

NEW BUSINESS

The Planning Board and Beautification Committee are working on plans to upgrade the aesthetics along Franklin Turnpike starting at the Miller Road and Franklin Turnpike intersection. The first step will be the demolition of old buildings and the construction of a First Union Bank facility. There will be a streetscape along Franklin Turnpike, a sidewalk plaza area with street lights and benches. The theme will be extended throughout the neighborhood.

The old McKee sand pit will come into the 21st century with the construction of the Gabrellian Associates' three warehouse/office buildings on Macarthur Avenue and North Central Avenue.

After many years, the Home Depot project on the Ramsey border is becoming a reality. Home Depot received approval from the Planning Board to construct their new store at Route 17 N. and Constantine Drive.

GRAND OPENING NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING

After more than a decade in leased office space on Route 17, The Township's administrative offices are moving to the Township's new municipal facility located at 475 Corporate Drive, just up the hill from the current municipal administrative offices. The municipal facility will also house the Mahwah Senior Citizens Center which includes computer and craft rooms, administrative offices, a large multi-purpose room with kitchen facilities, a stage and rooms for active and passive activities.

The building will be completed in April, 2003. The offices of the Mayor and Administration, Township Clerk, Municipal Court, Board of Health, Office of Emergency Management, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Water and Sewer, Finance, Building, Planning & Zoning,

Collections, Human Services, Affordable Housing, Access Transportation and Recreation will be relocated to the new facility so that all the administrative offices will be functioning in one new location owned by the Township in May of 2003.

The formal dedication date and open house for the new municipal facility will be announced and will be published on the Township's website at www.mahwahtwp.org. We hope that our residents will visit the new facility, either on the dedication date or at any time, to see how their taxes and support have helped to complete a facility that all residents will be proud of.

After the administrative offices have completed the move to the new municipal building, the outfitting of the Senior Citizen Center will be completed. By July 1, 2003 a full range of activities should commence for the Mahwah seniors at the facility. Information regarding the Senior

Citizen Center can be obtained at the Township's Human Services Office or on the web at www.mahwahtwp.org.

ELECTIONS

Upcoming Election

Primary Election
Tuesday, June 3,
2003

6:00AM to
8:00PM

General Election
Tuesday,
November 4, 2003
6:00AM to
8:00PM

Voter Registration Date

In addition our normal business hours of 8:00AM to 4:00PM, the Municipal Clerk's Office will be open on the following dates until 9:00PM for voter registration:

Primary Election
Monday, May 5,
2003

General Election
Monday,
October 6, 2003

Deadline to Register to Vote

If you are not already registered to vote, the deadlines are as follows:

Primary Election
Monday, May 5,
2003 9:00PM

General Election
Monday,
October 6, 2003
9:00PM

Absentee Ballots

Requests for Absentee Ballots by mail must be received in the Bergen County Clerk's Office in Hackensack 7 days before an election. Voters may vote in person at the Bergen County Clerk's Office, One Bergen County Plaza, Room 130 in Hackensack up until 3:00PM the day before an election. Absentee Ballot Request forms are available in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

ANIMAL LICENSING

Animal, cats and dogs, over 7 months of age are required to be licensed by January 1st each year. A Rabies Certificate, showing the vaccination is valid for the entire year for which the animal is being licensed, must be provided. If applicable, a Spayed or Neutered Certificate must be provided. If the animal is not altered or you are not able to provide written documentation from a veterinarian, an additional \$3.00 fee will

be added to the \$7.00 licensing fee.

After Saturday, February 15, 2003, a \$10.00 late fee per animal is added to the licensing fee.

Animal licenses may be renewed in person or by mail. If renewing by mail, include a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED envelope and check made payable to the Township of Mahwah. Mail your request to the Municipal Clerk, Township of Mahwah, 300B Route 17 South, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430. Include a copy of the Rabies Vaccination Certificate (if applicable), Proof of Spaying or Neutering (if applicable), your name, address and telephone number plus your dog's name, breed, age and color. DO NOT send cash. If you have any questions, contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 529-3730. The Municipal Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday between 8:00AM and 4:00PM except for municipal holidays.

Free rabies vaccinations are available to Mahwah

resident dogs from the following veterinarians:
Dr. James French, 8 Chestnut Street, Suffern, NY

845/357-

0317

Dr. James Hill, 346 Forest Road, Mahwah, NJ

891-1310

Dr. Frank Kavanaugh (Dogs Only), 190 North Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 327-1877

It is recommended that the above veterinarians be contacted as days and times which vaccinations are administered may vary.

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Volunteers are needed desperately for Company #4 Ambulance Corps. Call (201) 327-2252 and leave a message or stop by during our monthly meeting at 52 Fardale Avenue on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 P.M. Training is paid for by the Corps.

Some 31 years ago (1971) a small group of Fardale neighbors recognized the need for quick emergency response and organized

Company #4 Ambulance Corps. At that time, Mahwah only had Company #1 Ambulance Corps located eight miles away on the other side of the Township and the only way to get to Fardale was through Ramsey. Because of the long delays Fardale calls for help were responded to by Ramsey and Allendale.

Company #4 Ambulance Corps started out with a 1968 green Cadillac and borrowed space from Fire Company #4 on Fardale Avenue. The 30 member Fardale ambulance corps responded to its first call on April 30, 1971 and has been responding to emergency calls ever since.

Today Company #4 responds to over 400 emergency calls per year and is operating with a fully equipped 2001 Ford Road Rescue Ambulance.

Although the calls for help have multiplied - the membership has not. Mahwah's population has almost doubled in size since 1971 and Fardale has grown from small farms to residential

neighborhoods. The need for volunteers is even greater now than ever and maintaining enough trained personnel to respond to the calls is an ongoing challenge. The membership is down to 15 volunteers and only five members who live in town and two members who live outside of town are available to respond to day time calls. Because of the lack of personnel, Company #4 shares response calls with Company #1 and the Wyckoff Ambulance Corps.

Company #4 is partially self-funded and partially funded by the Township of Mahwah and has been able to maintain their building and equipment through fund raising and donations.

Volunteers are needed desperately. We need your help. For further information on the ten week course in basic and advanced First Aid and CPR required for squad membership, call 201-327-2252 and leave a message or stop by during our monthly meeting at 52 Fardale Avenue on the second

Tuesday of the month at 8:00 P.M.

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Disaster Preparedness

Family Disaster Kit

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere. When disaster strikes, you may not have much time to respond. Some disasters may call for you and your family to evacuate. Other disasters could mean that you and your family may be confined at home.

Preparing a family disaster kit can help your family endure an evacuation or home confinement.

When Disaster Strikes

- Authorities and relief workers will respond but cannot reach everyone immediately.

- You could get help in hours or it may take days.

- Would your family be prepared to cope with the emergency until help arrives?

Prepare your Kit:

There are basic items you should stock for your home: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing, bedding, tools & emergency supplies, special items (prescription & non-prescription medications, sanitary items, important documents).

Water:

- Store water in plastic containers.
- Store one (1) gallon of water per person per day. Keep at least a three day supply per person (for drinking, food preparation and sanitation).

Food:

- **Store** at least a three day supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, little or no water. If you must heat food, pack a can of sterno.

Prescription Medications:

- Store in waterproof container, keep prescription records (check shelf life)

accessible and current. Bring a medicine dropper and cooler (if needed for RX).

First Aid Kit:

- A well stocked first aid kit should include the following items:

- Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes.
- Latex gloves, scissors, tweezers, moistened towelettes, antiseptic, and tube of petroleum jelly.

Non-Prescription Drugs:

- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever.
- Anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, laxative.

Supplies:

- Plastic storage containers, paper plates, cups, plastic utensils.
- Battery operated radio and flashlight with extra batteries.
- Utility knife, tape, plastic sheeting.

Sanitation:

- Toilet paper, baby diapers, soap, detergent,

personal hygiene items, disinfectant, household chlorine bleach.

Special items:

- Games and books for the kids.
- Important phone numbers.

Remember to store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members. Keep a smaller version in the trunk of your car. Change stored water and food every six months.

Potential Emergency Public Information Sources:

- Emergency service door-to-door or vehicle public address system notification.
- Telephone alerting networks.
- Radio & television news.
- Emergency Alert System (EAS).
- EAS station in Bergen County:

WJUX 103.1 FM
WWDJ 970 AM
WFDU 89.1 FM
WRPR 90.0 FM

Remember:

Don't: call 9-1-1 for a non-Emergency

Don't: Wait until the disaster strikes to prepare.... It's never too early!

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAHWAH FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

SPRING CLEANING VITAL FOR FIRE SAFETY

Spring cleaning is an annual ritual for many people. Just as the first crocus of spring ushers in a new beginning for nature, our spring cleaning habits signify a fresh start for us after the long winter months.

Spring cleaning can take on another meaning. It's the ideal time to check our homes and yards for dangerous materials and unsafe conditions and to spend the time to protect our families and our properties.

Start by taking a few minutes to plan *your safety clean up day*. You will want to check each room in your house, including the attic and basement. Also, don't forget the garage, yard and storage shed. Plan to

do several different things:

First, ***Remove All Hazards***. Check and correct things like:

- Frayed or damaged appliance cords, wiring, fuses or breakers.
- Piles of rubbish, trash and yard debris.
- Remove stacks of paper and magazines; take them to recycling centers.
- Check for water leaks, especially near electrical appliances.
- Check for good clearance between heating appliances and combustibles.

Second, ***Properly Store Flammable Liquids and Home Chemicals***. Make sure that:

- Gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and are out of the reach of children and pets. Store in a cool, dry place outside the house.
- Clean up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches or other work items away and out of any child's reach.

- Inventory *all* home and yard chemicals, paints and poisons. Store them according to their label. Properly dispose of any that are expired or leaking or that look bad but **don't** throw them in the trash or down the drain.

- Make sure that all your chemicals are kept under lock and key and out of reach of children and pets.

Third, ***Check Fire Protection and Safety Equipment***. This is important!

- Check your smoke detector. **Do It Now** while you're thinking about it. If you need one and can't afford to buy one, call us. We'll help you. If you need help checking or replacing a battery, call us. But most importantly, make sure your smoke detector works.

- Check fire extinguishers for proper type and placement.

- Make sure *all* doors and windows open easily for fast escapes.

- Make sure your street numbers

are posted properly and are visible.

- Check and make sure you have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio for the approaching storm season.

And last, ***Plan Your Escape Now...***

- Sit down with your family and make sure that everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire.

- Make sure you have two ways out of every room and that you have a meeting place outside the house for the whole family.

- Practice the plan. Even the best plan is no good if you don't practice it!

You can do a lot to protect yourself, your family and your property. In fact, *you* are the key to your safety. A little time spent on simple common sense prevention will do a lot to make your house a safer place. We are here to help you! Please call us and we will show you more ways that you can protect yourself all year long.

Reverse 911®

Delivering information rapidly to the residents

of Mahwah is critical in times of emergency. In order to rapidly communicate information within our community it is essential to have proper tools for transmitting the message. The Police Department recently purchased Reverse 911® an interactive community notification system that allows the Police Department to quickly and uniformly notify residents on a town-wide basis or in a specific neighborhood and communicate information to them of any noteworthy event. If you currently have an unlisted number or have recently moved to Mahwah and want to ensure that your number is in our database, please e-mail your name, address, and phone number to rsinaeve@mahwahpd.org. Several residents who are familiar with the system have asked if devices that are sold commercially and remove their phone numbers from databases of telemarketers also remove the listing from the Reverse 911® database. We are told by the vendor that

these devices have no impact on our database and if you have such a device it will not delete your number.

**TOWNSHIP'S
REVERSE 911®
SYSTEM IS PUT TO
THE TEST**

On January 10, 2003 the Township police received a call reporting a water main break along Route 17 northbound. The Reverse 911® system, which was still being tested, was implemented and put through its first real life trial. Beginning at approximately 8:30 A.M. a Reverse 911® message was launched to the affected areas. An emergency information message line was established which provided the public with information and instructions. The Reverse 911® system had notified 4,480 homes by the time it automatically terminated at 10:00 P.M. This system allowed us to reach only those people who were or could have been affected by this situation and provide them with timely and specific information.

Reverse 911® greatly enhanced the Township's ability to reach out to the community and provide information in a manner which was never before available to us. Without this system the Township would have to rely strictly on the local media to provide our message. While the Reverse 911® system was invaluable, there were some issues that arose during this emergency event. These issues have been addressed in order to better utilize it in the future. Additional telephone lines, more customer numbers and streamlined messages have been added.

**Senior
Citizen/Guardian
Calling**

Guardian calling is an automated system that contacts residents by phone at predetermined days and times in order to verify their well being. If you are or know someone that is homebound, living alone, or has a risk of becoming unable to summon help in the event of a medical or

other type of emergency then Senior Citizen/Guardian calling may be right for you. Applications and additional information on the system are available in the lobby of Police Headquarters. If you are unable to come to Police Headquarters please phone 201-529-1000 x244 and an informational packet will be mailed to you.

**PERSONNEL
CHANGES IN THE
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

**Meet Your New
Officer**

Eric Larsen was recently sworn in as the newest member of the Mahwah Police Department. Officer Larsen will participate in an extensive six month training period at the Bergen County Police Academy and upon graduation will return to Department for full duty. While at the Academy he will take courses in community policing, emergency first aid, firearms, defensive driving, sociology, self defense, and Constitutional law to

name just a few. Officer Larsen has a Bachelor of Science degree from West Chester University of Pennsylvania and was previously employed as a Communications Officer with the Allendale Police Department, and a part time substitute teacher in the Mahwah school system. Officer Larsen is a life long resident of Mahwah and graduated from the Mahwah school system. Officer Larsen was hired under a federal grant from the Department of Justice.

Departmental Promotion

Stephen Jaffe was recently promoted to the rank of Detective Captain. In his new position Captain Jaffe will oversee the operations of the Investigative Division, Youth Division, D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officer Program and will be responsible for implementing new programs and improvements in the Division. Captain Jaffe holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Pace University and a

Masters Degree from Seton Hall University. Captain Jaffe resides in Mahwah with his wife and family.

Mahwah Police Department Receives Full Accreditation

On March 24, 2003 the Police Department of the Township of Mahwah received full accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). We take great pride in the Police Department which completed the three year process. Only five other municipalities in New Jersey have received this status and less than one-half of one percent of the law enforcement agencies nationwide have been accredited.

Free Child Seats

The program of distributing free child car seats/booster seats as part of the Police Department commitment to safer roadways for our children continues with great success. If you need a free car seat or an inspection to

see if your current seat is installed correctly please contact Officer Robert Loveman at 201-529-1000 x 109.

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

MAHWAH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring into the Mahwah Public Library for fun and educational programs for the entire family. Turn Off Your T.V. Week begins April 21st. Highlights include "Writing Sports Poetry with Timothy Tocher" for grades 2 through 5 on Wednesday, April 23rd at 1:30 PM. On Friday, April 25th at 1:30 PM the library will show the Francois Truffaut film of Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451. Career Counselor and Executive Coach Barbra Brandes will be at the library Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM for "How to Look for a Job – Getting Started". The Thursday Afternoon Film Series for April is

the films of W.C. Fields. Spring Storytime programs end in April but sign up for Children's Room Special Spring Crafts begins April 28th for programs in May.

Floral Designer to the White House, Lecturer, and Author Cathy Miller will be at the library Monday, May 5th at 7:00 PM for a flower arranging demonstration. Sharon Gross will be the instructor at a Print Making Craft Workshop for adults on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM. Author Barbara Unger will discuss her book Bronx Accent on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM. Wildman Steve Brill will bring Natural History and Science fun into the library with a program for grades Kindergarten through sixth on Tuesday, May 13th at 4:00 PM. There will be a special program for children ages 3 years and up on Thursday, May 15th at 10:30 AM. The Thursday Afternoon Film Series for May is films about Mothers.

Wednesday, June 4th at 7:00 PM Naturalist,

Local Historian, and Lecturer Andrew Smith will introduce us to the many interesting local sites to visit with a slide lecture "Mansions and Castles of the Hudson Valley". There will be a concert on Sunday, May 4th at 2:00 PM - "Maysong" with Contralto Evelyn Krog and Pianist Vincent Rogers Operetta, opera, Broadway, and classical voice music. On Monday, June 23rd at 7:00 PM Mahwah resident and flutist Patricia Davila will perform a concert of classical music and jazz with harpist Elaine Christy. The Thursday Afternoon Film Series for June is films about Fathers.

Summertime will be a busy time at the Mahwah Public Library. The Summer Reading Club "Read and Grow" will kick off a summer of weekly crafts and activities with a special Harry Potter Party at 1:30 PM Friday, June 20th to celebrate the release of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. Children are invited to join and read for great prizes. This summer the library will host the Fifth Annual

Summer Music Festival. This series of classical concerts held in cooperation with the Academy of Music and Artistic Director Isaac Malkin brings together professional and pre-professional international musicians to perform the music of Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Bartok, Dvorak, and others. The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival will also return with an exciting live performance. The Thursday Afternoon Film Series continues through the summer with "Summer Blockbusters".

The Mahwah Public Library also hosts many ongoing programs such as a Writer's Group, a Morning and an Evening Adult Book Discussion Group, a Parent Child Book Discussion Group, Drop In Storytimes, Monthly Adult Health Conferences, and Well Child Clinics. Many programs are free and are on a first come basis but some programs require registration, a ticket, or a materials fee. Please call or visit the library to get further details. Childrens'

programs are for Mahwah residents only. The snow has melted so get out of the house and visit the Mahwah Public Library for books, DVDs, CDs, and family fun and education.

ALERT

The Board of Health would like to remind all residents to take precautions when outdoors in order to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease.

FREE ADULT HEALTH CONSULTATION FOR MAHWAH RESIDENTS

The Mahwah Board of Health offers free adult health consultations and blood pressure screening on a monthly basis at three locations in the Township, according to Health Officer John Hopper. This important health prevention program is available on the second Tuesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Mahwah Public Library on Ridge Road, 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.

Contrary to popular belief, most people with high blood pressure do not feel sick or have symptoms that would alert them to the fact that their blood pressure is high. Therefore, it is important to have your blood pressure checked, Hopper added. Hypertension can be treated and controlled by your physician.

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 complement 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.

HUMAN SERVICES / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Human Service thanks everyone who helped in any way to make the holiday season happier for our less fortunate Mahwah residents.

As a reminder, this Department administers many different programs such as:

- Administering the Affordable Housing Program for Mahwah Township including dispersing new applications at Town Hall -- Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.
- The Transportation System is available to seniors, disabled residents and anyone in need of transportation. Some of the places we routinely transport to are food and clothing shopping, rides to Midland Park Senior Center and Day Care Centers, or for doctor appointments and other appointments fitting into the daily schedule.

The vans are on the road Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For appointments and information, contact Access Transportation.

- If you are in need of food or clothing, please call Human Services for a referral to The Center for Food Action or The Ramapo Reformed Church Clothes Closet.

CABLE COMPLAINT PROCESS

If a resident has any complaints regarding Cablevision service the recommended process to follow should start with the resident calling the Customer Service number printed on his bill or visiting the Cablevision office on Franklin Turnpike. If the resident is not satisfied with the outcome, he may contact the Complaint Office for Cable at the State Board of Public Utilities at 1-800-624-0331 or he can file an On-Line

Complaint Form available at www.bpu.state.nj.us.

Once at the web site, click on the Cable Television Division Page and provide the requested information to complete the form. Registering formal complaints will be addressed more efficiently by the Board of Public Utilities directly from residents.

PLANNING, ZONING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Township of Mahwah has ordinances governing property maintenance, tree removal and soil movement. The Property Maintenance Ordinance requires that all exterior properties and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.

Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways and parking spaces must be kept in the proper state of repair and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

All weeds and grass shall not be in excess of

ten-(10) inches in height.

All accessory structures including detached garages, fences and walls shall remain structurally sound and in good repair.

The exterior of all structures including but not limited to wood, doors, windows, and window frames shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering treatments.

Each home has a street number assigned to it. The numbers must be displayed at least three inches high and one half inch stroke.

Stairs and walking surfaces on and around the house including but not limited to balconies, porches and decks shall be maintained in a sound condition. Inoperable vehicles may not be kept on the property, whether commercial or residential, longer than thirty days.

The Tree Removal Ordinance permits the cutting down of five trees with the diameter

of twelve inches or larger measured at ground level per lot per year. The exemption does not include trees which were indicated as trees to remain on a plan previously approved by a Land Use Board of the Township. If you have any questions, pertaining to live trees or dead trees please call 201-529-5757.

The Soil Movement Ordinance requires an application be submitted for all construction including swimming pools, landscaping, gravel, mulch, wood chips, etc. The permit must be issued before soil movement can commence.

The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment each meet twice per month.

If you have any questions regarding any of these Ordinances or any other concerns in the Township pertaining to planning, property maintenance and code enforcement, please do not hesitate to call 201-529-5757.

ORANGE & ROCKLAND TRANSMISSION

LINE CONSTRUCTION

During the Summer of 2003 Orange & Rockland Electric Company will be constructing a new electric transmission line which will provide a second source of electric supply to the large number of residential and commercial customers located in the Ridge Road area.

This construction will connect the existing electrical substation located on the east side of Route 17 at McKee Drive to a new substation building located in the Borough of Ramsey near the Ridge Road / Darlington Avenue intersection. The transmission line will be an underground connection from the MacArthur Boulevard - Route 17 overpass in the westbound side of MacArthur Boulevard to the intersection with Ridge Road. The line will then proceed southerly parallel to Ridge Road to the Ramsey border. There will be no construction in Ridge Road and there will be no disruption to the access to the condominiums along

Ridge Road in this area. All construction in Ridge Road will take place under the existing bikeway easement located parallel to MacArthur Boulevard along the west side of the roadway. The hours of construction will be monitored so that construction will have the least amount of impact on residential and commercial traffic during peak hours.

SANITARY SEWER UPDATES

During the year 2002 the Township Sewer Department completed the installation of the Phase IV Sanitary Sewer Project in various neighborhoods throughout the Township. In 2003 the Township Council established the Phase IV Sanitary Sewer Assessment Committee. The Committee has three members who are not Councilpersons and who do not reside within the Phase IV neighborhoods. With the assistance of a professional appraiser and attorney, the Phase IV Sanitary Sewer Assessment Committee will review and inspect all properties which

have benefited from the Phase IV construction. Once the Committee has completed its review, the Committee will propose tentative assessments to be placed upon each benefited property. Notices will be sent to all affected property owners of proposed assessments and there will be public hearings so that the affected property owners can discuss their prospective assessments with the Committee.

When the Committee's work is completed, a report will be sent to the Township Council which will then conduct another public hearing before the assessments are confirmed. Once the assessments are confirmed the affected property owners will be responsible for payment of a sanitary sewer improvement assessment either in a lump sum or in installments over ten years with a low municipal bond interest rate.

The Township Council has surveyed several neighborhoods throughout the Township regarding the possibility of a new

Phase V Sanitary Sewer Project. This survey information has been turned over to the special sewer utility engineer for the Township who will be discussing the results with the Council during the Spring of 2003. During the Spring and Summer of 2003 when the economic feasibility of sanitary sewer line extensions has been determined, the Township Council will notify all interested property owners of the results of their surveys and investigations.

COMPLETION OF 20" WATER MAIN PROJECT

During the year 2002 Viola Contracting, the lowest bidder on the 20" Water Main Transmission Project for the Township Water Department declared bankruptcy and was unable to complete the testing and restoration for the 20" water main which was installed from the Ramapo River at Jersey Avenue through Meadow Street and Johnson Avenue to the Mahwah River and Arzee Supply at the intersection of Fox Lane and Franklin Turnpike.

The Township has completed litigation in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court with the bonding company which insured the Project. A replacement contractor has been retained at the expense of the bonding company. The necessary testing and restoration of roadways and stream banks should be completed early in the Spring of 2003. All the residential streets affected by the 20" water main are included in the Township's 2003 Road Improvement Program and will be fully paved from edge to edge of the roadway. The Township appreciates the patience of those residents who have suffered through the delays caused by the bankruptcy of the initial contractor. The affected residents will, upon completion of the Project, have new house connections to the upgraded 20" water main.

VOLUNTEERS' PICNIC

The Township of Mahwah will be taking the opportunity to show its appreciation of the many dedicated, hard-

working volunteers by hosting its third annual Volunteers' Picnic. The picnic will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2003 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Mahwah Municipal Pool. We have plans for a DJ, games, clowns, face painting, swimming and plenty of food and drink. If you have any questions or comments, please call John DaPuzzo at 529-1996 or John Spiech at 529-4037.

EARTH DAY

The Township of Mahwah celebrates Earth Day on May 3, 2003. Come join your fellow Mahwah residents for our 3rd annual Earth Day clean up. You can make a difference in our community by volunteering a few hours of your time!

Our Earth Day Project this year will be a continuation of the clean-up of the Township owned Silver Lake property on the top of Stag Hill Road.

Silver Lake is a man made lake, built in the 1940's by Ray Dator. The lake and its

surrounding beach front areas were primarily used as a vacation get away for city dwellers. Several vacation homes were built by the lake, as well as a dude ranch and training camp for professional boxers. In 1983, the Dator family donated the lake and surrounding beach area to the Township of Mahwah.

Last year, with the help of many volunteers, we removed several dumpsters full of debris. The task was much too large for a one day project. Therefore, we will continue to work on the property this year. Get together with your family, friends, scout troop, sports team or anyone else that would like to be part of this worthwhile effort.

Call Kathy Coletta at 529-5757 to register your group, or call John DaPuzzo at 529-1996 with any questions. Walk-ins welcome!!!

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2003

Raindate:

May 4, 2003

Time: 9-3 pm. Arrive anytime – Stay as long as you like.

Location: A registration table will be located at Company #5 Firehouse.

JOIN THE FUN!!!
HOT DOGS AND
DRINKS WILL BE
SERVED. MAHWAH
POLICE D.A.R.E.
TRUCK WILL BE
THERE.

(Directions to Silver Lake: Route 17 north to Crossroads Corporate Center / Sharp Plaza exit. Merge onto Leisure Lane. Stay straight to go onto Mountainside Road. Turn right onto Stag Hill Road. Proceed up hill to Silver Lake.)

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The VFW Memorial Post #7124 will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute at 281 Campgaw Road on June 21, 2003.

Municipal Pool 2003

Mahwah Municipal Pool rates have been set for the 2003 season. Mahwah Senior rates are only \$20. Individual Mahwah

residents may join early for \$75, and Mahwah families may join early for \$202. After April 30, general rates are in effect. Non-resident rates, set at \$235 for an individual and \$690 for a family, are available on a very limited basis. Children under the age of two are free. Children who are not yet fully toilet trained, are limited to the use of the chlorinated and filtered wading pool. It is assumed that children who are listed as family members are to be unmarried and living at home as legal dependents. Child care workers are not considered family members, and require separate membership.

Daily rates are available for Mahwah residents who are not pool members and guests of members. The weekday day rate has been set at \$8. Weekend guest rates are \$10 for children under 12 and \$12 for adults. Mahwah seniors will be charged day rate of \$3 a visit.

Pool hours are 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. or dusk. Full weekday operations start when the Mahwah schools

close for the season. The pools open on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Labor Day is the last day for the swim season.

Membership application forms are mailed to all Mahwah residents the first week in April. Extras are available at Town Hall and at the Public Library.

The Mahwah Municipal Pool is located at 700 Darlington Avenue - next to Darlington County Park. The complex contains three pools, extensive lawns, picnic areas with grills, volleyball, playground, a covered patio with food service and an air conditioned clubhouse with lockers and showers. Group events and children's parties can be scheduled at the pool, at least two weeks in advance of the event. Party rates are available. Day use is limited by the manager.

The Municipal Pool offers Red Cross group swim lessons each summer and the Mahwah Marlins Swim and Diving Teams. Pool membership is not

needed to take lessons, but membership is required for the swim teams. A Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course is also available at the pool. Registration for the instructional programs begins in June at the pool office. Residents are encouraged to look at their Township calendars for information about pool events which have already been scheduled, classes, jobs, closings, and registration dates. Applications for employment at the pool may be found on the counter in the Administration Office at Town Hall.

Call the pool manager, Marion Crescitelli, at 529-4949 for more information.

Municipal Pool - Instruction 2003

The Mahwah Municipal Pool will offer swim lessons, and the Mahwah Marlins swim and diving teams this summer. Registration for aquatic instructional programs takes place at the pool after opening. You do not have to be a member

of the pool to register for lessons. Red Cross group swim lessons will be taught this summer. Ten group lessons are offered for \$70. Session One Lessons are taught each Monday, Thursday and Friday morning in July, and Session Two Lessons are taught each weekday morning the first two weeks in August. Mommy and Me, a water orientation program with some CPR for parents and toddlers, will be taught in August for \$50. Lifeguard Training with CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid will be taught in August for \$250. Safety Training For Swim Coaches, and Head Lifeguard Training may also be offered. Recertification courses may be available.

Pool membership is required for the Mahwah Marlins swim and Diving team. The teams compete within the Super Six League and enter Bergen County Championships in both swimming and diving. Team registration takes place at the pool. Team Practice begins the first week in June. Practice takes place weekday evenings until the schools close for the

year, and then moves to early morning practice. Meet schedules as well as practice schedules are found at the pool office. The Swim Team registration fee for the 2003 season will be \$50. Team caps are included, but suits are extra.

Call the Pool at (201)519-4949 for more information.

MAHWAH RECREATION

Mahwah Summer Recreation

The Summer Recreation Program runs for four (4) weeks beginning June 30, 2003 and ending July 25, 2003. All children must be residents of Mahwah. MINI REC is for children entering K and 1st grade in September 2003. This program is held at Joyce Kilmer School. BIG REC is for children entering grades 2 through 7 in September 2003. This program is held at Mahwah High School. The weekly fees for both of these programs are \$20 per child with \$10 per additional immediate

family child. Forms will be sent home with schoolchildren after the spring break.

In-person registration for the MINI & BIG REC programs will be held May 28, 2003 from 6:00 PM -7:30 PM at the Recreation Building, 70 East Ramapo Avenue. The COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM is open to children entering grades 8 & 9 in September 2003. The fee for this program is \$10 per week. Registration forms for the MINI & BIG REC and C.I.T.s will be available after May 1, 2003 at the Recreation Building or at Town Hall. Application forms for counselors will be available at the Recreation Building or at Town Hall after April 15, 2003.

Adult Residential Softball

Men's and Women's Residential Softball will be played in the evening at Continental Soldiers Park and Commodore Perry Field beginning June 30, 2003 and ending mid-August. Women play on

Tuesdays and Thursdays; men play on Mondays and Wednesdays. The fee is \$20 per person, and all participants must be 21 years of age on or before June 30, 2003. Residents who have played within the past two years will receive their registration form in the mail. First-time participants must attend one of the in-person registrations, held Wednesday, May 28, 2003 and Wednesday, June 25, 2003 from 6:00 PM -7:30 PM at the Recreation Building, 70 East Ramapo Avenue. A driver's license may be required as proof of both age and residency.

Mahwah Recreation 14th Annual Fishing Contest

The annual Fishing Contest for Mahwah kids will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2003 from 10:00 AM to 12 noon. This event is held at Silver Creek Pond, located at the intersection of Airmont Avenue and Airmount Road, across from Secor Farms. The contest is open to residents 13 years of age and younger.

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade and Service, sponsored by VFW Post #7124 and the Township will be held on Monday, May 26, 2003. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church located on Island Road, followed by Memorial Day ceremonies held at Veterans Memorial Park, located at the corner of Franklin Turnpike and Miller Road.

Family Movie Nights

A cartoon and family-feature film will be shown on each Tuesday during July 2003, at Continental Soldiers Park, 550 Ramapo Valley Road, weather permitting, at 8:15 PM. Bring blankets and lawn chairs or sit at the park picnic tables.

9th Annual Mahwah Day

Mahwah Day will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at Commodore Perry Field. A parade, dog show, magician and live musical groups will be highlighted. Games,

events and kiddie rides will be available throughout the day and evening, as will food and refreshments. If the weather cooperates, a FIREWORKS SHOW at 8:00 PM will end the day. A planning meeting for Mahwah Day will be held on Monday, May 12, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Mahwah Public Library. All groups and organizations that plan to participate in Mahwah Day should be represented.

Continental Soldiers Park

Our new Continental Soldiers Park located at 550 Ramapo Valley Road will be open and in full operation during Spring 2003. This multiple use active and passive recreation area will serve all levels of our residents (children, adults and seniors). Active recreation including baseball, softball, soccer & football will be played on a state-of-the-art maintenance free all weather surface called Field Turf. The Giants professional football team has followed Mahwah's example and is now installing Field

Turf in Giants stadium. Other recreation uses will provide tot lot & playground areas, a skate park for roller sports, bocce courts and ice skating when weather permits. Passive activities at the park will include a paved walking path, patio and picnic areas as well as a mulch walking trail around the beautiful lake and through the natural wooded areas of our new park.

We know all of our residents are excited about Continental Soldiers Park and hope they will enjoy both its beautiful setting and activities for many years in the future.

Please look for the details of our upcoming Continental Soldiers Park grand opening ceremony on the Township's web site: www.mahwahtwp.org or in local newspapers. See you there!!!

MAHWAH MUSEUM NEWS

The Mahwah Museum Society is busy preparing a new exhibit on Mahwah's businesses and industries. It is scheduled to open later

in the spring. Residents who have materials suitable for such an exhibit, which they are willing to lend for this exhibit, are asked to communicate with the Society's President, John W. Bristow at (201) 529-3136. Watch for announcements about the opening of the new exhibit.

The Society's other museum, the Old Station Railroad Museum is also being prepared for opening in June. A special exhibit on railroads connected to mines is being assembled. The Caboose will be opened for displays this summer as well.

The exhibit on Mahwah's Agricultural Past is now closed, although special group tours may still be possible to arrange. Over one thousand visitors passed through the exhibit, making it the most successful in Mahwah's history. All the classes at Betsy Ross and Ramapo Ridge Schools toured the displays. Numerous Boy and Girl Scout groups from many parts of the County have visited as well, as have

the Mahwah Newcomers, the Suffern Village Museum, church and civic groups. Volunteer docents conducted the tours. The display featured historic and present day farms in Mahwah, numerous farm tools and pieces of equipment, including those used in ice harvesting, a parlor, kitchen and pantry from the 1920's.

An important aspect of the Society's work is continuing, in cooperation with Drs. Steve Rice and Alex Urbiel of Ramapo College. With a group of their students, they are organizing, cataloging and computerizing the Society's collection of documents, photographs and artifacts. Our joint aim is to make these materials available to scholars everywhere.

The Old Station Railway Museum, on Old Station Lane, just west of the present depot, is open on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Memorial Day through the end of October. The Mahwah History Museum is at 201 Franklin Turnpike,

between the Police Station and Fire House #1. Opening hours of the new exhibit have not been determined.

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Township's franchise agreement with Cablevision will expire in less than three years. State regulations require the Township to establish a Cable Television Advisory Committee to receive comments and to make recommendations regarding the proposed renewal of the cable television franchise. The Township Council has established a Cable Television Advisory Committee with Council Members and members of the public. The Committee and its Subcommittees are reviewing all facets of the franchise agreement and renewal application. The Committee will be soliciting comments from the public at large by a questionnaire which will be sent throughout the Township. Please assist the Committee by completing the questionnaire and returning it as directed.

Hopefully, your comments will enable the Township to improve the services required from the cable television provider.