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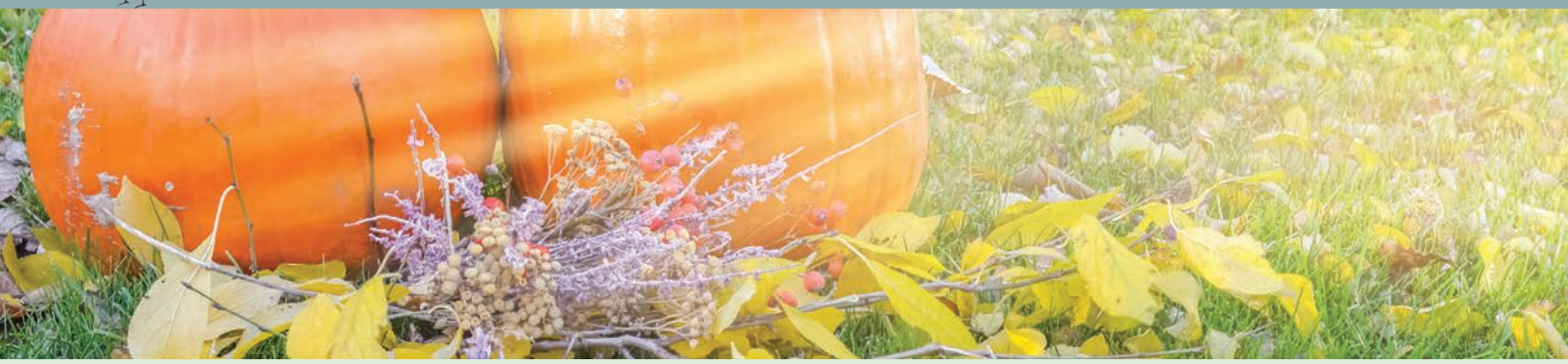

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A note from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

As summer 2019 slips away and Holland Township prepares for the Fall, we would like to remind everyone that Halloween is right around the corner. The Township website has all the information posted to ensure that the event remains safe and memorable for all residents and participants. Please check the Community Events page of the Holland Township website for all events of the season.

Recently, a number of our Township employees have entered into the next phase of their lives and retired. We all wish them a long, healthy retirement with their families. We have filled all of our vacancies with outstanding individuals that will enhance our workforce. If you see a new face, feel free to ask them what they do for the township. We've welcomed additions to the police and public works departments. We wish them a long and fruitful career with us!

I cannot say enough about our staff, the members of our boards and commissions and our volunteers; they are the epitome of community. These groups truly make Holland a great place to live. We always have room to grow and currently have vacancies on our boards and commissions and welcome a fresh perspective. If you have a few minutes to spare, we invite you to attend a meeting of particular interest to you and encourage you to join and continue to make our community stronger.

It is an honor to serve this community.

Daniel T. Bush
Mayor Holland Township

Special Upcoming Events

Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company

Winter Vendor Fair

When: Saturday November 23rd, 2019
Sunday November 24th, 2019, 10 AM – 4 PM Daily

Where: Whispering Pines Banquet Hall
971 Milford Warren Glen Rd, Milford, NJ 08848

Come on out and get your Christmas shopping done with the Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company and our wonderful local vendors. Help support HTVFC and local small businesses.
To be a vendor contact Jeanna Mack at Jeanna3456@gmail.com for information.

Trick or Treating will be Thursday October 31, 2019 from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. *(Note: new start time)*

A Temporary Advisory Curfew will be in place from Friday October 18, 2019-Monday November 4, 2019

Veteran's Day Ceremony

The Holland Township Committee, the Holland Township Women's Club and the Frenchtown American Legion will host a Veteran's Day Ceremony on Monday November 11 at 11:00 am at the Veteran's Memorial in front of the Municipal Building. All are welcome.

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Agricultural Advisory Committee

The Agriculture Advisory Committee is pleased to report that after a 12 year endeavor, the Brown farm was preserved on September 15, 2017! The Hunterdon Land Trust (HLT) was one of the major partners in facilitating this project. Dave Harding of HLT and Larry LaFevre interviewed the Brown family after the closing. You can read Dave's colorful report here: https://hunterdonlandtrust.org/hlt-spreads-holiday-cheer-withchristmas-tree-farm-preservation/

There are now 27 preserved farms in Holland Twp., bringing the total of preserved farmland to 2346 acres. It is expected that two farms will close in 2019 adding approximately 234 more acres to that total.

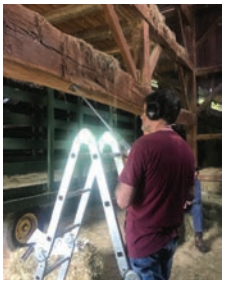
Our goal is to bring the total of preserved farmland to 2800 acres by the end of 2021.

The township is fortunate to have another 2163 acres of preserved open space.

Please view the township map showing the locations of preserved land: http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/images/ag/Holland_preservedlandsFINAL.pdf

In 2018, our Farmland Preservation Plan Update was completed using grant funding from the New Jersey Highlands Coalition. You can view this update along with the 2010 Farmland Preservation Plan Element here: http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/bds-committees/agricultural-advisory

Historic Preservation Commission



Thus far, 14 barns have been dated using dendrochronology (tree-ring dating) – 8 ground barns ranging in date from 1794 to 1832 and 6 bank barns (two very recently) dating from 1806 to 1841. Note the photo below of our dendrochronologist, Michael Worthington, drilling a core sample from a timber to be dated in the laboratory. Determining precise construction dates of historic barns helps to understand the settlement history of Holland Township, whether any remaining barns were built during the British tenant period and when the Pennsylvania Forebay bank barn form migrated from PA. It is important to decipher as much information as possible from the remaining barns before these 'castles in the fields' are lost forever. This study was funded in part by the NJ Historical Commission. The reports are available on the HPC website: http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/early-settlers-2

As part of the County's 305th celebration, the HPC conducted a tour of the Amsterdam Historic District in March of this year. Since this tour was 'sold out', a second tour is being planned for the fall. You can check for this and all of the exciting 2019 events celebrating Hunterdon's Historic Hometowns and Hamlets here: http://www.hunterdon300th.org/2019/events.html

Our survey and documentation of endangered and/or historic houses, outbuildings and other structures is ongoing.

If you have a home based business in Holland Township and would like to receive information and pricing for ads in future publications of the Holland Happenings, please email your business name, your name and contact information to clerk@hollandtownship.org.

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Board of Health

The Holland Township Board of Health meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building.

- Now is the time of year to get your annual flu shot for those over six (6) months of age. This is especially important for those who are elderly, asthmatic or suffer from COPD, heart disease or chronic disease. Pneumonia vaccination is strongly recommended for adults over 65 years of age.
- With the holiday season fast approaching this can be an extremely difficult time for some individuals and can lead to thoughts of suicide. Help is available 24/7 for those contemplating harming themselves or for a concerned friend/family member seeking guidance for their loved one by dialing 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2344).
- In recent months there have been a number of lost/missing dogs. For aid in locating a lost pet or to report an animal in distress or acting strangely, contact St. Hubert's at 908-526-3330.
- Since many residents in Holland Township rely upon septic systems, this is a reminder that it is recommended that the system be pumped at least once every three years or sooner at the first sign of a problem.

For information on well water testing companies or obtaining radon test kits, please visit www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/board-of-health-home.

Chief Municipal Finance Officer

Margaret Pasqua • (908) 995-4947 • CFO@hollandtownship.org

The Finance Office is responsible for the preparation, supervision and maintenance of all financial records. The department maintains books of original entry for cash receipts, disbursements and payroll as well as general ledgers for all municipal funds. The CFO assists the governing body in planning, preparing and implementing the municipal budget and capital budget.

Holland Township Dog Licensing

Virginia Colucci • (908) 995-8810
doglicensing@hollandtownship.org

It is a NEW JERSEY STATE LAW that a dog's Rabies Vaccination must be valid through November 1st of the licensing year. Licenses cannot be issued for any dog whose shot expires BEFORE Nov. 1, 2019.

Application will be returned. Any questions, please call your veterinarian.

In Holland Township licenses are subject to renewal in January of each year.

In December renewal forms are mailed to owners of dogs previously licensed in Holland Township.

License Application for dog not previously licensed in Holland can be obtained at the Holland Township Municipal Building on the Holland Township website.

FREE RABIES CLINIC WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY 2020 - Watch the Holland Township Website for date and time.

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Department of Public Works

Corey Colaluce • (908) 995-4435 • DPW@hollandtownship.org

In August Corey Colaluce was promoted to Department of Public Works Superintendent upon the retirement of Alan Turdo who had served in the Department of Public Works for 33 years, 22 of those years as Superintendent.

Leaf Collection - will begin on or about October 30, 2019

1. Place your leaves in **windrow fashion** along the edge of your property within 6 feet of the edge of the road. Any leaves plowed off the roadway during a snow event **will not** be the responsibility of the DPW to clean up. The homeowner is responsible to re-rake the leaves to the proper location for leaf collection.
2. DPW crews will make at least one round on all township roads to collect leaves. They will make every effort to clean up all the leaves you put out every round. If they cannot, please rake the remaining leaves to the edge of your property so they can be collected the next round.
3. **DO NOT** place your leaves in bags or on tarps
4. Avoid the placing of branches, rocks, debris, and other foreign materials in the leaf piles since this can result in injury to the Township personnel and damage equipment. **(CREWS WILL BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO COLLECT LEAVES IF ANY DEBRIS IS PRESENT.)**
5. Leaves can be brought to the Recycling Center on Saturdays from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm throughout the year.

Snow removal

1. To prevent damage to your lawn, please install markers along your property about 12 inches off the edge of the road, this will allow the plow drivers to better judge where the road stops and your yard starts.
2. Depositing of snow and/or ice on streets – The Township will be enforcing **Statute 148-11, Obstructions prohibited**, which prohibits anyone from depositing snow or ice which accumulates on private property, on streets within the township. Also, no homeowner or private contractor will leave plowed snow on public streets. It will be the responsibility of the individual that is plowing to push the snow against the curb or edge of the road. **Please do not leave piles of snow in the middle of the street.**
3. **Parking prohibited on snow covered streets** – Please assist the Township in keeping roads clear during the winter months when it snows. **Statute 170-17 Designation of Snow Emergency No Parking Areas** provides that whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street or highway in the Township, an emergency shall exist and the parking of any vehicle is prohibited on any portion of a road, street, or highway
4. The above parking prohibition shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased and until the road, streets, or highways have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

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Chief Sean Gutsick • (908) 995-4670 • sgutsick@hollandtwp.org
Police Administrative Coordinator Colleen Pursell • (908) 995-4607 • cpursell@hollandtwp.org

This year we have seen many changes in the Holland Township Police Department. In July Sgt. Sean Gutsick was appointed Police Chief upon the retirement of Chief John Harris.

Our Police Department also welcomes four new Police Officers this year.

Patrolman Tashawn LaTouche *(left)* is a graduate of the 43rd Cape May Police Academy. He joined our force in January. He is certified in Crisis Intervention Training.

Patrolman Robert Young *(right)* was with the Frenchtown Borough Police Department before coming to Holland Township. He has replaced Patrolman Hults as the School Resource Officer.

Patrolman Keith Yasunas served with the Pennington Borough Police Department before his appointment in July.

Before joining Holland Township Police Department **Patrolman Valerie Phillips** worked as a full time dispatcher with Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Department and a part time officer with Sea Girt Police Department. Patrolman Phillips is a certified EMT.

Hunterdon County Crime Stoppers is an anonymous reporting system that allows citizens to report crime tips. You can report a tip three ways – Call (800) 321-0010, Use P3 Tips App or Send a tip online. For more information visit http://crimestoppershunterdon.com/home

Like us on Facebook or visit us on the web at www.hollandpolice.org! We have been providing information regarding local events, safety tips and press releases for major incidents in the Township through these avenues.

If you are a resident who is mobility impaired, hearing impaired, visually impaired, elderly, or have any other type of impairment that may require assistance in time of disaster or weather related emergency, please notify the Holland Township Office of Emergency Management at (908) 995-9629.

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

971 Milford Warren Glen Road • 908-995-2220 • www.hollandtwpfire.org

Next year the Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company will celebrate its 40th year of service to our community. Throughout those several decades we have depended on the good will and generosity of township residents and the Township Government to help the Company maintain its capacity to respond to emergencies.

The single, most sustaining element of community support, however, has been the readiness of neighbors to step up and serve as members of the Fire Company—whether as firefighters, fire police, or junior firefighters. There is a useful role in the fire company for anyone who is prepared to commit their time and skills in service to the fire company and to the community.

If you want to make that critically important contribution, contact the Fire Company at 908-995-2220, or write to Holland Township Volunteer Fire Co., 971 Milford-Warren Glen Rd., Milford, NJ 08848.

Pool Fill Information (908) 328-1181

Whispering Pines Banquet Hall rentals (908) 328-5469

Holland Township Free Public Library

(908) 995-4767

The Holland Library renovations are complete! We are very excited to announce that, thanks to our community donations, we have many changes to our library's exterior and interior.

At the risk of omitting someone, we would like to thank our library staff, contractors, and board members who did such a fantastic job! We had a lot of help from our community, including Girl Scout Troop 80053 in Holland.

A special thanks to Evelyn Cameron for spearheading this project, and keeping everyone moving forward. Trish Patrey, Holland Township Recycling, provided lots of help, and a fork lift!

We began by painting the library doors and posts. The ceiling of our sub-roof has also received a fresh coat of paint. During our closure we painted the inside of the library, changing the blinds, carpet, shelving and re-designing the entire interior of our space.

Join us at the library, and take advantage of our offerings, including the book club, reading programs, and special events and presentations. We have computers for public use, books, CD's and DVD's, and, of course, Books!

Hours:

Monday.....9 a.m. - 12 p.m., and 3 - 7 p.m.
Tuesday .....9 a.m. - 12 p.m., and 3 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday.....9 a.m. - 12 p.m., and 3 - 6 p.m.
Thursday.....9 a.m. - 12 p.m., and 3 - 7 p.m.
Friday.....9 a.m. - 12 p.m., and 3 - 7 p.m.
Saturday.....10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Check us out on the web, at www.hollandlibrary.org

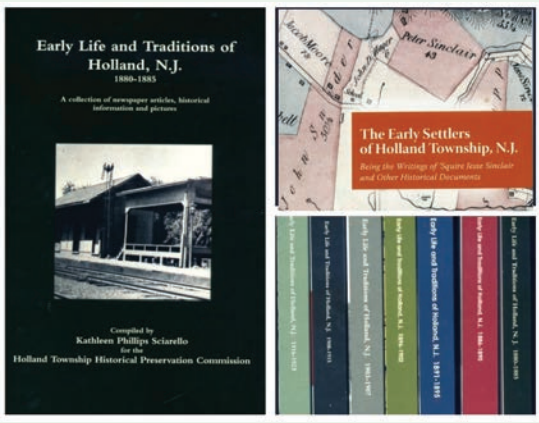
We are now open Wednesdays! Come visit!

Historic Holland Township Books

Do you like history or genealogy? Would you like to know what life was like over 100 years ago or how to prepare a huge pot pie for all the participants of a flax pulling bee or "frolic"? If so, then you need to check out these books published by the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission. Based primarily on the 1890's writings of Jesse Sinclair (1819-1896) which were published in the *Milford Leader* newspaper, these books are collections of newspaper articles and historical information that include an index and photos.

The books can be seen at the Holland Township Library or purchased at the Holland Township Municipal Building, on Lulu.com and Amazon.com. The "Early Settlers" book is $7. The "Early Life and Traditions" books (a series of 7 books covering 1880 through 1923) are $10 each.

Thanks to Kathleen Phillips Sciarello for the dedication and effort in compiling these wonderful publications!



Tax Collector

Kris Boxwell • (908) 995-2047 • taxcollector@hollandtownship.org

The tax office is happy to announce the launch of a new online payment option available for use as of January 1st, 2020! This option will allow residents to pay quarterly tax and sewer bills online with credit cards or by ACH transactions. Please be aware that service fees will apply. Additional information and detailed instructions will be posted on the township website at www.hollandtownshipnj.gov

New Jersey Property Tax Relief Program Information:

Senior Freeze:

- To ask questions or to order an application: 1-800-882-6597
- To check the status of a filed application: 1-800-882-6597
- To listen to information: 1-800-323-4400
- In-person assistance at Taxation Regional Information Centers: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/organization/ts-regional.shtml
- Online information: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml

Homestead Benefit:

- To file applications by phone: 1-877-658-2972
- To file applications online: www.njtaxation.org
- To ask questions: 1-888-238-1233
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- Online information: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml

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Tax Assessor

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Are You Eligible For Farmland Assessment?

The New Jersey Farmland Assessment Act of 1964 permits farmland and woodland acres that are actively devoted to an agricultural or horticultural use to be assessed at their productivity value.

The minimum eligibility requirements for farmland assessment are:

- 5 acres actively devoted to an agricultural or horticultural use
- Gross sales of products from the land must average $1,000 per year for the first 5 acres, plus an average of $5 per acre for each acre over 5, except in the case of woodland or wetland where the income requirement is $500 per year for the first 5 acres plus $.50 per acre for any acreage over 5.
- Land must be devoted to agricultural and/or horticultural use for at least two years prior to the tax year the applicant is applying for.

Deadline for filing application is August 1st.

Are You Eligible For a $250.00 Veterans Deduction on your Property Taxes?

If you are an honorably discharged veteran who served during active wartime service, you may be eligible to receive a $250 deduction off your yearly tax bill.

Please contact the Holland Township Tax Assessor for information on Farmland Assessment and Veterans Deductions.

Holland Township Parks and Recreation proudly presents

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Mon-Fri. 5 AM – 9 PM; Sat. 7 AM-3 PM; Sun. 8 AM – 3 PM.

Questions: Email events@hollandtownship.org or call (908) 995-9260

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2019 Community Day September 7

Thank you all for participating in Holland Township's 39th Annual Community Day. Mother Nature gave us an amazing day and I hope you all enjoyed it.

A special thanks to the Holland Township Police Department, Holland CERT, Holland Volunteer Fire Company and the Milford Holland Rescue Squad for keeping us all safe.

We had a day filled with food, fun and music and it would not have been possible without the volunteers, community groups and staff of Holland Township.

Holland Environmental Commission and our Sustainable Jersey Green Team sponsored a Green Fair. Visitors could learn about honey bees and see them in a hive. Young anglers lined up to cast a lure into the clean water pool in a game that teaches them about stormwater. Girl Scout Troop 80309 hosted a game called "Cut Your Water Footprint" where contestants answered questions about saving water.

The day ended with our famous fireworks display...

Parks and Recreation Committee

Secretary Maria Elena Kozak • (908) 995-0057

The Holland Township Parks and Recreation Committee has had an awesome year celebrating various projects within the community. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt, a community event that is partnered with the Girl Scouts was celebrated on April 14, 2019. Each year the celebration held on the Sunday before Easter brings lots of children together to find eggs filled with goodies.

Community Day this year brought about many changes and Parks and Recreation continued to support the day with their basketball 3 vs 3 games and encouraged kids to also use the volleyball courts for some great volleyball games. Our Corn Hole boards designed and built by our Parks and Recreation Committee was available for anyone who wanted to toss a bean bag and have some fun.

In continuing with the theme of change, the Fall Festival which takes place after the Girl Scout Trunk or Treat celebration at the Riegel Ridge Community Center, is more of a traditional fall celebration with games, a movie, the bonfire and of course food! It is the perfect way to continue celebrating the fall holidays with the family. We do thank our PTO and Girl Scouts for their continued desire to celebrate the community.

December brings the traditional "Santa Breakfast" as hosted by the Girl Scouts as well as the annual New York City bus trip. The affordable fee offers a fantastic opportunity for those interested to meet at the Community Center, relax during the ride in to the city and allows plenty of time to enjoy NYC doing whatever you desire and then enjoy a relaxing return ride back to Holland Township.

Zoning and Development Regulations

Larry Creveling • (908) 995-9086 • zoning@hollandtownship.org

The Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A.40:55D, is the State Statute that regulates land use in the State of New Jersey. The Zoning Officer is responsible for the enforcement of this statute, as well as the enforcement of local zoning ordinances adopted by the Township Committee.

When considering changes to your property in Holland Township, you will most likely require both zoning and construction permits.

It is the resident's responsibility to contact the Zoning Officer to ascertain if a permit is required. Please call to schedule an appointment to start the zoning permit process.

Holland Township requires that residents obtain a Continued Certificate of Occupancy (CCO) prior to selling, renting or buying a home. Please contact the Zoning Officer two weeks prior to closing to arrange for an inspection.

Keeping Holland Beautiful

The beauty of Holland Township is undeniable. By and large, our residential neighborhoods are well-kept and enhance the natural beauty of our community. Residents have the right to use their properties as they see fit, as long as they are not running afoul of zoning laws. Unfortunately, in every municipality there are residents who allow excessive amounts of junk to build up on their property, to the detriment of their neighbors, whose property values may be negatively impacted.

The Holland Township Committee recently took action to amend our Township Code, to clarify that property owners/tenants may not allow trash to collect in an area visible to their neighbors. Chapter 105 of the Code now defines litter as:

> "any garbage, trash, refuse, debris, rubbish, newspaper, magazines, glass, metal, plastic or paper containers or other packaging or construction material, unused, inoperable, discarded, or worn out tires and auto parts; unused, inoperable, worn out or discarded appliances or other household items;"

Chapter 105 now prohibits residents/owners from accumulating such litter on their front yards and side yards, where it could be seen by neighbors, and drive down property values in the area. The Municipal Court may assess a fine of up to $1000 for any person found to be violation of the ordinance.

If a resident is allowing junk to build-up on his or her property, our first inclination should be to approach that person to make sure that there is nothing wrong. If the situation cannot be resolved among neighbors, a formal Code Violation Complaint Form may be completed and submitted to the zoning officer. The Complaint Form may be found on the zoning page of the Holland Township website. All complaints will be kept confidential.

Please contact the zoning officer if you have any questions.

Girl Scout Troop 80053 Pancake Breakfast with Santa Registration

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Seating Preference **(circle one)**: 9 am or 10 am

Number Attending: _____

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by 11/29/19 **to:**

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On April 27, 2019 members of the Holland Township Committee and the Environmental Commission plant a Black Oak tree at the Grove at Riegel Ridge Community Center to celebrate Arbor Day 2019.

Bags to Benches: The Holland recycling team was surprised and gratified by residents' response to the township's new recycling program for single-use plastic bags. In a program sponsored by the TREX Company, Holland receives a plastic park bench made from recycled bags for every 500 pounds of bags collected. The program began late in 2018 and by mid-March the township had already qualified for one bench. By late June, another 500 pounds of bags were collected, scoring another bench. Both park benches are now in The Grove at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. That's half a ton of plastic bags and wraps. Collection boxes are located at the Municipal Building, the Library, Riegel Ridge, and the Recycling Center on Saturdays.

Update to Holland Township Community Forestry Management Plan: Back in 2015, Holland Township developed a plan for the long-range protection of our township's forests. Forests represent the largest land use in our community, comprising more than 40% of the land area. Working with a professional arborist under a grant from the New Jersey Forest Service, the Holland Environmental Commission developed a five-year plan. That plan is available on the township website. *(Place you cursor over Boards and Committees; click Environmental Commission on the drop-down menu; the plan is the first item on the page.)* The plan must be revised every five years, so Commission members are working to update the document, with a grant again provided by the Forest Service. New concerns such as the Emerald Ash Borer will be included.

More Trees That Tell You about Themselves: The Spring edition of Holland Happenings talked about a new program to put labels on the trunks of different tree species at Riegel Ridge. The labels carry a QR code that your smart phone can read and connect to information about that type of tree, including a video of an arborist talking about the tree. Trees in back of the Community Center got the first labels, and now more trees in The Grove have been labeled, including the two planted on Arbor Day. You can see the label by going to the Environmental Commission section of the Holland website *(see instructions above)* and click on Trees of Holland on the left menu. Click on Holland Tree Sign Map to see two maps of where the trees are located in The Grove and behind the building. Give the informative signs a try on your next visit.

Counting Trees: If you see a group of people wearing yellow safety vests and appearing to count trees in your neighborhood – that's exactly what they're doing. Another grant from the DEP is underwriting an inventory of all the publicly-owned trees that are within the easements along the roads in Holland. The grant pays for an arborist who identifies the species of tree, the size, condition of the canopy, and general health. The monetary grant must be matched by volunteer hours, so members of the Environmental Commission accompany the expert and record all this information. The data is being entered into a spreadsheet that will help the township know the trees for which it has responsibility and will make it easier to identify trees that pose a hazard to persons or property.

Arbor Day Celebrated Again: For the second year, Holland celebrated Arbor Day in April 2019, with members of the Township Committee and Environmental Commission gathering at The Grove across from the main entrance to the Community Center. Trees are being planted to replace those that had to be cut down for public safety. In 2020, the Arbor Day ceremony will be on April 25, so circle the date on your calendar and watch for details on the township website.

Recycle your Clean, Dry, Empty Plastic Bags and Film Recycling!

Plastics to Collect:

- LDPE / HDPE Marked Items
- Bread Bags
- Cereal Liners
- Ice Bags
- Produce Bags
- Grocery Bags
- Packaging Air Pillows
- Newspaper Sleeves
- Product Wrap
- Food Storage Bags
- Pellet Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Case Overwrap (Water, Soda etc)
- Salt Bags

Here are a couple of ways for you to tell its polyethylene or not:

1. Check to see if the packaging is labeled with at 2 or 4. If so, it can be included.
2. See if the packaging will stretch when you pull it. If so, it can be included.
3. Is the packaging shiny or makes a crinkly/crunchy sound? If so, it's **NOT** acceptable.

Do not include:

- Degradable/compostable bags or film packaging
- Pre-washed salad mix bags
- Frozen food bags
- Candy bar wrappers
- Chip bags
- Six-pack rings

Holland Township Green Team

The Holland Township Green Team is responsible for implementing the Sustainable Jersey program, supported by a non-profit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs. Currently, 79 percent or 445 of New Jersey's 565 municipalities are participating in the municipal certification program.

Founded in 2011, the Holland Green Team achieved certification at the Bronze level in 2014 and has kept that certification every year since by completing new projects that are awarded points. Certification means that grants are available, and in early 2018 Holland received a $30,000 grant to install high-tech storm windows on the inside of the Riegel Ridge Community Center. Such work is much more expensive than an ordinary residential improvement. Riegel Ridge was built 1937-38 and is on the National Register of Historic Places, so upgrades have to maintain historic integrity and are overseen by an architect who specializes in historic buildings.

The windows project was completed in the spring, so Green Team members are now tracking electricity use during the air conditioning season and will track gas use during the upcoming heating season. The project is eligible for points toward certification if it shows at least a 10% energy saving.

In its submission for re-certification in 2019, the Holland Green Team gained points for several new activities. The township got credit for having a Community Forestry Management Plan that has been certified by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Points were also awarded because the township Recycling Center accepts several materials not mandated by the county: tires, single-use plastic, and brush which is ground for mulch. Additional points were gained for recycling two items of household hazardous waste: consumer electronics and batteries.

There has also been an update to the Community Assets listing on the Holland Township website. Contact information has been added to this directory of businesses and community groups located in Holland. To view the list, go to www.hollandtownshipnj.gov. Hold your cursor over the Community Resources tab, then click on Community Assets.

The Holland Green Team currently has openings for new members. If you are interested, pick up and complete the Citizen Volunteer application at the clerk's office, or on the township website, hold your cursor over Boards & Committees at the top, then click on Member Vacancies to download the form.

Riegel Ridge Community Center

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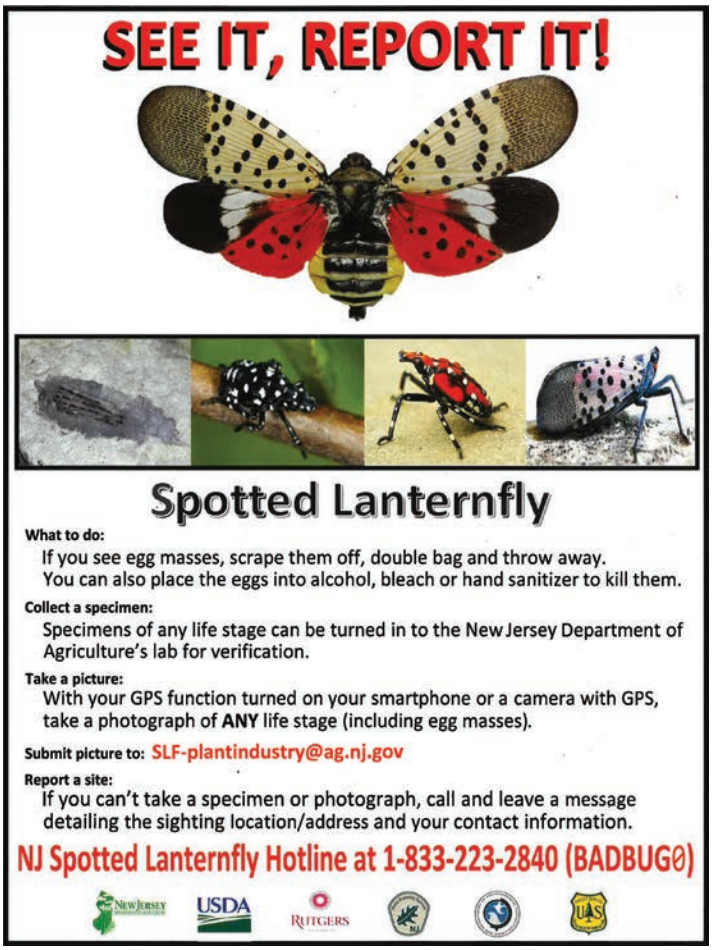

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Mayor Dan Bush
d.bush@hollandtownship.org
(c) 908-399-4213
Term as Mayor ends 12/31/19
Term as Committeeman ends 12/31/2021

Deputy Mayor Ray Krov
r.krov@hollandtownship.org
(c) 908-625-4350
Term as Deputy Mayor ends 12/31/2019
Term as Committeeman ends 12/31/2020

Committeeman Robert Thurgarland
r.thurgarland@hollandtownship.org
(c) 908-500-6938
Term ends 12/31/2019

Committeeman Scott Wilhelm
s.wilhelm@hollandtownship.org
(c) 908-619-1344
Term ends 12/31/2019

Committeewomen Lisa Mickey
l.mickey@hollandtownship.org
(c) 908-881-6701
Term ends 12/31/2019

2020 HOLLAND TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1, 2020 ..... New Year's Day (Wednesday)
February 17..... Presidents Day (Monday)
April 10..... Good Friday (Friday)
May 25..... Memorial Day (Monday)
July 3 ..... Independence Day (Fri.) in lieu of 4
September 7..... Labor Day (Monday)
November 3..... General Election Day (Tuesday)
November 11 ..... Veterans Day (Wednesday)
November 26 ..... Thanksgiving (Thursday)
November 27 ..... Day after Thanksgiving (Friday)
December 24..... Christmas Eve (Thursday)
December 25..... Christmas Day (Friday)
January 1, 2021 ..... New Year's Day 2019 (Friday)

2020 MEETING DATES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

These meetings are held at the Municipal Building and are open to the public:
Township Committee: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Agricultural Advisory Committee: 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
Board of Adjustment: Last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm
Board of Health: 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
Environmental Commission: 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Historic Preservation Commission: 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm
Parks and Recreation Committee: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Planning Board: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm
Sustainable Jersey Green Team: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at RR Community Center

FACTS ABOUT HOLLAND TOWNSHIP

23.9 square miles
57 miles of Township maintained roads
12.89 miles of Sewer Lines
Population as of the 2010 Census: 5,124
Housing Units 1,942

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TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Municipal Clerk/Registrar
Catherine Miller
clerk@hollandtownship.org
995-4847 x210

Deputy Municipal Clerk/Deputy Registrar Melissa Tigar
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995-4847 x210

Chief Financial Officer
Margaret Pasqua
cfo@hollandtownship.org
995-4947

Construction Dept. NJ Bureau Code Enforcement Asbury Office
713-0722

Dog Licensing Official
Virginia Colucci
doglicensing@hollandtownship.org
995-8810

Dog Warden/Animal Control Officer
St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center
526-3330

Joint Court of the Delaware Valley Clerk
Jackie Signorile
995-9100

Parks & Recreation Director
Jessica Neglia
director@riegelridgecc.org
995-9260

Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Secretary/COAH
Maria Elena Kozak
planningboard@hollandtownship.org
995-0057
Hours: Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Police Chief Sean Gutsick
sgutsick@hollandtwp.org
995-4670

Police Administrative Coordinator
Colleen Pursell
cpursell@hollandtwp.org
995-4670

Public Works Corey Colaluce
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995-4435

Tax Assessor
Michelle Trivigno
taxassessor@hollandtownship.org
995-4830

Hours: Tues. 8:00 am-4:00 pm &
Thurs. 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Tax Collector & Sewer Rent Collector
Kris Boxwell
taxcollector@hollandtownship.org
995-2047

Hours: Tues. 9:00 am-12:00 pm &
Thurs. 9:00 am-2:00pm

Zoning & Development Reg. Officer
Lawrence Creveling
zoning@hollandtownship.org
995-9086

Hours: Tues. 10:00 am-2:00 pm &
Thurs. 3:00 pm-7:00 pm

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Holland Township School .....995-2401..... www.hollandschool.org

Delaware Valley High School .....996-2131..... www.dvrhs.org

Holland Township
Volunteer Fire Co.....995-2220..... www.hollandtwpfire.org

Milford Holland Rescue Squad .....995-2472..... www.milfordhollandrescue.org

Riegel Ridge Community Center .....995-9260..... www.riegelridgecc.org

Riegel Ridge Community Pool.....995-0101..... www.riegelridgecc.org

Holland Free Library .....995-4767..... www.hollandlibrary.org

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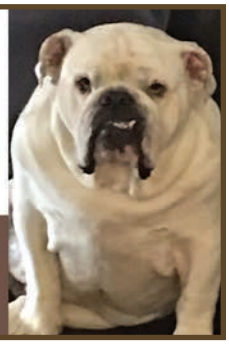

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