



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As we all begin our fall and winter rituals, I find myself thinking about what 2024 will look like in the Township. We have as a Township family grown from our incorporation in 1874 of 1,852 residents to 5,177 in 2023. Holland Township will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2024 and we hope everyone joins us for a full slate of events for our families and friends to enjoy. Local businesses have already signed up to make it an exciting year of facts and fun all surrounding the Holland Township experience and history. Please look forward to seeing our full line up of events as we move into the later months of 2023. As you receive this Fall edition of The Holland Happenings, we have completed the summer events at the Riegel Ridge Community Center and our 43rd Community Day is in the rear-view mirror. My hope is that everyone can come out and meet with our neighbors and make new friends at Trunk or Treat this year at the Riegel Ridge Community Center or enjoy the annual tree lighting at the Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company located on County Route 519. As always, I wish everyone a great fall and a safe and happy winter season.

Daniel T. Bush

Mayor, Township of Holland

Office of Emergency Management



Girl Scout Troop 80733 with CERT Member Ron Mortensen (right) and Deputy EM Coordinator David Wiklanski (far right)

The mission of the Office of Emergency Management is to provide expertise and leadership for the township's emergency management responsibilities through the integration of emergency management programs, functions, and supporting activities to prevent, protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all hazards.

The office is organized with an OEM Coordinator, four deputy EM Coordinators, an administrative assistant, and a staff of dedicated volunteers that comprise our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

We are placing renewed emphasis on our Community Preparedness operations in the 2023-2024 year. We aim to educate the public on various preparedness topics such as Hurricanes, Flooding, Winter Storms, Extreme Heat, Power Loss, and other topics. We will cover Fire Safety and Bleeding Control with our Fire Department and Rescue Squads partners.

Did you know we have an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and a mobile communications unit to coordinate disasters? We are available to coordinate tours of these facilities and speak with your organization on a list of Emergency Preparedness topics. We recently spoke with Girl Scout Troop 80733, provided tours of our EOC, Mobile

Communications Unit, provided basic first aid instructions, and assisted with building individual first aid kits for the scouts to keep with them. Your neighbor and CERT member, Ron Mortensen, is one of our Mobile Command Unit operators. He utilizes his skill set as a bus driver for Del Val to ensure our Command Bus gets to its destination. Ron is a shining example of neighbors helping neighbors, and we are so fortunate for his service to the community.

If you would like additional information concerning any of our programs or about joining our CERT team, please get in touch with our office at 908-995-9629.



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2024 HOLLAND TOWNSHIP RECYCLING PROGRAM

Located at 131 Spring Mills Road behind the Library and Public Works Garage Reduce, Reuse, and then Recycle

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

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

RECYCLING HOURS: OPEN SATURDAY ONLY 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**** Closed on Saturday November 30, 2024 ****

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. Have a question please call the number below.

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) Brush Disposal: Holland Twp Residents ONLY with a valid Brush Recycling Pass

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<u>DUMPSTER (During Saturday Recycling Hours)</u> Holland Twp Residents ONLY with a valid Dumpster Card

ITEMS <u>NOT</u> 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 <u>purchased</u> at a cost of \$50. The dumpster cards included in this mailing are **NOT** accepted for any building materials or construction/remodeling debris.

Building Materials - <u>Any</u> 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.

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

TWO DAYS ONLY: Sat., April 27, 2024 and October 12, 2024

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.



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Agriculture Advisory Committee

The Agriculture Advisory Committee is pleased to report that the Suzanne Smith farm closed in May of this year, bringing the total acreage of preserved farmland in the township to 2,736. Two additional farms may close this year and/or the first quarter of 2024, adding approximately 137 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, Hunterdon adopted it's updated Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan in April 2023. This is required for continued participation in the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) County Planning Incentive Grant Program, a critical source of farmland preservation funding. The county has 483 preserved farms totaling 36,478 acres.

From the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC), P.L. 2023, c.9 became law on February 3, 2023. The law recognizes the positive effects that holding special occasion events (SOEs) on preserved farms can have, under certain conditions.

See the link below for more information on SOEs, including what an SOE is, who may apply to hold SOEs, how many SOEs may be held, where they can be held, and the roles of easement holders (counties, nonprofits, and the SADC) and municipalities.

https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/documents/farmpreserve/postpres/SOEsOverview.pdf

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<u>Leaf Collection</u> – will begin on or about October 30, 2023 and go until snow starts to fall.

- 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 in the next round.
- 3. **DO NOT** place your leaves in bags or on tarps.
- 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 9:00am until 3:00pm 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 street- The Township

- will be enforcing Statue 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. Statue 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.
- 5. If a mailbox is hit by a Township snowplow or damaged due to snow thrown by a snowplow, the owner shall contact the Township within **thirty (30) days** to report the incident. Any claim submitted after 30 days will not be processed.
- 6. The resident will replace the mailbox and submit an original receipt for the replacement along with a filled out W-9 form. The township will reimburse the resident up to \$50.00, but no more than the cost of the mailbox.

Holland Township Free Public Library

Did you know???

Holland Township Library is partly funded by the township, the rest comes from our patrons. We do not collect any monies from the Hunterdon County library tax.

We regret any inconvenience to our patrons; the reality is that everything costs more. Holland residents can be so grateful for the municipal support to the library; which has remained constant since 2012. Please return your membership application with a check, or donate directly at the library. You may also donate online on our website.

Thank you for all the love you give the little library with a heart!

The Holland Library Board of Trustees

LIBRARY HOURS:

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Saturday:

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Our website is http://www.hollandlibrary.org



HOLLAND TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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HOLLAND TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT - INTERNET SCAMS AND HOAXES AWARENESS

Protecting Our Community from Online Threats

In an era where technology and the internet play an integral role in our lives, it's crucial to stay vigilant and informed about the various scams and hoaxes that can threaten our financial well-being and personal security. The Holland Township Police Department is committed to keeping our community safe, both offline and online. We want to share some essential tips to help you recognize and avoid falling victim to internet scams and hoaxes.

Be Skeptical of Unsolicited Emails and Messages:

Scammers often use email, text messages, and social media platforms to reach potential victims. Be cautious when receiving unsolicited messages, especially if they ask for personal information, or financial details, or demand immediate action. Legitimate organizations rarely request sensitive information through these channels.

Verify the Authenticity of Websites:

Before making online purchases or entering personal information on a website, ensure its legitimate. Look for "https://" in the web address, a padlock symbol in the browser bar, and read reviews or ratings if available. Fraudulent websites may have misspellings or irregularities in their URLs.

Don't Share Personal or Financial Information:

Never share personal information, such as your Social Security number, bank account details, or credit card information, with anyone you don't trust completely. Be cautious about sharing information online, even in seemingly innocent quizzes or surveys.

Be Wary of Urgent Requests for Money:

Scammers often pose as family members or friends in distress, asking for immediate financial help. Always verify the identity of the person making the request through another means of communication before sending money.

Avoid Unsolicited Tech Support Calls:

Tech support scams involve fake calls from supposed computer technicians who claim to have identified issues on your device. They'll ask for remote access or payment to fix these problems. Never grant remote access to your computer or provide payment to unknown callers.

Educate Yourself and Others:

Stay updated on the latest scams and hoaxes by visiting reliable websites or subscribing to official alerts from law enforcement agencies. Share this knowledge with family and friends to help protect them from falling victim to scams.

Trust Your Instincts:

If something seems too good to be true or feels suspicious, trust your instincts. Scammers often use high-pressure tactics to rush victims into making decisions. Take your time and verify the information before taking any action.

Report Suspicious Activity:

If you encounter a potential scam or hoax, report it to your local law enforcement agency immediately. Timely reporting can help prevent others from becoming victims.

The Holland Township Police Department is here to support and protect our community. By staying informed and following these tips, you can help us in our mission to combat internet scams and hoaxes. Together, we can create a safer online environment for all residents of Holland Township.

Respectfully, Chief Sean Gutsick Holland Township Police / Office of Emergency Management 61 Church Road Milford, NJ 08848 Dispatch: (908) 995-4670 Office: (908) 995-2804



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Delaware Valley Regional High School 2023-2024 Update

This year "Del Val" is developing a Five Year District Strategic Plan with the assistance of consultants from Kean University. We launched this process by sending surveys to the entire school community to obtain data for setting long-term goals.

The Administration and Board of Education ["BOE"] are focused on delivering a high-quality education for students while exercising fiscal responsibility. The BOE passed a budget that only increased the tax levy by 2.5% while dealing with a reduction of state aid of \$422,666. We were able to accomplish this task with minimal impact on programs and staffing. We received a one-time stabilization aid of \$278,950 and our BOE has been actively advocating with the Governor's Office and state legislators to revise the school funding formula going forward.

Del Val is meeting the challenges of learning loss caused nationwide by the pandemic. Utilizing multiple data points to establish a new student baseline, we are identifying instructional gaps and individualized student needs. We secured Pandemic Grant funding to support and provide SAT prep, credit recovery and enrichment courses. We are also focused on supporting our students socially and emotionally by providing additional mental health support for students with a Crisis Intervention Specialist.

We continue to offer an extensive concurrent enrollment program which provides college credit for courses, as well as supporting the trades and the Academies. Last year, our students earned 561 college credits through concurrent enrollment, potentially saving our families more than \$600,000 in college tuition costs. Our Guidance Department conducts a program which highlights real-life opportunities in many fields, professions, and trades. We revamped the Business program to include classes in Business Management and Accounting. In addition, we are exploring opportunities to link our students with mentors in the community.

To ensure the safety of our students, we entered into a shared services agreement with the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office. Del Val now has a Class III, armed, first responder Officer on property throughout the school day. We completed the School Security Checklist with the State Police, receiving positive feedback on procedures and protocols.

Del Val is utilizing its new Learning Commons Center, including hosting an Annual Hunterdon County Student Media Convention. The Commons is available to the public for the creation of podcasts and hosting events.

We are excited to provide our students with a welcoming, supportive environment that includes a rigorous course of study and extra-curricular activities to prepare them for college or a career in the trades or business.

Scott McKinney Superintendent, Delaware Valley Regional High School.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention

With colder weather approaching and the potential for winter storms, fireplaces will be burning and gas-powered generators may be utilized. The following is some important information on carbon monoxide and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide (or CO) is a gas that has no color, taste or odor. Each year in the US, accidental CO poisoning results in the deaths of hundreds of people, over 14,000 hospitalizations and more than 100,000 ER visits.

CO is produced in the fumes when we burn gas, propane, wood or charcoal for fuel in our vehicles, generators, furnaces, stoves, gas ranges, kerosene heaters, lanterns, fireplaces, charcoal grills and small engines. Usually, the amount of CO produced in areas of good air flow is not a problem. But CO can build up indoors or in partially enclosed spaces especially if they are not well ventilated. When people and animals who are in these spaces breathe in the CO, they can be poisoned and possibly die. The body replaces the oxygen in the blood with CO which prevents the oxygen from getting to the tissues and organs.

CO poisoning can also be caused by breathing in smoke during a fire. Water pipe, or hookah, smoking has also resulted in a number of cases of CO poisoning.

Symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea/vomiting, chest pain, shortness of breath, blurred vision, confusion, loss of muscle control, drowsiness and loss of consciousness. With exposure over time, these symptoms can be mistaken for the flu without a fever. CO poisoning is especially dangerous for those people who are asleep, drugged or intoxicated. They may die or suffer from brain damage before they have symptoms.

If you suspect that you or someone may have CO poisoning, move to an area of fresh air and call 911 or a health care professional right away.

Prevention tips include:

- Install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home. Place the detector outside of all sleeping areas and on every level of the house. Check and change the batteries in the detector at least every 6 months.
- Have a qualified technician service your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil or coal burning products each year.
- Open the garage door prior to starting the car engine. Never leave a car running in the garage especially if it is attached to the house.
- Make sure that your gas appliances are properly ventilated.
- Have your chimney and flue checked and cleaned each year. Chimneys blocked by debris can cause CO build up.
- Never run motor vehicles, gas-powered engines such as a generators or pressure washers less than 20 ft from an open window, door or vent where exhaust can vent into an enclosed area.
- Never run gas-powered engines such as generators or pressure washers inside your house, basement, garage or other enclosed structure, even if the windows or doors are open.
- Never use a charcoal grill, lantern, hibachi, or portable camping stove inside your home, tent or camper.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating. It can cause a CO build up.

If CO poisoning has occurred in a house, have a professional determine the cause of the poisoning and have it repaired prior to returning



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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Delaware Valley High School	996-2131	www
Holland Township Volunteer Fire Co.	995-2220	www
Milford Holland Rescue Squad	995-2472	
Riegel Ridge Community Center	995-9260	www
Holland Free Library	995-4767	www

www.hollandschool.org www.dvrhs.org www.hollandtwpfire.org

www.riegelridgecc.org www.hollandlibrary.org

Township Recycling Center & Dumpster 995-9188 (Behind Municipal Garage, 131 Spring Mills Road open Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm)

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2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1, 2024	New Year's Day 2024 (Monday)
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday)
February 19	Presidents Day (Monday)
March 29	Good Friday (Friday)
May 27	Memorial Day (Monday)
July 4	Independence Day (Thursday)
September 2	Labor Day (Monday)
November 11	Veterans Day (Monday)
November 28	Thanksgiving Day (Thursday)
December 24	Christmas Eve (Tuesday)
December 25	Christmas Day (Wednesday)
	(One (1) 2024 Floating Holiday)

2024 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE DATES

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

January 2 (Re-org.) and Jan 16 February 6 and 20 March 5 and 19 April 2 and 16 May 7 and 21 June 5 (Wed) and 18 July 2 and 16 August 6 and 20 September 3 and 17 October 1 and 15 November 6 (Wed) and 19 December 3 and 17

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SENIORS

Bob Steinberg, President

You are cordially invited to attend our meeting at The Ridge on Thursday, November 16, at 1 PM. Entertainment provided by a singer, Bill Ehling.

Some of our recent programs included a trip to Hunterdon Hills playhouse for an amazing performance of "The Million Dollar Quartet." We also have a Christmas luncheon planned for December 7 at the Mountain View Chalet.

Please join our group. Dues are only \$15/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 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Holland Township Speaker Series - Regina Barna

We hosted hikers and boaters, farmers and gardeners. We entertained kids and their grandparents, whole families and single folks from within the township and from outside. Our speaker series has successfully drawn people of all ages and interests to participate in a variety of programs. Since the series began in June, 2022, we have offered the following presentations:

If You Plant It, They Will Come (native plants)

Bees: Inside the Hive Hiking the Highlands Trail Musconetcong Wild and Scenic River

Coexisting with Coyotes
Walk and Talk about Trees

Creating a Backyard Habitat for Native Pollinators and Birds

The "Coexisting with Coyotes" talk was particularly animated. A father and his two young children had some questions. The boys went out fishing in the night. Should they be worried about coyotes? The short answer was no, coyotes prefer cats and goats, but that was part of the longer discussion about how to keep your pets and animals safe. There were dried facsimiles of scat, paw print samples, fur pelts, and most memorable of all...a coyote with piercing eyes...



stuffed, of course. If you missed it, mark your calendar for "The Bear Facts" in January. If you are not interested in giant mammals, hold out for the "Birds of Holland Township" in April. Check our Holland Township website for the Speaker Program. Use the online form to write suggestions and sign-up to receive our mailings at www.hollandtowship.gov/speakerseries. Check the Holland Facebook page for reminders as we get closer. We are preparing next year's program and have secured the following dates and speakers. There will be at least two additional programs next year to be announced.

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 -Riegel Ridge Community Center – 7pm

"Know the Bear Facts" presented by Lyla Kaul, Program Specialist from NJDEP Fish and Wildlife.

The program covers the natural history and biology of the Garden State's largest land mammal, bear research and management, and practical information and safety tips on coexisting with black bears. Don't miss this one!

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 -Riegel Ridge Community Center – 7pm

"Birds of Holland Township" presented by the author of the brochure by that name on our Holland Township Website. David Harrison of our Environmental Commission, an inveterate birder, will show slides and talk about his favorite birds and where to find them. You will come away with new reasons to take to the trails!

New & Stronger Stormwater Management Rules for Holland – *Jerry Bowers*

Water from rain and melting snow that flows over lawns, parking lots and streets is known as stormwater runoff. This stormwater runoff may flow through gutters, into catch basins, through storm drainpipes and ditches, or over streets and paved areas. Along the way, this runoff picks up trash and toxins and other pollutants (such as gas, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides, and pet droppings). This polluted runoff can contaminate drinking water, can kill fish and other wildlife, can destroy wildlife habitat, and can contribute to dangerous and perhaps life-threatening flooding. In Holland Township stormwater runoff is not treated and is discharged into local surface waterbodies and groundwater.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regulates stormwater runoff by requiring municipalities to adopt and implement either a "Tier B" stormwater management program, or a more stringent "Tier A" program. Holland Township has implemented a Tier B program for almost 20 years; but in 2022 DEP informed Holland Township—along with several other municipalities—that the Township must upgrade its Stormwater Regulation Program from its current Tier B program to a Tier A program. To meet the minimum standards established for Tier A, Holland Township must comply with several new requirements, including (among others):

- Develop/revise ordinances regarding stormwater control, pet waste, wildlife feeding, litter control, waste disposal, tree removal, salt storage and others;
- Develop and implement a written Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP);
- Maintain the SPPP by reviewing the documents at least annually and update it as often as needed to reflect changes in Holland's stormwater program;
- Provide the current SPPP to the public upon request:
- Post the current SPPP on the Holland Township website; and
- Post the current Municipal Stormwater Management Plan (MSWMP) and related ordinances on the Holland Township website.

As a Tier A municipality Holland will also be required to develop and maintain a dedicated stormwater webpage on its municipal website; to certify annually that all conditions of the SPPP were followed; and to maintain the records necessary to demonstrate compliance with the permit.

This transition—which will help ensure the long-term protection of our community's water resources—is being completed at no cost to Holland Township taxpayers, as all costs are being funded by grant funds from the State of New Jersey.

Annual Tree Give-Away - David Harrison

One of the highlights of the spring for the Environmental Commission was the April 22nd annual seedling giveaway. Each year since 2014, the state has donated seedlings to municipalities in an effort to encourage replacement of trees lost during Superstorm Sandy. This year we received over 200 Oak, Black Walnut and Paw-Paw seedlings and distributed them, with the help of our local Boy Scout troop 187, to dozens of township residents. We look forward to continuing this event for as long as the state supports it, since the need for tree replacement in support of Holland's healthy environment is as important now as it was 10 years ago.

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



Holland Fire Company will host the township Holiday Tree Lighting at Whispering Pines Banquet Hall on Sunday December 10th at 5:30 pm. Santa will arrive on his sleigh and be available for photographs.

Santa will visit the township from December 11th through December 15th.

Monday 12/11: Spring Mills, Rummel, Mt. Pleasant, Stamets, and surrounding roads.

Tuesday 12/12: Amsterdam, Bellis, Shire, Adamic Hill, Mt. Joy, Finesville, River Rd. and surrounding roads.

Wednesday 12/13: Little York, Hawks Schoolhouse, Brookfield Estates, Ellis Warren Glen, Route 519, Dennis and surrounding roads.

Thursday 12/14: All ridge roads, Gridley, Andersen, Agnes, Foxhill, and surrounding roads.

Friday 12/15: Church, Spring Garden, Phillips, Crab Apple, Rt. 627 and surrounding roads

As we strive to provide services to our community, members of the Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company have recently completed training in rope rescue. We continue our fund raising efforts with rentals of our hall (908) 328-5469, hosting yard sales, providing pool fills (908) 3328-1181, and have scheduled our Annual Summerfest for July 13th 2024.

Holland Fire is always looking for volunteers. Persons interested in joining should call our fire station at (908) 995-2220 and leave a message. The membership committee will contact to you.

Update from the Holland Township School

A sincere thank you to all our families for a smooth opening of the 2023-24 school year. The school is too empty and quiet over the summer months, seeing the children's smiling faces is truly chicken soup for all our souls.

Before the students arrived, teachers and staff spent three days on professional development. It is one of the highlights of the year, spending time planning and decorating in preparation for the students' return. This year our keynote speaker, Mr. Michael Spence, came to talk with staff about The Power of You. Engaging each staff member in an interactive presentation about relationships and how to positively work together. Staff have several professional development opportunities scheduled each school year. Whenever possible, the sending districts to Delaware Valley Regional High School look to share opportunities for professional development amongst their staff.

On August 24th, we welcomed parents and guardians into the building to meet their children's teachers and learn about classroom expectations and schedules. We also included a gallery walk of our clubs, athletics, and student activities. We are excited to be able to offer full sports seasons this year as well as new club activities.

The playground drainage project has been completed. The project

included removing all mulch and material to install new drainage, padding, and curbing along all the structures. The playgrounds were ready for students when they returned on August 28th.

The district will be utilizing the detached house on the campus as a rental for a small business or daycare facility. The Board of Education ["BOE"] is hoping to have a tenant secured by the start of the new year.

This year we will be integrating new resources in Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. The resources have been carefully reviewed and piloted over the past year and a half by staff and administration to ensure alignment to the NJSLS as well as the Holland curriculum. The resources include tiered support to offer differentiation to all students whether they are in need of reinforcement or enrichment activities.

The BOE has continued its dedication to fiscal responsibility by entering into an agreement with Del Val for business administrator services. We look forward to working with the high school in this capacity.

We are excited to begin another successful school year.

Stephanie Snyder Superintendent, Holland Township School



Flood Preparedness

As the river and stream levels continue to ebb and flow, it's crucial to stay informed and prepared for potential flooding events. In this Fall edition, Holland OEM and our Flood Plan Manager bring you valuable information to keep you and your loved ones safe and secure.

Understanding Flood Preparedness Stay Informed: Regularly check local weather forecasts and river levels through reliable sources. Sign up for emergency alerts to receive timely notifications about potential flooding in your area. Create an Emergency Kit: Assemble a kit containing essentials like non-perishable food, water, medications, flashlights, batteries, and important documents. Ensure your kit is readily accessible in case of an evacuation.

Mitigating Flood Risks Elevate Electrical Systems: If you live in a flood-prone area, consider elevating electrical switches, sockets, and appliances above potential flood levels. This reduces the risk of electrical hazards during flooding. Clear Drains and Gutters: Regularly clean your gutters, storm drains, and nearby ditches to ensure proper water flow. This can help prevent localized flooding and water accumulation. If you live in a flood zone, check with the Holland Township Flood Plan Manager before starting any large projects.

During a Flood Heed Evacuation Orders: If authorities issue evacuation orders, follow them promptly. Your safety is paramount, and our emergency services are here to assist you. Avoid Flood Waters: Steer clear of flooded roads and walkways. Just six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet, and two feet of water can sweep away most vehicles.

Community Resources Emergency Contacts: Keep a list of important contact numbers, including local emergency services, the township office, and Hunterdon County's offices, in your phone and emergency kit. Community Meetings: Attend local meetings and workshops on flood preparedness. Sharing knowledge and experiences can enhance the community's ability to cope with floods. OEM meetings are posted on the township's website.

How We're Preparing Our township officials are actively working to enhance flood preparedness and response strategies. This includes improving drainage systems, collaborating with Hunterdon OEM, FEMA, and meteorological experts, identifying properties in flood zones, and maintaining open lines of communication with residents.

Stay Connected Follow us on social media and our website for real-time updates, flood alerts, and helpful resources to ensure you're informed and well-prepared. Remember, flood preparedness is a community effort. Let's work together to keep Holland Township safe and resilient. Stay safe and vigilant!

Respectfully,

Chief Sean Gutsick Holland Township Police / Office of Emergency Management 61 Church Road Milford, NJ 0884 Dispatch: (908) 995-4670 Office: (908) 995-2804

> Maria Elena Jennette Kozak Holland Township Flood Plain Administrator 908-995-0057 planningboard@hollandtownship.org

Historic Preservation Commission

Happy Birthday, Holland Township!

Holland Township has a long history. But before we get to Holland Township, let's start with some other information. Bethlehem (New Jersey) was first mentioned in official records around 1730. Over time, Kingwood Township, Alexandria Township, Union Township, Junction (Hampton), Bloomsbury, and Glen Gardner were separated from Bethlehem. When Alexandria township was formed in 1765, it contained the present-day Alexandria and Holland Townships, Milford, and Frenchtown.

The very western portion of Alexandria Township in the late 1700's was part of the Barker Tract which contained 30 parcels of land. These lots were leased to tenant farmers. In tract surveys, one group of lots was referred to as the "Holland" or "New Holland" lots. These parcels bordered the Delaware River from the approximate area of the present generating station downriver to the Crab Apple Hill Road area. One can only suppose that this name came from early Dutch tenants. Over time, the Holland area had its own post office, mills, and a train station. It is from this area that Holland Township received its name.

As early is 1840, application was made to the New Jersey Legislature for the division of Alexandria due to its size. In 1841, it was reported that it was inexpedient to grant the division and it was ordered to "lie on the table". In 1872, it was again recommended that a new township be set off from Alexandria, to be named "West Alexandria", bounded on the west by the Delaware River, the Musconetcong Creek, and the Warren County line. According to the *Lambertville Record*, dividing the township with an east/west line would benefit the Republican party, placing another Republican on the County Board of Freeholders. A north/south dividing line would benefit the Democrats. Although this bill passed in the House, it lost in the Senate. Not to be deterred, in March of 1873, a new bill was introduced to create a new township of Holland out of Alexandria. Unfortunately,

this failed to become law due to the Governor refusing to sign it. However, in March of 1874, the creation of Holland Township was passed again, overriding the Governor's veto. This would include the present-day Holland and Milford. There were allegations of bribery in the press. The *Clinton Democrat* called it the "dismemberment" of Alexandria. And, it turns out that it was a Republican township. The Nov. 11, 1874 *Lambertville Record* called Holland "the [Republican] oasis in the great Democratic desert". The new township, which was created March 27, 1874, held its first town meeting in the Gibson House in Milford. William Angel, Albert Opdyke, and Aaron Stover were appointed judges of election and Jesse Sinclair was appointed town clerk. In 1875 Jonas Rapp, the assessor, reported the total population of Holland was 1,852.

On March 13, 1878 the *Lambertville Record* reported "The act repealing the act forming the Township of Holland was passed by both Houses of the Legislature last week. It was a Republican township, and this fact, the Republican says, was sufficient cause for our Legislature to abolish it, no matter whether the wishes or convenience of its inhabitants were consulted or not." To make a long story short, in 1879 an act was passed again which permanently set Holland Township off from Alexandria Township. In 1911, Milford Borough separated from Holland, leaving Holland Township's boundaries as we know them today.

This brings us to the exciting part. Next year, Holland Township will be 150 years old and events are being planned for a celebration! Although things are still in the planning stages, it appears that the 5K race will be back after a break. There will be historical displays at the Riegel Ridge Community Center and an anniversary book will be prepared. Other events are still being considered. And, by the way, if you have any historical stories, photos, or publications that you would like to share with the township, please contact the township clerk. We would love to see them and they can be returned if you wish. Please come out and help celebrate this milestone.

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Holland Township Parks and Recreation Committee continues for 2023 to explore and develop activities for the enjoyment of our residents. Events planned for the remainder of 2023 include:

The annual **Community Day event** which was presented by the Rigel Ridge Community Center on **September 9, 2023**. Unfortunately the threat of rain caused the cancellation of the fireworks, the bouncy house and most outdoor activities. There were three food trucks present to help keep visitors fed.

This year Holland Township Parks and Recreation sponsored the *"Eyes of the Wild Show"* as one of the three indoor shows. It was a wonderful and fun event with standing room only!

Talewise also presented "Saving the Earth Together", an environmental awareness program. Like Eyes of the Wild this was well received and enjoyed by the many attendees.

80's Revolution put on a high energy rock show, also indoors to defeat the inclement weather forecast!

This year's **Trunk or Treat** event will take place during our **Fall Festival** at the Community Center on **October 21 from 4 to 6 PM**. Bring your little goblins and ghouls, superheroes and princesses

to The Ridge for a fun afternoon! Trick or treating, pumpkin decorating and a hayride are on the agenda!!

The **Community Decorating** event has been very popular and enjoyable in the past and this year will be no exception! The dates for entry and viewing will be announced soon so start preparing!

The **Santa Breakfast** and **Tree Lighting** will take place on **December 9th** – More Information to follow.

The Committee has needs of individuals to assist with these and the other activities we support throughout the year. Many hands make light work and these events can be expanded with more volunteers to help. The time commitment for any given activity is fairly small and this is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends! Please consider volunteering some time to help make our community even better!!

If you would like more information or wish to lend a hand please contact the Parks & Rec. Secretary, Maria Elena Kozak at (908) 995-4847 ext. 215, or by email at: **events@hollandtownship.org**.

We hope to see more of our families, neighbors and friends at these events. Happy Fall and Early Winter!!!

Joe Somers







Holland Township Dog Licensing

Our four-legged friends are barking for joy as we release the date for the 2024 Holland Township Free Rabies Clinic.



Holland Township Fire Department 971 Milford- Warren Glen Rd Milford NJ 08848 Saturday March 2nd 2024. Hours 12pm-2pm.

Everyone is welcome, please leash all dogs, cats must be in carrier.

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. in the Holland Township Municipal Building on Church Road. New members are always welcomed and we look forward to meeting you.



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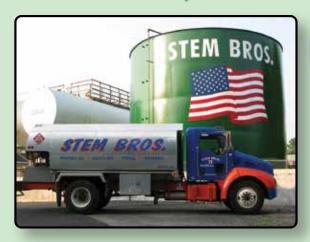
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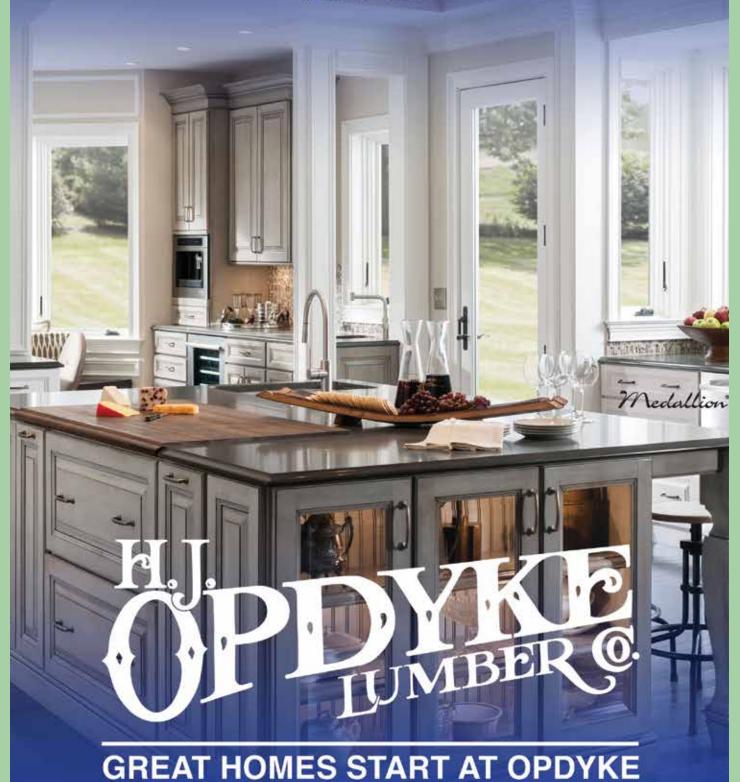
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