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Message From The Mayor

I hope my greeting finds everyone safe and healthy as we roll into the Fall and Winter seasons. Holland Township continues to be vigilant in the COVID-19 response for the health and safety of our residents. Our employees are maintaining full hours of operations and are happy to meet in person during normal business hours or with a request for a scheduled appointment. The Township Committee is meeting in person with limited seating available to the public. Everyone can attend via Zoom. We are answering public comments during the meetings. (www.hollandtownshipnj.gov)

This fall the Township residents will be able to observe:

- Two State Department of Transportation grant funded road projects will begin on Bellis Road (\$150,000 grant) and Mt. Joy Road (\$110,000 grant).
- Riegel Ridge Community Center will continue to observe State guidelines for phased in operations.

I urge everyone to continue to follow our web-page for current information. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Daniel T. Bush
Mayor Holland Township

Message From Robert Thurgarland



As I look back on this very challenging year and we enter into this Holiday Season, I want to express my most sincere appreciation to all our Township and County First Responders, Community Volunteers, Law Enforcement, Township Staff, Local Businesses, Caregivers, Parents, Teachers, Students and all the Residents of Holland Township that have met these many challenges both personally and professionally that have affected us all in 2020.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe, healthy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,
Committeeman, Robert Thurgarland
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The American Farmland Trust

Report finds New Jersey leads the nation in its response to protect farmland, but the threat remains severe

The American Farmland Trust (AFT) recently issued its multi-year study on farmland loss across the nation during the period of 2001-2016 (link here: "Farms Under Threat: The State of the States"). Importantly, the study evaluates and ranks each state's policy response to farmland loss in order to identify the policies and programs that are most important and effective in ensuring farmland protection.

New Jersey earned the TOP RANK of all of the states in the country for its policies related to farmland protection! (click here for the Scorecard).

This recognition is a great achievement for the state and is a reflection of the New Jersey's 35+ year history of supporting farmland preservation by many administrations, legislators, local governments, voters and the farming community combined.

Holland Township has preserved 2,346 acres of the State's preserved farmland with another 361 acres pending preservation in the next few months.

The following letter from Erica Goodman of AFT summarizes the scorecard:



Dear Member,

More than 2,000 acres of U.S. agricultural land are converted every day – including our most productive, versatile, and resilient land, according to our new report, "Farms Under Threat: The State of the States."

In New Jersey, 70,862 acres of agricultural land were developed or compromised between 2001 and 2016. Today, New Jersey is the third most threatened state for farmland conversion.

But there is promising news. AFT's state-by-state [Agricultural Land Protection Scorecard](#) showed that New Jersey is a top performer on farmland preservation policies and programs.

The report found that every state in the nation has taken some action to preserve agricultural land, but all states can, and must, do more. Sixty-one percent of New Jersey's farmland is considered 'Nationally Significant' for food and crop production with little environmental impact, meaning that without action, New Jersey will continue to lose critical acres of farmland.

AFT is building on these insights with outreach and advocacy efforts to help drive forward the next wave of farmland preservation one that ensures that farmland is available and affordable for a new generation and is central to supporting climate change solutions.

[AFT's new interactive website](#) lets you zoom in on maps and dig into the details of its policy analysis.

Keeping our most productive land in farming is critical for a resilient food system in the face of disasters like COVID-19 and our fight against climate change. Below are ways you can learn more and help this important movement.

We hope this new research will serve as an important tool for state leaders, local officials, planners, land trusts, agricultural professionals, and everyone who cares about a strong future for farming in New Jersey.

Visit our [Farms Under Threat](#) website to learn more and to take action!

Sincerely,

Erica Goodman, New York Regional Director

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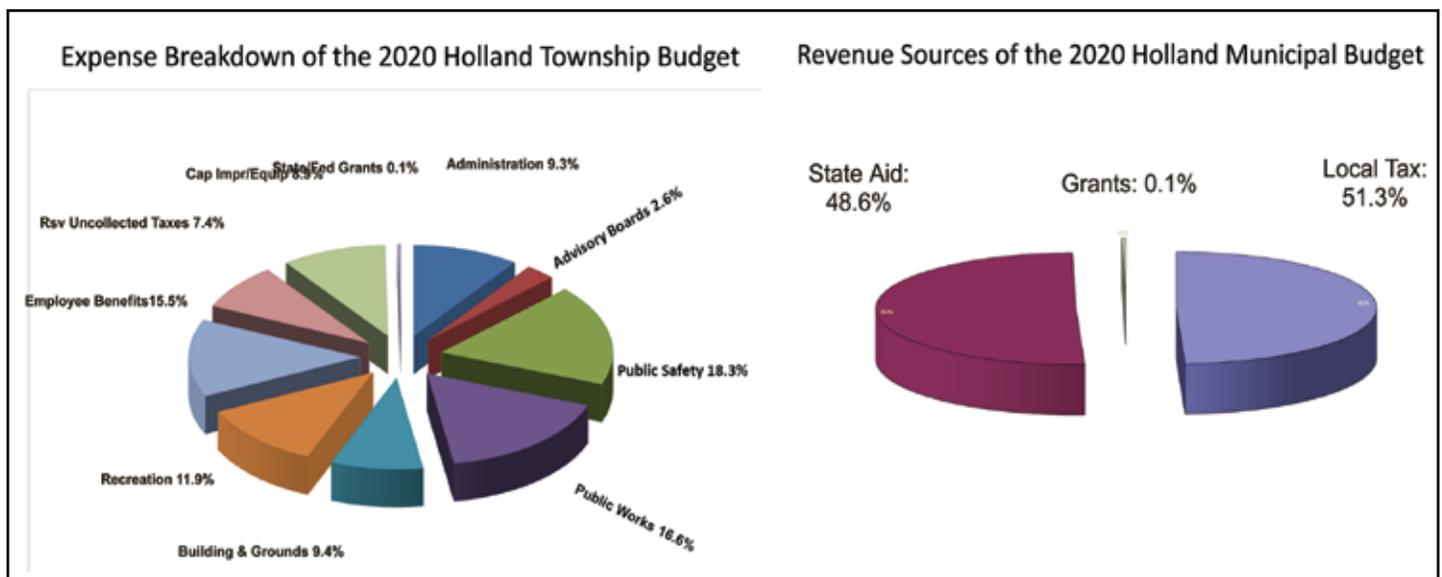
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The Municipal Clerk's office handles a vast number of functions. The Clerk acts as the secretary for the governing body, and is responsible for preparing the agenda and minutes for all Committee meetings. The Clerk is also the person designated to receive all correspondence for the township, and is responsible for maintaining township records. Anyone wishing to examine a municipal record must complete an OPRA (Open Public Records Act) form, which is available on the Holland Township website or in the Clerk's Office.

In Holland Township, the Municipal Clerk is the Registrar of Vital Statistics, and as such, issues birth, death and marriage licenses. Any couple wishing to apply for a marriage license should call the Clerk's office to make an appointment at 908-995-4847 ext. 210. The Registrar also provides certified copies of birth, marriage and death certificates.

The Municipal Clerk also oversees the election process, issuing voter registration applications and/or address changes on voter records. Party affiliation forms and mail-in ballot applications may be downloaded from the Holland Township website and are available in the Clerk's Office. Residents must be registered at least 21 days prior to any election in order to be eligible to vote.

Legalized Games of Chance Licenses, Retail Food Handlers Licenses, Peddlers Permits, Perc Test Permits, Road Opening Permits, Liquor Licenses and Kennel Licenses are also issued by the Municipal Clerk's Office.



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Board of Health

Since mid-March of 2020 we have seen the coronavirus in our midst and have witnessed the deadly effects of COVID-19. With winter approaching and people being confined more indoors, it is extremely important that the wearing of masks, social distancing, not touching the face and frequent, thorough hand washing continue, perhaps even more diligently. It is believed that these measures will also help with the spread of flu and the common cold. A vaccine is currently in the testing stages, but until it is readily available, these precautions should be maintained. It is recommended that this year especially people should receive a flu shot. This should be done prior to the end of October for maximum effectiveness.

From our school days we all remember “Spring ahead, Fall behind” with

regard to the twice yearly time change. When changing our clocks either forward or back, it is an extremely good idea to also change the batteries in our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This could be a life saver!

Distracted driving is the number one cause of accidents across the country, with unrestrained dogs being a major source of distraction. New Jersey is the only state in the country where driving with unrestrained pets is a violation of animal cruelty laws. Drivers cited for failing to properly secure their pets can face fines ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 and may face as much as six months in jail. So, for your driving safety and Fido’s protection from harm, check out travel restrains for your four-legged, furry friends.

Riegel Ridge Community Center

Dear Holland Township Residents,

What a busy summer we have had at the RRCC! We were grateful that the Governor allowed us to open both the camp and the pool. Summer Camp was held for four weeks, instead of our normal eight weeks, with increased security measures for both staff and campers. Despite everything going on in our world, Summer Camp was huge success. The RRSC staff did an amazing job implementing the new guidelines; camp definitely looked different this year but we were thrilled to be able to offer the kids a place to grow and socialize.

Camp promotes community. It creates this great space that shows kids how to live together and care for one another. There are norms and negotiation of boundaries; there are rules. Camp is a place where kids can “practice” growing up stretching their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive muscles outside the context of their immediate family. I want to thank the campers and staff who made 2020 a safe and successful summer.

We are also grateful that our Community Pool was able to open on June 24th. The Riegel Ridge Pool provided a fun and safe environment for both residents and non-residents alike. We worked closely with the Hunterdon County Health Department to ensure that all safety measures were followed. We thank our staff, pool members and non-members for following the COVID-19 safety measures and allowing a place for all of us to relax and enjoy one of the true pleasures of summer.

The Riegel Ridge Fitness Center opened on September 21st with limited hours and capacity. Nothing is more important to us than the safety and well-being of our members and staff, so every step we have taken has been with them in mind. We are strictly following all NJ Health Department safety guidelines and are grateful to everyone who made our opening a success. Due to that success we were able to extend our hours beginning on October 5. Throughout the summer we were able to offer outdoor fitness classes and look forward to a time when we can all gather safely inside for group fitness.

In Good Health

Jessica Neglia, RRCC Director



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Meet The Township Officials

Michelle Trivigno - Michelle was appointed Tax Assessor February 2002. She has many certifications including NJ Licensed Realtor, Certified Tax Assessor and Licensed Real Estate Appraiser.

Cathy Miller - Cathy was appointed Deputy Municipal Clerk in July 2002. She earned her Certified Municipal Registrar certification in January 2003 and Registered Municipal Clerks certification in October 2005. In February 2006 she was appointed Municipal Clerk and Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Melissa Tigar - Melissa was hired as Deputy Clerk in April 2006. She earned her Certified Municipal Registrar certification in November 2006, and was appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. She moved to Zoning Officer in June 2008 where she served until returning to the Clerk's Office as Deputy Municipal Clerk in July 2014.

Sean Gutsick - Sean joined the Police Department in April 2008. In 2012 he was promoted to Detective and in October 2015 he was promoted to Sergeant. Sean also served as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator (Police Operations), and CERT Coordinator (Community Emergency Response Team.) Sean was appointed 911 Coordinator July 2012. In July 2019 Sean was promoted to Chief of Police. Sean now serves as Emergency Management Coordinator and still serves as CERT Coordinator.

Maria Elena Jennette Kozak - Maria Elena has been Environmental Commission Secretary since 1998. In June 2008 she was appointed Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Secretary and she received her COAH (Coalition on Affordable Housing) Liaison certification in August 2014. In February 2012 Maria Elena was appointed as Secretary to the Parks and Recreation Committee. In January 2020, Maria Elena was appointed to a newly created position of Land Use Administrator with all of her previous duties plus Zoning Officer.

Colleen Pursell - Colleen was hired as our Police Secretary, Deputy Police Records Custodian and Emergency Management Secretary in December 2008. Colleen also serves as Secretary to the

Holland Township CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and in January 2019 she was promoted to Police Administrative Coordinator. Colleen also administers the Police website (www.hollandpolice.org/OEM) and Police Facebook page.

Jessica Neglia - Jessica was hired as Director of Parks and Recreation in January 2012. In 2014 she was appointed Riegel Ridge Community Pool Supervisor. She also holds certifications as Personal Trainer, Spinning Instructor and Certified Pool Operator. Jessica also keeps the Holland Township Summer Camp program accredited with the American Camp Association.

Virginia Colucci - Ginny was appointed Holland Township Dog Licensing Official in May 2014. She licenses approximately 750 dogs each year.

Corey Colaluca - Corey has been a member of the Holland Township Department of Public Works since November 2015. He was promoted to Public Works Supervisor in July 2019. Corey is currently working on his Certified Public Works Manager certification and his NJ Certified Recycling Professional certification from the state. Besides his duties as DPW Superintendent, Cory also manages the Recycling Center and Buildings & Grounds.

Finance Office:

Margaret Pasqua - Margaret was hired as Certified Municipal Finance Officer in 2016 thru a shared service agreement with East Amwell. Margaret also holds a Certified County Finance Officer certification.

- **Victoria Stevens** - Victoria was hired as Assistant to the Finance Department and Payroll Clerk in September 2015

Kris Boxwell - Kris was appointed as Sewer Rent Collector and Deputy Tax Collector in February 2017. In August 2017 she earned her certification as Certified Tax Collector and was then appointed Tax Collector and Tax Search Official.



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Ginny Supko, has retired after serving 13 years in the library. She enjoyed working with our patrons, and helping them find resources in our library, or from outside sources. We will miss her.

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Check us out on the web, at <http://www.hollandlibrary.org/>
The Hunterdon County Library site is <https://www.hclibrary.us/>

Please check out our web site for current information.

Submitted by Bob Steinberg, Publicity Chair
Holland Township Library

From Matheson, our library director:

“Hosting outdoor story time has been such a joy. I love reading aloud, and choosing books and songs I think the kids will enjoy. There have been some great surprises along the way, such as when Hansel and Gretel were collecting firewood, and the little kids started collecting sticks and pinecones. By the end of the story time they had built three houses for the library’s gnomes.”

“We’re so lucky to have an outdoor space with bench seating and the shade of 3 pine trees. There’s plenty of room for families to spread out, and we can do fun things like set up a scavenger hunt.”



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Friendly payment reminders:

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- Sewer Rent 12/1, 3/1, 6/1 & 9/1
- Payments received after the 10th day will be charged interest.
- Postmarked envelopes are not accepted.
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Spring Mills 1932 Newspaper Article by Egbert Bush

This article is a continuation of an article published in the previous Holland Happenings. It was written by Egbert Bush and published in a newspaper in 1932. It was found among papers given to the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission by Holland resident Debbie Good and we thank her for them. The previous article began with a brief history of Spring Mills and continues here.



A Cold Stream

All the old mills at this place received power from the waters of the Quequacommissicong Creek, a small stream here, chiefly supported by the run from a remarkable spring on the original mill property. The water from this spring makes the stream so cold (from 54 to 60 degrees F.) that dairymen cool their milk in it. Yet it never freezes over in the coldest weather.

Looking eastward across the road, we see the "Stone Mansion," built by William Godley in 1792. Looking southwesterly across the road leading to Holland [present day Church Rd.], we find the old stone blacksmith shop and the frame wheelwright shop adjoining both erected by Godley. The blacksmith shop is still in good condition, but the other shows its great age. Both of these shops were abandoned long ago, and were later fitted out as a creamery. This new enterprise flourished during the "creamery days," and then went down with the rest of them about 25 years ago. The buildings are now only reminders of things that were, but are none the less interesting for that. Joseph McElroy was one of the last wheelwrights here, and his father and David Transue are remembered as among the later blacksmiths. This lot and the house where dwelt the mechanics, is now owned by Mrs. Mary E. Woolf, who keeps the dwelling in good repair.

Hamlet Once Had a Tavern

In the little meadow between the old shops and the Spring Mills Grange Hall (built in 1897), once stood that indispensable factor in the life of every typical old-time hamlet - the tavern. No trace of it remains, and no keeper thereof can now be named. But in its time it served the traveling public as such places were supposed to do, and was a noted stopping place for raftsmen on their way home after their exciting rides down the river on those tricky vehicles known as rafts. The unseen ghost of this old tavern is believed to have been flitting about for fully four score years.

About 300 yards from the residence of Edgar V. Anderson, on the north side of the Holland road, stands the sturdy brick school-house which has served the community since 1876. The first schoolhouse of record here was a small log building about three hundred yards from the present site. Nobody knows when it was built or when it was succeeded by the stone house that stood on land now owned by Mr. Anderson, about 60 yards east of the house now in use. That stone building served the community for many years. Then the present site was bought of the heirs of William Vliet. On this was erected the house now here, at a cost of \$2,200, a one-room building meant to accommodate the 66 children from the district, and as many more as might need accommodations. The first teacher in this house was F. S. Cressman. Other mentioned were Benjamin Seavers, F. F. Angle and Rusling S. Hoppock. (1878-9).

Alton D. Spoor Once Taught Here

Parents and teachers are still speaking enthusiastically of the services of Alton D. Spoor, who taught here for many years, his services ending not until, for physical reasons, he was obliged to retire. The school is now in charge of Walter Hinline, who has been here one year and appears to be coming back in spite of the fact that he

is "merely a man" - a rather heavy handicap for a teacher to carry in these enlightened days. I remember Alton D. Spoor as a man of fine mind and strong personality, with sound judgment as to what the school should mean to the pupils and to the community. The name of Rusling S. Hoppock brings up kind recollections of a valuable teacher of the old type, who lived at Mt. Pleasant and taught in various schools within easy reach, for several years as principal of the Milford school."

The Henry Cole Farm

The "Henry Cole Farm," often so designated to this day, is an interesting place to visit. Before Cole's day it was owned by Daniel Stires, and then comprised a tract of about 300 acres abutting on the road leading to Warren Glen. April 1, 1816, it was conveyed to John Stires, by Jacob Housel and Asher Stout, executors of John Stires, deceased. This later John Stires devised it to Daniel Stires by will dated January 17, 1817. Daniel owned and operated it until his death in 1844. Having no children, Daniel devised it to his nephew, Henry Cole; providing, however, for the support of his wife Mary and his nephew, Daniel Davis, during their natural lives. The heirs of Henry Cole conveyed that part having the old buildings thereon, to William Woolf in 1905. It is now owned and occupied by William Hazen.

We enter the old place by a long, winding driveway across the other half of the original tract, now owned by George Cole, whose father and grandfather owned it before him - a farm well worthy of notice, though our immediate interest is in historic matters farther back. The first thing to attract attention upon crossing the line, is the old milk house, now tumbling down. It was a two-story building, with chimney and fireplace above and below. Evidently, it had been

built for a dwelling, and was transformed into a milk house later. Northward from this still stand some of the walls of the old distillery, which was a stone building 30 feet by 20 feet, two stories high. This also had a chimney with an open fireplace below and one above. Here the transformation was reversed, the building being used as a dwelling in later years, and occupied 60 years ago by a family named Cole, the head of which was an assistant on the farm but no relative of the owner. A short distance north of this may still be found traces of a pit in which charcoal is said to have been made for the use in the distillery and other purposes. Past this pit flowed a stream of cold water from a fine spring still farther northward. This water was used for cooling the worm of the distillery in the old days, but is now carried by pipe to the mansion house for domestic purposes.



No distilling has been done here since the days of the Stireses. But here, no doubt, were manufactured some of the supplies for the old tavern. Such things appear to have worked together harmoniously in the old times. The farmers took their surplus of "raw material" to the distiller, who worked it into "finished product"; even if this was itself sometimes a little "raw," it was sold to the tavern keeper, who sold it to the general custom, sometimes perhaps back to the - but that was their own affair and is none of our business in these days of no such things.

In the peak of the large stone mansion house is a circular stone evidently meant for a datestone, but neither name nor date can be found thereon. The house is locally known to have been built in 1809 but by whom is not known. From what we can find in the records, it seems probable that its builder was John Stires, mentioned above when his executors sold the property in 1816. The house is typical of the substantial structures erected by wealthy farmers of those days. The mason work is fine, the walls are still perfect and the alignments

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are all true. Five open fireplaces are found here, the largest having a spread of nine feet. A part of the spacious cellar was set apart and known in old times as the wine cellar. It is still so called, but is used for victuals, canned goods and other articles of household necessity.

June Meeting Held in Barn

Tradition says that the big barn, still doing duty as it has done for so many generations, was once the place for holding what was called the "June Meeting" of a certain religious organization. What people they were who gathered here for business and worship every June, is not now known. But here stands the spacious old barn; and the tradition, though shorn of some interesting details, seems to be inseparably associated with the building.

On this farm is found an old family burial place. But the usual rough, unlettered stones, overgrown by weeds and briars, are lacking. Such old stones as evidently were here once, are supposed to have been either taken out or covered by accumulations. Among the marble slabs still standing or lying prostrate we find the following: "William Davis, Died May 28, 1850, in the 86th year of his age." "Lener, wife of William Davis, Died Dec. 12, 1853, Aged 54 years 9 mo. and 27 days." "Mary Pursell, Born Aug. 2, 1791, Died Sept. 26, 1872" "Daniel Stires, Died Oct. 8, 1844, Aged 64 years, 8 mo. and 24 days." "John T. Stires, Born March 18, 1766, Died Sept. 2, 1830." "Rachel, daughter of William and Anna Hulsizer, Died Oct. 30, 1854, Aged 25 years, 3 mo. and 27 days."

This burial ground is about 50 feet square, surrounded by stonewalls now tumbling down. Nobody wishes to desecrate it, but no one here has any special interest in the ground or in those who are sleeping here. Cattle tramp over it at pleasure, and occasionally break some of the thin slabs. A sad condition, but usually unavoidable in such cases. [This burial ground is located on the Oak Hill Golf Course.]

This article is too long already but I cannot close without acknowledging my great indebtedness to Mrs. Mary E. Woolf, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar V. Anderson, Mrs. William Hazen and Mr. Edward R. Crouse and his wife Alice, a daughter of Mrs. Woolf. Mrs. Hazen kindly showed our party through the fine old house; Mrs. Woolf gave many items from her intimate knowledge of the place; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson supplied much information concerning the mills and their immediate surroundings; and Mr. and Mrs. Crouse took so great pains that I felt uncomfortable qualms over causing kind-hearted people so much trouble.

Spring Mills is a grand old place. There is so much to be told about the hamlet and its vicinity, that another article must quickly follow this.

On the road from Spring Mills to Warren Glen, formerly Warren Paper Mills, lies the Edward R. Crouse farm. Here stands a firm old frame dwelling that does not look old at all. The property has been owned by different members of the Godley family, one of whom is supposed to have built the house. But he did not build it as it now appears. We are told that back some four score years, a man named Shafer remodeled the house, giving it much of its present attractive appearance.

Without making extended search, we find that the property was conveyed by Cornelius Stewart to Augustus G. Richey in 1853, and by Richey to Peter C. Bloom in the same year. With it was conveyed the "Mill Lot" containing 16.40 acres. Richey's deed to Bloom says: "It is mutually agreed that the water of the stream flowing through the tract first above described is not to be turned from its present channel at any time so as to impair the supply of water to the mill below on said stream, now owned by said Richey, except such small portion thereof as said Bloom may need for watering his meadows during the months of April and May in each year, and also excepting so much as he may need to carry away by a leaden pipe one half inch in diameter."

Bloom conveyed the property to Christopher Starner in 1857, and

Christopher conveyed it to John R. Starner in 1874. The heirs of John R. Starner, deceased, conveyed it to John R. Starner April 1, 1885. W. Howard Lake, Sheriff, conveyed it to William D. Godley in 1891, and he conveyed it to Elizabeth Mc. M. Godley, who sold it to Elijah Woolf Dec. 17, 1907. Elijah Woolf and wife conveyed it to Edward R. Crouse April 1, 1910. In this pleasant rural home live Mr. and Mrs. Crouse and their two interesting sons - William, a teacher in a high school at Reading, Pa., and Albert, a real farmer, who still clings to the old home; and with the family lives Mrs. Mary E. Woolf, mother of Mrs. Crouse.

Gravel Hill

By looking southwestward across the valley of the Quequacommissicong, we see looming up what has long been known as "Gravel Hill," an immense mound of white gravel, from which material for making roads has been taken for generations. At one time a company operated a "tramway" for carrying gravel from the top of the hill to Holland Station for shipment to places near and far. The demand died out because "sharp" gravel is needed for modern concrete work. But material is still taken locally from Gravel Hill. You may have what you need by doing your own "mining" and paying a royalty of ten cents a ton.

We are told that the Crouse farm, like most of those about it, was once well covered with peach trees. Two factors worked the ruin of the peach industry here and elsewhere - overproduction and the advent of the San Jose scale. Now, though the industry has been elsewhere revived by means of costly machinery for spraying and still more costly work and material, we find no peach orchards here. Spring Mills farmers may well be satisfied with this condition. Peach growers are again keenly feeling the financial strain of overproduction. We are also assured that long ago flax was one of the leading crops here. One might readily infer that, because an oil mill is known to have flourished in the vicinity. And this suggests that it is time for switching to another direction.

Alexandria Farm

On the road from Spring Mills to Milford, we soon come to the old "Alexandria Farm" on the left, now owned by Andrew Kinney and Son, who bought it last year of Josephine K. Pursell, a descendant of Joseph King who bought the King's Mills property in 1811. We find that by deed dated July 12, 1804, this Joseph King took title to the Alexandria Farm, the deed saying: "Whereas James Hamilton, late of Bushkill in the County of Philadelphia, Esq., deceased, did devise certain lands to the said James Hamilton, party to these presents, by will dated March 4, 1776 * * * in these words: 'I give and devise to my nephew James Hamilton, son of my nephew Andrew Hamilton, all that certain tract of land known as the Bierly's Tract, being in Hunterdon County in the Province of New Jersey, containing seven thousand two hundred acres more or less, which I bought of William Allen and Joseph Fenner, Esquires.' "The deed then designates it as "being now in the tenure of Ralph Jones," and describes the part to be conveyed as abutting on the road leading from "Helltown" to "Burnt Mills."



Once Called Helltown

Spring Mills was then called Helltown and Burnt Mills was the name for Milford, as many readers already know.

By will probated Oct. 17, 1834, Joseph King devised this property to his son William L. King, long also proprietor of the King's Mills

property north of Pittstown. By deed dated March 22, 1870, the commissioners to divide the real estate of William L. King, conveyed the farm to William's son Joseph for \$19,205.88. It then contained 231.74 acres, the recital saying "part of the land conveyed to Joseph King by James Hamilton July 12, 1804." Together with this was conveyed a tract containing 20.83 acres, situate on Gravel Hill and "being the same tract that was conveyed to Joseph King by James Parker April 27, 1827.

These records show that the property was owned by members of the King family from 1804 to its recent purchase by the present owners, or about 127 years. During most of Mrs. Pursel's long ownership, the place was farmed by the Kinneys, Andrew and his father before him. No wonder that it has never been let go to wreck.

An oil mill was long in active operation here. Whether the mill was built by the first Joseph King or by a predecessor has not been learned. By whomsoever built, the old mill is still in evidence. Long ago it was made into a wagon house. Later, of course, it also became a garage. The building is now well painted and conspicuously bearing in large letters the designation, "Alexandria Farm." From the outside it seems practically new. But go within - go to the loft. You will see unmistakable evidences of venerable age, but none of weakness or decay. The sturdy old timbers have been curiously marked and cut and scarred - the work of hands long since crumbled to dust. Some of the wooden gearing may still be found overhead. The power for this mill came from that same active little Quequacommissicong.

A Fine Old House

The mansion house demands attention. It is certainly old, but no date can be fixed. It has four open fireplaces on the first floor and two on the second - a rare compliment from this changeful age to the grand old things of other days. Old-time locks on doors and other old handwork show the approximate period of its erection. The closets in the largest of the four rooms on the first floor, constitute its most striking feature. Twelve closets in one room. Think of it! Yes, the builder managed to make six on each side of the fireplace, three above the horizon division and three below.

An Old-Time Burial Place

On this farm is found an old-time burial place, pleasantly situate on a knoll, with a fine view in every direction. The ground is 100 feet square, enclosed by good stone walls. Near the entrance we find this information: "Built by the munificence of William Vanderbelt, Sen., deceased, 1853."

On the only three marble slabs here, we find these inscriptions:

"William Vanderbelt, Sen. Who died Dec. 7, 1852, in his 83d year."

"Elizabeth, wife of William Vanderbelt, Who died March 29, 1853, in her 79th year."

"Nancy Cooley, wife of William Moore, Born July 5, 1777, Departed this Life June 20, 1810."

We find the following marking on rough brown stones :

"1795 I C", "N B 1801", "A P"

Scaled and illegible lettering on another stone is followed by "17, 1796." Other unmarked stones no doubt represent burials at much earlier dates. This seems all the more probable because the record of owners covering the dates above show no names corresponding to these inscriptions.

The Milford Presbyterian Church is somehow interested in this old burial ground. And it is a pleasure to say that it presents a more pleasing appearance than do most of such places wherein

"The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep." But why call them "rude"? Whether consciously or otherwise, in that simple time, Gray gives lyrical expression to a conception, world-wide, erroneous and as for cultivating wholesome and liberalizing humility, than to stand upon such hallowed ground, reflecting that other ages and other

peoples are "crude" in our egotistical view chiefly because they differ from us.

The Boiling Spring

But, after thanking the Kinneys for generous information and, in effect courteously tendering to us "the Keys of the City," let us go back to the great spring above the old gristmill. Here we find a reservoir about 16 feet by 50, erected over the outlet to the great "vein." See the water "Boiling" up as if with great heat! But it is cold - so cold! This reservoir was built years ago by the "Mine Spring Water Company," whose purpose was to supply Milford and Frenchtown with water from this spring. The faith of the company in the unfailing strength of the vein, is indicated by the fact that the reservoir provides for storing a depth of only about three feet of water before letting the overflow tumble over the "breast" and go about its own business. That may have been sufficient surplus, but it does not appear to give much margin for emergencies or increasing demands.

We are told that Milford was favorably inclined toward the enterprise, and that the right of way was obtained through that borough and to the line of Frenchtown. There it ended. The enterprise was abandoned. The spring, with eight acres of land, was taken over individually by the president of the company and now lies as a part of his estate. The great vein helps in turning no mills and furnishes no towns with its excellent potations. But it "boils" and gurgles and sparkles just the same, and goes on its natural way to its natural destination.

It is interesting to trace the course of the Quequacommissicong Creek on its way to the Delaware. Rising a short distance above the mill and receiving its strongest support from the great spring, the stream runs down for some distance on the west side of the road, crosses to the east as if on purpose to accommodate the old oil mill, then crosses the road again and flows on to Milford. There it is joined by the Hakihokake Creek, which comes down from the vicinity of Little York. The reinforced stream now leaves Milford behind and slides into the Delaware three-quarters of a mile below.

Stream Went Wild

One evening in October, 1877, the Quequacommissicong went wild, as all other streams did in the vicinity, all trying to demonstrate how puny are the works of man when Nature's powers rebel. I remember that we, at our home in Frenchtown, felt keenly the force of the storm. Though our house was nearly new, it shuddered and groaned before the furious assaults. "This is the wettest night that I have ever seen," said I, and my wife was of the same opinion. though we were in no danger, we could not help wondering what would happen.

The first news that greeted us next morning was: "Tom Reading's train was wrecked last night. The culvert below Milford was washed out and the train crashed into the river. Tom is lost and five or six others - nobody knows just how many." Reading was one of the most popular conductors on the road. People along the route generally called this "Tom Reading's train." And even to this day we sometimes hear the expression in connection with this disaster. Reading was a brother to the late Horace M. Reading, of Stockton.

Spring Mills no long hears water splashing on the great wheel or the deep musical rumbling of the mill. Nor does it have a smith with his musical anvil, a wheelwright, a tavern keeper or a distiller. These are all gone. But it does have many delightful things remaining: Fine farms, fine hills, fine water, good air, fine prospects and the appearance of prosperity. Best of all are its fine people, determined to combat all hindrances and to appreciate the beauties and the values that still are theirs. When I first saw it long ago, I liked Spring Mills and its people. I have been liking them better and better ever since, and am glad to have this excuse for saying so in my blundering way.

Ridge and Zoning

2020 has undoubtedly been a challenging year for all of us, with COVID-19 upending our way of life. The Parks & Recreation Committee, unfortunately, had no choice but to cancel many of the events it usually sponsors, to err on the side of caution. On a positive note, we did open the Holland Farmers' Market to provide fresh produce, which was especially important for seniors and those with compromised immune systems, who were unable to shop at indoor grocery stores.

Despite some event cancellations, township employees have continued to perform essential public services on behalf of our residents. Thanks to the behind the scenes work of the Director of the Riegel Ridge Community Center, our popular summer camp program opened for an abbreviated session, unlike many other camps throughout the state, and our fitness center is now open to members.

The Holland Township Zoning Office has also been quite busy despite the pandemic. There is anecdotal evidence that the Holland real estate market is heating up, perhaps as city-dwellers flee New York in search of a better quality of life. Our Zoning Officer, Maria Elena Kozak, has been diligently reviewing an influx of permit requests. She also handles complaints regarding code violations. Given that our beautiful township is almost 24 square miles of rolling hills, Maria Elena could not possibly identify all code violations on her own. If you notice a possible violation of

our Municipal Code, please submit a complaint form (which you may do anonymously) to begin the process. Residents may download the form from the zoning page of the Holland Township website. Maria Elena will conduct an inspection of the property upon receipt of a complaint to determine if there is a violation of any township maintenance rules. If a violation exists, she will first ask the property owner to rectify the problem. If the owner fails to take corrective action, she will thereafter issue a summons. Please note that a Municipal Court Judge would then make the final determination of whether a condition violates our Code. If so, a recent Code amendment that I introduced empowers the township to clean up the property if the owner fails to do so, and place a lien on it to recover the cost to taxpayers.

We should all work together during these troubling times, and watch out for those who may be suffering in silence. Check on your elderly neighbors and show compassion for those unable to earn a living from home. The upcoming election is likely to cause friction between friends, neighbors, and even family members. Despite our varied opinions regarding the news of the day, we must put people before politics and see one another first as individuals who all want the best for our country.

Lisa Pezzano Mickey

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Holland Township Planning Board

The Holland Township Planning Board is comprised of residents serving in various class capacities. Class I is a one year term and is the position of the Mayor. Class II is for a Township official other than the governing body and is appointed by the Mayor for a term of one year. Class III is a member of the governing Body and is appointed by the governing body for one year. Class IV is comprised of 6 residents that are appointed by the Mayor for a four year term. The two citizens appointed by the

Mayor for a term of 2 years fill the position of Alternates. Professionals such as the Attorney, the Engineer and the Planner are also part of the Planning Board. The Planning Board's elementary duties are to deal with policy (The Master Plan) and the implementation of that policy through the zoning, site plan and subdivision ordinances. All meetings are open to the public and public comment may be made at the appropriate time.

Holland Township Board of Adjustment

The Holland Township Board of Adjustment is a volunteer board charged by law with reviewing and determining all types of variance relief including "use" or "d" variances that allow a use normally forbidden in a zoning district. Approvals or denials of variances may be legally challenged which makes it critical that the processes set forth in the MLUL be satisfied. The BOA meets on the last Wednesday of the month and agendas are posted in the Holland Township Municipal Building as well as on the Holland Township website. The board is comprised of 7 members and 2 alternates who are residents of Holland Township. Members are

appointed by the Township Committee to serve the public interest without compensation. All meetings are open to the public and public comment may be made at the appropriate time. Currently, all member positions on the Board of Adjustment are filled. Both alternate positions open. Applications for variance relief, along with directions, can be obtained on the Holland Township website on the Board of Adjustment page.

The Holland Township Board of Adjustment is a great way to be involved in your community and local government.

Holland Township Woman's Club

The Holland Township Woman's Club is a service club meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., in the Holland Township Municipal Building on Church Road. New members are always

welcomed and we look forward to meeting you. Inquiries: 908-995-7898

Thank you, *Joan Stachnik*

Holland Township Seniors 2021 Program

You are cordially invited to attend a HOLLAND TOWNSHIP Seniors Meeting at The Ridge on Thursday, January 28, 1 o'clock. Our meetings begin with a short business agenda, followed by entertainment and refreshments. After your visit, you may join our group. Dues are only \$10/year, open to age 55 or older. This is a good way to meet other seniors in our area!

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(Meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.)*

Chairperson: Larry LaFevre995-2180
Members: Larry LaFevre, John Bonham, Edith Kozak, Susan Dufek and Laura Wilson
Alternates: Kyle Young and Ron Lozowski

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(Meets the last Wednesday of the month – 7:30 p.m.)*

Chairperson: William Martin.....996-7786
Secretary: Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.....995-0057
Members: Ginger Crawford, William Martin, Jerry Bowers, Bill Ethem, Peter Kanakaris, Kelley O'Such and Gail Rader
Alternate: Michael Welsh

BOARD OF HEALTH

(Meets the second Thursday of the month – 7:30 p.m.)*

Chairperson: Anthony Szumski..... 479-4642
Secretary: Pearl Hammerstone995-7145
Members: Lisa Mickey, Anthony Szumski, Audrey Balogh, Christopher Balogh, Donna Lizanich, Pearl Hammerstone
Alternate: Steven Vann Smith

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

(Meets: March 30 & September 21 at 7:00 p.m.)*

EM Coordinator: Chief Sean P. Gutsick
DEMC: Gail Rader, Richard Botto, Catherine Elder and Kevin Burd
Secretary: Colleen Pursell.....995-9629

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

(Meets the first Wednesday of the month – 7:00 p.m.)*

Chairperson: Michael Keady.....995-2536
Secretary: Maria Elena Jennette Kozak995-0057
Members: Robert Thurgarland, Ted Harwick, Michael Keady, Jerry Bowers, David Harrison, Susan Meacham, Ray Note and Dwight Pederson

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

(Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.)*

Chairperson: Lawrence Lafevre.....995-2180
Vice Chairperson: Joseph Becker995-7896
Secretary: Beverly Kirby-McDonough.....996-3991
Members: Larry Lafevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Joseph Becker, Carl Molter and Kathy Sciarrello
Alternates: Shirley Wydner and Lori Bonham

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

(Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.)*

Chairperson: Deborah Hirst.....996-0520
Secretary: Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.....995-0057
Members: Lisa Mickey, Robert Thurgarland, Deborah Hirst, Melissa Gonzalez, Tomasina McGuire, David Wiklanski and Corey Kehayes

PLANNING BOARD

(Meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.)*

Chairperson: Dan Rader.....995-4447
Secretary: Maria Elena Jennette Kozak.....995-0057
Members: Dan Bush, Scott Wilhelm, Dan Rader, Michael Miller, David Grossmueller, Michael Keady, Duane Young and Ken Grisewood.
Alternates: Nickolas Moustak

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GREEN TEAM

(Meets the second Tuesday of each month at RRCC)

Secretary: Michael Miller.....908-996-6627
Township Committee Liaison: Ray Krov
Citizen Representatives: Susan Fleisher
Representative of Planning Board: Michael Miller
Representative of Environmental Comm.: Mike Keady

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire & Rescue..... 911
Emergency Management995-9629

**All meetings are held at the Holland Township Municipal Building at 61 Church Road. Regular meeting dates may be changed due to holidays.*

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Environmental Commission

For the Holland Township Environmental Commission (EC), fall has brought a harvest of completed projects that have been in the works for months or even years. The Township now has the information for an inventory of most of the trees along our roads as well as a state-approved plan for managing our forest resources. Three more tasks supporting conformance to the Highlands Regional Master Plan were also finished in recent months.



Consulting Forester Ron Farr determines measurements and health of a tree while Holland Environmental Commission member Ray Note captures the information.

Holland's Tree Inventory project is nearing completion.

The EC obtained a grant from the NJ Department of Forestry to do an inventory of trees within the right-of-way of public roads. The EC worked with the Holland DPW to prioritize township streets on the basis of their tree populations, and all the Tier 1 streets (heaviest tree cover) have been completed. Work can only be done in the months when trees have their leaves because leaf characteristics present the easiest way to identify tree species.

The grant paid for the work of a professional arborist, but it also required a matching commitment by the township. Members of the EC volunteered to accompany the arborist and take notes on the characteristics, including a risk assessment, for each tree. These volunteer hours go toward covering the township's matching commitment. More volunteer hours were dedicated to developing standards for entering the field data into an Excel spreadsheet, and then assuring the spreadsheet could work with the iTree application that can generate reports on Holland's forest resources.

Already we can see that this work provides valuable information, such as the location of publicly-owned Ash trees in Holland that could be infested by the Emerald Ash Borers. The DPW plans to use the data to help prioritize their removal of hazardous trees.

The Holland Community Forestry Plan was updated for the next five years and certified by the state.

The state requires that a municipality's Community Forestry Plan must be updated every five years, and Holland's plan was set to expire at the end of 2019. With 42% of the land in Holland ranked as forest, the municipality needs a plan for its largest land use category. A grant from the NJ DEP paid for an arborist who collaborated with EC members on the update to the Plan. The new edition of the plan, covering 2020-2024 is available on the township website at www.hollandtownshipnj.gov Put your cursor on Boards & Committees at the top, then click on Environmental Commission. The link to the Forestry Plan is within the first paragraph on the page.

Not only does having a state-certified Community Forestry Plan provide a vision for managing this resource, it also exempts the municipality from liability for any damage caused by trees on township property. To qualify for this protection, a township does not need to accomplish everything in the plan; it just needs to have a plan certified by the state and show that it is working toward accomplishing the plan goals.

Three tasks for Highlands RMP Conformance are finalized.

Three highly-complex and complicated tasks funded by the Highlands Council have been worked on for two years or more: the Water Use and Conservation Management Plan; the Stormwater Management and Mitigation Plan; and the Holland Township Master Plan Re-examination. Somehow all these documents were completed about the same time and are being adopted as elements of the township's Master Plan as 2020 comes to a close.

This work is also having an effect on the township's efforts to support sustainable development. The Highlands Council is using the Water Use plan to impose conditions on Aqua New Jersey in order for them to get a permit to pump more water (in a deficit area) to serve the proposed Huntington Knolls development. EC members who worked on this technical document have already met with Aqua, Oak Hill Golf Course, and other large water users. The study enables the township to utilize current hard data about water use instead of the less science-based data that was available when the Highlands RMP was written back in 2008.



Ron Farr looks at the crown of a tree as Holland's Ray Note enters the rating.

Who do I call:

- To obtain Dumpster Cards/Recycling Passes – Maria Elena Jeannette Kozak
- Report a dead deer on road – Police Department
- Marriage license application – Clerk/Registrar's Office
- Reporting down wires – Police Department
- Senior Property Taxes Freeze – State of New Jersey
- Veterans Property Tax Discount – Tax Assessor
- Report a road problem – Department of Public Works, Corey Colaluca
- Dog License application – Clerks Office
- Obtain a form to request access to public records – Clerks Office
- Obtain a Police Report – Colleen Pursell, Deputy Records Custodian
- PERC Test Applications – Clerks Office
- 200" Property Lists – Tax Assessor, Michelle Trivigno

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2020 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Township Committee members are elected at the General Election in November for a 3 year term. Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected from and by the Committee members at their Reorganizational meeting the first week of the year and serve for a one year term.

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Term on Township Committee ends 12/31/2021

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Term as Deputy Mayor ends 12/31/2020

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2021 HOLLAND TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1, 2021	New Year's Day (Friday)
February 15.....	Presidents Day (Monday)
April 2.....	Good Friday (Friday)
May 31	Memorial Day (Monday)
July 5	Independence Day (Monday) in lieu of July 4 (Sunday)
September 6.....	Labor Day (Monday)
November 2.....	General Election Day (Tuesday) Floating Holiday
November 11	Veterans Day (Thursday) Floating Holiday
November 25	Thanksgiving (Thursday)
November 26	Day after Thanksgiving (Friday)
December 24.....	Christmas Eve (Friday)
December 27.....	Christmas Day (Monday) in lieu of December 25 (Saturday)
December 31, 2021	New Year's Day 2022 (Friday) in lieu of January 1 (Saturday)

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

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Population as of the 2010 Census: 5,124

Housing Units 1,942



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Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company

The Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company is dedicated to serving the citizens of Holland Township to prevent loss of life, personal injury, and destruction of property.

During this Covid-19 crisis we have implemented a safety protocol designed to keep our equipment and personnel safe while still being able to respond to emergencies. Equipment is sanitized on a regular basis and we respond with protective gear including gloves, eye shields and proper masks.

Our station located on Riegel Ridge and in on Mt Joy are equipped and available for a full response to any emergency that requires our assistance.

Despite the pandemic, our 40 active members are ready to respond as needed. More help, however, is always welcome. Persons

interested in joining the Fire Company can call (908) 995-2220 for information, and we will welcome new members once the crisis is over.

Finally, we're aware that our neighbors and community are dealing with unprecedented financial shocks—as is Holland Fire. So please keep us in mind as you consider your response to the funding needs of distressed organizations. For our part, we have begun to respond to requests to fill or top off swimming pools in a socially responsible manner. To have your pool filled call our pool hotline (908) 328-1181. Our banquet hall, Whispering Pines, will remain closed until distancing restrictions have been removed.

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