Brundage Park Playhouse Celebrates 40th Season

Brundage Park Playhouse (BPP) is sponsored by the Randolph Township Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. In the fall of 1978 the Randolph Recreation Committee approved the Randolph Community Theater Program. The following summer the theater performed its first production, the musical Pippin. The following three summers several musicals and one drama were presented using the Randolph High School auditorium.

During the fall of 1982, with the help of the Kiwanis Club of Randolph, a proposal was made to convert several buildings in Brundage Park into a home for the theater. Since that time, a hard working crew of volunteers and staff has converted these buildings into a rehearsal studio, costume shop, scene shop, and our present playhouse.

We work very hard to maintain a professional atmosphere and comfortable surroundings. The theater provides space and staff support, and the playhouse continues to raise funds for renovations, improvements, and general operations to keep it a self-sustaining program. The theater has become a central gathering place for people interested in the performing arts.

We provide a wide range of theatrical experiences including major productions, children’s theater, performing arts classes, and several summer theater camp programs. During the course of our seasons, you can expect to see a wide variety of main stage shows including productions designed specifically for children (For Kids By Kids), comedies, dramas, musicals, classical works, and innovative contemporary plays. In short, we offer something for everyone!

Our professional staff, in conjunction with many volunteers and our Brundage Park Advisory Board, works cooperatively to make Brundage Park Playhouse an entertaining and enriching resource. We hope to continue the evolution of our theater and look to expand the involvement of residents in our organization.

Brundage Park Playhouse is committed to the patrons and its primary goal, to service the community by bringing quality entertainment and innovative programming as a convenient and affordable venue. Volunteers are always needed in assisting as ushers and support staff. Please call the playhouse at 973-989-7092 if you are interested in joining our dedicated BPP family.

Affordable Housing

Since the 1980’s the Township of Randolph has been an active participant in the creation of affordable housing in the community. In excess of 300 affordable units have been developed in the form of apartments, townhomes, single-family dwellings, assisted-living units and group homes. The township consistently met the affordable housing requirements of the agency responsible for overseeing the state’s affordable housing rules, the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

In 2015 the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that the administrative process for reviewing municipal compliance with the state’s affordable housing requirements had become non-functioning and transferred jurisdiction over such matters from COAH to the New Jersey Superior Court. The ruling also established a judicial forum for COAH’s process for certifying a municipality’s affordable housing obligation. In accordance with the Supreme Court ruling, New Jersey municipalities were provided the opportunity to seek approval of their plans for development of affordable housing through a court filing termed a declaratory judgment action. Randolph filed its declaratory judgment action, along with the accompanying housing plan approved by the Planning Board in March 2016, as required by the court.

The responsibility for reviewing the declaratory judgment actions filed by the municipalities was assigned to one of the 15 judges appointed by the Supreme Court to review the matter. The judge assigned to decide Morris County municipalities’ affordable housing obligation is still in the process of reviewing motions and other technical issues associated with the matter. A proceeding to determine the obligations of Randolph and other towns with plans pending in Morris County has not yet been scheduled.

At the center of the litigation is the methodology under which the court will use to determine the municipal affordable housing obligations for the period 1999-2025. The municipalities have proposed a methodology, which is believed fair and appropriate, and yields an obligation that would require much more intensive and extensive development. Randolph has met all of its obligations in the legal process and continues to work for the best possible outcome for the community.

Litigation is always difficult to predict as far as timing, but it is believed the matter will be moving towards closure in the coming year. As the Mayor advised in his Reorganization address, the township will share more information about the matter in 2019 as is allowable given the constraints of the litigation process.
A Message from the Mayor

It is an honor to serve in 2019 as Mayor of Randolph Township, the community in which my wife Karen and I chose 28 years ago to live and raise our family. I thank my fellow Council members for their support and the township staff and countless volunteers for helping make Randolph such a great place to live.

I have had the good fortune of serving my community on the Township Council for the past eight years and can attest to the professional, yet familial, atmosphere exhibited at the Municipal Building. We are blessed with a hardworking, competent, and friendly staff that is eager to help those with questions or concerns.

The Council will introduce the 2019 Municipal Budget and Capital Improvement Program in March and adopt it at a public hearing on April 18th. As proposed, the budget calls for non-recurring and capital portion of our property tax bill, maintains service levels, and continues to allow for investment in equipment, infrastructure, municipally owned properties, and the maintenance of prudent reserve levels. Water and sewer funds are maintained as separate budgets, funded by user fees. After careful analysis of both funds, it was determined that an increase in water rates, last raised in 2012, was warranted to generate the necessary revenue to offset increasing expenses, while a decrease in sewer rates could be implemented without adversely impacting the fund’s financial stability. The average water consumer’s quarterly bill will increase $21.40 and most serviced by sewer will see, on average, a quarterly decrease of $23.31.

With winter behind us, we look forward to spring and taking advantage of all the outdoor activities Randolph has to offer. Our parks, trails, and vast amount of open space provide the opportunity for various recreational activities. With the construction of the new Veterans Community Park on Calais Road, these opportunities will expand. Unlike the others, this will be a more passive recreation park including paved and natural walking/jogging trails with one trail tilt for evening use; a community garden including 168 garden plots; a band shell with a great lawn for future concerts and township events; pickle ball courts; and a pavilion and restrooms. It is anticipated that the park will be ready for partial use by late summer 2019, with full use by summer 2020. Online registration to secure a community garden plot will begin on or about April 1st via the township website, Parks and Recreation tab.

I look forward to seeing you around town!

Jim Loveys
Mayor

Community Garden

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services is happy to announce that registration for the Community Garden will begin on April 1st. The Community Garden has been a long-time dream for many community members for a number of years. The garden was noted in the 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan as an area to develop within the new Veterans Community Park on Calais Road. Garden beds will be leased on an annual basis; they will be 6 x 14’ in size to allow easy access, and are available for $40 per bed on a first come, first served basis. For further information on registration, please contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services at 973-989-7081 or email rnewman@randolphnj.org.

From the Tax Office

Did you know? There are a number of property tax deductions/rebates available to homeowners who qualify. The following programs are administered by the State of New Jersey.

Property Tax Reimbursement (Freeze)

This program is open to homeowners/mobile homeowners 65 or older or receiving Social Security disability and meeting the qualifications. For more information please visit state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/otherptr.shtml or call 1-800-882-6597.

Homestead Rebate

This program is open to NJ residents who own and occupied their home as their principal residence and meeting the qualifications. For more information please visit state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninfo.shtml or call 1-888-238-1233.

The following program is administered by the Tax Collection Office.

Senior Citizen, Disabled Person or Surviving Spouse

This program is open to homeowners meeting the qualifications. For more information please visit state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/otherptr.shtml or call the Tax Collection Office at 973-989-7047.

The following programs are administered by the Tax Assessing Office.

Veteran or Surviving Spouse

This program is open to war veterans meeting the qualifications. For more information please visit state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/otherptr.shtml or call the Tax Assessing Office at 973-989-7129.

New Members of the Township Council

Lou Nisivoccia was elected to the Randolph Township Council in November 2018. Lou has served as President of the Randolph Area Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Economic Development Committee, Recreation Advisory Committee, Advisory Environmental and Landmarks Committee, Board of Health, and the Library Board of Trustees. He is also a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Morris County Airport Advisory Committee, First Bank Advisory Board and the Randolph Football Alumni Association; he also serves as a co-catechist at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish. He is a past President of The 200 Club of Morris County, a non-profit organization supporting the families of fallen police officers and firefighters. A graduate of Randolph schools and Cornell University, Lou is the founder and Managing Director of Nisivoccia Consulting LLC. A lifelong Randolph resident, Lou resides on Heritage Court with his wife Jackie and their two children.

Marie Potter was elected to the Randolph Township Council in November 2018. Marie has served on the Randolph Township Board of Adjustment for four years, several recreation committees, and coached girls’ basketball. Marie has been on the board of the Center Grove Elementary School and chaired the build of the playground. As a previous Randolph Education Foundation (REF) board member, Marie founded the “Randolph Rocks 5K” race and she initiated REF’s “Second Pair” Project to provide warm clothing for Randolph students in need. Marie is an active member of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, where she currently serves as a Trustee. Marie earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Engineering and a Master’s Degree in Computer Science, both from Stevens Institute of Technology. As Randolph residents for over twenty years, Marie and her husband John reside on Shadowbrook Way where they are raising their four children, Sean, Katie, Matthew and Caroline.
Health Department
Public Health Programs

Adult Vaccines
Dates: Thursdays, April 11th, May 16th, and June 13th
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Randolph Township Municipal Building

Well Child Clinics
(Includes vaccinations and physicals for Randolph residents from birth to age 18)
Dates: Thursdays, April 11th and June 13th
Location: Randolph Township Municipal Building

Skin Cancer Screening
Date: Monday, May 20th
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location: Randolph Township Municipal Building

Municipal Alliance Committee (MAC)
Upcoming Events
For more detailed information, visit www.randolphnj.org

Matt Bellace, PhD, Speaker, Psychologist and Comedian
A positive, science-based and seriously entertaining approach to substance abuse prevention.

Wednesday, March 20th – 7:00 p.m. – Randolph Middle School Auditorium
Matt Bellace, author of "A Better High," will be presenting to the students at the middle school during the day; the presentation will include information that can empower the students to seek out positive friends, express their feelings in productive ways, and pursue healthy, natural highs. Parents and caregivers of children in the school district are invited to Matt’s evening program to learn how to empower children and communicate effectively. Matt holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and has been involved in youth drug and alcohol prevention efforts since high school. Matt is a passionate and effective speaker who presents his message with humor and lots of audience interaction.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
Saturday, March 23rd & Saturday, March 30th – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (must be able to attend both sessions)
St. Matthew the Apostle Parish, 335 Dover Chester Road
As part of Randolph Township’s commitment to the Morris County Stigma-Free Initiative, the MAC is offering this Youth Mental Health First Aid training. Youth Mental Health First Aid USA is an eight-hour public education program which introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, explains the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge. Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. The course is designed for adults who regularly interact with adolescents (teachers, school staff, coaches, youth group leaders, parents, etc.). Registration is required; please send an email to kolsakowski@randolphnj.org.

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Expo
Saturday, May 4th – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Community Center, 30 Calais Road
The MAC is proud to present the premier of a community-wide family event showcase for healthy living. This free, public event will feature a variety of programs and resources for family physical and mental well-being. Area businesses and organizations will be exhibiting throughout the facility on various techniques and new ideas for all to explore. Highlights will include participation demonstrations of mindfulness yoga and meditation; a mini-boot camp session and other fitness programs; healthy eating and cooking demonstrations; group activities in the area such as bike clubs, community garden club, and more. For more information, or if you are interested in exhibiting/presenting, contact Kate Olsakowski at kolsakowski@randolphnj.org.

Clean Communities Day and Shredding Event
Saturday, April 27th
CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY
Join local scouts and civic groups in beautifying Randolph Township at our “Clean Communities Day” on Saturday, April 27th. Registration, work assignments, and light refreshments begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Municipal Building located at 502 Millbrook Avenue. All participants will receive gloves, garbage bags, and t-shirts. Mini-grants are available for civic groups. Call the Health Department at 973-989-7050 to sign up.

SHREDDING EVENT
The Randolph Township Health Department will once again be offering confidential paper shredding services to residents, free of charge, as part of its Clean Communities Day on April 27th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Municipal Building. Please note the following terms and conditions.

The service is:
• For Randolph residents only
• Personal, confidential documents generated in the home only (not commercial or home-business generated)
• Limited to three file boxes per household (file box = 1.5 cu feet)
• Confidential documents do not include junk mail and store flyers or solicitations. Please separate this material from confidential documents.

A Letter from the Superintendent
The wellbeing of our students is the number one priority of our school community. Students today face a variety of stresses in their daily lives. Teaching our students how to reduce and effectively manage stress helps to ward off anxiety, depression, and harmful behaviors such as self-medication. Because stress can be a dangerous thing, we strive to ensure our students are equipped with appropriate tools by making resources available and by embedding stress management skills in day-to-day activities.

However, we cannot achieve this alone. The district, our community, our students, and their parents must work together to support each other and foster the success of our young citizens. We must all work as a true team to guide our students in making choices that minimize and regulate stress.

As you know, social and emotional learning (SEL) is a major focus in our schools. In my last quarterly letter, I discussed ways the district is approaching this area of learning, which addresses mental health as well as overall health and wellness, with a focus on educating the whole child. By incorporating this into every aspect of the educational experience, we are making sure students’ basic needs are met and every student is ready and able to learn.

As educators, we are continually learning new ways to minimize and deal with stress for students. We have ongoing training sessions for teachers in SEL and additional areas of student stress management, and each of our schools has focused on creating the appropriate climate and culture for students to thrive. Our approach asks our educators not to just develop content for students, but to build healthy relationships with students and the community that foster wellbeing.

Because parent involvement is integral, building administrators and teachers are available to connect with parents and engage in open conversations to identify appropriate resources to support students and aid in addressing issues they are facing.

Building and maintaining community partnerships that make our students feel encouraged and supported is another essential part of this effort, requiring continued and strengthened support from parents and community organizations. By nurturing open, honest dialogue, we can all be involved and lead by example. As part of this effort, we welcome community members who have something to share to please reach out and consider getting involved.

For more information on social and emotional learning, please visit: https://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/sandy/sole/

Together, we can make a real difference for our students.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Fano, Superintendent

Important Dates for Primary Election
June 4 – Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
April 10: Last day to change Party affiliation for June Primary
May 14: Last day to register to vote in the June Primary
May 28: Last day to apply for Vote by Mail for June Primary

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The Randolph Police Department’s Support Services Unit hosted several events to strengthen the relationship between the department and township residents, both old and young. In November, members of the Police Department took part in Coffee with a Cop at A&B Bagel on Sussex Turnpike. Attendees were treated to a cup of coffee and were able to have conversations with members of the Police Department. In December, members of the Police Department teamed up with students from Randolph High School for “Movie Night.” Families viewed the movie “Elf,” ate pizza and snacks, played games and interacted with several movie scenes created by the high school students. Officers in the Support Services Unit have been visiting each of the elementary schools to have lunch with the different classes. The students have the opportunity to meet the officers and participate in some friendly conversation. Many of the students take this opportunity to ask the police officers for their trading card. The Trading Card Program was launched in August 2018, and has been popular with the township’s young residents, as they like to collect as many police officers’ cards as possible!

Recently, officers in the Support Services Unit teamed up with members of the Police Department’s Detective Bureau and participated in a volleyball match with teachers from Randolph High School. The freshman class at the high school hosted a volleyball tournament fundraiser for Patrolman Jeremiah “Reggie” Crowley, who is currently battling cancer. The teachers ultimately beat the Police Department to win the tournament!

New Faces in the Police Department

Patrolman Bryan Blauvelt was publicly sworn in as a Randolph Township Patrolman on November 29th. After graduating from Monmouth University in May 2017 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice, Patrolman Blauvelt attended the Essex County Police Academy and graduated in June 2018. From a young age, he appreciated and admired those in law enforcement and attended several junior police academies. Patrolman Blauvelt ultimately decided to pursue law enforcement as a career. He is excited to be a part of the Randolph Township Police Department and looks forward to building relationships with members of the community and making a positive impact.

Police Department Awards

The Randolph Police Department held its Annual Award Ceremony on November 29th. Sgt. Jeff Goral and Patrolmen Brian Brenckman, David Spence, Kyle Hefferon, and Nick Francia received the Grand Cordon Unit Award. The award, given to participating members of an operating unit for a cited action, was for an incident that occurred on March 22, 2018. Officers responded to a medical emergency on Route 10, jumping over a concrete divider to aid an unresponsive patient. Officers learned that the patient had suffered from a drug overdose and the patrol squad administered NARCAN to the patient, who was ultimately revived.

Patrolman Ian Green received the Life-Saving Award for his actions on July 8, 2018. Patrolman Green responded to a CPR in progress call. He arrived and took over CPR for several minutes before the patient showed signs of life. EMS then arrived on scene and transported the patient to the hospital.

Patrolmen Corey Frappier, Ian Green, Salvatore Grosso, Daniel Sullivan, Christopher Senyk, and Bryan Blauvelt received the Educational Achievement Award which is presented to officers for having an education beyond an Associates Degree.

Let’s Work Together

Those perennial New Year’s resolutions have prompted Randolph Rescue Squad members to focus on strengthening their determination to deliver superior EMS to our friends and neighbors. Recently, we shared ideas about what basic patient information will help us reach and sustain our goal. Gathering critical information during a medical emergency often involves family members or other companions at the scene. Exchanging accurate health information quickly and efficiently translates into better patient care.

Knowing what information to convey to the EMS is paramount. Preparing that information ahead of time helps us work together at the scene. Providing a printed list of health information for the EMS benefits the patient. Include the following: current medications and supplements; syndromes or chronic conditions such as diabetes, A-fib, and other cardiac issues; allergies; dietary restrictions; full name, address, date of birth; name of the patient’s physician. Keep the list of past and present health information on the refrigerator as well as in a purse or wallet. Likewise, mention hearing aids, eyeglasses, a medic alert or other devices that enhance the patient’s communication efforts. If an advanced directive such as a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR), a Do Not Intubate (DNI), or a Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) is in effect, a signed original copy should be transported with the patient.

With these same goals in mind, some of us have already utilized Morris County’s free SMARTr911 service at www.smartr911.com. Check it out! Residents create a Safety Profile for their household. In addition to health information, you may wish to alert responders about a disabled person living in your home or the presence of pets or even where to find the shut-off valve for the natural gas. Be assured that this information is secure and accessible only to a 9-1-1 call taker. It is challenging yet necessary to “work” on your family’s health and safety information now. The time may come when having it available may save your own life or the life of someone you love.

In 2018, the RRS answered 713 calls. We are enormously grateful for your donations, thank-you notes, and encouragement, JOIN US! Reward yourself by becoming a member. You will discover how much satisfaction in serving your community.

Contact us:
- To learn more about the RRS or to complete a membership application, visit our website at www.randolphrescue.org.
- To arrange for stand-bys at athletic and other community events or for information about training classes, call Captain Todd Houston at 862-987-2929 or send an email to captaintrandolphrescue.org.
- For other questions, send an email to info@randolphrescue.org.
- To reach RRS President Stephen Jancarek, send email to steve.jancarek@randolphrescue.org.

Randolph Rescue Squad

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The New Jersey Uniform Fire Code requires inspections for the sale, rental or change of occupancy of a 1- or 2-family dwelling. The inspection ensures the proper placement and operation of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms as well as the required fire extinguisher. Smoke detector requirements vary depending on when the home was built, so please ensure that your home meets the proper requirements. For more detailed information you may call the Fire Prevention Bureau or visit the township website, http://www.randolphnj.org/services/smoke_detector_inspection.

To schedule an inspection, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 973-989-7039.

Certificate of Smoke Detector, Carbon Monoxide Alarm and Fire Extinguisher Compliance

The inspection fees are as follows:
- Initial inspection - $100
- Each re-inspection - $75
- Inspection requested without proper notice, or on an emergent basis - $150

Instruments are conducted on Monday evenings between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Please be sure to schedule your appointment for an inspection as soon as you are able as slots fill up quickly.

The Randolph Police Department recently welcomed Carmen “Mia” Windt to their Police Records Bureau. Marcia joined the Records Bureau after an extensive career in corporate customer service relations, as well as experience as a Police Dispatcher for the Morris Plains Police Department. She is a longtime resident of Morris Plains and lives with her husband Gary and their two dogs, Marcia has two children, Gary (“Skip”) and Katie, and is the proud grandma of two granddaughters. Marcia enjoys spending time with family, cooking, and volunteering in her community.

Randolph Rescue Squad

Artworks Studio

Space may still be available for spring classes. For more information, please visit www.randolphnj.org and click on the Parks and Recreation tab.

ARTWORKS SUMMER CAMPS

For students who have completed grades 1-5:
- Week 1: SpY Kids – July 8-12; 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fee: $290
- Week 2: Let’s Go to the Zoo – July 15-19; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: $180
- Ages 3 ½ - 6
  - Our Magic Garden – August 19, 21 & 22; 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fee: $95

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 18th, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
2nd Annual Randolph Arts in the Park Festival
Indoors and Outdoors at the Community Center & Randolph Township Public Library

A festival to celebrate the visual, performing, and literary arts and to provide local artists an opportunity to showcase their talent. This free event will include art displays, book readings, individual and group musical, theatrical and dance performances, selfie rooms, interactive exhibits, food and much more! Made possible by Randolph Township and the Morris Arts Local Arts Grant (a partner of the NJ State Council on the Arts) and local business sponsors. Visit www.randolphartsinthepark.com or www.randolphnj.org for more information.

Brundage Park Playhouse

MAMMA MIA!

Music and Lyrics by Benny Andersson & Bjorn Ulvaeus
Book by Catherine Johnson
Directed by Larry Turner

April 19, 20, 26, 27, May 3 & 4 at 8:00 p.m.
April 28 & May 5 at 2:00 p.m.

ABBA’s hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman’s search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter’s quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother’s past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

MAMMA MIA!

Summer Theater Camps
Register now for our Budding Stars (ages 5-7), Summer Stages (ages 8-14) and Advanced Performers Workshop (ages 12-17) at Brundage Park Playhouse!
Register online at www.randolphnj.org.

For more information, visit www.brundageparkplayhouse.org or call 973-989-7092.

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The Friends Meeting House Receives County Grant

Last July, the Morris County Board of Freeholders unanimously approved $2.2 million in county historic preservation grants to be financed by the county’s 2018 Preservation Trust Fund to help preserve, restore, or protect historic sites in 16 towns across Morris County. Awards are recommended for projects that best meet the program’s evaluation criteria in categories of construction, preservation planning, and creation of construction documents.

The Friends Meeting House & Cemetery Association of Randolph received a non-construction grant of $24,080. The grant will assist with the preparation of a Preservation Plan for the Friends Meeting House on Quaker Church Road. The 1758 meeting house is purported to be the oldest hand-hewn building in Morris County and the best preserved framed, wood-legged construction Quaker meeting house in its original condition in the nation. The building is individually listed on the Historic Registers. The building is currently open to public tours and used as the association headquarters.

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Former Irania resident Rachel Butler (on right) lived on Pleasant Hill Road in the early 1900s. Her secular career included a long commute on the DL&W train from Irania to Jersey City where she worked as a legal secretary for J. Herbert Potts, Justice of the First District Criminal Court of Jersey City. This very rare photograph of Rachel (with an unnamed friend on the left) is the only known image documenting Randolph Township’s exclusive train depot. On April 10, 1914, in Brooklyn, New York, Rachel married Mr. George Behr, a former member of the Boston Symphony who served in the Spanish American War and played the flute for the Army’s band.

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Children's programs which require registration are open to Randolph residents (including grandparents or other family members who will be escorting the child to the program), children who are full-time attendees of schools located in Randolph, and children of parents who work in Randolph. If a child's program is not at maximum capacity twenty-four hours before the scheduled start time, registration will open to anyone not included in the categories outlined above. Adult programs requiring registration are open to all residents and non-residents ages 14 and over.

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**Weis Cooking & Food Class**
- **Friday, April 5 for ages 3-5**
  - 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, April 30 for grades K-3**
  - 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
- Check the library's website for a complete description. Presented by Registered Dietitian Kimberly Asman.

**Sew-It @ the Library!**
- **Monday, April 15**
  - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Grades 5 to 9
  - Learn how to sew with this fun workshop, and learn how to make your own drawstring backpack.

**Jelly Bean Bingo & Bowling**
- **Thursday, April 18**
  - 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.
- Ages 4 to 12
  - Come play bingo using jelly beans and special bingo cards with book characters instead of numbers. We’ll also enjoy some bowling.

**My Friend Chief**
- **Tuesday, April 23**
  - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Grades K to 6
  - Learn more about Josephine and Jack, or any other characters. The story of Chief is continued.

**Lego Club**
- **Thursdays, April 25 and May 23**
  - 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.
- Ages 4 and up
  - We supply the Legos, you supply the skill and imagination. Register for each program separately.

**Weis Cooking & Food Class**
- **Friday, May 3 for ages 3-5**
  - 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 28 for grades K-3**
  - 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
- Check the library's website for a complete description. Presented by Registered Dietitian Kimberly Asman.

**Rockness Music**
- **Friday, May 17**
  - 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.
- All ages welcome
  - Join us for a visit from Rich Mikula, an award winning author and butterfly expert, and some of his beautiful live butterflies. This fast-paced, high energy program will also feature amazing mounted specimens. All attendees should register.

**The Wonderful World of Butterflies**
- **Thursday, June 6**
  - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Ages 4 & up
  - Join us for a visit from Rich Mikula, an award winning author and butterfly expert, and some of his beautiful live butterflies. This fast-paced, high energy program will also feature amazing mounted specimens. All attendees should register.

**The Houdini Escape Show**
- **Thursday, June 20**
  - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Ages 4 & up
  - Have you ever seen the great Harry Houdini perform an escape live? No, of course not. Tom Yurasits will perform some of Houdini’s famous escapes, and share some Houdini history, with a dash of comedy. All attendees should register.

**“A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Club**
- **Thursday, June 20 to Wednesday, August 7**
- Preschool through grade 6
  - In-person registration for Randolph children begins June 20 and will be ongoing throughout the club. Members of the club will enjoy ice cream and entertainment at the Summer Reading Club Picnic on August 7.

**“A Universe of Stories” Teen Summer Reading Program**
- **Thursday, June 20 to Friday, August 9**
  - Going into grades 7 & up
  - Weekly prize drawings for reading!

**Spring Drop-In Storytimes**
- **March 11 to May 9**
  - Our storytimes include age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, puppets, flannelboard tales and other interactive activities. No registration required.

**Nursery Rhyme Time**
- **Mondays, 9:30 to 9:50 a.m.**
  - Ages birth to 23 months with an adult.

**Story-Go-Round**
- **Mondays, 10:15 to 10:40 a.m.**
  - Ages 2 to 3 ½ with an adult.
  - Jump ‘n live for 3-5
  - Tuesdays, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
  - Ages 3 to 5 with an adult.

**Drop-in Family Storytime**
- **Thursday, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.**
  - All ages with an adult.

**Calling all Teens**
  - The library has a Teen Advisory Board for students in grades 9 and up. Members are involved in recommending age-appropriate materials for purchase, program development, and other related activities. Interested teens may contact a children’s librarian at the library.

**Library Honors Second “Graduating Class” of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program**

The target of reading or listening to 1,000 books before the first day of kindergarten sounds like an impossible task, but some of the library's youngest patrons are proving that it can be done! Eight more children recently reached the goal. The library honored their exceptional accomplishment at a celebration where they received a Certificate of Participation and a small reward.

Adam had completed the program once before at another library, but participated again here in Randolph. His favorite books of the 2000+ that he's read are the Elephant and Piggie series and Welcome to the Symphony by Carolyn Sloan.

Jan's favorite book is The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss. His parents noted that it was fun for him to participate by filling in his log and bringing it to the library.

Emilia named The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt as her favorite, while her sister Liliana loves the series, Sofia the First.

Joseph said The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg, is his favorite, and Jan Thomas’ hilarious A Birthday for Cow was Jack’s #1 pick.

Brodsky enthusiastically endorsed Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin, and even though there is a sequel, he hoped the Dragons would go on more adventures. His parents said they have a floor-to-ceiling bookcase which is filled mostly with Brodsky's own books.

While Josephine couldn't name only one favorite book, her father said she enjoyed the program so much, they plan to create logs at home and continue reading together.

The Randolph Township Free Public Library has been participating in the nationwide program, "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Early Literacy Challenge," since September 2017. The program was initiated in 2013 to promote reading aloud to infants and toddlers and, through reading together, encourage bonding between parents and their children. Recent studies show that reading out loud to children not only enhances early literacy skills (an early indicator of academic success), but has social and emotional benefits as well.

The library will continue to offer celebrations throughout the year so that each child who reaches the goal of reading 1,000 books has an opportunity to be honored for this remarkable achievement.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the program, stop by the Circulation Desk. When your child signs up, they will receive a reading log and a cloth bag to carry home all their library books!
Randolph Summer Camps
The Recreation Department recognizes that families are busy during the summer months and cannot always commit to an entire summer of camp. Parents may register their children for any week(s) they prefer to coordinate with other activities.

Day Camp sessions will be as follows for children who have completed grades K-5:
Session I: June 24–June 28
Session II: July 2 –July 5 (no camp July 4)
Session III: July 8 –July 12
Session IV: July 15–July 19
Session V: July 22–July 26
Session VI: July 29–August 2

Camp hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., with extended hours available from 7:35 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Fees are $175 per week for those who include all trip fees. Registrations received prior to March 1st will include a $20 discount per session. In addition, families that register for three or more weeks will receive a $15 per week discount.

Trip Week: for children who have completed grades 3–5 will be held the week of August 5–August 9. This camp has a trip scheduled every day, with age-appropriate trips and supervision. All trip costs are included in the registration fee of $250.

Teen Travel Camp: for children who have completed grades 6–8 will run for one, four-week session from July 1–July 26 (no camp on July 4). This camp offers a variety of entertaining trips. All trip costs are included in the registration fee of $990.

Summer Sports Clinics and Programs
Online Registration for Summer Sports Clinics is ongoing at www.randolphnj.org.

In-Person Registration is ongoing Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Please use your child’s current grade (2018/2019 school year).

Two clinic hours are $70 and three hour clinics are $85.

Baseball Camp: Session I: June 24–27; 9am-12pm (grades 3–6);
Session IA: 10am-12pm (grades K-2);
Boys Basketball Camp: Session I: July 1–5*;
Session II: July 22-25; 9am-12pm (grades 3–8);
Fencing (Boys and girls): Session I: July 29-Aug 1; 9am-12pm;
Session II: Aug 8–11; 9am-12pm (grades 5–8); Flag Football: Session I: July 8–11; 9am-12pm;
Session II: July 15-18; 9am-12pm (grades 2–7);
Girls Basketball Camp: July 15-18; 9am-12pm (grades 3–8);
Girls Field Hockey Camp: July 22-25; 9am-12pm (grades 4-12);
Girls Soccer Future Rams: Session I: June 24-27 9am-12pm (grades K-8);
Session II: August 12-15; 9am-11am (grades 2-7);
Boys Lacrosse Camp: Session I: July 1-5*; 9am-12pm (grades 1-8);
Soccer Camp: Session I: July 8-11; Session II: July 15-18;
Session III: July 22-25; 9am-12pm (grades K-8);
Boys Softball Camp: July 8-11; 9am-11am (grades K-8);
Track and Field: July 1-5*, 9am-12pm (grades 2-12).

*Nova camp July 4
Summer Tennis Lessons: Ages 7-adult. Four two-week sessions will be held. Each session will consist of eight lessons, Monday–Thursday. Register according to age and ability.

Tiny Tots: A six-week preschool sports camp for children aged three by May 1, 2019, through age five (not yet in Kindergarten). The program meets twice weekly at Brundage Park during Wednesdays or Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. (extended hours from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. available).

Randolph Rompers
Spaces available for the 2019-2020 school year!
The Randolph Rompers Preschool Program is accepting registrations for the 2019–2020 school year. The program consists of age-appropriate skills to develop the child’s social, emotional, and physical growth. The program is open to all Randolph Township residents. Children enrolling must be four years of age by October 1, 2019. Registrations are currently being accepted at the Community Center on Calais Road, Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. or online at www.randolphnj.org. For more information please call the Recreation Department at 973-989-7081.

Randolph Lake Beach
Randolph Lake Beach is preparing for another great season! The beach, located off Route 10 West on Green Lane, will be open weekends beginning Memorial Day weekend on May 25th through June 16th, and will be open daily, conditions permitting, from June 21st until September 2nd. Randolph Lake features a beautiful white sand beach as well as floating docks, spray park, paddleboat and canoe rentals, and weekly special events supervised by the dedicated lifeguards. With its changing rooms and snack bar, Randolph Lake is a destination for the entire family to enjoy. It has been a Randolph tradition for over 40 years! Memberships are available for individuals as well as couples and families. For further information, please call the Recreation Office at 973-989-7081.

Fall Sports
Online early registration for the following programs will begin on Wednesday, May 1st at www.randolphnj.org.

Cross Country: Children must be 7 by December 31, 2019 and may not turn 15 anytime during 2019.
Flag Football: Children 5-7 as of September 1, 2019.
Midget Football: Children must be 7 by October 1, 2019, and not turn 15 anytime during 2019. Teams from Pre-Clinic to Varsity level based upon age and weight.

REGISTRATION will be held in-person Monday–Friday, May 1st–31st, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

REGULAR REGISTRATION begins June 1st, at www.randolphnj.org or in-person Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Senior Programs and Events
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
Shopping Bus
Transportation to local shopping centers two days per week.
Monday Roxbury/Ledgewood Shopping Center
Wednesday Acme/ShopRite-Rockaway (1st and 3rd)
Acme/Weis (2nd and 4th), see calendar
Arrangements for transportation must be made by phone at least 24 hours in advance.

Medical Bus
Transportation to and from doctor’s office and therapy sessions. This service is available Monday-Thursday only. Appointments are available 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. It is best to call and schedule a ride as soon as you have made a medical appointment.

ACTIVITIES
All meet in the Senior Room at the Community Center on Calais Road.

Randolph Senior Citizen Club
Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Contact Loretta White at 862-244-4549 for additional information.

Cards
Meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Coffee, tea and cards are provided. Bring your lunch and enjoy the day! No transportation provided.

Sewing
Meets on the third Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. No transportation provided.

SPECIAL EVENTS
April – May – June
Tri-County Senior Olympics
This fun-filled day of games and crazy events for seniors, with six different towns participating will be held on Wednesday, June 5th in Pequannock Township. Call the Parks, Recreation and Community Services office at 973-989-7084 to join the team! Spots are limited; 24 senior participants are needed to make a team! Practices will be on Tuesday, May 14th, Monday, May 20th, Wednesday, May 29th and Monday, June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Freedom Park. No transportation will be provided for practice.

Senior Trips
Transportation is available for the following events. Call 973-989-7084 if you need a ride; a minimum of five people is needed to run the bus.
April 5 Lunch at Iron Hills Tavern in Roxbury at 12:00 p.m.
April 25 Movie “The Book Club” will be shown at 1:00 p.m. at Brundage Park Playhouse. Free.
May 3 Shopping at Wegmans in Hanover at 10:00 a.m.
May 16 Sinatra and his Friends performance at 1:00 p.m. at Brundage Park Playhouse. Come listen and reminisce with stories, humor, and of course the songs that made Sinatra famous. Free.
May 31 Trip to Point Pleasant Beach. Enjoy a nice day on the boardwalk, walking, shopping, and dining. Leaving at 9:00 a.m.
June 6 Nick Galletta will be performing songs for everyone to sing along with at 1:00 p.m. at Brundage Park Playhouse. Free.
June 14 Lunch at Fortune Buffet in Wharton at 11:30 a.m.
June 27 Talent Show at Brundage Park Playhouse. Time to be determined. Calling all talent, it is your time to SHINE! We want to see you on the stage performing at Brundage Park Playhouse. Please call 973-989-7084 to reserve your audition time before the event.

Other trips and events may be added; contact the Community Service Department at 973-989-7084 for more information and registration.

The Gordon Raupp/Kiwanis Fishing Derby, co-sponsored by the Randolph Kiwanis Club, will take place on May 11th at Randolph Park from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Prizes will be awarded for ages 5-and-under, 10-and-under, and 15-and-under. Participants should bring their own fishing gear and bait. No fee.
Water and Sewer Project Update

Meadowbrook Road Water Main Project Update

The Meadowbrook Road Water Main Replacement Project in the Shongum area is well underway and proceeding on schedule. The contractor responsible for the project, MSP Construction, has completed the replacement of water main planned as part of Phases I and II of the project, and has been authorized to initiate the replacement of line scheduled for Phase III of the project. As part of phase I, MSP will also replace all granite block curbing and resurface the roadway from the intersections of Rickland Drive to Butternut Road. Phases I & II of the project are expected to be completed by late spring. The remaining curb replacement and paving work, from Butternut Road to Old Chimney Road, will be completed this summer.

CCR Report

As with all planning documents, Randolph Township is obligated to issue a yearly Consumer Confidence Report related to the public water system. This report includes all required testing information and results for Randolph Township’s water system, as well as our water provider, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority. The 2019 Consumer Confidence Report will be posted on the township website beginning May 15th; visit [http://www.randolphnj.org/services/water_quality_report](http://www.randolphnj.org/services/water_quality_report).

Butterworth III Sewer Project

All work related to the Butterworth III Sanitary Sewer Pump Station has been completed. Properties with access to the sewer line along Sussex Turnpike between Brookside Road and Church Road can now connect to the public sewer system. Residents in this area may contact the Engineering Department at 973-989-7066 to determine sewer availability for your property.

New Water and Sewer Rates

The Randolph Township Council approved new water and sewer rates effective February 2019. The basis for these rate changes is outlined below.

The Township Water Utility operated with the same rate structure since 2012 when rates were last increased. During this time period, the Utility Fund absorbed the capital expense of funding the replacement of aging infrastructure. The Town Fund Shored areas, as well as annual increases charged by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority for bulk water purchases and other rising industry costs. An analysis of current/future fund revenues-expenses determined that without an increase in rates in 2019, the fund would not be able to keep pace with these increased costs during the coming year and beyond.

A rate study was also conducted on the Sewer Utility Fund at the close of 2018, and it was found to be performing exceedingly well financially. The fund’s operating budget is well supported by sewer fees and a significant reserve has been amassed for the purpose of funding capital expenses including the Butterworth sewer initiative and other projects. The reserve is also in place to buffer the potential impact of ongoing litigation between Jersey City and the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority in which Randolph is a member municipality. The study determined that given the fund’s surplus position and the projection that revenues could be reduced without negatively impacting the long range financial stability of the Sewer Utility Fund, a rate reduction for 2019 was warranted. As a result of the new rates, the average water Utility customer will see an increase of $21.34 per quarter, and the average Sewer Utility customer will see a quarterly decrease of $23.30. Further information on the rate changes can be found at the township website, [www.randolphnj.org](http://www.randolphnj.org). Residents with questions about the rate changes may also contact the Township Manager’s Office at 973-989-7066 for more information.

Zoning Changes to the Mount Freedom Area

In 2017 the Planning Board adopted the Mount Freedom Planning Study Update as part of the township Master Plan. During 2016-2017 members of various township boards, along with staff and consultants, developed the plan to recognize development changes since the last plan in 2006, revise the goals and objectives of the previous plan, and to make recommendations and implementation strategies. In 2018 draft zoning ordinances were developed to effectuate the recommendations in the plan. The ordinances were reviewed by the Township Council and shared with all affected property owners. In 2019 the final version of the zoning changes, based on comments received, will be introduced for adoption. It is envisioned the ordinances will further the development of the Mount Freedom area into a viable village center by permitting mixed-use commercial and residential buildings, encouraging the development of shared parking, allowing additional housing options, and providing for affordable housing.

Spring Branch Collection

The township will be conducting the annual spring branch collection beginning the week of April 22nd. All brush needs to be placed curbside by this date as it will be a TIME ONLY pick up. No return trips will be made. This collection usually takes four weeks to complete.

Branch collection is limited to ONE (1) LOAD per property owner, approximately four cubic yards. This is roughly the size 5 ft long x 4 ft wide x 5 ft high. Branches can be no longer than four feet in length and three inches in diameter. This does not include LEAVES, VINES, STUMPS, and BUILDING MATERIALS, nor any other non-wood products. Loads larger than the guidelines listed above can be removed through the special brush collection policy by contacting the Engineering Office at 973-989-7066. There is a $150 FEE for this additional service.

Mulch

Delivery of fine shredded wood mulch will be available to residents from April through October. Each truckload contains approximately six to eight cubic yards of mulch. If you are interested in having this product delivered to your residence, you may contact the Engineering Office at 973-989-7066. Deliveries will be made every Thursday and Friday starting April 4th and ending October 25th. There is a delivery charge of $130 that may be paid when scheduling delivery with the Engineering Office. As always, residents are welcome to pick up mulch free of charge at the Recycling Center on Sussex Turnpike. MULCH IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP OR DELIVERY WHILE QUANTITIES LAST.

Street Sweeping

The township sweeps all of the township roads once the winter season is over. This operation is performed by our Department of Public Works and takes approximately three months to complete. Please do not deposit any large debris along the edge of the roadway that may enter the storm drains or hinder the sweeping operation.

Q. What types of construction require a Residential Zoning Permit?
A. Prior to the application for a building permit or demolition permit, it is required that a RQP be submitted. The Zoning Officer will refer proposed projects with the Engineering/Planning staff in the early planning phases.

Q. If my property is located near a river, stream, lake or any freshwater wetland or transition area?
A. Yes, NJDEP regulations limit the types of construction activities in these areas. It is recommended that residents review their proposed projects with the Engineering/Planning staff in the early planning phases.

Q. How far from my house must a pool be located?
A. Pools must be at least 12 feet from your house. More details at 973-537-7128.

Q. Do I need a permit to cut down trees?
A. Yes, a member municipality. The study determined that given the fund’s surplus position and the projection that revenues could be reduced without negatively impacting the long range financial stability of the Sewer Utility Fund, a rate reduction for 2019 was warranted. As a result of the new rates, the average water Utility customer will see an increase of $21.34 per quarter, and the average Sewer Utility customer will see a quarterly decrease of $23.30. Further information on the rate changes can be found at the township website, www.randolphnj.org. Residents with questions about the rate changes may also contact the Engineering Department at 973-989-7066 for more information.

Q. Can I store my RV or boat at my home?
A. Yes, property may have one garden shed within the required setbacks up to five feet from a property line. Details at 973-989-7066 for a Residential Zoning Permit.