



# BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD

30 Mechanic Street ~ Freehold, NJ 07728-2195

# NEWSLETTER

## October 2023



**MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN:** The Mayor's Wellness Committee hopes you enjoyed our free activities this summer. For the fall our **Yoga Class resumed on September 20<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 13<sup>th</sup>.** Margo's Low Impact Health Club is offering a discount to anyone that signs up for any of her studio classes. For our students, we have collaborated with Monmouth County 4-H's **Globetasters** to bring healthy cooking classes right to your home. Kids Grade 4 –12 can join the 4-H Cultural Cuisine Cooking Club which meets every **Monday until November 20<sup>th</sup>** via Zoom providing cooking instructions. It's a great family activity and a fun way to learn nutrition together. Scan the QR code to the right for more information. The Freehold Area Health Department will be providing **Flu Shots** at Borough Hall on **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 and 11:00 AM.**



**SPOOKTACULAR:** All the following events are **FREE!** **Movie Night Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Hall of Records.** Back by popular demand, the **Haunted Hayride on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 4pm.** Jump on & ride if you dare to experience the locals, morph into terrifying creatures leading the wagon into monster infested territory. Board the wagon in the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot. The ticketing process starts at 12:15pm and you must be in line by 4:00pm to ride on the hayride. It's first come first served. **Love to scare??? Scare actors are still needed for skits or just to wander the wagon route.** If interested, call Toni Fields, 702-249-4074. **Monster Mash**, a classic Spooktacular event, where a family friendly fun evening takes place in front of the Hall of Records, **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm – 8pm.** Bring the little goblins to enjoy face painting, music, games, rides and refreshments. Don't forget to bring a decorated Jack-O-Lantern and enter to win a ghoulishly awesome prize. To conclude all the festivities is the annual **Freehold Spooktacular Halloween Parade, Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>.** Dress the Whole family up or just the little goblins and your furry friends to join the fun. Parade steps off at **1pm** at the Racetrack Parking Lot (Manalapan Avenue). Costume contest contestants need to arrive by **12:00pm** to be judged!! For more events & detailed info please visit [www.freeholdspooktacular.com](http://www.freeholdspooktacular.com). If you would like to register for the **Halloween House Decorating Contest** please scan the QR code to the right.



**NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM (NPP):** recently offered commercial / mixed use rehabilitation grants to building and business owners in the district. NPP reminds residential property owners to take the opportunity and apply for the Residential Rehabilitation Program. Income limits recently updated, no cost to apply, funds provided with no interest and ten-year forgivable loan. You must live in the Borough, own your home and meet certain criteria. Take the first step [freeholdboroughnj.gov](http://freeholdboroughnj.gov) go the Residents tab, click Housing Rehabilitation Program or [www.hip.cgph.net](http://www.hip.cgph.net) 609-664-2769 ext. 9.



**HALF MILE OF HORSES ART WALK PROJECT:** is still on display through the end of **October 2023.** The project, funded by a grant from New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) and local sponsorships. Eighteen (18) horse sculptures designed by local artists displayed at various locations along Main Street between Throckmorton and Spring Streets and South Street between Mechanic and Main Streets. Go and view the artwork and vote on your favorites by using the QR code.



**CURBSIDE BRUSH/LEAF COLLECTION** will take place in the Borough during the months of April, July and **October in 2023.** Limbs should be no longer than 4 ft. in length. Leaves may also be placed at the curb for collection in a **separate** pile from the brush. Please be sure the brush and leaves do not interfere with any storm drains in your area. **Please note the removal of brush will not begin until November 1<sup>st</sup>. Removal will begin November 1st and each street will be picked up ONLY once.** As a reminder, the DPW site at 161 Center St. is open for brush drop off on the first Saturday of every month from 7am – noon.



**WATER HYDRANT FLUSHING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023:** Fall flushing of fire hydrants will be conducted on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023** starting at **8:00 a.m. and continuing until all flushing has been completed.** Residents may notice lower water pressure and a slight discoloration of the water as the flushing is performed in your area. The discoloration is caused by naturally occurring minerals and sediments and is not harmful. Your water will clear up if you allow the water to run for a few extra minutes. Flushing is done twice a year in order to remove any sediment that may accumulate in the water distribution system. This operation maintains the overall excellent water quality in our distribution system and ensures that each fire hydrant operates properly and is available for fire protection.

**FREE FIREWOOD HARVESTING PROGRAM:** The Lake Topanemus Commission is currently hosting a free Firewood Harvesting Program at the lake for homeowners to obtain free firewood while supporting maintenance of the park and promoting healthy outdoor activities. Applicants must provide their own equipment to cut and transport the firewood. Applications are available by email to [sduckenfield@freeholdboro.org](mailto:sduckenfield@freeholdboro.org), or on our website at [www.freeholdboroughnj.gov](http://www.freeholdboroughnj.gov)



**NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION:** The Official Election Ballot Drop Box at Borough Hall is open! You can securely drop your ballot at 30 Mechanic Street until **8:00 PM on Election Day, November 7, 2023.** Early Voting Locations are also available starting on **October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 5<sup>th</sup>** throughout the county. The closest to Freehold Borough are the Colts Neck Public Library and the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. If you have any other questions regarding voting locations, an absentee ballot or the general election, go to <https://www.monmouthcountynovotes.com/voter-information/>.

**LEAD AND COPPER:** The Borough of Freehold is seeking willing residents to take part of our semi-annual lead and copper monitoring pool. **Beginning January 1, 2024** residents potable water must be supplied by the Borough of Freehold. Between the dates of **January 1<sup>st</sup> - June 31<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>** a sample bottle will be delivered to the resident's address for a sample to be collected from their tap, the resident will then place the bottle in the same location where it was originally left and will be picked up the following day. If you're interested in participating, please email [Swhite@freeholdboro.org](mailto:Swhite@freeholdboro.org).

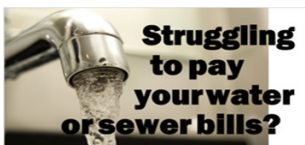


### – UPDATE - Borough of Freehold Resident Communications – Everbridge

**Get alerted about emergencies, important community news, and local events by signing up for our Everbridge Notification Program.**

This notification system enables your municipality to provide you with **critical information** quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive the **critical messages** wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where, you pick how you would like to receive the **critical messages**. This notification system offers you to be informed with the happenings in community **via email only**.

Sign up at [www.freeholdboroughnj.gov](http://www.freeholdboroughnj.gov) – click the **Resident** drop down – click **Resident Communications** – click **Sign up Here for the Everbridge Notification Program**. **Note:** You may already be registered into the Everbridge program but may need to update your profile. Some residents have their phone number on file but no email address. Please contact 732-462-4200 option 1 ext. 220 or email [sduckenfield@freeholdboro.org](mailto:sduckenfield@freeholdboro.org) for assistance.



VISIT US ONLINE AT  
**WWW.FREEHOLDBOROUGHNJ.GOV**

# OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM	3	4 DISTRICT 1 RECYCLING PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING 7PM	5 HUMAN RELATIONS 6 PM	6 MOVIE NIGHT 7PM HALL OF RECORDS	7 RECYCLING CENTER OPEN AT 161 CENTER ST., 7 AM—NOON
8	9 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY COLUMBUS DAY Municipal Offices Closed	10	11 DISTRICT 2 RECYCLING <u>HYDRANT FLUSHING 8 AM</u> PLANNING BD. 7 PM	12 LIBRARY TRUSTEES 8 AM BOARD OF HEALTH 8 PM	13	14
15 HAUNTED HAYRIDE 1 PM—4PM WELLS FARGO BANK	16 COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM	17 RECREATION COMM. 7 PM	18 DISTRICT 1 RECYCLING LAKE TOPANEMUS 7 PM	19 SHADE TREE COMM. 6:30PM	20	21 MONSTER MASH 6PM—8PM HALL OF RECORDS
22	23 HISTORIC PRESERVATION 7 PM	24	25 DISTRICT 2 RECYCLING PLANNING BD. 7 PM	26	27	28
29 HALLOWEEN PARADE 1PM STARTS ON MANALPAN AVE	30	31				

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31 NEW YEAR'S EVE						