

Rockaway Township Report



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Mayor's Corner



I am pleased to announce the Township Council recently awarded a contract for the renovation of the concession stand at Peterson Field. Construction is expected to begin in late October/early November and will bring a long awaited modernization to the facility, originally built in the early 1980s. The project will be completed and ready for "Opening Day" during April 2017.

I am also pleased to announce that renovations are underway at the Rockaway Township Health Center, located on Green Pond Road in Hibernia.

The project was largely funded through a Morris County Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$79,340, and will provide much needed interior improvements to this valued Township facility.

We are very pleased to have received a grant from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust in the amount of \$210,990 for the restoration of the West Wing, restoration of the chimney in the east Wing and the stabilization of the flooring in an upstairs room at the Ford-Faesch House. The Historical Society, together with the Township, have been working very hard for the past three decades on preservation efforts of this historic treasure. We expect to begin construction in the spring of 2017 and have it completed by the end of the year. Don't forget to visit the Faesch House on October 22 for the much talked about Hessian Session.

Leaf and brush collection will

take place from now through the end of the year. Place at the curb in biodegradable paper bags or reusable containers labeled "yard waste" by 6:00am on your designated day, which can be found by searching the ReCollect Calendar, available at the Township's website (www.rockawaytownship.org). Brush and leaves are also accepted from Rockaway Township residents at the McVeigh Recycling site. Commercial landscapers, tree services and dump trucks are not allowed to dump leaves or brush at the recycling center.

With the arrival of autumn there are many great events and activities for you and your family to enjoy. Please take a few moments to look through this issue of the *Rockaway Report* to see what might be of interest to you. I hope you enjoy this issue of the Township's newsletter. Don't forget to like us on Facebook, and you can always visit the Township's website for more community news and events.

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 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.

ReCollect 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 cancelations (due to inclement weather or truck break down). Sign up to receive ReCollect notifications now!

General Election: Vote on November 8

The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8. *If you are not registered to vote, the deadline to register for this election is October 18, 2016.* You may obtain a voter registration application form from the Municipal Clerk's office, Motor Vehicle Commission, the State of New Jersey (www.nj.gov/state/elections) or the Morris County Board of Elections office (www.morriselections.org). You are eligible to register if: 1. You are a U.S. citizen ; 2. You are a Morris County resident 30 days before the election; 3. You will be 18 years of age on or before the election date; and 4. You are not incarcerated, on parole or on probation.

How to Vote

The green X on the ballot indicates each office or question to be voted on. Make your selection by pressing the button to the right of the candidates' name. A green X will light alongside your choice. To vote on a question, press the button to the right of YES or NO. A green X will light alongside your choice. When you have completed your selections, press the red 'Cast Vote' button located in the lower right hand corner of the machine panel. You will hear a chime. *Do not leave the machine without pressing the 'Cast Vote' button.*

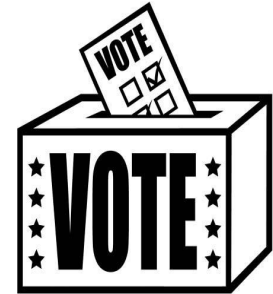
Snow & Ice Removal Tips

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
- Help the Fire Department, as well as yourself and neighbors in the event of an emergency. Please shovel out your fire hydrants and keep them clear of snow and ice to ensure

Mail-In Ballot

You do not need a reason to vote by mail. You may apply to the County Clerk in writing up to seven days before the election, or in person by 3:00 p.m. on the day *before* the election. Applications are available at the Municipal Clerk's office, the State of New Jersey's website, or the Morris County Clerk's office. When your application is received and approved, your ballot will be sent to the address you have requested.



When you receive your ballot, you should complete it and place it inside the white envelope, seal it and complete the flap. *Do not detach the flap.* The white envelope is to be placed inside the brown envelope and sealed. Complete the upper left-hand corner of the brown envelope. The completed ballot may be mailed or delivered to the Board of Elections Office in Morristown. The Board of Election office must receive the voted ballot prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day. Polls are open from 6:00am – 8:00pm on Election Day.

rescue personnel can access them in the event of a fire

- 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.

CALLING ALL GHOULS... ANNUAL COSTUME CONTEST & TRUNK OR TREAT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 - 3PM-5PM

DWYER SCHOOL PARKING LOT

HAUNTED HOTLINE 973-983-2853

**VEHICLES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED AT
REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/ROCKAWAY**

CHECK 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 would like to acknowledge the Division of Health, Department of Community Services and Engineering Department for their work in facilitating a \$79,340 Community Development Block Grant, which is helping fund current renovations to the Rockaway Township Health Center. Work is expected to be completed in November.
- Mayor Dachisen wishes to acknowledge the Engineering and Community Services Departments for their hard work in planning renovations to the Peterson Field concession stand. Work will begin this fall and will be completed by spring 2017.
- Mayor Dachisen would like to congratulate the Historical Society of Rockaway Township, along with Township staff, for securing a \$210,990 grant to restore the Ford-Faesch House.

What's Happening

OCTOBER

- 13th Flu Clinic
Rockaway Township Municipal Building
4:30pm - 6:30pm
- 20th Blood Pressure Screening
Rockaway Township Municipal Building
11:00am - 11:30am
- 21st Healthy Living: Mindfulness
Rockaway Township Public Library
4:00pm - 5:00pm
- 22nd Hessian Session
Ford-Faesch House, 629 Mt. Hope Road
1:00pm - 3:00pm
- 29th Halloween Trunk or Treat
Dwyer School, 665 Mt. Hope Road
3:00pm - 5:00pm (2:00pm for vehicles)
register.communitypass.net/reg to register vehicle
See www.rockawaytownship.org for rain location
- 27th Flu Clinic
Rockaway Township Municipal Building
4:00pm - 6:00pm

NOVEMBER

- 1st 4th Quarter Tax Bills Due
Tax Collector's Office
Rockaway Township Municipal Building
- 5th Free Rabies Clinic
Rockaway Township Public Works Garage
9:00am - 12:00pm

- 17th Blood Pressure Screening
Rockaway Township Municipal Building
11:00am - 11:30am

DECEMBER

- 1st Santa's Mailbox Open and Available
Rockaway Township Municipal Building (outside)
Please include child's name and address
- 2nd Christmas Tree Lighting and Festivities
Rockaway Township Municipal Building (6:00pm)
Bring a weatherproof ornament to place on tree!
- 3rd Annual Victorian Christmas
Ford-Faesch House, 629 Mt. Hope Road
2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 15th Blood Pressure Screening
Rockaway Township Municipal Building
11:00am - 11:30am
- 28th Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration
Rockaway Township Municipal Building
7:00pm - 9:00pm

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



Ford-Faesch House in the News

Township Receives Grant for Faesch Restoration

Rockaway Township recently received a grant from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust in the amount of \$210,990 for the restoration of the Ford-Faesch House – Specifically, for restoration of the west wing, restoration of the chimney in the east wing, and the repair and stabilization of the flooring in one of the second floor rooms.

This project has been a long time coming and took the hard work of many individuals from the Historical Society, the Township and various consultants. Work is planned to begin in the spring of 2017 and should be completed by the year's end. Unfortunately, the house will not be open to the public during this time due to construction.

For those residents interested in seeing the



Pictured left to right: Assemblywoman Betty Lou De Croce, Council President Steven Antonelli, County Freeholder Christine Meyers, Councilwoman Patricia Abrahamsen, John Jacob Faesch (AKA Historical Society member John Dunado), Mayor Michael Dachisen, Business Administrator Gregory Poff, Councilman Michael Puzio and Historical Society President Jean Licker.

house, there are two remaining events this year – Hessian Session on October 22 and Victorian Christmas on December 3. Please

check the Township website for additional details (look for an archived newsletter story from spring 2016).

Historical Society Celebrates Constitution Day

Members of the Historical Society of Rockaway Township, along with municipal, county and state elected officials, were on hand September 17 to celebrate the ratification of the United States Constitution. The Morris County delegates for the New Jersey State Convention who signed were Brigadier General William Winds, William Woodhull, and our very own John Jacob Faesch.

Sections of the actual convention minutes were read by all of the dignitaries, as was the reenactment of the 15 recorded toasts; each followed by a resounding 'Huzzah.' The customary ale and/or rum was, of course, substituted with sparkling apple cider.

Halloween Safety Tips

Reprinted from AAA - Auto Clubs of America



As children take to the streets on Halloween to trick-or-treat, their risk of being injured by motorists increases greatly. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that Halloween is consistently one of the top three days for pedestrian injuries and fatalities, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that children are four times more likely to be struck by a motor vehicle on Halloween than any other day of the year. Because excited trick-or-treaters often forget about safety, motorists and parents must be even more alert. Following are some tips for helping keep young ones safe on Halloween:

Motorists

- Slow down in residential neighborhoods and obey all traffic signs and signals. Drive at least five mph below the posted speed limit to give yourself extra time to react to children who may dart into the street.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs. In dark costumes, they'll be harder to see at night.
- Look for children crossing the street. They may not be paying attention to traffic and may cross the street mid-block or between parked cars.
- Carefully enter and exit driveways and alleys.
- Turn on your headlights to make yourself more visible – even in the daylight.
- Broaden your scanning by looking for children left and right into yards and front porches.

Parents

- Ensure an adult or older, responsible youth is available to supervise children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route your trick-or-treaters will follow.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar areas and along established routes.

- Teach children to stop only at well-lit houses and to never to enter a stranger's home or garage.
- Establish a time for children to return home.
- Tell children not to eat any treats until they get home.
- Review trick-or-treating safety precautions, including pedestrian and traffic safety rules.
- Make sure Halloween costumes are flame-retardant and visible with retro-reflective material.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Be bright at night – wear retro-reflective tape on costumes and treat buckets to improve visibility to motorists and others.
- Wear disguises that don't obstruct vision, and avoid facemasks. Instead, use nontoxic face paint. Also, watch the length of billowy costumes to help avoid tripping.
- Ensure any props are flexible and blunt-tipped to avoid injury from tripping or horseplay.
- Carry a flashlight containing fresh batteries, and place it face down in the treat bucket to free up one hand. Never shine it into the eyes of oncoming drivers.
- Stay on sidewalks and avoid walking in streets if possible.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- Look both ways and listen for traffic before crossing the street.
- Cross streets only at the corner, and never cross between parked vehicles or mid-block.
- Trick-or-treat in a group if someone older cannot go with you.
- Tell your parents where you are going.

Contact your local AAA Club for more tips and information about Halloween safety.



Don't forget to attend the Hessian Session, a Revolutionary War era reenactment, from 1pm - 3pm on October 22 at the Ford-Faesch House, 629 Mt. Hope Road!

Tax Collector's Update

Homestead Benefits

Morris County Homeowners will begin to receive their 2014 Homestead Benefit Application packets from the NJ Division of Taxation around September 22, 2016. For information or any questions regarding your applications, please contact the State directly at: 1-888-238-1233 or visit: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtm

Property Tax Reimbursement

The deadline for residents to file their 2015 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) applications has been extended to October 17, 2016. For information or any questions regarding your application or qualifications, please contact the State directly at: 1-800-882-6597 or visit: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtm

Food, Fun and Festivity at the Senior Picnic

The Annual Senior Picnic was held at the Craigmear Recreation Complex on September 7, and a great time was had by all. Photos clockwise from upper left: Beverly Koval and Mary Jansyn serve a donut to Jerry Imperiose; Morris County Sherriff Edward Rochford, Mayor Michael Dachisen and Morris County Clerk Ann Grossi; Some of the many prizes on display; Pat Selland, Jack Elko of Morris County Human Services and Morris County Freeholder Director Kathryn A. DeFilippo,



Don't be Scammed: Tools to Avoid Fraud

Running a scam or fraud is a time-tested method for identity thieves. They may contact you in person - by phone, postal mail or email - or through the Internet. Avoid scam artist ploys by following these steps:

- Stay aware of current scams. You may go to www.consumer.ftc.gov and click on 'Scam Alerts' for more information.
- For Internet scam updates, go to the Internet Crime Complaint Center site at www.ic3.gov and click on the 'Alerts' link.
- Before divulging personal information, know with whom you are dealing and verify any information provided.
- Never reply to messages asking for personal information, and do not call phone numbers or click on links contained in these messages. You could be a target of phishing.
- Never send money or account information in reply to notices that you won a prize or lottery.
- Give only to established charities and avoid pop-up charities that suddenly appear after disasters. Check a charities trustworthiness at www.give.org.
- To report a scam or fraud, contact:
 - The Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov or 877-FTC-HELP.
 - The Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.
 - The U.S. Postal Inspection Service at www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov or 877-876-2455.

The Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force website offers more information about where else to report specific types of fraud activity. Residents may visit www.stopfraud.gov for more information.



Bear Activity & Response

Rockaway Township residents and officials have become familiar with regular bear sightings, as well as habituation among some bear families/populations, which at times creates a nuisance. With regard to Rockaway Township's role in the event of reported bear activity, municipal and State officials have regulatory and procedural limitations in any attempt to disperse or remove bears. The State has very strict guidelines regarding the relocation of bears, and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Black Bear Research Project maintains 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 following is a brief explanation regarding the multi-tiered approach that the municipality and State exercise in this regard.

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.

- Whenever 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, the Police Department is notified immediately.
- When the Police Department receives a report of bear activity, 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. The Police

Department monitors data regularly to determine trends in reporting and aversive bear conditioning.

- While Township officials understand that the bear population can create nuisances and may raise periodic concerns from residents, said officials are not permitted to relocate a bear. In fact, State officials – who assume overarching responsibility for the bear population – have very limited ability to remove bears.
- Township officials recognize that the bear population is particularly active in this area compared to some other parts of the state, and staff routinely attempts to educate residents with regard to related issues like garbage storage, feeding of wildlife, safety, etc.

State Response to Bear Activity

As mentioned, the State of New Jersey, through the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Black Bear Research Project, has almost exclusive jurisdiction over bear management activities. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife attempts to provide an integrated approach to monitoring of and response to bear reports. Following are some of the State's primary responsibilities and actions in managing the bear population:

NJ Fish and Wildlife Policies on Bear Removal

- 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. Trapping is practiced on a very limited basis, according to officials. Bears are only trapped if they are aggressive or if they pose a demonstrated risk directly to humans or other animals. Examples include the killing of livestock or attempts to enter a home or car. The State labels this type of activity *Category I*, which would warrant consideration for removal or termination.
- *Category II* bear activity generally includes bear nuisances. The State advises that nuisance sightings include 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, the State suggests that aversive conditioning may be employed. NJ Fish and Wildlife officials also suggest that municipal officials may 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 activities in the wild (i.e., in the woods, behaving as bears generally do). Neither of *Category II* nor *III* would involve consideration for removal.
- 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 trap a bear – but the bear would be released nearby and often will find its way back to its original site of activity.

State's Present and Future Actions

Township records indicate a trend of increased bear activity, and municipal officials have been advised that the State is aware of increased bear activity. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife is attempting to neutralize enhanced bear activity with an integrated program:

- 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, at a time before bears generally go into their winter dens. The State advises that this would provide residents aid at a time of year that is most helpful for relief from bear activity.
- The State has also enhanced educational efforts and encourages municipalities to do the same. The State's efforts focus on keeping human food away from bears and managing garbage appropriately. To this end, officials have posted numerous resources to the Township website (www.rockawaytownship.org/160/health) and encourage residents to use these resources. Residents may also review the State's black bear policies at www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/bearfacts.htm.

Residents wishing to report bear activity should call the Rockaway Township Police Department at 973-625-4000 or the Division of Health at 973-983-2848.

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.

Engineering & Construction News

Peterson Field Concession Addition

Rockaway Township recently awarded a construction contract for an addition to the existing Peterson Field concession building. The proposed building addition will significantly increase the size of the existing interior concession area. The improvements generally include building expansion, new roof overhang areas, three new roll up doors, new counter space, new appliances and a new cooking area. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall and it is anticipated to be completed by early spring 2017.

Here to Help

The Construction Department is here to guide and assist you with any of your future projects. Should you require any assistance, please email construction@rockawaytownship.org or call 973-983-2809. Please feel free to visit us on the Rockaway Township website.

Old Permits

It is important that all permits be closed out in a timely manner. This is important when selling your home and prospective home buyers are looking for documentation that permits have been issued and properly inspected and closed. Open permits or the lack of permits can result in problems for the seller and may delay your 'closing.' Obtaining the proper permits also helps to safeguard both your family and your home.

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps

The Township is in receipt of revised preliminary FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's) dated February 26, 2016. These maps are available for review by the public at the Municipal Building in the Engineering Department. FEMA maps flood hazard areas, including the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), which is the area that has a 1% greater chance of flooding in any given year.

In addition, FEMA has issued a Flood Hazard Mapping Status Report for Morris County, which the Township has made available at www.rockawaytownship.org. A 90-day appeal period will be initiated by FEMA through publication in a local newspaper. To view the Preliminary FIRM's online, go to <http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>, or you may view paper copies of the preliminary FIRM's maps at the Municipal Building in the Engineering Department.



FEMA

**Did you know
you can receive
emergency
notifications
from Rockaway
Township if you
register at
www.nixle.com?**



**Don't forget the Annual
Costume Contest & Trunk
or Treat! See page two or
the Township website for
information.**

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.rockawaytwppd.com under the *traffic department* or *forms* links.

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



Cooperative Curbside Collection

ReCollect

Be informed! Sign up for Rockaway Township's ReCollect App. ReCollect is a free, easy to use online database of everything you need to know about recycling, bulk collection and vegetative waste in Rockaway Township. Simply go to www.RockawayTownship.org and click on the recycle can icon on our home page, and you will be taken to our recycling page. There, you can enter your home address to access and print calendars, and to sign up for service alerts, notifications and reminders. This interactive database lists all of the collection calendars and has a search engine indicating how to dispose of different materials. ReCollect 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 and don't get left out in the cold again.

Leaf and Brush Collection

Leaves and brush are collected weekly through the end of the year. Items should be placed at the curb by 6:00am on your designated day, which may be found by searching the ReCollect calendar, which is explained on page one of this newsletter. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or reusable containers labeled 'yard waste' 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 through the end of October. All grass must be placed curbside by 6:00am on your designated day, which corresponds with your recycling day. Containers must be labeled 'grass' or 'yard waste.' 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 Collection

Should recycling collection be canceled due to inclement weather, your recyclables will be collected the next scheduled pick up day. *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 ReCollect calendar (search by your home address) to see the date of the make-up collection.

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.

Weight Restrictions

Weight restrictions for single stream recycling are in effect. Please use either a toter style recycling can with the bar on the back filled to capacity (preferred) or regular style garbage cans weighing no more than 50 pounds each (including can). Additionally, please make sure your recycling is free of garbage, styrofoam and plastic bags. All cans must be labeled. Failure to follow these procedures may result in your can being rejected. It will be stickered accordingly to reference why it was not collected.



The foundation of the Ford-Faesch House's west wing was recently located and verified by Hunter Archaeology. It is believed the wing was removed in the late 1860s. For more information on the future restoration of the west wing, see page three of this newsletter!



The Rockaway Township Rockets Football and Cheerleading program held their kick off pep rally on Friday, September 2 at Peterson Field. Participation from over 400 players and cheerleaders helped make the event a success!