COUNCIL CONNECTION
SMALL TOWN NEWS

Letter from the Desk of Mayor Larry Pennock:

As everyone can tell, the renovations of the school building are coming along. The HVAC System is complete as is the flooring on the back end. We are looking forward to the completion of the windows, doors and handicap access. Soon we will be starting on the Municipal End/Front of the School Building. The plan is to clean, paint and carpet this end. Once this work is complete, the Borough Clerk's Office, the Library, the Senior Lunch Program and the Council Meeting room will be located in the school building. We would also like to invite residents to send their suggestions for naming/dedicating the school building. Please send suggestions to apclerk@comcast.net.

I am also proud to announce that with the assistance of our engineer, Greg Fusco, we have secured a NJDOT $100,000 Grant for the repaving/repair of Albatross Road. We look forward to working with the Trustees with this project.

As Always, I am proud to serve as your Mayor.

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

HONOR OUR VETERANS AT THE 1ST ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION IN THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK

(More info to come)

June 16, 2017 Edition

Audubon School District to Open Preschool in Audubon Park School

The Audubon School District has entered into an agreement with the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Audubon Park to utilize the newly renovated Audubon Park School for their preschool program starting in September of 2017. The school district will lease four classrooms which will allow them to move their preschool program for three and four year old students from Haviland Avenue Elementary School starting with the 2017-18 school year. School district officials are excited about the opportunities that this move will provide to the students and staff in this program. Not only will this move provide larger classrooms for their preschool classes but it will also provide opportunities for the school district to expand their preschool offerings to students. It is the district's hope that in addition to the classes for preschool disabled students that they will also be able to offer regular preschool classes to interested parents. Educational opportunities for three and four year old children are important factors to ensure that students are properly prepared for the start of kindergarten. Starting in September two classrooms will be used for the district's preschool disabled program. This is an integrated program which also includes non-disabled tuition paying students who provide appropriate role modeling.

Anyone interested in additional information regarding this program and registration information may call **856-547-7695 Ext. 4161** or visit the district website at **www.audubonschools.org**. There are a limited number of spots available for any resident or non-resident students who might be interested in attending. The monthly tuition is $200.00 and the half-day sessions run five days per week. The Audubon Board of Education is looking forward to the start of this program in September and is thankful to the Audubon Park leadership for making this possible.

AUDUBON PARK OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Audubon Park Office of Emergency Management is responsible for the preparation, implementation and oversight of emergency preparedness for the Borough of Audubon Park and its residents. The Office is under the direction of the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, Robert Fisher. Mr. Fisher works closely with the Mayor & Borough Council, the State, the County, the Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. Mr. Fisher is committed to constantly improving the safety of our residents and as part of the effort has incorporated Swiftreach 911 which is an emergency warning method. We have included a copy of the form. Please fill out and return to Robert Fisher, Borough of Audubon Park, Office of Emergency Management, 20 Road C, 2nd Floor, Audubon Park, NJ 08106. If you have filled out this form in the past, please update your information.

Mr. Fisher would also like residents that have medical problems and/or are on hospice care or home care to contact him so he can be aware of special needs in case of an emergency. Mr. Fisher can be contacted at 856-498-4248 or apoem3@gmail.com.

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The Borough is sorry to announce that due to the lack of any volunteers, there will be no 4th of July Parade/Celebration this year.

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The Borough Office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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Borough Summer Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Friday – Office is Closed.

SWIFTREACH 911 SIGN UP FORM

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

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PHONE NUMBER_____

(Please put whether # is cell, work or residence)

(Please return this form to Robert Fisher, Office of Emergency Management, Borough of Audubon Park, 20 Road C, 2nd Floor, Audubon Park, NJ)

Haddon Township, NJ

Office of the Fire Marshal

Bureau of Fire Prevention

10 Reeve Avenue
Haddon Township, NJ 08108
Office: 856.854.1176 Ext. #6269/6276
Fax: 856.854.8773

OUTDOOR FIREPLACE REQUIRMENTS

Approval/Use - is contingent upon adherence to the following conditions:

Must be Attended by an Adult @ All Times During Use & Cannot be Left Unattended, Must be Extinguished Completely when completed & Not Being Utilized or in Use!!!

1. Must be in an approved container with an ember suppressing lid & on a solid level surface.

2. Shall only **burn clean, dry, untreated hard wood.**

3. Must be located **at least twenty five (25') feet from the nearest structure not on the same property & ten (10') feet away from all other structures/combustibles on the same property.**

4. Must **not create/cause a nuisance to neighbors**

5. The use of flammable liquids or accelerants is prohibited

6. Burning of trash, trees, brush, grass, leaves, vegetation or any other material other than clean wood as described above is strictly prohibited!!!

7. Must have either a functional/operating garden hose and/or a Class-A fire extinguisher on site, within proximity of the outdoor fire place during use.

8. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the information provided, furthermore I understand that I agree to comply with the applicable requirements of **The NJ Uniform Fire Code & International Fire Code-NJ Edition, Township of Haddon & The Haddon Township, NJ Fire Marshal/Official** as directed, or **Fire Department Official** if a safety hazard is declared.

Note: it is the resident's/owner's responsibility to comply with any/all other applicable health, law enforcement, construction, electrical, plumbing, mechanical requirements if required.

*Failure to comply with the minimum requirements **may result in a penalty (1st Offense $50.00 / 2nd Offense $100.00) & suspend the use of the outdoor fire place,** until all requirements are satisfied.*

Thank you for your cooperation & understanding

OFFICE of the FIRE MARSHAL

Message from the Audubon Park Fire Department

Since daylight savings has come and gone. This means everyone should have checked and changed the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Remember that the average life expectancy of smoke or carbon monoxide detector is 5 to 7 years. There are some new technologies there are available that warrantee there devices for 10 years of battery life however, this does not mean the detector will work for the entire 10 years. This is just a manufacturer's warrantee on the product. If any of your smoke or carbon monoxide detectors chirp or chirp repeatedly. Remember to alert everybody in the home if safely possible and exit the home immediately dial 911 from a safe place outside the home or from a neighbor's home. If you have children living in the home remember to have a plan should an emergency arrive. Have a plan in place on how to get out of the home and where to meet outside the home in a safe place should you get separated for any emergent reason. Fire department services will be there shortly to provide emergency services where applicable and necessary.

Spring is here and summer is quickly approaching. This means outside activities more often. Here are some safety tips to help ensure a safe summer for all. Tip number one. Never use outside cooking grills of any kind within 5 to 15 feet of your home or any combustible material. Radiant heat from the grill could cause the home or combustible material to ignite and cause unnecessary harm and damage to your home, your neighbor's home, and or loved one. Gas cans, propane tanks or any flammable liquids or gases as such should ever be stored inside the home. They should only be stored in clearly marked containers designed for the storage of said materials outside of the home like sheds/garages. They should never be stored or left unattended in direct sunlight or near any heat source.

Tip number two. Back yard fire pits, chimineas, or any legal back yard controlled burn container designed for safe and legal back yard entertainment. Remember that any residential fire pit must be a minimum of 25 feet from any home or combustible material. It must also have a screened cover for ember control and a chimney if using a chimnea. Be aware of your surroundings. Such as Low laying tree branches or

overhangs on porches, lean-tos, car ports, or canopies. You should never have any backyard bonfire near any enclosed or partially enclosed structure. You must only use seasoned dried fire wood or starter logs bought and designed for safe ignition of legal size bonfires. You may not use any accelerants such as gasoline, used oil, or anything to assist with the ignition of your legal means to Bonfire. You may not burn trash, construction materials, or any other material other than seasoned and dried firewood. You must have a means to extinguish the fire readily available at all times should you need to Extinguish the fire or when you are finished with it. The fire must always have an adult present and never at any time is the fire ever to be unattended by an adult. Never is anyone under the age of 18 to ever start or be left unattended at any time during the legal burn and must be accompanied by a legal guardian or parent at all times during the burn. If at any time you should feel that the fire is growing unsafe or you feel uncomfortable with the extinguishment of the fire. Dial 911 and the fire department services will be there shortly to assist.

With your help we can all have a Fun and Safe Summer.

Sincerely, Chief Dan Galiano of the Audubon Park Fire Department.

Thanks and Have a great summer. More tips to come in the fall.

The Haddon Township Police Department truly appreciates the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Audubon Park. While Audubon Park is a very safe community, it is unfortunately not immune to the criminal opportunists who lurk everywhere. Keeping that in mind, we will continue to do our part to deter and apprehend individuals who prey upon your community. By following these simple tips, you can do your part to assist us and reduce the likelihood that criminals will have success and that you will be victimized.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

In an effort to remain connected to the community, Haddon Township Police has created a Facebook Fan Page and uses it as one of many tools in providing professional police services to the citizens of Haddon Township and the Borough of Audubon Park.

All too often, we receive emergency calls at the Haddon Township Municipal Building or hear from residents that they were not sure which number they should use to contact the police department. There are only **TWO** phone numbers you need to know to reach us. They are **911** or **854-0011**.

*For crimes in progress or life threatening situations, immediately call **911** (without hesitation).*

Keep in mind if you dial 911 and hang up for some reason, an officer will be dispatched to the location of the 911 call to investigate further.

When you call the police regarding a situation requiring a police response, the police dispatcher will ask several questions similar to those listed below. These questions are to ensure that the police will be able to respond to your call in the most efficient manner possible. Remain calm and answer the operator's questions to the best of your ability.

*To report less serious situations or even just to make us aware of something, call our Central Communications at **(856) 854-0011.***

WHAT YOU WILL BE ASKED:

Why are you calling?

Crime: Is the crime in progress, or did it occur earlier?

Traffic Accident: Are there any injuries?

Disturbance: What is the nature of the disturbance (family fight, street fight, etc.)? Are there weapons involved?

Suspicious Activity: What is the nature of the suspicious activity and where is it occurring?

What is the location of the problem? If possible, provide the exact address. If the exact address is unknown, give the cross streets.

What is your name and what telephone number are you calling from? *(If you would prefer to remain anonymous, that is acceptable).

Are there suspects and what are their descriptions?

Provide details using the examples below:

Physical Description, Clothing Description, Sex, Age, Race, Shirt, Pants, Height, Weight, Dress, Skirt, Hair, Eyes Glasses, Jacket, Shoes, Complexion, Beard, Mustache, Hat

How many suspects are there?

What was their direction of travel?

Was a weapon used?

Was there a vehicle involved?

What is the license plate number, description, and direction of travel?

REMEMBER – while you are talking to the police dispatcher on the 911 line, a police unit is being dispatched to the incident scene. Remain on the phone until the police officers arrive or the dispatcher advises you to hang up. Once again, the telephone numbers are **911** or **(856) 854-0011.** Please make note of these numbers.

FOR AS LONG as there have been telephones, there have been crooks trying to call and steal your money. What is new is the sheer volume of unsolicited calls that Americans endure each year — over 29 billion in 2016 alone by one estimate, including lots of potential rip-offs. No wonder fraud complaints have increased nearly 60 percent since 2010, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Scams are continuing to show up across the country this year.

When Phonies Phone

Don't let crooks scare you off from answering a call.

1. Do some research. Google the salesperson and company before you buy. Explore their reputations thoroughly. If you can't locate solid information, walk away.

2. Don't react out of fear. No matter how threatening or urgent their script, do not act immediately. Always hang up and give yourself time to think it over and check them out.

3. Trust your instincts. If a caller sounds fishy, hang up. The chances of losing out on a great deal are much less than losing your nest egg.

The IRS scam

The voice on the other end of the line claims to be an IRS criminal investigator. Arrest is imminent if you don't immediately pay thousands of dollars in back taxes. Individuals are instructed to put $500 on multiple iTunes gift cards and give up the 16-digit codes. Don't be fooled. The IRS would never ask a taxpayer to buy iTunes cards for any reason. Also, the IRS will only contact you by mail.

Computer Caper

Internet scam artists create little boxes that pop up on your computer screen, telling you that you have a virus and need to call for technical support. Don't believe it. Computer companies never notify customers of a problem through pop-ups, unless it is from virus-protection software that you installed.

The Fake Sheriff

You get a call from someone posing as a sheriff's deputy claiming you've missed jury duty and owe the county a $1,000 fine. Pay immediately, the caller says, or you will go to jail. Rest assured, no sheriff or court will call you and demand payment like this for missing jury duty. If you get this call, hang up!!!

Lottery Fraud

A con artist calls and tells you that you have won the Australian (or Jamaican) lottery. All you have to do to collect is wire $1,500. Don't do it. Lotteries never call to give money to people who haven't even bought a ticket.

Credit Card Con

You get a call from your bank that there is a problem with your account. To straighten it out they need your account number, date of birth and the last four digits of your Social Security number. Hang up. This is a scam to get information to hack your account.

LOCK IT **LOSE IT!**

OR

With the warmer weather comes an increase in outdoor activity and pedestrian traffic. Recently we have seen an uptick in property crime, much of which is preventable with just a little extra effort. While we live in a great community, we are unfortunately not immune to criminal opportunists, especially if we make it just a little too easy. This is not blaming the victim, this is reality. Fortunately, there are several things you can do, and if you do them consistently, they will reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim. In the first quarter of 2017, Audubon Park residents were plagued with many instances of this type of crime. Through diligent police work and resident cooperation, we were able to apprehend the individuals responsible for the crimes. Unfortunately there will always be another person looking for the next opportunity to steal.

GET INTO THESE SIMPLE HABITS TO PREVENT CRIMINALS FROM MAKING YOU A TARGET

- Lock your car doors *every single time* you exit your vehicle. Remove valuable items from your vehicle or keep them out of sight.
- Always lock doors and ground floor windows when not at home, and check to make sure locks are functioning properly.
- Don't leave spare keys in easy-to-guess hiding spots, such as under the doormat or in a plant.
- If you can afford an alarm system, purchase one and use it consistently.
- Leave a light or the television on when not home. Motion sensors and timers can also be useful.
- Never prop doors open or let someone into your home that you don't know.

June 16, 2017

Dear Residents:

In accordance with the Borough's Tier A Municipal Storm water General Permit, the Governing Body has adopted various Ordinances to regulate the impact of storm water and pollutants on the environment. As part of our required Local Public Education Program, we are sending this letter to you annually to highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of these Ordinances. The following describes the Ordinances in the Municipal Code:

1. Pet Waste: This Ordinance requires all pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or private property. This requirement prevents fecal contamination from impacting our local waterways.

2. Litter: This Ordinance states that it if unlawful to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place litter of any nature on any public or private property, other than a litter receptacle. This requirement has been adopted to prevent all types of litter from cluttering public streets and private property and prevents litter from impacting our waterways.

3. Improper Disposal of Waste: This Ordinance states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place other than a proper solid waste storage container. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.

4. Wildlife Feeding: Feeding of waterfowl on municipal park land or property is prohibited by Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce waterfowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria from fecal matter which is harmful to humans' and fish populations.

5. Yard Waste: This Ordinance has been created to establish a system for the placement and collection of leaves, brush, and other yard wastes. The purpose of the Ordinance is to keep leaves, grass and other yard waste out of the storm water inlets and piping, and ultimately out of our waterways.

6. Illicit Connections: It is unlawful to connect any pipe or discharge to the municipal storm sewer system that is intended to discard, spill or dump any substance other than storm water or groundwater (via sump discharge) into the system. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent contamination of our streams and waterways which receive discharge from our storm sewers.

The transport of pollutants into local streams and water bodies can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife, and habitats; threats to public health and the loss of recreational and aesthetic value.

The Governing Body has enacted the above listed Ordinances to protect our environment, and to keep pollutants that are commonly conveyed by storm water from adversely impacting our waterways and groundwater supplies. These ordinances can be found in the Borough Clerk's Office and on the official website, www.audubonparknj.org. All information regarding the New Jersey's Storm water program requirements can be found at www.cleanwaternj.org.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Pennock,
Mayor

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

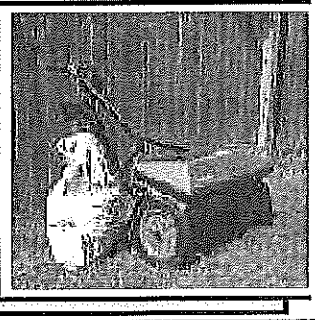
A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

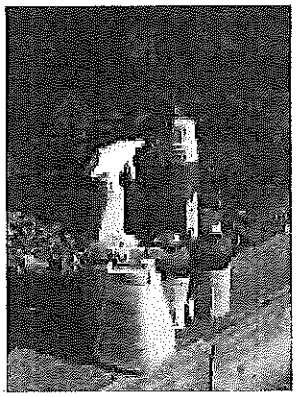
As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

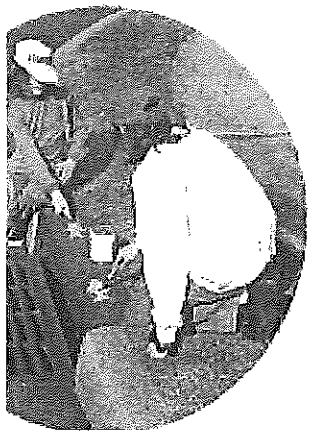
- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

Recycle used motor oil.

Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local .waterbodies.

Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.

Don't feed wildlife

Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Don't litter

Place litter in trash receptacles.

Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

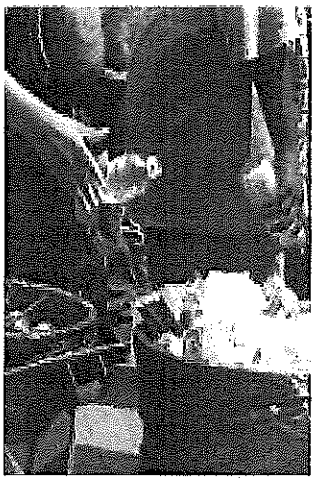
Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites :

www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality

Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control

Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program

(609) 633-7021

www.cleanwaternj.org

Photo taken at Newton Lake Park, Camden County courtesy of Barbara Prince.

Keep It In The Can!

Recycling provides a great benefit to our environment, but an overflowing receptacle will often contribute to an increased amount of plastic pollution on the ground and in our waterways. As most of the materials in a recycling container are made out of lightweight materials such as plastic or aluminum, recycling containers are easily blown over by winds and storms. Plastic are considered a "prominent threat to New Jersey's waterways, as well as to the world's oceans. Scientists estimate that nearly 80% of plastic-pollution is land-based." At the current rate of plastic pollution entering into our waterway, estimates suggest that by the year 2050 that there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish.

- REDUCE and REFUSE single-use plastics such as sandwich bags, utensils, grocery bags, and straws.
- REUSE when it comes to shopping bags and, especially, bottled water.
- RECYCLE appropriate plastics by consulting your town's recycling chart. Don't be fooled because your plastic item has a recycling symbol. When it comes to plastics, less is more! Caps in the trash - recycling equipment can't process these tiny items.