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March 30, 2010

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am thrilled to report that spring is here, finally!!! On behalf of the Council and myself, I would like to thank Ken Whalen and his crew on Maintenance for the outstanding job they did keeping our streets cleared during the winter storms.

I'm proud to announce on April 5, 2010, the Council and I will introduce the operating budget with a zero percent tax increase to you the residents (school taxes are not part of the municipal budget) for 2010. With all the horror stories we are hearing throughout the State with municipality and school board increases, I am proud to report the Council and I have worked to prepare for this day; knowing that it would come. Over the course of the last 5 years, we have reduced our spending by over \$100,000.00; without reducing services we proudly provide to you. We realize the direction the State is taking and its' aim on small towns. We continue to look for shared services and are proud of the relationship we continue to build with our friends in Haddon Township.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the months ahead. Please enjoy our spring edition of the Council Connection. As always, I'm proud to serve as your Mayor.

Sincerely,



Larry Pennock,  
Mayor

QUICK NEWS

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010  
TRASH & RECYCLING PICK-UP

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010 &  
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010  
BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010  
10 AM – 11 AM  
RABIES CLINIC  
COMMUNITY HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010  
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION  
2 PM UNTIL 9 PM  
COMMUNITY HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010  
TOWN WATCH MEETING AT 7 PM  
DORATHEA ZEOLI LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010  
AUDUBON PARK DAY  
CREEK CLEAN-UP AT 9 AM  
BALLFIELD "A" & "B" ROADS

MAY 31, 2010  
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE  
THE COMMUNITY HALL AT 10 AM

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON  
PARK AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AUDUBON MUTUAL HOUSING  
CORPORATION HAVE BEEN INUNDATED WITH COMPLAINTS ABOUT  
CARS PARKING ILLEGALLY ON SIDE STREETS AS WELL AS ROADS "A",  
"B", & "C". THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HAVE ASKED THE HADDON  
TOWNSHIP POLICE TO ENFORCE THE PARKING LAWS MORE STRICTLY.

CONSIDER THIS A WARNING TO PREVENT YOU FROM RECEIVING  
A TICKET!!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

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#### SUMMER FUN EVENTS

IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WILL BE PROVIDING YOU WITH INFORMATION FOR OUR ANNUAL  
SUMMER EVENTS HERE IN AUDUBON PARK.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE  
THAT THEY WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER WITH HADDON TOWNSHIP  
BY SHARING EVENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT BOTH HADDON TOWNSHIP  
AND AUDUBON PARK, SUCH AS SUMMER MOVIES. MORE  
INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS THE SUMMER SCHEDULE IS SET UP.

The Audubon Park Neighborhood Watch Program is now fully operational. The program is now under the leadership of Jack Conroy, an Audubon Park resident. He will disperse vital information to the members about recent criminal activity. He will work closely with P.O. Kirk Earney of the Haddon Township Police Department in an effort to keep the citizens of Audubon Park informed. He will also hold meetings where the members can attend and be further informed about crime trends in the neighborhood. P.O. Earney will also be available to speak about home security and other crime prevention issues. Information about joining the Neighborhood Watch will be posted on the Borough's web site in the near future. We hope to you see at the next meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7 PM in the Dorathea Zeoli Public Library.

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Mayor and Council along with the Haddon Township Police Department would like to remind the residents of Audubon Park that the playground area is for children twelve years and younger ONLY!!!! We would like to ask the parents of teenagers in Audubon Park to remind them that the playground is not a hangout area for them.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## AUDUBON/AUDUBON PARK SCHOOL TAX INCREASE

As many of you already know, in June of 2009, Audubon Park's School Board was dissolved by the State of New Jersey. All business usually handled by our school board was taken over by the Audubon Board of Education; including preparing the budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

The Mayor and Council have asked the Audubon Board of Education to continue to bus our children to Haviland and Mansion Avenue Schools. The Board of Education stated that it was not their legal obligation to provide for busing. The Mayor and Council of Audubon Park understand that it is imperative to provide for safe transportation of the children and have provided funding in its' current budget to continue the busing program.

There are many factors that contributed to the significant increase in your school taxes:

1. Normally, the school board's audit runs three years behind and due to the fact that our school board was dissolved, the State combined those past three years into this year so that everyone would start on the same page.
2. With last year's reassessment, our school taxes were increased by \$100,000.00. Neither Audubon Board of Education nor Audubon Park had any say in this matter.
3. The unfortunate cuts in school funding by the State has presented the Audubon Board of Education with a significant gap in funding forcing cuts across the board as well as a school tax increase.

The Mayor and Council have arranged to pay this accumulation of three-year debt within the next two years.

What does this mean for residents of Audubon Park? It means the following:

1 Bedroom	\$113.52 or an increase of \$17.13
2 Bed End/Mid	\$136.22 or an increase of \$20.55
2 Bed Garage	\$158.92 or an increase of \$23.98
3 Bed Court	\$161.44 or an increase of \$24.36
3 Bed Street	\$163.96 or an increase of \$24.74
3 Bed Garage	\$176.58 or an increase of \$26.64

It is through the generosity of our Board of Trustees and their \$30,000.00 tax subsidy that helped keep the numbers from being worse.

The Audubon Board of Education will have a budget hearing on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 8:15 PM in the Audubon High School Auditorium. For the first time, residents of Audubon Park will be voting on the Audubon/Audubon Park School budget on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 from 2 PM until 9 PM in the Audubon Park Community Hall. The Mayor will address this, as we get closer to the Board of Education Election. The Mayor and Council will continue to strive to ensure our children receive a quality education.