of Professional Standards  
Mahwah Police Department  
221 Franklin Turnpike  
Mahwah, New Jersey 07430





# PLANNING, ZONING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

**Inoperable Vehicles** - No person should park, leave, store or maintain any inoperable vehicles for more than 30 days upon any private land or premises. Inoperable vehicle means any motor vehicle designed and manufactured primarily for the use on public roadways and is not duly registered and insured. Inoperable vehicle also means that it fails to meet the statutory requirements for operation on a public roadway.

**Parking Facilities** - Public and private parking lots are to be cleaned in inclement weather, especially the areas designated for handicap parking and accessibility. Handicap signs are to be cleared of snow and other debris so they can remain visible at all times.

**Sidewalks** - With winter approaching, we want to remind everyone whose property has a sidewalk that they must keep the sidewalk clear of ice and snow within twelve (12) hours of the snow stopping. All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition by the property owner and/or occupant. If your property is on a corner, the sidewalk must be cleared at the intersection so that a pathway is provided for pedestrian passage from the sidewalk to the street so the pedestrian does not have to walk into the street when crossing the roadway.

**Signs** - The placement of signs on telephone poles, trees, blocks or in the public right of ways is prohibited. The placement of a portable A-frame sign is also prohibited.

**Soil Movement** - Any import, export or movement of soil on any property requires a Soil Movement Application to be filed with the Township. If you feel a property owner may be in violation with any ordinance, please call this office and we will have it inspected.

**Trees** - Anyone wishing to cut down trees should call the office before the trees are cut to see if a permit is required. The ordinance states you are allowed to cut down five (5) trees per year per lot of twelve inches or more in diameter at ground level. If there are dead trees on the property, or you are not sure of the diameter of the trees, please call an inspector to have an inspection. You may direct all inquiries to 201-529-5757, ext. 239.

## MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

### 2006 Animal Licensing

2006 Animal Licenses, Dogs and Cats, will be available for purchase on Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Animals over 7 months of age are required to be licensed.

Rabies Vaccination Certificate, valid through and including November 1, 2006, is required. If applicable, written proof of spaying or neutering from a licensed Veterinarian is required.

### Fees for Animal Licenses:

\$7.00 Spayed or Neutered Animal  
\$10.00 Unspayed or Unneutered Animal

The Municipal Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00AM to 8:00PM on Monday February 6, 2006 and Monday, February 13, 2006 for Animal Licensing.

Last day to license animals before the \$10.00 late fee per animal is imposed is Thursday, February 15, 2006.

Licenses may be renewed in person between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM, Monday through Friday except Municipal holidays in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Or by mailing the Rabies Vaccination Certificate and the Proof of Spaying/Neutering Certificate to the Township of Mahwah, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey Attention: Municipal Clerk's Office.

### Election News - Upcoming Elections

General Election	November 8, 2005
School Election	April 18, 2006
Municipal Election	May 9, 2006
Primary Election	June 6, 2006
General Election	November 7, 2006



*Voter Registration Dates and Last Day for New Voters to Register to Vote in Upcoming Elections*

General Election	Tuesday, October 11, 2005
School Election	Monday, March 20, 2006
Municipal Election	Monday, April 10, 2006
Primary Election	Monday, May 8, 2006
General Election	Tuesday, October 10, 2006

*Note: Municipal Clerk's Office will be opened from 8:00AM to 9:00PM for Voter Registration on the above dates. The deadline for new Voters to register to vote in an upcoming Election is on the above dates by 9:00PM.*

Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Deadline requests must be received in Hackensack 7 days before the Election.

## AMBULANCE CORPS. #1 BEGINS JUNIOR PROGRAM



*Shown are: left to right Frank Parker, Christy Nelson and Joe (JJ) Walters*

The Junior Program are 16 to 17 years old and have training in C.P.R. Frank will be attending EMT school in the Fall. Christy has attended and graduated as a certified N.J.E.M.T. and JJ has attended and graduated and is waiting to take the test. All fees for schooling and training are paid by Ambulance Corps. #1.

## COMPANY #4 VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE

Company #4 Volunteer Ambulance has served Mahwah for 33 years, covering the Fardale section and south of Darlington Avenue. As with all volunteer ambulance services in this day and age, volunteers are in short supply. If you have ever thought of giving your time to a worthwhile organization, this is



*Left to right: Delores Rizzo, Treasurer; Nabil Hijo, Vice President; Mike Bushta, President; Pam Orbe, Assistant Captain; Bill Overocker, 2nd Lieutenant; Chuck Bethel, Captain.*

the organization and now is the time! Please call 201-327-2252 and leave a message for Captain Chuck Bethel or membership Chairman Bob Reilly. They would be happy to answer questions you may have about the Corps, the 10-week training course and time required each month for membership. You can make a real difference in your community! Please consider joining our organization.

# HUMAN SERVICES/AFFORDABLE HOUSING/ ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

The following services are available through the Human Services Division:

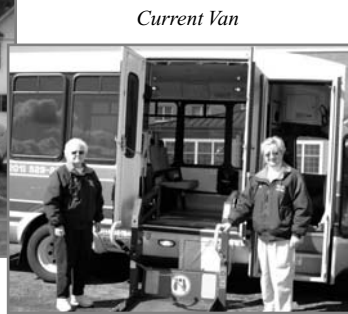
Affordable Housing Applications may be picked up at the Municipal Building in the reception area on the main floor, or in the Human Services Office on the first floor between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. For additional information call 201-529-5757 (extension 206 or 205).

Access Transportation is a service offered to seniors and individuals in need of transportation for clothing and food shopping. Rides are provided to Mahwah and Midland Park Senior Centers, doctor appointments, or for other appointments within our daily schedule. If you would like to sign up for bus transportation call 201-529-2691.

Access Transportation is pleased to have our 2005 NJ Transit grant application as an inclusion for F/T/A final approval. The van we requested will replace one of the vans with high mileage that we currently utilize. These granted vehicles are very much appreciated and assist Mahwah in supporting Access Transportation. (See Then & Now Van Pictures).



Old Van



Current Van

The Woman's Club of Mahwah will again sponsor the Holiday Remembrance Program. The Woman's Club has been bringing joy to neighbors in need during the Holiday

Season for forty-five years and has made this project one of their high priority projects. We thank them for their labor of love and kindness. If you would like to be considered or know someone who would benefit from this program – confidentiality prevails – kindly call Human Services at 201-529-5757 extension 205.

For a referral to the Center for Food Action or the Ramapo Reformed Church Clothing Closet, call Human Services. If you have food items to donate contact the Center for Food Action at 201-934-5085. Clothing in good wearable condition can be donated to the Clothes Closet (left side of Ramapo Reformed Education Building) on Wednesdays between the hours of 10:00am to 11:30am.

This is a reminder that the new Medicare Pharmaceutical benefit Part D Program will officially begin on January 1, 2006. If you have any questions or received forms (on Part D or PAAD) and have not filled them out and returned them, or need any information about the new program, please contact Division of Senior Services at 201-336-7427.

In the latter part of January 2006, any Senior Citizen or disabled individual who had earnings under \$45,000 in year 2005 (filing uncomplicated returns) may call the Senior Coordinator at 201-529-5757 extension 213 for an appointment to have your taxes filled out by an AARP trained tax representative. Van transportation is available by contacting Access Transportation.

The administering of the Meals on Wheels Program for the Mahwah/Ramsey area has been taken over by Pascack Valley Hospital with Christian Healthcare continuing the food preparation. If you can volunteer, even one day a month, to deliver meals please contact Jeanne E. Martin, Director, at 201-358-3147. It is important to get additional drivers so that the program can be continued.

## MAHWAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION WILL HOLD 8TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/2K FUN WALK

The Mahwah Schools Foundation (MSF) will be holding its 8th Annual 5K Run/2K Fun Walk on Sunday, October 2nd at the beautiful Darlington County Park in Mahwah.

Check in and registration for the 5K run will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the event starting at 9:00 AM. Pre-registration is \$18 on or before September 25 and \$21 after September 25. A \$2 discount is available for all of the members of the NJ Road Runners Club or USATF-NJ members. This year all registered runners will receive t-shirts while supplies last and there will

be cash prizes for 1st place finishers in all categories.

The 2K Fun Walk check in and registration will begin at 9 a.m. with the event starting at 10:30 a.m. Registration fees for the 2K Fun Walk are \$10 per person 6 years of age and older, up to a maximum of \$40 per family.

**For more information contact:**

Jennifer Ullman - 201-248-1452

Prema Moorthy - 201-960-1098



# BOARD OF HEALTH TO OFFER FLU AND PNEUMOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATIONS AT SENIOR CENTER

In accordance with guidelines of the US Centers for Disease Control, the Mahwah Board of Health will offer influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations to Senior Citizens 65 and over and adults suffering from chronic illnesses. Inoculations will be given at the Mahwah Senior Citizens Center, located on the lower level of Township Hall, 475 Corporate Drive, on Friday, October 28th, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. This program will not serve clients who are HMO participants. Senior Citizens and chronically ill residents who participate in an HMO should contact their medical provider for flu or pneumococcal immunizations.

All participants must be Mahwah residents age 65 and over. Proof of age and residency must be provided upon registration. In addition, those who are Medicare Part B eligible must bring their medicare card to the program. Chronically ill residents under 65 must present a current note from their physician indicating the need for immunization. Persons allergic to chicken, eggs, have a fever, respiratory infection, have received any other vaccine during the 14 days prior to immunization, have had an allergic reaction to a previous dose of influenza vaccine or have a past history of Guillian Barre Syndrome should not be immunized.

Senior citizens and chronically ill residents should receive flu vaccinations annually. Pneumococcal vaccination should only be received once and should not be readministered unless recommended by your physician. For residents who are not Medicare Part B eligible, there is a charge of \$10.00 for pneumococcal immunization.

Residents who desire pneumococcal immunization must pre-register for the program by calling the Health Department at (201) 529-5757, Prompt 2. It is not necessary to pre-register if you are only receiving flu vaccination. Those persons wishing to receive flu vaccination only should arrive at the Senior Center between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM on October 28th. Those persons wishing to receive flu and pneumococcal vaccination should arrive at 3:00 PM sharp.

## Free Adult Health Consultation for Mahwah Residents

The Mahwah Board of Health offers free adult health consultation and blood pressure screening on a monthly basis at three locations in the

Township. This important health prevention program is available on the second Tuesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Mahwah Senior Citizens Center, located on the lower level of Township Hall, 475 Corporate Drive, and on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Norfolk Village Senior Center. Services are also available at the headquarters of the Ramapough Mountain Indians on Stag Hill Road on the first Wednesday of every month from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

## Board of Health Offers Free Child Health Services

The Mahwah Board of Health provides a free child health clinic on the second Wednesday of each month at the Mahwah Public Library on Ridge Road. The purpose of the program is the promotion of health and prevention of illness among infants and preschool children. The clinic provides the opportunity for a complete medical examination, completion of State-required immunizations, and for individual parent counseling with a physician and nurses for proper physical, social and emotional development. The Child Health Conference is designed to compliment services provided by the child's primary medical care provider, and infants and children in need of further examination or treatment are referred to their family physicians or to hospital clinics.

For an appointment, residents are advised to call the Township's public health nursing agency, Bergen Community Health Care, at (201) 358-2666.

## Frequently Asked Question

A frequently asked question is, "How is the Sewer Flow Charge calculated?" The new Sewer Flow Charge which becomes effective in the Third Quarter billing (July, August or September billing) is based on the measurement of water usage for three consecutive months during the prior winter. There is a minimum quarterly Sewer Flow Charge of \$80.00 based on 1400 cubic feet of water usage. There is an additional Sewer Flow Charge of \$4.30 per 100 cubic feet based on water usage above 1400 cubic feet during the three winter months. Sewer customers who have private wells and are not Township water customers pay a flat fee.

## MAHWAH MUNICIPAL POOL

The Township Pool was a busy place this summer. Numerous programs were made available to residents. Red Cross Swim lessons were offered in July and again in August. Two Lifeguard Training courses were taught, as well as a recertification program in CPR for the Professional Rescuer. The Girl Scouts were offered a Water Safety program. On Tuesday and Wednesday in July the Mahwah Summer Recreation children used the pool in the morning. Before the pool was open to the public at 11:30am each weekday morning, the teams practiced, group lessons were taught, and the summer recreation program was held.

To kick-off the summer season, two outstanding DARE pool parties with lunch and DJ,

were held at the pool in June. June is also the month the Mahwah Marlins Swim and Diving Teams began to practice. The Swim Team placed first in the Super Six League Championship, and the Mahwah Diving Team placed second at the League Championships. In the dual meet season, the diving team went undefeated, and the swim team lost only one meet to a powerful Paramus team. In the County Championships, Mahwah took many Firsts and broke several County Records.

Parties and celebrations were held often at the pool in 2005. The Mahwah High School Seniors and staff celebrated with a picnic and yearbook signing brunch. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts had their summer picnics on site. The Mahwah Marlins Swim



Team celebrated an outstanding season with a family picnic. Trophies and team shirts were distributed, and the swimmers and divers had a great time playing games and doing dives with coaches all afternoon. Mahwah Senior

Citizens have been encouraged to use the pool. A year end Summer Celebration for the seniors with entertainment and lunch was held in August.

Mahwah residents may use the pools in two ways. Memberships may be purchased, or residents may swim using the day rates on weekdays only. Special party rates are available for group events.

Membership applications are mailed in the spring to all Mahwah residents and former pool members.

At the Township Council Reorganization Meeting held July 7, 2005, the Township Council selected **John J. Kelly** as **President** and **H. Lisa DiGiulio** as **Vice President** for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.



*(Photo by Lee Vold)*

**Council Members - Pictured left to right:**

*Gary A. Paton; Brenda L. Calandrillo; Eileen L. Richter; John J. Kelly, President;  
H. Lisa DiGiulio, Vice President; John F. Roth; Samuel A. Alderisio*



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