



# BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD

30 Mechanic Street ~ Freehold, New Jersey 07728-2195

# NEWSLETTER

## September 2023

**FAMILY FUN DAY:** The Freehold Borough Recreation Commission will be at Lake Topanemus on **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 2pm - 6pm** for Family Fun Day! There will be a scavenger hunt, fishing lessons, music, games, canoes and more. This is a BYOP (Bring Your Own Picnic event). The Commission is looking forward to connecting with the community and provide a chill family friendly environment to help close out summer 2023.



**MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN:** The Mayor's Wellness Committee hopes you enjoyed our free activities this summer. For the fall our **Yoga Class will resume on September 20<sup>th</sup> and run 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. On **September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM, Professional Physical Therapy will hold "Fall Risk Assessment"** at Hudson Manor for any Borough Seniors. Bus transportation will be available. For our students, we have collaborated with Monmouth County 4-H 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 via Zoom providing cooking instructions. It's a great family activity and a fun way to learn nutrition together! Country Line Dance Night was also a lot of fun. If you'd like to see more nights like this on a regular basis, let us know. 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:** The Halloween Spooktacular has been a Freehold Borough tradition for many years and is brought to you by a group of community members who truly love our town. The committee is comprised of dedicated local volunteers who happily put their heart, soul, time, and talents into planning and hosting each event. All events are **FREE** to the public and are made possible because of the generous donations from those who want to share the charm of our small town with others. We invite you to come experience all our town has to offer and hope you join us every October for some Spooktacular fun! For more 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:** **Half Mile of Horses Art Walk Project** is still on display through the end of **October 2023**. The project, funded by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) and local sponsorships will see 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. Residents and visitors are invited to

view the artwork and vote on their favorites. The horse motif was selected to pay homage to the borough's long equine history. The Borough solicited competitive proposals and received over 40 entries for the 18 available slots. The 18 finalists executed their design on the horse which is mounted and publicly displayed. The project provides an opportunity for artists and sponsors to participate in a public art project combining creativity and history as well as to gain recognition in local art culture. The Half Mile of Horses Art Walk project is anticipated to generate interest in the Borough of Freehold as an emerging Arts Destination. The **Neighborhood Preservation Program** grant has also funded community amenities providing new trash receptacles and **NEW** decorative street lights; also planted new trees and partnered with Clean Communities and held a very successful clean-up day. Some of the things are not as noticeable and still offer a different form of beautification in the NPP Area. We will continue to offer improvements with other projects throughout the year.

**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.

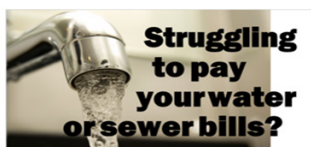
**FREE FIREWOOD HARVESTING PROGRAM:** The Lake Topanemus Commission is currently hosting a free Firewood Harvesting Program at the lake for homeowners to obtain free firewood while supporting maintenance of the park and promoting healthy outdoor activities. Applicants must provide their own equipment 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)



**- 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.**



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# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 RECYCLING CENTER OPEN AT 161 CENTER ST., 7 AM—NOON
3	4 LABOR DAY  Municipal Offices Closed	5 COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM	6 DISTRICT 1 RECYCLING  PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING 6 PM	7 HUMAN RELATIONS 6PM	8	9 FAMILY FUN DAY 2-6PM LAKE TOPANEMUS
10	11	12	13 DISTRICT 2 RECYCLING  PLANNING BD. 7 PM	14 LIBRARY TRUSTEES 8AM  BOARD OF HEALTH 8PM	15	16 LATINO FESTIVAL 12-7PM HALL OF RECORDS
17	18 COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM	19 RECREATION COMM. 7 PM	20 DISTRICT 1 RECYCLING  LAKE TOPANEMUS 7 PM	21 SHADE TREE COMM. 6:30PM	22	23
24	25 HISTORIC PRESERVATION 7 PM	26	27 DISTRICT 2 RECYCLING  PLANNING BD. 7 PM	28	29	30

# OCTOBER 2023

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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  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				

# NOVEMBER 2023

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