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Spring 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Friends,

As the weather turns warmer, and the kid's countdown to summer we have many activities to look forward to in Holland Township. The Riegel Ridge pool opens for the season and summer camp will be full of warm smiles and laughter as everyone enjoys the summer sun. Bring your lawn chair to the Community Center, Parks and Recreation will be offering an outdoor movie on a warm summer evening in July. In September our annual Community Day will feature live music, food trucks, and entertainment for the kids. We will end the evening with our pyro musical fireworks display. Come out and enjoy the day, it is a great chance to connect with our community and enjoy the outdoors. Check out our social media page and website for more information. We have a lot to offer in Holland, and I hope everyone has a great summer.

Daniel T. Bush
Mayor, Township of Holland

Township website: www.hollandtownshipnj.gov

We are now on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TwpofHolland>

BOARD OF HEALTH

Two years later COVID-19 still remains a viable and important topic for Holland Township residents. We must still follow the basic guidelines of frequent hand washing, staying home if ill and getting vaccinated and boosted if not already done. COVID-19 will remain with us just as the flu has with its many variations over the years. For further information please contact the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus or for locally the Hunterdon County Health Department at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/coronavirus

Along with Spring and longer hours of daylight and warmer temperatures comes tick season. Lyme disease is the most prevalent tick-borne illness. However, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis and Ehrlichiosis as well as a fairly rare disease, Powassan virus, are spread by the bite of the deer tick. Protect yourself and your family by wearing protective clothing of long sleeves and long pants tucked into socks when in tall grassy or wooded areas, use an EPA registered bug spray containing DEET on your skin and a tick repellent spray containing permethrin on your clothing and boots. Permethrin should never be applied to your skin. Shower within two hours after being outdoors if possible. Do a thorough tick check of yourself, your children and pets. Remove an unattached tick with a tissue and place in a cup of alcohol, a sealed bag or container or wrap it tightly in tape prior to disposing. Never crush ticks with your fingers. An attached tick should be removed with fine-point tweezers by grasping it close to the skin surface and pulling upward with steady, even pressure. Wipe the site of the bite with rubbing alcohol and wash your hands with soap and water. Should you discover that you have been bitten by a tick or may have been exposed to ticks and develop a red "bull's eye" around the area of the bite, fever, chills, rash or body aches and pains within a few weeks, contact your health care provider immediately.

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Historic Preservation Commission

Several articles have been published about the recent preservation of the new O'sakame Park near the Delaware river. This highlights some rather colorful history of the property.

In 1796, Jeremiah Clark (1760-1846) of Nockamixon Township, Bucks County, PA, purchased a 165-acre tract known as lot number 24 of the Barker Tract for 288 pounds. This tract included most if not all of the current O'sakame park. Interestingly, during the Revolutionary War, Jeremiah was a Private in Captain Manus Yost's Company, Haycock Township, Bucks County Militia, First Regiment of Foot, in the service of the United States, Commanded by Colonel John Keller.

According to Jesse Sinclair (see *Early Settlers of Holland Township*, Milford Leader, Feb. 23, 1893), in 1842, Jeremiah Clark divided his land into five parts for his sons William, Richard, Enos, Josiah and daughter Margaret (married to John Pyatt). This is shown on the 1860 Farm Map of Alexandria Township. William Clark, who was a sawyer and worked on "Lynn's Island", which is visible from the park, received the 35-acre farm associated with the property where the park sign is now located and where the house and barn in the photos once stood.



William Clark died in 1868, after which the property sold to Jeremiah Clark (1827-1907). Jeremiah probably constructed both the circa 1870 additions to the house and the main barn on the property, which likely replaced an earlier barn. The circa 1950s/60s photos are courtesy of Charles Andrews.



In 1905, Jeremiah sold the property to his daughter, Mary Clark Robbins (1858-1934). Mary was married to Edward Robbins, who died in 1905. The portrait photo of Mary Robbins is courtesy of Kathleen Scarello. They had 2 girls and one boy, Charles Robbins (1885-1957), who purchased the property in 1920. The photo is of Charles in his kitchen c. 1952. Charlie Robbins was known for growing the most delicious cantaloupes and farmed with his horses (no tractors) until he passed on May 21, 1957, leaving the property to his wife Nettie B. Robbins. The photo is of Nettie in her backyard amused with her grandkids and chickens c. 1949. Nettie sold the property to the New Jersey Central Power and Light Co. in 1972, with conditional life rights to remain on the property.

The main barn was demolished in or about 2007, the house sometime after 2012. Both were located just behind and to the left (east) of the current O'sakame sign.

This property remained in the Clark/Robbins family for nearly 200 years.



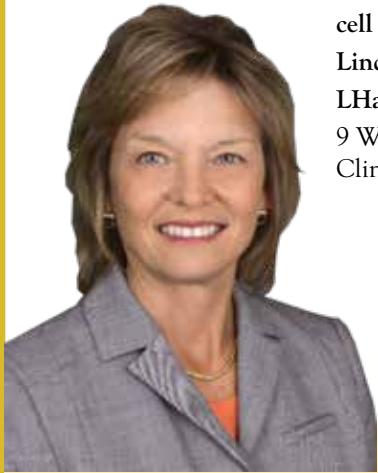
HOLLAND TOWNSHIP WOMAN'S CLUB

Joan Stachnik, President, Inquiries: 908-995-7898 or joanstachnik@msn.com

The Holland Township Woman's Club is a "service" club, meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Holland Township Municipal Building on Church Road. We follow state and CDC protocols for everyone's safety. New members are always welcomed and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you.

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I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter! Here are a few things for this Spring!

ROADSIDE MOWING

1. Roadside Mowing will begin around the last week of April and will continue throughout the year until no longer needed on a rotational schedule. If you have special plants, flowers, and/or shrubbery that you do not want to have mowed please put up a sign to instruct our mowers
2. The First round of mowing will be a single pass along all Township roads, about 5 feet wide. The second round will be two passes of the equivalent width and so on. Intersections will be mowed back each round, far enough to ensure that motorists have safe sight distance in all directions.
3. There will be road projects and roadside mowing going on, so be on **Alert** for signage along various routes.
4. ***Note*** **The Township Recycling Program** has had some questions from residents determining what constitutes as ***Building Materials***. **Building Materials** are defined as such: A building material is- **Any material** which is used or can be used for construction purposes. Any questions on determinations of such said materials will be made final by the Recycling Employee on scene.

Let's all enjoy the Spring of 2022!



Holland Township Farmers' Market *Corey Kehayes, Market Manager*

Holland Township is looking forward to another season of the Farmers' Market. In 2021, we welcomed several new vendors, including Allerton Creek's, Siblings Pizza, Cookie Maven, and

New Hope Seafood. They joined our returning vendors, including Woodstock Home Designs, Wildspawn Mushrooms, Blue Moons Farm, Dahlia's Temptations, Hilltop Herbs, Jaklamas Farm, and Sweet Valley Farm. As shoppers browsed the fresh produce and crafts, they enjoyed live music by local artists. Thank you to all involved for creating a wonderful shopping experience right here in Holland.

The opening day of the 2022 Farmers Market is June 18th. We look forward to all our vendors returning this summer. As always, we welcome new vendors who are interested in selling their products to our residents. The market will be held every Saturday during the summer from 9am – 1pm at the Holland Township Firehouse. We are grateful to the Fire Dept. for granting permission for the market to be held on their grounds.

If you are interested in volunteering at the market, or would like to be a vendor, please email Maria Elena at planningboard@hollandtownship.org. Summer will be here before you know it!

News From the Tax Assessor's Office

Veteran deduction/exemption update:

On November 3, 2020, New Jersey voters approved a Constitutional Amendment, effective December 4, 2020, to eliminate the wartime service requirement for both the \$250 Veteran Property Tax Deduction and the Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption.

If you are an honorably discharged veteran with active military service, you can apply for the \$250 tax deduction with the Assessor's office anytime throughout the year.

If you received a letter from Veteran's Affairs certifying a 100% permanent and total disability, you can apply for a tax exemption with the Assessor's office.

Both applications can be found on the Township's website or you may contact the Assessor at 908-995-4830. A copy of your DD214 form should be included with the application.

Farmland Assessment:

If you have 5 or more acres actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural use and can average \$1,000 in yearly gross sales, you can apply for farmland assessment with the Tax Assessor by August 1st. If your lot is heavily wooded, you can also apply for farmland assessment if you have 5 or more acres that can be managed by a NJ State Forester. Contact the Tax Assessor for more information.

Certification of Landlord Registration *Municipal Clerk's Office*

The Clerk's Office handles many permits and licenses. We also accept many forms required by the state. One example is the Landlord Registration Form.

New Jersey Law (N.J.S.A. 46:8-26) contains the landlord registration requirements that apply to all rental premises or units used for dwelling purposes **except owner-occupied premises with not more than two rental units**.

On the Certification of Landlord Registration Form a landlord files his/her name, address and contact information, name of the property manager (if any), name of tenant, emergency contact

information along with other information.

These forms are kept in the Municipal Clerk's office. After any change in the information contained in the Certification (including a new tenant), qualified landlords must file an amended Certification to the Clerk's office within twenty (20) days of the change. The landlord is also required to provide a copy of the amended form to each tenant.

In order for a landlord to evict a tenant, the landlord must have completed a Landlord Certification Form.



The Zoning Corner Maria Elena Jennette Kozak

If you are planning any changes on your property, you may need both zoning and construction permits. Please contact the Zoning Officer before performing any construction to ensure that your improvements receive the proper permits, since the failure to obtain the proper permitting could become a real problem if you try to sell your home in the future.

COMMON ZONING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- Change of use - Residential, i.e. converting a garage to an office/ living space, an attic to a bedroom, or finishing off a basement and Commercial, i.e. converting a building or unit from storage to retail or professional office
- New residence
- Any increase in height or square footage
- Garages & barns
- Sheds of any size
- Decks and gazebos
- Additions
- Pools (including seasonal blow up pools exceeding 4') and hot tubs
- Permanent Standby Generators
- Erection of all signs
- Driveways (If seal coating no permit is required)
- Certificate of Continued Occupancy

This is not an inclusive list. It is your responsibility to contact the Zoning Office to be ascertain if a permit is required. Please call me at 908-995-0057.

OTHER ZONING ISSUES:

- **Property Maintenance:** As the homeowner you are responsible for your property maintenance. Chapter 109 of the Code Book has been revised and failure to maintain all grass, brush, shrubs, hedges, bushes, trees and other plant life could result in arrangements being made to have the situation brought into compliance, a bill being sent to you and if you fail to pay the bill within thirty (30) days, the charges shall become alien upon the land, payable with property taxes. In addition, any owner, occupant, lessee, agent or tenant of the subject property who received this notice may be assessed penalties, as set for in our Code Book.
- **Fence Installation:** Holland Township does NOT require a permit, but you need to contact the State Construction Office at 908-713-0722 to discuss the state permit process. Fence installation should not be on the property line as you need to maintain your fence and you should not have to trespass on your neighbor's property to maintain your fence. Site triangles and safety also play an important role in fence installation.
- **Home Occupations:** If you are running a business out of your home, you need a "home occupation" permit. An application must be submitted to the zoning office to obtain such a permit.
- **Temporary Signs:** Holland Township only permits "TEMPORARY" signs which provides notice of an event on a specific date (ie...performance or fundraising), which cannot be up more than 14 days, and shall be taken down no more than 3 days after the event. Temporary signs advertising a business which is performing a service on the lot where the sign is located may stay up for no more than 7 days. Kindly remove any signs after the allowable time has expired. The Township reserves the right to remove and dispose of any signs which violate our ordinance.
- **Complaint Forms:** Available on our township's website. Please try to address any concerns directly with your neighbors first, to resolve the issue in a friendly manner, when possible. If submitting the form, the address of the location of where the offense is taking place is required. Pictures are welcome.

Please do your part to help keep Holland Township beautiful!

Agriculture Advisory Committee

In December of last year, the 124-acre Braun farm was preserved for farmland preservation, bringing the total acreage of preserved farms in the township to 2,604. Two additional farms may close in 2022, adding approximately 62 acres to that total. The Farmland Preservation Program purchases development easements that keep the land in agricultural use for perpetuity while maintaining the farm in private ownership and allowing flexibility for evolving agricultural trends.

On the county front and as reported in a recent media release, Hunterdon is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan, which is required for continued participation in the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) County Planning Incentive Grant Program, a critical source of farmland preservation funding. According to the release, Hunterdon County has 1,600 farms, 97% family owned and operated, producing \$92 million in annual market value. Nursery is the leading crop by value and hay leads in acreage. The county has preserved over 35,000 acres of farmland since the program was initiated over thirty years ago. It plans to maintain its agricultural heritage and continue the valuable relationship with the SADC.

Hunterdon County welcomes public input at this stage of the process. Please contact CADB@Co.Hunterdon.NJ.US or (908) 788-1490 for more information.



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NOTE: No dump trucks or dump trailers, even if they are servicing a township resident.

Curbside recycling is available from your garbage collector. Each collector provides residents with recycling dates and a list of the materials they accept. We encourage you to recycle through either your garbage collector or the Holland Township recycling program' to be environmentally friendly.

RECYCLING HOURS: OPEN SATURDAY ONLY

January - December 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**** Closed on Saturday 01/01/22, 07/02/22, & 12/24/22 ****

RECYCLING: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY ONLY

Holland Township recycling accepts the following items:

- Metal: aluminum beverage cans, tin cans, scrap metal, aluminum, copper, wire, and brass.
- Paper & Cardboard: newspapers (tied in bundles), magazines, books, junk mail, shredded paper, paper bags, and cardboard.
- Glass jars and bottles with rings & caps removed. No drinking glasses, windows, or mirrors.
- Vehicle / Tractor / Lawn Mower batteries.
- Freon Containing Items: refrigerators and freezers (with doors removed), air conditioners, and dehumidifiers.
- E-Waste: Computers, televisions, printers, phones, microwaves, and other electronic devices with a plug.

RECYCLING: HOLLAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

A Brush Pass and two Dumpster Cards are mailed annually with these recycling rules to residents only. The Brush Pass must be shown to prove residency for brush disposal. A Dumpster Card must be presented to use the dumpster service.

BRUSH & MULCH (During Saturday Recycling Hours)

Free mulch pick-up; **Brush Disposal: Holland Twp Residents ONLY with a valid Brush Recycling Pass**

No stumps, dirt, rocks, metal, or any foreign materials

DUMPSTER (During Saturday Recycling Hours)

Holland Twp Residents ONLY with a valid Dumpster Card

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED (but not limited to): household garbage, building materials*, construction/remodeling debris*, dead animals, hazardous materials, concrete/block/brick, paints, and tires (see below).

***REMINDER:** Building materials will only be accepted with a dumpster card purchased at a cost of \$50. The dumpster cards included in this mailing are **not** accepted for any building materials or construction/remodeling debris.

Each Dumpster Card is good for one trip to the dumpster. One card must be handed to the attendant for each load (**maximum load size defined as one pickup bed**), regardless of its size. Additional Dumpster Cards may be purchased for \$50 each at the Recycling Center on Saturday (**Checks Only**) or from the Finance Office at the Municipal Building, 61 Church Road.

TIRES (During Saturday Recycling Hours)

Tire Disposal Cards may be purchased at the Recycling Center on Saturday (**Checks Only**) or from the Finance Office at a per tire cost of: passenger car & small equipment - \$5.00, pick-up & SUV tires - \$8.00, and large industrial & farm - \$20.00.

Tires on a RIM are NOT accepted

DOCUMENT PAPER SHREDDING

ONE DAY ONLY: Saturday, April 30, 2022

Paper documents will be shredded on site from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, or until the truck is filled.

Recycling program details are posted at <http://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/departments/recycling.html> and are subject to change (check website for any updates). Call 908-995-9188 with any questions on recycling.

Holland Township Free Public Library

Bob Steinberg, Publicity Chair

These are snapshots from Holland Library's Fairy Festival in June 2021. Library volunteers, age 10 and up, helped younger children craft wings, crowns, and wands. Children invented fairy spells, danced around the yard, and used natural materials and hot glue to create fairy houses.

With the return of warm weather, Holland Library's weekly outdoor story time and craft programs are up and running. We

hope you'll bring the kids, and check out our hand-cranked motion picture machine! Check the calendar for scheduled events at hollandlibrary.org.

The Hunterdon County Library System continues to present a wide array of programs on Zoom, as well as in-person events. Visit hclibrary.us to RSVP for upcoming events



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



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526-3330

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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Holland Township School

995-2401

Delaware Valley High School

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Holland Township Volunteer Fire Co.

995-2220

Milford Holland Rescue Squad

995-2472

Riegel Ridge Community Center

995-9260

Riegel Ridge Community Pool

995-0101

Holland Free Library

995-4767

Township Recycling Center & Dumpster

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(Behind Municipal Garage, 131 Spring Mills Road open Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm)

2022 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Term on Township Committee ends 12/31/2024

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2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 31, 2021.....	New Year's Day (in Lieu of Saturday January 1)
February 21	Presidents Day (Monday)
April 15	Good Friday (Friday)
May 30.....	Memorial Day (Monday)
July 4.....	Independence Day (Monday)
September 5.....	Labor Day (Monday)
November 8.....	General Election Day (Tuesday) <i>Floating Holiday</i>
November 11.....	Veterans Day (Friday) <i>Floating Holiday</i>
November 24.....	Thanksgiving (Thursday)
November 25.....	Day after Thanksgiving (Friday)
December 23	Christmas Eve (Friday) in lieu of December 24 (Saturday)
December 26	Christmas Day (Monday) in lieu of December 25 (Sunday)
January 2, 2023	New Year's Day 2023 (in lieu of Sunday January 1, 2023)

2022 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE DATES

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

January 4 (Re-org.) and Jan 18	July 5 and 19
February 1 and 15	August 2 and 16
March 1 and 15	September 6 and 20
April 5 and 19	October 4 and 18
May 3 and 17	November 1 and 15
June 8 (Wed) and 21	December 6 and 20

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SENIORS

Bob Steinberg, President

You are cordially invited to attend a picnic at The Ridge on Thursday, June 16, at 12:30. Cost of the picnic is \$10 for guests. Sign up by sending a check, payable to Holland Township seniors, by June 1. Address is Holland Seniors, PO Box 316, Milford NJ 08848

Some of our recent programs included Irish Songs, a great luncheon at Mountain View Chalet, and a view into the life of a US Foreign Service family.

Please 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!

For more information, please call Bob Steinberg at (908) 894-2593, or email at vsambob@gmail.com Thank you!

Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company (<https://www.hollandtwpfire.org>)



Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company (15-Fire) (<https://www.hollandtwpfire.org>)

In 2021, 15-Fire responded to 120 calls, our 40 members logged over 4500 hours in responses, training, and vehicle maintenance.

The Fire Co continues to fulfill its mission statement of protecting the residents and property of Holland Township. We have expanded our services into new areas, embraced new firefighting techniques, and continue to train in all areas of fire operations. Our newest engine is a Compressed Air Foam (CAF) unit, and greatly advances our firefighting capability. We are always in need of additional personnel. If you are interested in joining the fire company or just interested in what we do, please visit our website or stop by any Thursday evening at 7:00 PM to introduce yourself, tour the fire trucks, and chat with the firefighters.

Chimneys and Outdoor Fires

Now that the fireplace/wood stove season is over, please consider the maintenance associated with your chimney. Please consider having your chimney cleaned and inspected during the off season. Regardless of which season we are in, be careful with ashes. Let ashes sit for at least 2 days dormant or in a metal container. Coals can continue to be hot and smolder even after the fire is out! Recreational fires are allowed in grills, fire-pits, and back-yard burning devices with a chimney. Open burning is regulated by the New Jersey Forest Fire Service, www.njwildfire.org, and requires a permit in all cases. Please visit their website to fine all rules and regulations regarding open burns in New Jersey.

Township Wide Yard-Sale

If you missed our Spring Yard-Sale, May 14th, please monitor our website and/or Facebook page to see when our Fall Yard-Sale is scheduled. This is a fund-raising event for the fire company and is open to everyone in the township. Please email a request to be added to our "Yard Sale Map" to HollandTownshipFire@gmail.com. We are back to our regular sale event complete with tables at the firehouse, paper maps, and a full kitchen for breakfast and lunch.

2nd Annual Summer Fest Event

Last years event was a great time had by all attendees, we are planning to expand and extend this year's event. Mark your calendars for July 16th 4:00 -10:00 PM. We will have live music, food, adult beverages, games, kid's activities, tours and displays of our fire apparatus. Please visit our website and/or Facebook page for all information and tickets.

Whispering Pines Banquet Hall is open and available.

The fire company's banquet hall has been an important source of revenue for Holland Fire for over 20 years. Clients who utilize WP for wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthday parties, Sweet-16 celebrations and other important events enjoy a professional-grade facility, and attentive service by fire company volunteers who manage the hall. Further to its role as a good neighbor in the Holland Township community, Holland Fire also makes the hall available at no or minimal charge for events sponsored by other non-profit organizations, including the VFW, Milford Lions, the Scouts BSA, the Holland Township Women's Club and the Holland Township Free Library.

See the WP web page at <http://www.whisperingpinesinhollandtownship.org/> for more information.

Tax & Sewer Rent Office

For information about State Property Tax Relief Programs, including eligibility criterion and potential deduction or credit amounts, please visit the Division of Taxation's website at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml>.

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- To file applications by phone: 1-877-658-2972
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- To ask questions: 1-888-238-1233
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FRIENDLY PAYMENT REMINDERS:

- Taxes are due 2/1, 5/1, 8/1 & 11/1
- 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.
- Please be sure checks are written & dated correctly and returned with the original billing stub. Additional stubs and balance information can be printed from the tax or sewer look up links on the township website at www.hollandtownshipnj.gov

Current phone numbers and updated mailing addresses are important to include.

Online payments options are also available at www.hollandtownshipnj.gov (Services fees apply)

Should you have any questions or concerns, they can be reached at 908-995-2047 Monday and Thursdays 8:00am to 1:30pm, via email at taxcollector@hollandtownship.org or by appointment upon request.

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Biggest Trees in Town

Join the Holland Township Biggest Tree challenge!! Is your tree bigger? During the past couple of years, the Holland Township Environmental Commission used grant funding from the state to undertake a Tree Inventory along the township's public roads. In the process, we measured the size of thousands of trees of dozens of species. Trees were measured by their girth: diameter at breast height, not how tall they were. Visit <https://www.hollandtownshipnj.gov/BigTreeContest> to see the list of the largest trees of the most common species that we found during the inventory.

Perhaps one of these is near your home or along a favorite road you walk frequently. However, the tree we listed may not be the largest of its kind in our town. Perhaps you know of a larger tree; maybe in one of our parks, in your neighborhood or even in your yard! If you'd like to present a tree for inclusion in the Biggest Trees list, please send an email to the Environment Commission at: PlanningBoard@hollandtownship.org.

A New Preserve Called O'sakame

We saw this article (see at end) in the Hunterdon Land Trust (HLT) newsletter and we decided to reprint portions of it for Holland Happenings. Mayor Dan Bush and Larry LaFevre, a Holland Township historian and HLT trustee, were interviewed for the article. The Land Trust worked with the Holland Township Committee and Hunterdon County to procure this seventy-acre property just off Riegelsville-Milford Road from GenOn, the owner of Gilbert Generating Station. The article claims:

And what a property! Park in the new gravel lot by the preserve sign and look to your right where a meadow gracefully slopes down toward the river. In warmer weather, colors dot this scene like an impressionist's palette. Walk along a tall row of neatly spaced trees, standing like sentries marking the passage of time, and turn toward the river near the wood line. Several paths invite exploration. This land is a natural habitat for bald eagles; even in winter, a variety of birds twitter about the trees, flitting amongst the bare branches. The paths tilt toward the river, leading one to a set of railroad tracks (private property). To walk here is to feel steeped in history. And with good reason. "This effort preserves a large piece of Holland Township history," Bush said. "There are records of the Lenapes using this land, and there were encampments in that area, so it was important to preserve it."

While the preserve has a rich past, it also has an exciting future. Holland Township plans to install kiosks, park benches and a fitness trail that will loop around the property. An interpretive sign will be installed near the parking area that highlights the land's history. There will be passive recreation on site and trails through the wooded area, Bush said. The township has already kicked off its work. Besides installing the aforementioned parking lot, Mayor Bush and Mr. LaFevre worked with the girls of Junior Girl Scout Troop 80309 to find a name for the preserve that honored the Lenapes, who once inhabited the area. The name chosen was O'sakame, the Lenape word for "across the river." The Girl Scouts planted daffodil and hyacinth bulbs in front of the new sign that bears the park's name.

"The sign at the preservation says it very clearly: 'This land is dedicated to the residents of Holland Township.' We want to thank our partners. We love working with Hunterdon Land Trust and have a great relationship with them," Bush said. "This project was an extraordinary opportunity to provide the public access to property overlooking this Wild and Scenic stretch of the Delaware River while also protecting lands with historic value and significant wildlife habitat," added Patricia Ruby, HLT's executive director. This preservation falls within the National Park Service's Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic area, which aims to protect the natural, cultural and historic value of the Delaware River.

To read the full article, go to: <https://www.hunterdonlandtrust.org/2022/02/16/hunterdon-land-trust-spearheads-preservation-effort-near-delaware-river/>

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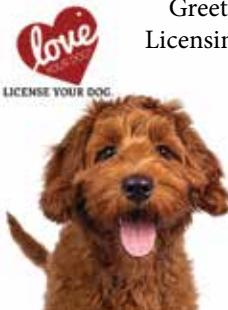
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Holland Township Dog Licensing 2022

Greetings from the Holland Township Dog Licensing Department!



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- The pool opens weekends beginning in June
- We open full time June 20.

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Fun Stuff Around Town



The Holland Parks & Recreation Committee is busy planning family-friendly activities for our residents this spring and summer.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, organized with our local Girl Scout Troop, was scheduled for April 17th, at Riegel Ridge Community Center. The Easter Bunny was on hand to watch over as the little ones search for brightly colored eggs. After the egg hunt, children were invited to color a spring bonnet and prizes were awarded to the top egg collectors.

We are very excited to announce that Holland Movie Night is scheduled for July 9th! The Committee is attempting to reserve the movie "Spiderman: No Way Home," which was a 2021 blockbuster, with a 98% audience score. Two food trucks will be there, to enjoy snacking during the film. We hope that folks of all ages will enjoy this movie under the stars.

Stay tuned for the next edition of Holland Happenings to learn about the events we are planning for the fall and winter.

We need your help in order to make these events a success. If you enjoy party-planning and would like to join the committee or volunteer to work at an individual event, please contact the Parks & Rec. Secretary, Maria Elena Kozak at (908) 995-4847 ext. 215 or by email at: events@hollandtownship.org. Many hands make light work!

Holland Township Land Use Board

Holland Township's newest board is the Land Use Board. In December of 2021 the Holland Township Committee adopted ORDINANCE 2021-18 "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A JOINT PLANNING BOARD / ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND AMENDING CHAPTER 100 ENTITLED "LAND USE" OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

The Holland Township Land Use 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 four 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 Land Use Board. The Land Use Board's duties are to deal with

policy (The Master Plan) and the implementation of that policy through the zoning, site plan and subdivision ordinances as well as duties associated with variance relief. A Variance is a **request for relief from strict application of zoning regulations to alleviate an unusual hardship to a particular property**. In simple terms, you are asking the Township to grant you relief from the literal enforcement of the law due to perceived hardships. Examples can include but are not limited to a variance to permit a home business, a new shed, or any changes to property which require an exemption from the township's zoning ordinances. All meetings are open to the public and public comment may be made at the appropriate time. Applications and directions can be obtained on the Holland Township website.

If you have questions or need to submit an application, please contact Land Use Administrator Maria Elena Jennette Kozak at 908-339-2568 or by email at planningboard@hollandtownship.org. Our applications are available on our Holland Township website at www.hollandtownshipnj.gov



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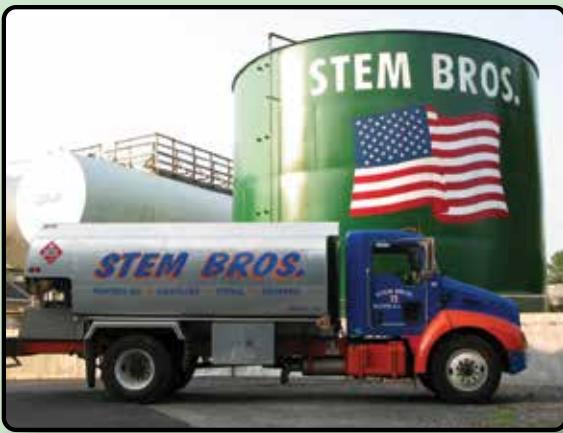
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