



BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD

30 Mechanic Street ~ Freehold, New Jersey 07728-2195

NEWSLETTER

December 2023



HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST: The registration process is underway for the Freehold Borough Recreation Commission's annual House Decorating Contest. Please contact the Commission at **732-462-4200 option 1 ext. 220**, visit <https://www.freeholdboroughnj.gov/boards/recreation>, or scan the QR code to the left by **December 15th** to register for the contest. Houses will be judged on **Saturday, December 16th through Tuesday December 19th**. An awards ceremony will be held on **Thursday December 21st at 5:30 p.m.** in front of the Hall of Records on East Main Street.

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION: LEAF collection **ONLY** is underway in the Borough and will continue until the end of the year. Residents have the option of taking their brush and leaves to the Public Works site located at 161 Center St. every Saturday from 7:00 a.m.-noon during the month of December. Leaves must be placed in clear plastic or brown bio-degradable bags. The site is also open on the first Saturday of each month from 7:00 a.m. – noon from January through October.



RECYCLING: Did you know that Composting is Recycling? Composting is when you separate out your kitchen vegetables and yard waste at home, and place it into a special pile so that it breaks down into a natural, soil-like product that can be used as fertilizer. There are steps that you need to take to compost safely and successfully. For more information please call 732-462-4200 option 8 then option 1 and don't forget to download the **Recycle Coach App it's FREE.**

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 available by email to sduckenfield@freeholdboro.org, or on our website at [https://www.freeholdboroughnj.gov/boards/lake-topanemus-commission/Forms & Documents](https://www.freeholdboroughnj.gov/boards/lake-topanemus-commission/Forms%20Documents).



NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY: Join Olive Branch Lodge #16 Free and Accepted Masons, American Legion Post #54, Marine Corps League Corporal Reynolds Detachment #203, Disabled American Veteran Chapter #74, Jewish War Veterans Post #359, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4374, Municipal Representatives from the Borough of Freehold and the Township of Freehold, community leaders, and residents as we honor our local fallen heroes on **Saturday December 16th 12pm sharp** at the **Elks Point Memorial**. Sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave this December through Wreaths Across America. Scan the QR code to your left with your smart phone camera to donate online.

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 www.freeholdboroughnj.gov >Community >Housing Rehabilitation Program or www.hip.cgph.net 609-664-2769 ext. 9.



LEAD AND COPPER: The Borough of Freehold is seeking willing residents to take part in our semi-annual lead and copper monitoring pool. **Beginning January 1ST 2024** residents potable water must be supplied by the Borough of Freehold. Between the dates of **January 1st - June 31st and July 1st- December 31st** 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.



FREE RABIES CLINIC: Freehold Borough Health Department is offering a **FREE** Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs on **Saturday, January 27, 2024**. The clinic will be held at Freehold Borough Fire House, 49 West Main Street from **9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**. Animals must be 3 months old or older, all dogs must be leashed and cats must be appropriate carriers, no cardboard boxes. Freehold Borough Licensing will be available at Borough Hall, 30 Mechanic Street with proof of vaccination during this time. This will be the only Rabies Clinic offered in Freehold Borough in 2024.

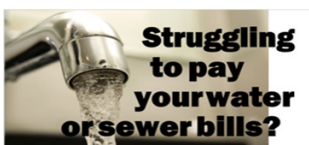


– UPDATE – Borough of Freehold Resident Communications – Everbridge

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 – 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 for assistance.**



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DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 RECYCLING CENTER OPEN AT 161 CENTER ST., 7 AM—NOON
3	4 COUNCIL MEETING 6:30PM	5	6 DISTRICT 2 RECYCLING	7 HUMAN RELATIONS 6 PM	8	9
10	11 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMM. 7 PM	12	13 DISTRICT 1 RECYCLING PLANNING BD. 7 PM	14 LIBRARY TRUSTEES 8 AM BOARD OF HEALTH 8 PM	15	16 WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ELK'S POINT AT NOON
17	18 COUNCIL MEETING 6:30PM	19 RECREATION COMM. 7 PM	20 DISTRICT 2 RECYCLING LAKE TOPANEMUS 7 PM	21 SHADE TREE COMM. 6:30PM HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING AWARDS CEREMONY 5:30PM HALL OF RECORDS	22	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Municipal Offices Closed	26	27 DISTRICT 1 RECYCLING	28	29	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE						

JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Municipal Offices Closed	2	3 DISTRICT 2 RECYCLING PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING 7 PM	4 HUMAN RELATIONS REORGANIZATION 6PM	5	6 RECYCLING CENTER OPEN AT 161 CENTER ST., 7 AM—NOON
7 REORGANIZATION MEETING 1:00 P.M.	8	9	10 DISTRICT 1 RECYCLING PLANNING BD REORGANIZATION 6:45PM	11 LIBRARY TRUSTEES 8 AM BOARD OF HEALTH REORGANIZATION 8 PM	12	13
14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Municipal Offices	16	17 DISTRICT 2 RECYCLING MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MTG 7PM	18 SHADE TREE COMM. 6:30PM	19	20
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25	26	27	28 DISTRICT 1 RECYCLING	29		