

# Rockaway Township Report



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## Mayor's Corner



It has been a busy summer for Township improvements. I was pleased to attend the Rockaway Township Rockets football pep rally in late August – not only to kick off the 2015 season, but to officially open the new parking lot at Peterson Field. This project resulted in the addition of 219 new parking spaces, eliminating the need for on street parking and creating a safer environment for residents and the visiting public.

I'm also happy to announce the opening of two new athletic fields this fall. Enholm Field, formerly known as the Green Pond Golf Course, will be dedicated in October. Through a unique management agreement with the State of New Jersey, the Township will retain this terrific resource and provide additional recreational opportunities to residents.

Residents visiting the municipal complex may have noticed a significant improvement to the Municipal Building sidewalks. The new sidewalk assures safe pedestrian travel, and of particular note is a new segment of sidewalk connecting the municipal offices to the Police Department. Improvements are also forthcoming to the Rockaway Township Health Center, located on Green Pond Road in Hibernia. The Division of Health helped secure a Community Development Block Grant for \$79,830, which will be used to restore this valuable Township resource for clinical and

educational programs. This summer, the Division of Health also renewed multi-year shared services agreements in the amount of \$491,000. These contracts not only generate significant revenue for the Township but also create sensible efficiencies in local government.

I'd like to remind residents that the autumn brings many terrific Township events and activities for you and your family to enjoy. Please take a moment to look at the calendar of events in this issue of the *Rockaway Township Report* to see what might be of interest to you, and remember to check regularly at [www.rockawaytownship.org](http://www.rockawaytownship.org) for updates. Finally, I would like to wish all Rockaway Township students, faculty and staff a very successful 2015-2016 school year.

Mayor Michael G. Dachisen



A portion of the Peterson Field parking lot extension, which was completed toward the end of the summer.

## ReCollect: A Smart Way to Recycle

Be Informed! Sign up for Rockaway Township's ReCollect App. Re-Collect is a free, easy to use online database including everything you need to know regarding recycling, bulk collection and vegetative waste in Rockaway Township.



Simply go to [www.rockawaytownship.org](http://www.rockawaytownship.org) and click on the green recycling symbol on our home page, and you will be taken to the recycling page. There, you can enter your

home address and access recycling dates, print calendars and sign up for notifications and reminders. This interactive database lists all of the collection calendars and includes a search engine indicating how to dispose of different materials.

Re-Collect is also available at your fingertips as a smartphone or tablet app. When you sign up to receive notifications, you will get alerts pertaining to cancellations (due to inclement weather or truck break down). Sign up to receive Re-Collect notifications now!

## Find the NFPA 10 Fire Safety Tips



Circle the REAL National Fire Protection Association 10 Tips for Fire Safety:

1. Never cross two hot peppers
2. Install smoke detectors
3. Report volcanoes in your back yard
4. Install a home sprinkler system
5. Keep a wet towel in every room
6. Plan your escape
7. Cleanse your car with fire
8. In a fire, crawl under smoke
9. Store gasoline in the freezer
10. Practice smoker's safety
11. A hot foot a day keeps the doctor away

12. Cook safely
13. Permanently seal all doors and windows shut
14. Keep matches and lighters out of sight
15. In case of fire, rumba
16. Use electricity safely
17. To test a smoke detector, drive over it
18. Keep 3' clearance around space heaters
19. If you don't see it burning, it is not burning
20. Stop, drop and roll - cool and call

Congratulations! If you picked the even numbers, you got them all right. Have any questions? Call Fire Prevention at 973-983-2865 or email Fire Marshal Craig Babcock at [cbabcock@rockawaytownship.org](mailto:cbabcock@rockawaytownship.org).

## Transforming Sun Safety Education Among Youth

While summer may have ended, sun safety is a year round concern. Whether at a football stadium in the fall, on a ski slope in the winter or on a hike in the spring, sun safety awareness allows everyone to enjoy the many benefits the sun has to offer, while remaining protected.

Just one blistering sunburn in childhood or adolescence more than doubles a person's chance of developing melanoma later in life. Therefore, educating youth and those who influence youth is vital in raising awareness about staying 'sun safe.'

Residents are encouraged to take the online *Enright Sun Safety Certification* programs, designed for those age five and over and designed by skin cancer professionals from the Enright Melanoma Foundation. The programs are available for free to

the public at [www.applycoverenjoy.org](http://www.applycoverenjoy.org).

The courses are taught through an advanced e-learning platform with engaging visuals, a healthy dose of creativity, proven instructional methods and a highly interactive user experience, all of which makes learning about sun safety fun and easy. The *Enright Sun Safety ACE* guides learners through each topic with an easy acronym for children to remember – ACE: Apply Cover Enjoy.

Melanoma is almost always curable when it's found in its earliest stages, and you can make a difference. It's our responsibility to educate others about how to make healthy choices regarding sun safety. Join us today and help spread the word!

### CALLING ALL GHOULS... ANNUAL COSTUME CONTEST & 3RD ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 5PM-7PM**

**DWYER SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

**HAUNTED HOTLINE 973-983-2853**

**VEHICLES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED AT  
[REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/ROCKAWAY](http://REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/ROCKAWAY)**

**CHECK [WWW.ROCKAWAYTOWNSHIP.ORG](http://WWW.ROCKAWAYTOWNSHIP.ORG) FOR MORE INFO!**

**(IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, CALL 973-983-2853)**

## Mayor's Special Recognition

Mayor Michael Dachisen wishes to acknowledge Township employees whose actions, dedication and/or special events merit notice, and also wishes to bring public attention to dates and issues of significance to Township residents. Mayor Dachisen wishes to congratulate:

- Officer James Tom and Detective Eugene Brownlee for their many years of service to Rockaway Township. Best of luck to both on their retirement from the Police Department.
- The Division of Health for renewing its shared services agreements with Butler Borough and the Borough of Victory Gardens for five years. These contracts generate revenue and create efficiencies in local government.
- The Division of Health for receiving a \$79,830 Community Development Block Grant to restore the Rockaway Township Health Center.
- The Rockaway Township Municipal Alliance Committee for participating in the 'Think Positive' 5K run to raise funds for drug and alcohol prevention programs in our high schools.

## What's Happening

### OCTOBER

- 6<sup>th</sup> Flu Clinic  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building  
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prevention Through a Healthy Plate: Education  
Rockaway Township Public Library  
6:30pm - 7:30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Pathways of History  
Ford-Faesch House, 629 Mt. Hope Road  
10:00am - 4:00pm
- 11<sup>h</sup> Pathways of History  
Ford-Faesch House, 629 Mt. Hope Road  
12:00pm - 4:00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Blood Pressure Screening  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building  
11:00am - 11:30am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Haunted Halloween  
Rockaway Township Public Library  
4:00pm - 5:00pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Halloween Trunk or Treat  
Dwyer School, 665 Mt. Hope Road  
5:00pm - 7:00pm (4:00pm for vehicles)  
[register.communitypass.net/reg](http://register.communitypass.net/reg) to register vehicle  
See [www.rockawaytownship.org](http://www.rockawaytownship.org) for rain location
- 27<sup>th</sup> Flu Clinic  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building  
12:30pm - 2:30pm

### NOVEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> 4th Quarter Tax Bills Due  
Tax Collector's Office  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building
- 1<sup>st</sup> Daylight Saving Time  
*Remember to turn your clock back one hour!*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Free Rabies Clinic  
Rockaway Township Public Works Garage  
9:00am - 12:00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Flu Clinic  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building  
3:00pm - 5:00pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Blood Pressure Screening  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building  
11:00am - 11:30am

### DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Santa's Mailbox Open and Available  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building (outside)  
*Please include child's name and address*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Lighting and Festivities  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building (6:00pm)  
*Bring a weatherproof ornament to place on tree!*
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Victorian Christmas  
Ford-Faesch House, 629 Mt. Hope Road  
2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Blood Pressure Screening  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building  
11:00am - 11:30am
- TBD Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration  
Rockaway Township Municipal Building

*\* Pre-registration required for some events. Please call the appropriate department for information.*



## History Spotlight: Rockaway Township in Film

Popular subjects of early motion pictures included boxing, dancing, sneezing – anything with interesting movement. Trains became a natural local star with the film industry in New Jersey, and Rockaway Township – rich in iron ore and railroad tracks – consequently was a popular place to film.

In 1903, 'The Great Train Robbery' was partially filmed in Dover and also was rumored to have been filmed at the site of the current Rockaway Townsquare Mall. The similarly-themed 'Train Wreckers' introduced the suspense of people tied up near approaching trains in 1905.

1912 saw 'Grit of the Girl Telegrapher' with an Upper Hibernia (rechristened Oreland) train station backdrop, and Rex Beach's 1921 epic, 'The Iron Trail,' filmed at Beach Glen and Hibernia. The film company actually

employed scores of local laborers to lay new track for footage, which benefited the Beach Glen Mine when it reopened a year later.



*Promotional photo from 'Bride 13,' a 15 episode serial filmed in Rockaway Township in 1920.*

Striving for authenticity, one director was very impressed with how a local school

teacher dismantled a slowing train and instructed his actors to duplicate her method. The teacher, Katherine D. Malone, would later have her own monument to immortality.

As recently as 2003, 'The Station Agent' was shot in various parts of Newfoundland, Green Pond, Marcella and Rockaway, keeping up the tradition of locomotives and Rockaway Township. There is even a reported Rockaway Township scene in Barbara Streisand's 1968 classic, 'Funny Girl.'

Other movies in RT include: 1920's 'Bride 13,' a 15 episode cliff-hanging serial; 1984's 'First Born,' which captured Sarah Jessica Parker shopping at the Townsquare Mall; and the dark 1998 release, 'River Red,' which chronicled staged robberies of many Rockaway Township businesses.

## Construction Department

### Safe Generation

If you are planning to install either a standby or portable generator this fall, please contact the Construction Department regarding any permit requirements that maybe applicable. We wish to keep everyone safe. Please note that *all* home improvement contractors must be registered with the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA). Visit the DCA at [www.njconsumeraffairs.gov](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov) to verify a contractor's registration.



The Construction Department is here to guide you in following state and municipal regulations. Should you require any assistance, please call 973-983-2809 or email [construction@rockawaytownship.org](mailto:construction@rockawaytownship.org).

### Home Heating Conversion Requirements

As most residents in the White Meadow Lake section of the Township are aware, NJ Natural Gas is currently installing gas lines throughout the Township. With natural gas coming through

White Meadow Lake, we would like to advise residents that as part of this gas conversion process, permits are required for the removal/decommissioning of their fuel oil tanks.

Per the Uniform Construction Code requirements for fuel oil storage systems that are taken out of service:

- They shall be emptied of all contents
- They shall be cleaned and rendered free of combustible vapors
- They shall be removed from the premises or property
- They shall be properly disposed of in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations

Additional information regarding the removal/decommissioning of fuel tanks may be obtained from the Construction Department at 973-983-2809.

**Homeowners should have begun receiving their 2013 Homestead Benefit Application packets from the NJ Division of Taxation around September 3, 2015. For information regarding your application, please contact the State directly at 888-238-1233 or visit:**

**[www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml)**

## Community Services

### RT MAC Offers Tai Chi

The Rockaway Township Municipal Alliance Committee has partnered with the New Jersey Tai Chi Chain Associates to offer tai chi at the municipal building this October. Classes will be held at 10:00am on Wednesdays and run from September 30 - November 18. Tai chi is today taught as a graceful form of exercise and involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner, accompanied by deep breathing. Tai chi is non-competitive, self-paced and accommodates a variety of skill levels. Please call the Division of Recreation at 973-983-2841 for more information.

### Pathways of History

The Ford-Faesch Ironmaster House will be featured in the Sixth Annual

Pathways of History Morris Weekend Tour. This year's tour includes 21 groups offering a glimpse into 23 historic sites in northern Morris County. The self-guided tour is family-friendly and admission is free for visitors of all ages to experience and enjoy. The properties will be open on Saturday, October 10 from 10am to 4pm, and on Sunday, October 11 from 12pm to 4pm. For more information on this event, visit: [www.pathwaysofhistorynj.com](http://www.pathwaysofhistorynj.com). New Jersey history happened here – share the experience!

### Enholm Field

The Rockaway Township Division of Recreation is pleased to announce the opening of two new athletic fields this fall. Enholm Field will be dedicated in October, and

planned use includes soccer in the fall and lacrosse in the spring. Until recently, the field was known as the Green Pond Golf Course.

The property, owned by Robert Enholm, was sold to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife in 2006. The Township was concerned about losing this recreational resource and made an unsuccessful bid to retain the property with assistance from the local YMCA. The Township was ultimately successful negotiating a management agreement with the State to construct and operate two athletic fields – only the second such arrangement of its kind in New Jersey. The project was completed in the summer of 2013, and following a year of preparation, the site is now open for use.



## Iron Man from the Iron Hills

Congratulations to Patrolman Jerome Daniels for competing in the 2015 World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax, Virginia with participants from around the world. Patrolman Daniels earned a Silver medal (2<sup>nd</sup> in his district) in discus throwing, a Bronze medal (3<sup>rd</sup>) in shot-put, 5<sup>th</sup> place in javelin and 13<sup>th</sup> overall in his age bracket for police biathlon. Patrolman Daniels also placed 53<sup>rd</sup> out of 123 in the police pistol action competition.

## Community Services: Fun at the Senior Picnic

The Annual Senior Picnic was held at the Craigmear Recreation Complex on September 9. The weather was warm and sunny, and over 400 senior residents attended. A great number of area businesses and organizations generously donated over 220 items for prizes, which were awarded to our seniors. Thank you to everyone who was involved in helping create yet another very successful Rockaway Township event!



## 2015 General Election Information

A complete alphabetical listing of election polling places by street name, indicating the ward, district and polling place, has been added to our website. Visit [www.rockawaytownship.org](http://www.rockawaytownship.org) Then select Department/Clerk/Election Polling Locations or go to [Polling Locations](#).

Please note the following timeline for the 2015 General Election:

October 13 - Last day to register to vote

October 27 - Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot *by mail* for the election

November 2 (by 3:00pm) - Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot *in person* at the Morris County Clerk's office, Administration &

Records Building, 10 Court Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Morristown, NJ 07960

November 3 - General Election - polls are open from 6:00am until 8:00pm

Voter registration form and mail-in ballot forms (absentee voting) may be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office or from the County Board of Election Office. This form may also be downloaded from either [www.rockawaytownship.org](http://www.rockawaytownship.org) or the county website – [www.morriselections.org](http://www.morriselections.org).

The voter registration form also enables you to change your Name, change your Address, update your signature or declare a political party affiliation.

## Animals Around Us: Living Among Bears



Rockaway Township, like a number of area communities, sees periodic evidence of the area's bear population. Whether it is through the consumption of garbage, mild property damage or direct bear sightings in our residential or wooded areas, northern New Jersey bears are habituated and feel somewhat at home around *our* homes. Bears can be a nuisance and we must remember to be safe and smart to avoid any possible closer contact.

While municipal and State officials have regulatory and procedural limitations in any attempt to disperse or remove bears, there are some things that municipal representatives, State officials and residents can do to minimize the presence of bears. The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Black Bear Research Project maintains sole discretion, legally, with regard to bear relocation or termination. Rockaway Township does, however – through its Division of Health and Police Department – perform particular activities in the event of bear sighting or activity. Township officials work closely with the State's Division of Fish and Wildlife in an effort to mitigate any possible bear issues, and the municipality and State exercise a multi-tiered approach in this regard.

In the event the Division of Health is advised of bear activity, the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife's Black Bear Research Project is immediately notified. Rockaway Township officials – be it Health, Police or otherwise – have limited authority when responding to such a complaint, and as a rule we must defer to the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. In an effort to monitor bear activity in our region, the Division of Health has recently communicated with the with the NJ Black Bear Research Project's Supervising Biologist and has reviewed all recent municipal reports of bear activity.

### **Municipal Response to Bear Activity**

When municipal officials are advised of bear activity within the Township, there are a few different courses of action, which are largely dependent on the nature of the bear activity. These actions are detailed as follows:

- When the Division of Health receives a report of bear activity from a Township resident or business, each report is documented on a *Bear Sighting/Incident Report Form* and is faxed to the NJ Division

of Fish and Wildlife's regional office. If Division of Health staff ascertains that the bear activity includes any possible danger to humans or property (i.e., attempt to enter a home or car), the Police Department is notified immediately.

- When the Police Department receives a report of bear activity, whether it is from an individual or another municipal department, an incident number is assigned to the bear sighting and standard information is obtained by staff. If it is determined by the Police Department that there is potential danger to humans, staff members trained/certified in *aversive bear conditioning* respond accordingly and have the ability to ward off a bear by discharge of rubber pellets from a gun. The Rockaway Township Police Department has multiple officers certified by NJ Fish and Wildlife in aversive bear conditioning.
- Township officials recognize that the bear population is particularly active in this area compared to some other communities, and Health and Police officials routinely attempt to educate residents with regard to related issues like garbage storage, feeding of wildlife, safety, etc.
- While Township officials understand that the bear population can create nuisances and may raise periodic concerns from residents, said officials are not permitted to remove a bear from one location to another. In fact, State officials – who assume overarching responsibility for the bear population – have very limited ability to remove bears, and this is outlined below.

### **State Response to Bear Activity**

The State of New Jersey has almost exclusive jurisdiction over bear management activities. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife provides an integrated approach to monitoring of and response to bear reports. Following are some of the State's responsibilities and actions in managing the bear population, as well as steps the State takes when receiving municipal complaints of bear activity:

State policy generally precludes the relocation of bears. The State utilizes specific procedures, entitled *Black Bear Rating and Response Criteria*, when considering relocation or killing of a bear. Bear trapping is practiced on a very limited basis, according to State officials. Bears are only trapped if they are aggressive or if they pose a

demonstrated risk directly to humans or other animals. Per State policy, this type of activity is labeled *Category I*, and would warrant consideration for removal or termination.

*Category II* bear activity includes bear nuisances such as the presence of bears near homes, properties and other locations where humans or animals reside, as well as bear activity in or around garbage or food. In the event of *Category II* activity, trained municipal police *may* discharge rubber pellets to condition bears to stay away from such activities. Municipal officials may also survey areas of bear activity to see if litter isn't being maintained properly or if sources of food are available.

*Category III* activity would include the observation of a bear conducting normal activities in the wild (i.e., noting a bear in the woods, behaving as bears generally do). State officials advise that if sources of food have been eliminated, aversive conditioning has been attempted and the public has been educated but bear activity continues, the State *could* technically trap a bear – but the bear would necessarily be released nearby and often will find its way back to its original site of activity.

The Black Bear Research Project advises that the State is, in fact, aware of increased bear activity during the last year or so. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife is attempting to neutralize bear activity at the most appropriate times with the following steps:

First, the State is attempting to expand its hunting season, to control the bear population at a time of year when the Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that such efforts may be most successful, before bears generally go into their winter dens. This proposal has gone through a State public comment period and awaits publishing as proposed law.

Secondly, New Jersey has enhanced its educational efforts, focusing on presence of human food and maintenance of garbage. Township officials are doing their part by providing residents with any available information regarding attractants to bears and other wildlife, and ways to minimize same. Please do your part to minimize bear activity in Rockaway Township.

## Municipal Alliance Committee Color Run a Success

The Rockaway Township Municipal Alliance participated in the “Think Positive” 5K Run, raising funds for drug and alcohol prevention programs at Morris Knolls and Morris Hills High Schools. This colorful event raised thousands of dollars, was very well attended and provided participants with a great time for a worthwhile cause.



## Police and Emergency Management

With Hurricane Season in full swing right now, we would like to remind residents of some important items that may help you withstand these events.

- Prepare an emergency plan for your home, which includes having essential items: flashlight, batteries, cell phone, chargers, generator, and any other essential items you feel you may need to get by without power for a few days.
- Register with [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) or Reverse 9-1-1 through the link at [https://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis\\_alias\\_id=1450761](https://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis_alias_id=1450761) to receive emergency notifications from Rockaway Township regarding storms, road closures and other important Township news.
- Notifications will also be recorded on the OEM hotline at 973-400-6611.
- Follow the Township Facebook page, as it will contain this important information as well.
- For those residents that need special assistance, we encourage you to register at <https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds/>. This site will allow you to become part of a database that will help first responders identify your special needs during times of emergencies.

**Did you know you can receive emergency notifications from Rockaway Township if you register at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)?**

## Welcome Back to School

With school back in session, we encourage all drivers to slow down and obey speed laws. Remember it is the law to stop for stopped school buses and to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

- New drivers and parents of new drivers - With graduated licenses, probationary drivers are allowed only one passenger in the vehicle at all times unless there is an adult in the vehicle or any person over the age of 21.
  - Cell phones are not permitted to be used at all by probationary drivers, even in hands free mode.
  - Probationary drivers are required to display the red sticker on the front and rear license plates.
- Remember - driving is a privilege, so respect it by being safe and abiding by the laws. The Police Department will be aggressively enforcing speeding violations, cell phone violations, seatbelt violations, and passing school bus violations - so please drive safely and enjoy the school year.

If you have any traffic related concerns or wish to report unsafe traffic conditions, please utilize our traffic form, which is located on our website at [www.rockawaytwpdpd.com](http://www.rockawaytwpdpd.com) under the *traffic department or forms* links.

The Rockaway Township Police Department wishes you a safe and fun fall season.



## Cooperative Curbside Collection & Snow Removal

### Leaf and Brush Collection

Leaves and brush are collected weekly. Items should be placed at the curb by 6:00am on your designated day, which corresponds with your recycling pick up day. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or reusable containers only - neither plastic nor plastic biodegradable bags are accepted. Brush must be placed curbside and bundled/tied in four foot lengths. No stumps or branches over six inches in diameter will be collected. Brush and leaves are also accepted from Rockaway Township residents at the McVeigh Recycling Center. Commercial landscapers, tree services and dump trucks may *not* dump leaves or brush at the recycling center.

### Grass Collection

Clipped grass will be collected weekly. All grass must be placed at the curb by 6:00am on your designated day, which corresponds with your recycling day. Please note: *Grass collection ends the last week of October.* Residents are also advised they may *not* place or blow loose leaves or brush into roadways. Leaves and brush must be bagged and/or bundled. For proper procedures regarding all curbside collection, refer to the Township website and click on the green recycling symbol.

### Inclement Weather/Holiday Recycling Collection

Should recycling collection be canceled due to inclement weather, your recyclables will be collected the next scheduled pick up

day. Recycling cancellations will be posted on the Rockaway Township Facebook page and on the Township website. *There is no make-up day* when a route is canceled due to inclement weather. However, if your collection day falls on a holiday, there is *always* a make-up day. Please refer to the online recycling calendar (search by your home address) to see the dates of the collections. Please be advised that even if your designated collection day is Friday, for example, the make-up day will be whatever day of the week is indicated under the dates section on the recycling calendar).

### Grass – Cut it and Leave it

Grass Clippings are a major part of New Jersey's municipal solid waste stream. Like other highly recyclable materials – such as aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles and jars, paper and certain plastic bottles – recycling grass clippings helps reduce the amount of waste being collected for disposal. As a New Jersey resident, you are already reducing the amount of waste by recycling a variety of materials. You can also easily recycle the clippings generated each time you mow your lawn, and can save time and money by doing so.

So what can you do to help? It's very simple – just leave the clippings on the lawn when you mow. Grass clippings provide a natural and healthy fertilizer for a growing lawn. For more information, see the recycling section of the Township website at [www.rockawaytownship.org](http://www.rockawaytownship.org).

### Snow & Ice Removal Tips

With winter fast approaching, here are some tips to avoid snowplowing rage!

- Park cars off the street
- Don't shovel driveways out to the street until plowing is complete
- Don't shovel driveway snow onto the street – This is a violation of Township Ordinances and creates a hazard
- Don't shovel sidewalks onto street – this is also a violation of Township Ordinances and creates a hazard
- Per Township Ordinance, residents have 24 hours to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their home
- If you wish to file a claim for damage to your vehicle caused by the use of Township equipment, you must have a police report

Avoid towing and impound charges: Township Ordinance 7-6.3(a,b) imposes temporary parking prohibition when snow has fallen and accumulated, at which point an emergency shall be declared until the snow has ceased and the streets have been plowed sufficiently. Any unoccupied vehicles may be towed and impounded at the owner's expense. Please cooperate with plow crews by parking off the roads until plowing is complete. This will ensure safe, clean streets.

To report an ice condition, call 973-983-2891. To report a snow or ice related emergency off hours, please contact the Police Department at 973-625-4000.

## Tips for Safe Trick or Treating this Halloween

**S** - Swords, knives and similar accessories should be short, soft and flexible.

**A** - Avoid trick-or-treating alone – walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

**F** - Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

**E** - Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

**H** - Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and to help others see you. Always *walk* and don't run from house to house.

**A** - Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

**L** - Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

**L** - Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

**O** - Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic, to stay safe.

**W** - Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.

**E** - Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

**E** - Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses and never accept rides from strangers.

**N** - Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween/>.