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**THE LATE NIGHT DATES FOR  
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
AND COMMUNITY CENTER  
ARE CURRENTLY  
SUSPENDED.**

## Township Subcommittee

The subcommittee has been meeting weekly to become more educated on the state laws and the decisions Randolph must address locally under the laws. In addition, the subcommittee hosted two community forums on April 28th and June 9th. The subcommittee also conducted a community survey.

For more information on the new laws and actions Randolph will be taking with respect to the same, please go to the township website at [www.randolphnj.org](http://www.randolphnj.org).

The Freedom Festival is back for 2021! The three-day Freedom Festival, sponsored by the Randolph Kiwanis Club in partnership with the township, will again showcase music, amusements and more. While you kick back and enjoy the music, enjoy your favorite festival food like funnel cake, fried Oreos, sausage and peppers, and hot dogs. Bring your family and friends to the County College of Morris, and enjoy the carnival rides, games, vendors, food, and family entertainment!

**Saturday, July 3**  
**Parade begins at 10:00 a.m.**  
 Parade route from Dover Chester Road & Quaker Church Road (Mt. Fern Church) to the County College of Morris.

**6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Festival**  
Rides, games, food trucks, music, free family entertainment, and vendors.

If the fireworks are cancelled on July 2 due to inclement weather, the rain date will be July 3.

The parade on July 3 marches rain or shine.  
If the festival is cancelled on July 3, the rain date will be  
July 4.

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# RANDOLPH

Township of Randolph  
Randolph, NJ 07869-3799

MUNICIPAL  
DIRECTORY

POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE  
EMERGENCIES DIAL  
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(All numbers Area Code 973, unless  
indicated otherwise)

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Main Number .....	989-7100
Police Main Number .....	989-7000
Accounts Payable .....	989-7046
Animal Control .....	989-7050
Animal Shelter .....	543-9333
Assessor .....	989-7075
Building Department .....	989-7070
Clerk .....	989-7041
Engineering .....	989-7066
Finance .....	989-7045
Fire Department .....	989-7098
Health Department .....	989-7050
Manager .....	989-7060
Municipal Court .....	989-7056
Parks & Recreation .....	989-7081
Planning & Zoning .....	989-7080
Public Health Nurses .....	537-7118
Public Works .....	989-7066
Recreation Hotline .....	866-802-0837
Recycling/Solid Waste .....	989-7050
Senior Services .....	989-7084
Tax Collector .....	989-7047
Water & Sewer .....	989-7063

2020 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR  
Christine Carey .....

985-2623

DEPUTY MAYOR  
Joanne Veech .....

328-7175

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark Forstenhausler .....	886-7255
James B. Loveys .....	201-400-6747
Lou Nisivoccia .....	713-6004
Marie Potter .....	945-6310
Lance Tkacs .....	252-4586

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Stephen P. Mountain .....

989-7060

WEBSITE  
www.randolphnj.org

RANDOLPH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

Board of Education .....	361-0808
Center Grove .....	361-7835
Fernbrook .....	361-0660
Ironia .....	584-8588
Shongum .....	895-2322
Randolph Middle School .....	366-8700
Randolph High School .....	361-2400

OTHER HELPFUL  
NUMBERS

Brundage Playhouse .....	989-7092
Chamber of Commerce .....	361-3462
County College of Morris .....	328-5000
Ironia Post Office .....	584-5659
Lakeland Bus .....	366-0600
Library .....	895-3556
Morristown Med. Center .....	971-8005
Mt. Freedom Post Office .....	895-2383
Motor Vehicle Commission .....	888-486-3339
N.J. Transit .....	800-772-2222
Randolph Lake .....	584-1358
Rescue Squad .....	366-7900
St. Clare's Hospital .....	989-3000

RANDOLPH *in brief...*

A Message from the Mayor

As the school year draws to a close, and COVID restrictions decrease, our children can now look forward to a fun-filled summer outdoors! Randolph is well equipped to help them enjoy their vacation and keep them occupied with many recreational activities. Summer fun isn't just for the children; Randolph offers many summer activities for adults too!

Some of the summer opportunities from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services department include the Day Camp and Teen Travel Camp, Brundage Park Playhouse camps and productions, Artworks Studio camps for children and adults, and sports clinics and tennis lessons. All of these great camps and activities will follow COVID-19 protocols and guidelines in effect at the time the camp/activity is held.

Randolph Park Beach is a great way to cool off in the summer heat! It will be open for swimming on weekends from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through June 20th, and will be open daily from June 21st to August 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (conditions permitting).

Residents are welcome to call the Parks, Recreation and Community Services department at 973-989-7081 for further information on any of the programs and activities mentioned above. Online registration can be found under the Parks and Recreation tab on the township website, [www.randolphnj.org](http://www.randolphnj.org); residents may also register in person Monday – Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center on Calais Road.

There are other great summer opportunities too! The Randolph Library hosts many events, summer programs and concerts. Residents can also check out the Randolph Historical Society and the Randolph Museum at [www.randolphnj.org/about\\_randolph/historical\\_society](http://www.randolphnj.org/about_randolph/historical_society) or on Facebook (Randolph Museum).

Maybe a walk or bike ride is more your style. Visit one or all of the township parks and trails! The parks not only have fields for sporting events, but they offer playgrounds and walking trails. The 16 miles of the Randolph trail system traverse five township parks, the Clyde Potts Reservoir Watershed and 2,000 acres of pristine open space! The trails link together schools with neighborhoods and connect to Patriots’ Path at Combs Hollow Road and Old Brookside Road.

This is only a very small list of the many opportunities available to our residents. For more detailed information please be sure to visit our township website at <http://www.randolphnj.org>.

Warm Regards,  
Mark H. Forstenhausler  
Mayor



Township Council Approves 2021 Budget with No Increase in  
Municipal Tax Rate for Fifth Consecutive Year

The Township Council unanimously approved the 2021 Municipal budget of \$32,318,857 in April. The adopted budget was approved without an increase in the municipal tax for the 5th consecutive year.

The total budget is \$40,253,193, including the \$7,934,336 Water & Sewer Utility budget. The Water & Sewer budget is a self-sustaining, publicly operated municipal utility fund, supported separately by the customers of the utility. The \$32.3 million municipal operating budget is primarily funded by property taxes and miscellaneous local revenues.

The township maintains the 5th lowest municipal tax per person in Morris County (\$762/person). Municipal taxes (including Library and Open Space/Recreation) make up 19.38% of resident’s tax bills. The remainder of the tax bill is comprised of the Randolph school district (70.14%) and Morris County (10.48%).

The COVID-19 pandemic and its associated impacts affected nearly every part of the municipal operation during the past year, and these impacts had financial repercussions which had to be accounted for in the 2021 budget. In spite of these many challenges, township management, working closely with staff and the Mayor and Township Council, was able to produce a budget that was both structurally balanced and responsible. The conservative spending plan achieves all the goals established at the outset of the budget process:

- Maintain/enhance services without an increase in existing staffing levels.
- Minimize impact on the municipal tax rate.
- Continue aggressive investment in support of the community’s physical infrastructure.
- Manage the use of surplus in support of the budget towards non-recurring expenditures.
- Maintain Randolph’s “AAA” Bond Rating.

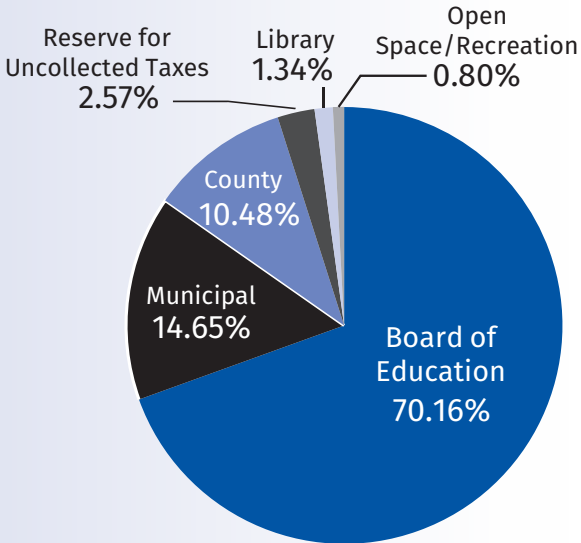
The Council adopted the budget after an extensive review process that included several budget review sessions in January and February that were open to the public. The sessions consisted of in-depth presentations by Randolph Township Department Heads, discussion by the Township Council and public comment from interested residents.

The municipal budget contains funding in support of the core service levels of every municipal department and for the township library and volunteer emergency services. The budget also includes capital improvement funding for the Police Department including the purchase of Body Worn Cameras and Conductive Energy Devices; the Fire Department’s replacement of personal protective gear and fire hose; communication and support equipment for the Rescue Squad; replacement of aging infrastructure in township buildings; the annual Retaining Wall Replacement and Road Resurfacing Programs; the Parks and Recreation and Trails Master Plan implementation; and the removal of trees impacted by the ash borer infestation in township rights of way.

For further information on the 2021 municipal budget, residents are encouraged to visit the township website at [www.randolphnj.org/government/annual\\_budget](http://www.randolphnj.org/government/annual_budget) or contact the Finance Department at 973-989-7045.

FISCAL FACTS  
YOUR TAX DOLLARS

The property tax is divided among the Randolph Board of Education, the County of Morris, and the township. The figure illustrates the percentage that each of the jurisdictions received in 2020 from the average taxpayer in the township.



Jurisdiction	Percentage
Board of Education	70.16%
County	10.48%
Municipal	14.65%
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	2.57%
Library	1.34%
Open Space/Recreation	0.80%

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RANDOLPHQuarterly

[www.randolphnj.org](http://www.randolphnj.org)

# The Economic Development Committee’s “Masks Around Town”

The summer is finally upon us! We look forward to increased outdoor activities, visits to our favorite township businesses, and dining out at our local eateries.

The Randolph Economic Development Committee (EDC) continues its mission of supporting our local businesses and gathering places and has embarked on a new campaign, “Masks Around Town”. This campaign is designed to make visits a little easier while continuing to keep health and safety in mind.

Beginning in late April, we placed several dispensers around town filled with disposable masks. The first set of dispensers was sponsored by the Randolph EDC and the Randolph Chamber of Commerce. These dispensers have been placed in several local shopping areas and township parks.

We plan to add additional boxes with the support of local businesses or groups. If you are interested in helping to support this initiative by becoming a sponsor, please contact the Randolph EDC at [edc@randolphnj.org](mailto:edc@randolphnj.org) or by phone at 973-989-7060.

On an environmental note, we kindly ask that you take one mask at a time but more importantly, dispose of them properly as we all prefer a clean and safe experience when out and about in the township.

The Randolph EDC remains committed to supporting our local businesses as well as keeping residents informed of our strong business community. Remember: Shop, Eat and Play “Local”!



## Heroes from Home!

In the beginning of 2021, it was exceedingly difficult obtaining the COVID-19 vaccine, especially for the elderly who lacked computer skills. The Randolph COVID-19 volunteer effort initially began with a group from neighboring Chester. The Chester group had been successfully working together for about 10 days when one of its volunteers, Ann Piovano, had the thought of bringing this effort to Randolph. Ann called Deputy Mayor Marie Potter and gave her the names of the two contacts, Heather Ann Huron and Shannon Rossi, who started the Chester effort. Together, this group of four joined forces with Randolph’s Township Manager, Health Department, and Community Services department to create the framework for the new effort. The only missing component was volunteers.

Ann contacted her Randolph friend Angela LaDieu and the problem was solved! Angela brought in an initial group of eight volunteers. Being fluent in Spanish, Ann became an asset to the group in communicating with the residents who did not speak English. This core group grew to 30 volunteers and about 140 Randolph residents that were sharing information on the new “Randolph NJ COVID Volunteers” vaccination Facebook page. Shannon Rossi offered the initial training to the group of volunteers. The services of this group were offered through Randolph Township’s website via a hotline and information form.

Besides offering their services for the township’s seniors, these volunteers were also securing appointments for their own contacts. One such volunteer, Cara Holland, had been securing appointments for hundreds of vaccination seekers and joined this new effort by providing additional training and support to all the volunteers. Resident Susie Sharkey said “after helping my mom obtain an appointment, because she struggled with the technology challenges, it became clear there was a real need for assistance for a very large group of people.”

This volunteer group overcame many obstacles. Appointments were opening up late evenings or early mornings, so volunteers had to create shifts to coordinate efforts. Lack of transportation led to volunteers securing or offering rides to appointments. Many of these volunteers didn’t know each other, but worked together seamlessly. Patty Vorel stated “The collaboration and passion were incredible.” Resident volunteer Carrie Sabatino stated “I’m honored to have been part of this amazing group of volunteers.”

The volunteers enjoyed how rewarding it was to help their community. Supporting their community became a natural high for the volunteers. Randolph resident volunteer Amy Tatem was brought to tears herself after helping the parents of an ill child get vaccination appointments. Another volunteer, Peggy Wagner stated “I was so grateful for the opportunity to assist someone who otherwise may not have been able to receive the vaccine.”

“The pandemic has felt like such a stagnant event that we can’t do anything about so it was satisfying to know that being in this special group, we were helping people put an end to it”, stated volunteer Donna Braccollo.

All of the volunteers are appreciated including: Janet Marie Anders, Kelly Bourke, Kimberly Moreno, Suzanne Caputo, Linda Dimichino, Chris Dzerovych, Danielle Franz, Lisa Garcia, Natalia James, Christina Katsanos, Adriana Lange, Lynda Liebhauser, Kristi Linz, Jennifer Dobrinski Locke, Courtney Spellman, Kristen Sullivan, Jen Vitale and Paul Young.

# The Historical Society of Old Randolph

*With the invention of the bicycle in the 19th Century, new bicycle owners wanted improved roadways to enjoy their two-wheeled purchases. In 1885 the first bicycle appeared in Ironia, owned by Addas Ridner. In 1893, Randolph Township dentist George Ridner purchased his first bicycle. Twenty-four year old George and his 20 year old bride Cornelia lived at the Ironia family farm owned by his father, Jacob. It was reported that George took a few ‘headers’ in the course of learning to manage the wheel, as had happened to others depicted in this circa 1880s wood engraved illustration titled, “A Chapter of Headers”.*

*By the end of the 1890s, citizens were becoming more and more demanding about the township road conditions. In the past, the roads’ yearly cycle of dust, mud, and ice were accepted as the norm. Crude roadways were created by hauling timber from woodlands, while mines throughout Ironia were served by access roads near the railroad depot.*

*Randolph’s roads were improved and maintained by appropriations of township and county monies. It was documented in 1897 that the Randolph Township Republican Ticket proposed spending \$1,500 for road purposes with \$100 for snow removal, while the Democratic Party proposed spending \$1,000 for road purposes and \$200 for snow removal. In the winter of 1893, Ironia resident Dorastus L. Bryant was appointed – or probably contracted – to clear snow from the four miles of roads in the Ironia section of the township. A few decades later, to the delight of new automobile owners, macadam was used on Randolph Township’s main roads.*



## A Letter from the Superintendent

During the 2020–2021 school year, we encountered many of the same challenges that we faced when the pandemic first began. Although we continued to face many uncertainties, the collective strength of our entire learning community helped us accomplish many goals. Regardless of what we encountered, we were able to maintain the continuity of instruction. We were also able to focus on the social, emotional, and mental well-being of our students and staff. In whatever ways we were able, we wanted to create a new sense of normalcy to ensure our entire school community would continue to thrive. This was only possible because of the ways in which staff, students, families, health professionals, essential workers, and community members all came together to work in unison. Social distance could not diminish the power of our collective will.

I use the term “collective will” as a reminder that anything is possible when we are united. Getting students back in our classrooms has always been one of our top priorities, and we are grateful to have celebrated many milestones including welcoming most of our students back for in person instruction five days per week this past April. Our goal is for 100% of our students to attend school for a full day in September. While this will be dependent on current safety guidelines as well as guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education, we continue to remain hopeful and optimistic thanks to the increase in vaccine accessibility.

Technology will continue to be at the forefront of our strategic vision for the 2021 – 2022 school year. We will be issuing devices to all students and staff to enhance programs as well as security measures. Microsoft Teams will continue to be utilized and supported as a complement to in person instruction. We will also continue to invest in professional learning training and make necessary adjustments to the curriculum to ensure that when the district returns to an instructional model that more closely resembles the world before the pandemic, we will be able to utilize technology as a means to facilitate a more meaningful learning experience for both students and staff.

I am grateful for the continued support of our Randolph community. I look forward to welcoming our students and staff back for another great year of learning this fall.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Fano

# Randolph Police News

## Body Worn Cameras

In April 2021, the Randolph Township Police Department proudly joined the growing ranks of law enforcement agencies that deploy body worn cameras (BWC) on police officers. These cameras will be utilized in accordance with the guidelines established by the New Jersey Attorney General and the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

This new technology will help us enhance and improve our relationship with our citizens. We believe that effective policing is achieved through our strong partnerships with all of our community stake holders.

Video from a BWC is similar to video from a cell phone camera. The BWC will be affixed to an officer's uniform. The camera points away from the officer and will capture images in the camera's field of vision. Citizens who interact with police officers will be recorded on BWC video.

Body worn cameras are proven to improve transparency among public safety, enhance accountability and trust, reduce complaints against officers, and make prosecutions more efficient.



## New Officer

The Randolph police welcome Eric Tomkins to the department. Officer Tomkins is originally from Hope Township, New Jersey. After graduating from Marywood University in Scranton, PA, he enlisted in the Army National Guard. He then attended Officer Candidate School where he commissioned as an Infantry Officer. Following his deployment in 2019, he was hired by the NJIT Police Department in Newark and graduated from the Bergen County Police Academy in June 2020. Officer Tomkins was hired by Randolph Township in October 2020.



## Chief David Stokoe to Retire

After twenty-six years of dedicated and uninterrupted service to Randolph Township, Chief David Stokoe will be retiring from the Police Department on July 1st. For the past eight years, the lifelong Randolph resident has led the department as the Chief of Police. Joining the department just the day after his twenty-first birthday in 1995, Chief Stokoe has held several positions throughout his career in both the uniformed and investigative divisions, while also serving in a supervisory capacity for over seventeen years. As Chief, he focused his leadership efforts on the continual advancement of the Police Department through obtaining state of the art equipment, technology and training. Furthermore, Chief Stokoe strongly believed in and supported law enforcement accreditation which demonstrates a department's commitment to excellence. The Police Department achieved this highly coveted and sought after certification in 2017 and 2020, during the tenure of Chief Stokoe. The initial certification was received in 2013 just before he was selected as Chief of Police. Only 12% of the approximate 570 law enforcement agencies in the State of New Jersey have received this rigorous and difficult certification three times. Chief Stokoe leaves behind a police department that is at the forefront of modern day policing and is well positioned to meet the demands of the future. Congratulations on an outstanding career and best wishes for your retirement Chief!



# Randolph Rescue Squad

## Reflect on the Past – Think Positive

During the past 18 months, COVID-19 has impacted Randolph, the United States, the entire world, and us – as individuals and as members of the Randolph Rescue Squad (RRS). It has been a tough yet productive year. Encouragement from many sources has kept us on course. We have learned much. As EMTs, we remain focused on answering calls, training, and assisting our neighbors whenever and wherever the need arises. Let us share with you the positive thoughts RRS members expressed during a recent meeting.

Reflecting on experiences with patients, members have noticed a stronger sense of community. People are more understanding and more considerate of each other while facing on-the-scene challenges. EMTs from various local agencies have banded together. They focus intensely on patient care and offer one another mental and emotional comfort. Members unable to participate directly on calls assist active EMTs in other ways. RRS members continue to respond to calls with the goal of preventing further spreading of COVID-19; they also respond to many non-virus emergency calls.

Family, friends, and fellow Squad members check-in on each other more frequently than ever before.

In addition to personal support, they have donated PPE, money, and food. More residents and neighbors attend our blood donation drives. Duty crews are functioning as a second family not only while on calls but also on off-duty time. It is not uncommon for Squad members to say they join because they “want to make a difference in people’s lives.” Near the close of the meeting, a member extended that idea. She pointed out that during this past year she has recognized that there is no place she would rather be and no other people with whom she would rather associate. Yes, RRS is a team and a family, too.

**Congratulations** to Michele Dempsey and Todd Houston who have earned Life Member status. Michele, past treasurer, coordinates the blood drives – our next one will be on June 24. Todd is, and has been, both captain and training instructor for several years.

**Thank You** for donations and also for communications from residents, patients, and businesses. RRS remains committed to its role as a volunteer community service organization. COVID-19 is still with us. Wear a mask, wash your hands, use sanitizers, observe social distancing. Stay safe. JOIN US!



Contact us:

- ✓ Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency. Provide a clear explanation of location and the type of emergency. Provide the crew with a list of the patient's medications
- ✓ To learn more about the RRS: complete a membership application or to set up an interview, check [www.RandolphRescue.org](http://www.RandolphRescue.org).
- ✓ To make arrangements for a drive-by or stand-by event, send an email to [info@randolphrescue.org](mailto:info@randolphrescue.org), or to Lieutenant Caitlin Costello at [caitlin.costello@randolphrescue.org](mailto:caitlin.costello@randolphrescue.org), or to Captain Todd Houston at [captain@randolphrescue.org](mailto:captain@randolphrescue.org). It is best to make a detailed request with as much prior notice as possible and to be precise regarding the time frame and location.
- ✓ Regarding training classes, call Captain Todd Houston at 862-881-2929 or email [captain@randolphrescue.org](mailto:captain@randolphrescue.org)
- ✓ For other questions, email [info@randolphrescue.org](mailto:info@randolphrescue.org).
- ✓ Contact RRS President Christopher Zelly via [christopher.zelly@randolphrescue.org](mailto:christopher.zelly@randolphrescue.org)

# Fire Department

## Outdoor Burning Reminder

According to the National Fire Protection Association, outside fireplaces or fire pits have caused nearly 3,700 grass and brush fires, and total outdoor patio heater or fire pit injuries has nearly tripled in six years. Below are some tips to help keep your family safe this season:

- Closely supervise all outdoor fires; make sure the fire is out before leaving.
- Do not put a fire pit on a wooden deck, directly on grass, or under a covered porch or low-hanging tree branches.
- Do not put garbage or paper products into the fire; they can easily spark and throw off embers or burning remnants.
- Supervise children around any outdoor fire, including campfires, fire pits, chimineas, and fireplaces.
- Permitted recreational fires such as campfires, need to be at least 25 feet from anything that can burn.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. When conditions are windy or dry, it is easy for open burning to spread out of control.
- Where outdoor burning is allowed, never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- When burning, have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to extinguish the fire. Extinguish with water – drown it and stir it with the shovel to make sure it's fully extinguished.
- Dispose of the ashes in a safe manner; keep a metal can that is used solely for ash storage. Even after two or three days ashes can still be hot enough to cause a fire. Do not discard hot ashes in a compost pile, paper bag, cardboard box, or anything that is combustible.



Source – National Fire Protection Association

Registration may be required. Register online at [www.randolphnj.org/library](http://www.randolphnj.org/library). Children’s programs that require registration are open to Randolph residents, children who are full-time attendees of schools located in Randolph, and children of parents who work in Randolph. Residents may register for children’s programs one week before the program; non-residents may register one day before a program if space is available.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### “Tails and Tales” Summer Reading Club

Monday, June 21 to Friday, August 6  
Preschool to Grade 6

Registration begins for Preschool to children entering grade 6 on Thursday, June 17 online at <http://randolphlibrary.readsquared.com/> and will be ongoing throughout the club. Check the library website for instructions on how to register (there will be posted times when we can help you register in person at the library), how to log-in minutes, and how to earn prizes. For more fun there will also be weekly Scavenger Hunts and Try-Its on the library’s website and Facebook page.

### “Tails and Tales” Teen Summer Reading Club

Monday, June 21 to Friday, August 6  
Grades 6 to 12

Registration begins for children entering grade 6 to grade 12 on Thursday, June 17 online at <http://randolphlibrary.readsquared.com/> and will be ongoing throughout the club. Check the library website for instructions on how to register (there will be posted times when we can help you register in person at the library), how to log-in books, and how to earn prizes. For more fun follow us on Facebook (Teen Zone at Randolph Township Library) and Instagram (Teen Zone at Randolph Township Library).

### “Mother Nature” with Kit’s Interactive Theatre

Monday, June 21 and ongoing  
First released at 9:00 a.m., then available ongoing  
Grades K to 5

After the Fairy Queen tells Mother Nature that someone is harming our ecosystems, Mother Nature heads off to Randolph to solve the mystery. Mother Nature passionately strives to maintain a balance in nature. She is connected to the “fairy-world” and can see, hear and talk with water sprites, fairies and animals. This is a virtually recorded, interactive program. Directions to access this program on Kit’s Interactive Theatre’s YouTube Channel will be posted on our website beginning Monday, June 21.

## Summer Storytimes

June 22 to August 24

### StoryBreaks

Tuesdays, June 22 to August 17  
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

All ages

StoryBreak has stories, songs, and fingerplays. This program will occur outdoors on library grounds. You should bring a blanket to use. No registration is required. In case of inclement weather, a previously recorded StoryBreak video will be available on our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.

### Preschool Play

Wednesdays, June 23 to August 18  
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Ages 3 to 5

Listen to a story and enjoy a new fun activity. This program will occur outdoors on library grounds. You should bring a blanket to use. No registration is required. In case of inclement weather, a previously recorded Preschool Play video will be available on our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.

### Storytime

Thursdays, June 24 to August 19  
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

All ages

Join our Storytime for children of all ages. We’ll enjoy music, stories, puppets and other fun activities. This program will occur outdoors on library grounds. You should bring a blanket to use. No registration is required. In case of inclement weather, please email [director@randolphlibrary.net](mailto:director@randolphlibrary.net) by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the program to receive instructions on how to attend a Zoom session.

## Summer Programs

### Take It and Make It Crafts

Mondays, June 21 & 28; July 12, 19, & 26;  
August 2; and Tuesday, July 6  
9:00 a.m. to closing

Grades PreK to 2

Help us celebrate summer with crafts. Each week craft kits will be available, while supplies last, at the library. There will be a Take It and Make It Craft basket in the outer vestibule of the library. Each week, watch the short demonstration video that will be posted on our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.

### Crafternoons

Mondays, June 21 & 28; July 12, 19, & 26;  
August 2  
3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Grades 3 to 5

Join us for crafts in the afternoons. We’ll have fun making cool projects this summer. This program will occur outdoors on library grounds. You should bring a blanket to sit on during the program. Registration is required, and will be limited to 30 participants. In case of inclement weather, the craft will become a take home craft for registered participants only.

### Teen Time Crafts

Tuesdays, June 22 & 29; July 6, 13, 20, & 27;  
August 3  
3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Grades 6 to 12

This is a chance for tweens/teens to make crafts and to talk to other tweens/teens. This program will occur outdoors on library grounds. You should bring a blanket to sit on during the program. Registration is required, and will be limited to 15 participants. In case of inclement weather, the craft will become a take home craft for registered participants only.

### Unicorns: Break the Cage

Wednesday, June 30 to Tuesday, August 31  
First released at 9:00 a.m., then available ongoing

Grades PreK to 5

Join us on a wild adventure about two kids who visit the city zoo and discover all sorts of incredible animals, including a horse who knows in its heart that it’s truly a unicorn. The animals join forces to stand up to the tyrannical Zoo Owner - but do they have what it takes to leave their cages forever? This is a virtual adventure by Talewise. Directions to access this program on the Talewise website will be posted on our website beginning Wednesday, June 30 and ending August 31.

### Polka Dot Ron Albanese

Wednesday, July 7 and ongoing  
First released at 9:00 a.m., then available ongoing  
All ages

Join us for a rocking great time with Ron Albanese, aka Polka Dot Ron. This musical show is chock full of songs, stories, comedy, and . . . wardrobe changes. This 30-minute virtual recorded video will be available on our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel beginning Wednesday, July 7.

### Mad Science Presents “Tails and Tales”

Thursday, July 15  
7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Grades PreK to 8

Mad Science will be here to help us learn all about animals. We’ll see how animals move and evade predators. We’ll discover animals’ defenses like powerful electricity, toxic venom, and goeey slime. We can even test some reaction times to see if anyone can outrun a cheetah in this fun-filled event about our animal friends and foes. This program will occur outdoors on library grounds. You should bring a blanket to use. No registration is required. In case of inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled for a later date.

### Rizzo’s Reptiles

Thursday, July 22  
7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Grades PreK to 5

Thanks to the Morris County Clean Communities Grant, Rizzo’s Reptiles are back. This program will occur outdoors on library grounds. You should bring a blanket to use. No registration is required. In case of inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled for a later date. This is a live animal program.

### Kids Fun Bubble Dance Party

Thursday, July 29  
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **or** 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ages 3 and up

Everyone loves bubbles. In this show by Currier’s Magical Mania, children and adults get to enjoy a colorful rainbow of bubbles in all shapes and sizes. Enjoy music, bubbleology, games, and comedy. Watch as children are totally entrapped and entranced by gazillions

of bubbles. There will be two 30 minute sessions. This program will occur outdoors on library grounds. You should bring a blanket to use. No registration is required. In case of inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled for a later date.

### Summer Reading Club Picnic with the Music of Kurt Gallagher

Wednesday, August 4  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All ages

Let’s celebrate the end of Summer Reading Club with music by Mr. Kurt. We’ll supply the snacks and drinks. You bring a sandwich. This program will occur outdoors on library grounds. You should bring a blanket to use. No registration is required. In case of inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled for a later date.

## Fall Storytimes

September 21 to December 9  
Please check back with the library in September for a complete listing of our fall storytimes.

## FALL BOOK CLUBS

### Book Clubs for Grades 3 & up

Join us on a reading adventure as we discuss a different book each month. Books are provided and may be picked up at the Circulation Desk. It is required to read the book before the meeting. Registration for all sessions is required and is limited to 10 participants. All meetings will be held on Zoom. This is a live Zoom session only and will not be recorded. Register with email to receive the Zoom invitation. The Zoom invitation will be sent separately from the event confirmation. Registration for Randolph children begins **Monday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m.**

### Chapter Chats for Grades 3 & 4

Mondays, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13  
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Please contact Ms. Mary Ellen for details.

### Riveting Reads for Grades 5 & 6

Wednesdays, 9/15, 10/13, 11/10, 12/15  
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Please contact Miss Audra for details.

### Tween Titles for Grades 7 & 8

Thursdays, 9/16, 10/14, 11/11, 12/16  
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Please contact Miss Audra for details.

**The Randolph Township Free Public Library also offers Book Clubs for children and teens, a Teen Advisory Board (TAB), and the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Please check our website, <http://www.randolphnj.org/library>, for complete details on our Storytime schedule as well as more detailed information on our programs.**

# Randolph Library Presents Two Summer Reading Experiences for Adults

## ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY Reading Program

June 28 – September 30, 2021

Join us in this shared-read experience, designed to create conversation and foster a sense of community as, together, we turn our attention to the universal themes found in the novel **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger.

In this fictional coming-of-age tale, Krueger tells the story of Frank Drum, a preacher’s son who returns to his Minnesota town as a man seeking clarity in a world that confounds him, decades after a crime which changed his family’s life forever. This moving tale of redemption, hope and healing is a treatment of many prevalent themes which expose societal ills, in light of the optimism and determination we seek as we look for meaning in our own lives.

A book discussion guide and additional reading resources will be provided. Join our Randolph reading community, and read **Ordinary Grace** with us!

## Annual Adult Summer Reading Program: BOOKS CONNECT US!

One constant during this challenging year has been the ability of books to connect us, and we hope that many of you will connect with us in reading this summer!

Randolph residents are invited to participate in our 2021 Adult Summer Reading program for the nine weeks beginning Monday, July 5 through September 3.

Each week, record the number of books you’ve read on entry forms located in the library. If you can’t make the trip, call and report your total. The more you read, the more chances you have to win in our weekly raffles! Select your own books or contact the library for suggestions. We recommend our inaugural One Book, One Community fiction selection: **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Krueger, a compelling tale of redemption, hope and family healing.

For more information on these programs, please contact Mrs. Rasmussen at [donna.rasmussen@randolphlibrary.net](mailto:donna.rasmussen@randolphlibrary.net).

# Free Outdoor Summer Music Series at the Library

### Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (rain dates – Tuesdays)

Bring your lawn chairs and blanket and enjoy an evening of music. In case of rain, performances will be held the following evening. Visit [www.randolphnj.org/library](http://www.randolphnj.org/library) for more information.

**June 28: CARNABY STREET – Music of the British Invasion (rain date 6/29)**  
[www.facebook.com/CarnabyStreetbandNJ/](http://www.facebook.com/CarnabyStreetbandNJ/)

**July 12: COOLCORE BAND – Soul Stirrin’ Blues & Crankin’ Classic Rock (rain date 7/13)**  
[www.facebook.com/coolcorerocks/](http://www.facebook.com/coolcorerocks/)

**July 19: UNUSUAL SUSPECTS – Classic Rock & Pop Hits with Fun and Funk (rain date 7/20)**  
[www.facebook.com/UnusualSuspectsNJ-Band/](http://www.facebook.com/UnusualSuspectsNJ-Band/)

**July 26: NORTON SMULL BAND – Blues, Rock & Country (rain date 7/27)**  
[www.facebook.com/NORToNSMULLBand/](http://www.facebook.com/NORToNSMULLBand/)

**August 2: THIS OLD ENGINE – Grateful Dead Tribute (rain date 8/3)**  
[www.facebook.com/ThisOldEngine](http://www.facebook.com/ThisOldEngine)

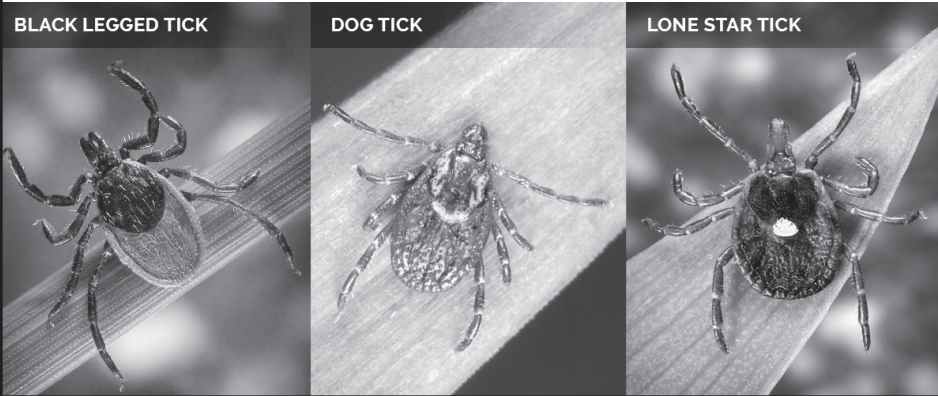
**August 9: THE KOOTZ – Rock n’ Roll with Fiber (rain date 8/10)**  
[www.thekootz.com](http://www.thekootz.com)

# Just in Time for Tick Prevention!

Ticks come out in warmer weather and will be out in full force in the summer months to come! If you are out on the trails, gardening in your backyard or even taking a quick walk around the block, ticks are present. The Randolph Township Health Department offers the below guidance on how to prevent ticks from biting you and your pets:

1. Always do a proper tick check if spending time in woody, brushy areas especially with tall grass or leaves. Check under the arms, in and around ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and in the hair. Always shower within two hours of returning indoors; showering helps to rinse off unattached ticks and is a good time to do a full body check.
2. Use an EPA-registered insect repellent if you are outside and in tick infested areas. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following tips for safely applying insect repellent: follow instructions on the product label; apply only to exposed skin or clothing, never underneath clothing; never spray over cuts, wounds, or irritated skin; do not spray directly on the face—spray on hands first and then apply to face; do not apply to eyes or mouth, and apply sparingly around ears; wash hands after application to avoid accidental exposure to eyes or mouth; do not allow children to handle repellents—have adults apply to their own hands first, and then gently spread on the child’s exposed skin; avoid heavy application; use just enough to cover exposed skin or clothing; after returning indoors, wash repellent-treated skin with soap and water. The instructions above are for repellents meant for use on skin. Permethrin is one repellent that is only meant to be used on clothes. If your product contains permethrin, do not spray it on your skin!
3. Protective clothing is a must! Wear light-colored clothing that covers your arms, legs and feet. Tuck the legs of your pants into your socks to keep ticks from crawling on your skin. Treat your clothing and your gear with 0.5% permethrin. Visit TickEncounter.org for further information on using permethrin on your clothes.
4. Keep ticks out of your home! You and your pets can be culprits in bringing home ticks. If your pet spends time outside, be sure to check him for ticks before coming inside. Speak to your vet with about using a tick preventative product or visit the CDC website on tick control for your pets: [https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\\_pets.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_pets.html). Always check your clothing and gear after returning from outdoors. You can place clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 – 20 minutes to kill any ticks that are on your gear.
5. Make your backyard unfriendly to ticks by clearing dead leaves and tall grasses from around your home and edges of the lawn. Create barriers of wood and rocks between lawn and wooded areas; mow the grass often; stack wood neatly and use fencing to keep away unwanted animals that may carry ticks onto your property; and keep playgrounds, decks and patios away from any edges near wooded areas.

For further information on tick management, check out the NJ Department of Health website: <https://nj.gov/health/cd/topics/vectorborne.shtml>



# New Jersey Plastics Pollution Reduction Act Summary

Single-use plastic and paper bags, along with disposable polystyrene food containers and cups, will be banned in New Jersey stores and food service establishments, effective May 2022. Governor Phil Murphy signed the legislation, NJ S864, on November 4, 2020 to ban these products.

New Jersey is the ninth state to ban single-use plastic bags and the first state to ban single-use paper bags from grocery stores. The following is a brief summary of the new law:

- Starting November 2021, food service businesses would be required to make the provision of plastic straws for customers use only upon request.
- Starting May 2022, the ban on foam food products such as clamshell takeout boxes and both plastic and paper single-use bags, as well as disposable food containers and cups made from polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) will be banned, with some exemptions.
  - Single-use plastics are items that are generally used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. Most common examples are plastic bottles, bags, Styrofoam, straws, cigarette butts, monofilament lines, and balloons.
- The exemptions to the ban are outlined below:
  - Reusable plastic carryout bags with stitched handles
  - Bags wrapping raw meat
  - Polystyrene butcher trays
  - Bags used solely for loose items such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, coffee, grains, baked goods, candy, greeting cards, flowers, or small hardware items
  - Newspaper bags
  - Laundry, dry cleaning, or garment bags
  - Prescription bags
  - Bags used solely to contain live animals such as fish or insects sold in pet stores
  - Bags used solely to contain food sliced or prepared to order, including soup or hot food.
  - Newspaper bags
  - Stores less than 2,500 square feet (they can still provide paper bags)
- After the initial ban on foam products takes effect, other products made from the same polystyrene material would have another two-year grace period before being banned starting May 2024. They are:
  - Disposable, long-handled polystyrene foam spoons for drinks
  - Small cups of two ounces or less if used for hot foods or foods that need lids
  - Meat and fish trays for raw or butchered meat, including poultry, or fish that is sold from a refrigerator (e.g. prepackaged Perdue fresh chicken)
  - Any food pre-packaged in polystyrene by the manufacturer (e.g. Cup of Noodles)

Enforcement:

- Any business violating the Act would get a warning on first offense, a fine of up to \$1,000 for a second offense, and a fine of up to \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offense, to be collected through civil action.
- Seventy percent of the penalties will be remitted to the State into the Clean Communities Fund.
- Thirty percent of the penalties will be remitted to the municipality.

# Coyote/Bear Awareness

Once again, there has been an increase in bear and coyote sightings in the township. It is important to take precautions to protect yourself and your pets.

Since bears are attracted by garbage odors, properly securing your garbage is one of the best ways to prevent bears from becoming a nuisance in your neighborhood. For tips on proper garbage management, and what to do if you encounter a bear, visit [www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts.htm). Remember, never feed bears! It's illegal in New Jersey, and it's dangerous. Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to the DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-877-927-6337.

The Randolph Township Police Department will respond to all bear sighting reports. The Police Department’s response is limited to observing the bear, and notifying residents in the area that a bear has been sighted. The police will not take any other action, unless the bear is aggressive and poses a threat to public safety.

Coyotes generally avoid humans, even when their home range encompasses largely urban or suburban habitat. However, the presence of a free buffet in the form of pet food, compost, or trash can lure coyotes into yards and create the impression that these places are bountiful feeding areas. Without the lure of food or other attractants, their visits will be brief and rare. But a coyote who finds food in one yard may learn to search for food in others.

During this time of year when coyotes have pups, they concentrate their activities around the dens in which the young are sheltered. At these times, they may become defensive and territorial and challenge any other coyote or dog that comes close to the pups. People walking their dogs in parks and wooded areas may run into these situations and be followed or confronted by a parent coyote. It’s important to recognize such incidents for what they are – a defense of space, not a random attack. If you encounter a coyote when walking your pet, do NOT run away. Make loud noises, throw rocks, or spray them with a garden hose.

For more information and tips, visit [www.humanesociety.org/coyotes](http://www.humanesociety.org/coyotes).

# Vulnerable Population Outreach

The Randolph, Roxbury, and Rockaway Borough health departments received grant funding to assess the social and health impacts of COVID-19 on the municipalities we serve. The Vulnerable Population Outreach Coordination Team was created to identify and respond to the emerging needs of the community. Their goal is to ensure that at-risk residents in our communities have access to testing, vaccination, and support services (i.e. housing, primary medical care, insurance coverage). The team has created a brief survey for residents to complete to help identify any gaps and impacts in our communities. All information given in the survey is anonymous and kept confidential; it is important for you to be as accurate as possible.

The survey can be completed digitally by using the QR code:



Paper copies of the survey are available at the Randolph Township Municipal Building, 502 Millbrook Avenue and at the Randolph Township Free Public Library, 28 Calais Road. Once completed, the survey may be placed in the drop box at each location. Surveys must be completed or returned by Friday, July 30th.

Your feedback is extremely valuable. We are looking forward to hearing how we can support you and your family. Thank you!

# Parks, Recreation & Community Services

## Senior Programs and Events

### TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

*COVID-19 guidelines for the Dial-A-Ride program will be one person per vehicle for medical and four people per shift for shopping.*

#### Shopping Bus:

Transportation to local shopping centers two days a week (two shifts on Monday and Wednesday

Monday ShopRite, Roxbury – 1st shift 9:00 a.m.; 2nd shift 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Walmart, Ledgewood – 1st shift 9:00 a.m.; 2nd shift 10:30 a.m.

*Arrangements for transportation must be made by phone at least 24 hours in advance.*

#### Medical Bus:

Transportation to and from doctor’s office, within a 10-mile radius from the Municipal Building, 502 Millbrook Avenue. 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.**

To schedule a ride, please call 973-989-7084.

### ACTIVITIES

All meet in the Senior Room at the Community Center on Calais Road. Please enter and exit through Senior Room Door Only..

- ✓ **Reservations are required for each program. If you are not registered, you will not be allowed into the program.**
- ✓ **Temperatures will be checked before entering the Senior Room and masks must be worn at all times.**
- ✓ **Max for each program is 25 people. If guidelines permit this number could increase.**
- ✓ **Beginning the 1st business day of each month you can sign up for that month’s events.**
- ✓ **Based on COVID-19 guidelines in effect at the timetime of any programs or events they may be cancelled or re-scheduled.**

#### Cards:

Meets on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** – July 6th & 20th; August 3rd & 17th; and September 7th & 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **You must bring your own cards.** Also bring your lunch and enjoy the day! **Transportation provided.** Maximum 12 people.

#### Bingo:

Meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** – – July 13th & 27th; August 10th & 24th; and September 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$1 per card and please bring exact change. **Transportation provided.** Maximum 12 people.

#### Sewing:

Meets on the **3rd Friday** of every month at 12:30 p.m. Dates are July 16th, August 20th, and September 17th. **No transportation provided.** Maximum 12 people

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### July – August – September

Movies: All show times will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Senior Room.  
**Registration required.** Maximum 12 people.

<b>July 8</b>	Movie – “Night School”
<b>July 13</b>	Shore Trip – Point Pleasant
<b>July 15</b>	Movie – “Jumanji Welcome to The Jungle”
<b>July 22</b>	Lunch – Roxbury Diner, Succasunna
<b>July 29</b>	Movie – “Heaven is for Real”
<b>August 5</b>	Movie – “Barb and Star Go to Vista Del Mar”
<b>August 12</b>	Lunch – Muldoons, Ledgewood
<b>August 19</b>	Movie – “Chef”
<b>August 26</b>	Lunch – The Corner Bistro, Randolph
<b>September 9</b>	Movie – “Jumanji the Next Level”
<b>September 14</b>	Annual Senior Picnic
<b>September 23</b>	Senior Olympics, Sparta

Contact the Community Service Department at 973-989-7084 for more information and to register.

## Brundage Park Playhouse

Brundage Park Playhouse is very excited to usher in the summer with our much awaited productions and programming. It’s been a very tough year for all of us and we certainly can use some refreshing and fun entertainment to share with all our family and friends! The 2021 season has something for everyone and we can’t wait to see you again! For more information on our upcoming productions, please visit [www.brundageparkplayhouse.org](http://www.brundageparkplayhouse.org). Tickets may be ordered on Community Pass. Masking and social distancing will be dictated by the New Jersey State guidelines at the time of the production.

#### CABARET NIGHT

Directed by Ray Gelpke

**Saturday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m.**

The best of musical theater numbers by our very talented and seasoned performers. The ultimate must see performance! Price: \$20 for seniors or military personnel with I.D.; all others \$25.

#### FROZEN, JR.

Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Book by Jennifer Lee

Directed by Mark Carovale

**Performance Dates: July 9, 16 and 23 at 7:00 p.m., July 10, 11, 17, 18 and 24 at 2:00 p.m.**

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, *Frozen JR.* expands upon the emotional relationship and journey



between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, *Frozen JR.* is sure to thaw even the coldest heart! Price: \$20 for seniors or military personnel with I.D.; all others \$25.

#### KIDS' CABARET 2021

Directed by Michael Luciano

**Performance Dates: August 4, 5, 6 at 7:00 p.m., August 7 and 8 at 2:00 p.m.**

Cabaret style show of musical delights performed by our local young talent! Always a family favorite! Price: \$20 per ticket.

## Artworks Studio

*Fine arts instruction for ages 3-1/2 years through adult.*

Artworks Studio, located next to the Municipal Building at 502 Millbrook Avenue, is happy to be back in action starting this summer 2021! Following pandemic protocols, we will be offering several children’s camps and adult workshops. For more detailed information on the camps and workshops, please visit the township website

[www.randolphnj.org/parks\\_and\\_recreation/artworks\\_camp](http://www.randolphnj.org/parks_and_recreation/artworks_camp) or call the Parks, Recreation and Community Services office at 973-989-7081.



**Summer Camps 2021** - some spaces still available

**TEEN Camp** (grades 6-12):

June 21-25 & June 28-July 2

**Down the Shore** (grades K-3): July 12-16

**Wonders Beneath Our Feet**

(grades 3-5): July 19-23

**The Greatest Show on Earth** (ages 3 1/2-6 years): 3-day camp-August 16, 18 & 19

**Adult Summer Workshops** -

July 6-8 & August 10-12

**Fall 2021 CLASSES** - registration is open!

**Mixed Media Painting** - Adults

**Young Artists** - ages 3-1/2 to K

**Art Exploration I** - grades K-5

**Art Exploration II** - grades 4-8

**Drawing & Painting** - grades 4-8

**Drawing from Nature** - grades 4-9

**Mixed Media Painting** – teens in grades 6-12

.....and **Workshops** for all ages!

Follow us on **FACEBOOK** (ARTWORKS STUDIO RANDOLPH NJ) for class and workshop information!

## Veterans Community Park Open

With the opening of the Community Garden in May 2020, and the dedication of Veterans Community Park in October 2020, Randolph Township residents have been enjoying the newest addition to our park system.

While construction took place throughout 2020, the Community Garden enjoyed a successful first season, leasing all 168 garden beds and renewing them all for the 2020-2021 season. Opening during the beginning of COVID-19, protocols were developed to keep the gardeners distant from each other and safe sharing common equipment such as hoses and wheelbarrows.

With the completion of major construction in the fall, popular areas such as the paved, lighted walking track and the connecting paths to Heistein Park and Trout Brook saw much use from hikers, bikers and people walking their dogs. In addition, the two pickleball courts have been used frequently.

To ensure all our park goers have a pleasant experience, please do your part by adhering to the following guidelines for use:

- All dogs must remain on a leash while in a public park or on our township trails.

- Dogs are not permitted into the Community Garden or onto the pickleball courts.
- The Community Garden is open for members and their guests. Unauthorized people are not permitted inside the garden.
- A pickleball membership is required for use of the courts. Members are permitted to bring one guest with them per each member in attendance.
- Please remain on the paths within the park as the grass, trees and landscaping are still growing.
- No pavilion rentals or reservations are being permitted for group use in 2021.

Memberships for the Community Garden and pickleball are available through the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department, located in the Randolph Community Center at 30 Calais Road. For further information, please call 973-989-7081.

As we look to move beyond COVID-19, planning is already underway for events to be held at Veterans Community Park in the near future. We appreciate everyone’s interest and support during the development of this project and hope many people continue to enjoy the park for years to come.

# Engineering/Water & Sewer Project Updates

## Franklin Road – Road Improvement Projects

Road improvements to Franklin Road between South Morris and South Salem Street are currently underway and anticipated to be completed by the end of June. The scope of work includes retaining wall replacements; repairs to curb, sidewalk and drainage inlets; and milling, repaving, and restriping.

## Ash Tree Removal

As reported in previous quarterly newsletters, the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer has been killing off hundreds of Ash trees within the township and around the state. In response to this infestation, the township implemented a tree removal program in 2020 to address the numerous affected trees in the municipal roadways, parks and open spaces. The township is committing more money in the current and future budgets due to the large number of trees that require removal. The majority of the ash trees within the township’s rights-of-way have been inventoried and a rating system for removal has been developed based on tree conditions and public safety impacts. Some of these Ash trees along roadways were planted by developers as public improvements during construction. In these neighborhoods, the township will be planting new street trees in accordance with a street level plan; however, the replacement of the trees will not be done on a “one for one” basis. Notifications will be provided to residents in these developments prior to the removal of the trees. Due to the large quantity of tree removal and replacement, this program will take several years to complete. We ask for patience from our residents while we tackle this monumental task.

## Lawn Watering

As spring turns to summer, lawn maintenance typically includes watering lawns and landscaped areas. Randolph implements lawn watering restrictions from May 1 through September 30 to conserve water and control the amount it draws from its bulk supplier, the Morris County Municipal Utility Authority (MCMUA). During these months, the township enforces the odd/even lawn watering schedule for properties which receive water from the Township of Randolph. For complete information on the watering regulations and exceptions, please visit the township website, [www.randolphnj.org](http://www.randolphnj.org).

Residents are also reminded to inspect their irrigation system to ensure it is functioning properly in order to avoid sudden spikes in their water bill. If any issues with your sprinkler or irrigation system are noticed, it is recommended that you contact your sprinkler contractor for further investigation and repairs. For more information, visit the township website or call the Engineering Department at 973-989-7066.

## Water System Maintenance

The township will be contracting to have our 1.4 million gallon water tank power washed and painted. Additional improvements include the paving of a loop road around the tank for maintenance access and replacement of the existing fencing for security.

Randolph Township Water & Sewer Department will be continuing to perform maintenance and replacement of fire hydrants and water system valves throughout the township’s water system. If you have any concerns regarding fire hydrants or other water/sewer infrastructure-related issues, please contact the Engineering/ Water & Sewer Department at 973-989-7066.

## Stormwater Management Facilities

Residents should be aware that during the summer maintenance and clean-up of their properties, grass, leaves, branches and other debris should not be directed or discharged onto neighboring properties, township properties, or stormwater management facilities such as detention basins, drainage ditches, swales, inlets or manholes. Placing debris in these facilities is likely to cause flooding and adverse impacts to all surrounding properties.

## Sanitary Sewer Usage

To assist our Water & Sewer Department staff in maintaining the township’s sanitary sewer system including the sewer pump stations, we request all residents to not dispose of items such as Swiffer mops or wipes, sanitary napkins, baby wipes, diapers, or cloths into the sewer collection system. These items can cause extensive damage to sewerage pump station pumps resulting in costly pump replacements and repairs. These items can also create blockages in the sewer collection lines and can result in sewer back-flowing into homes as well as into our stormwater conveyance systems and waterways. The township appreciates your anticipated cooperation.

## Retaining Wall Replacement Program

The township maintains over 20 retaining walls within the rights-of-way. Most of these timber retaining walls were constructed adjacent to roadways to transition varied ground elevations and range in height from two to ten feet. The township implemented a retaining wall replacement program approximately ten years ago as many of the walls were beginning to deteriorate and might present a public hazard if not repaired or replaced. Since the program’s inception, there have been 11 timber retaining walls replaced with modular concrete block walls, with a plan to continue to replace the remaining timber walls over the new few years.



*Deteriorated timber retaining wall at intersection of Millbrook Avenue and Fords Road – 1/6/2016.*



*Replaced timber retaining wall with modular concrete block wall – 4/19/21.*

## 2021 Road Resurfacing Program

As part of its on-going road maintenance program, Randolph Township evaluates the condition of the road system on an annual basis.

This evaluation program is a collaborative effort between the Engineering and Public Works departments. The program takes into account the perspectives of both departments and synthesizes the input received into a comprehensive annual evaluation of the township road system.

This program tracks all of the 154 center line miles of township roadways. The 2021 funding is similar to last year’s, allowing for approximately the same amount of miles of roadway maintenance. Nineteen roads, the equivalent of 6.01 miles, are scheduled for resurfacing. As in past years, if funds are available after the roads scheduled for resurfacing have been completed, additional roads could be added prior to the end of the year.

The following roads are tentatively scheduled to be milled and repaved this summer.

Residents that live on these roads that may be looking to install new underground utility lines, such as gas or water, should schedule the installation before the road is paved.

Rickland Drive	Entire Length
Forrest Road	Springhill Road – Rickland Drive
Everdale Road	Pierson’s Hill Road – Shongum Road
Shongum Road	Everdale Road – house # 40
Logan Road	Entire Length
Ash Lane	Entire Length
Willow Drive	Entire Length
Chestnut Hill Road	Entire Length
Church Road	Entire Length
Fernia Drive	Entire Length
Gilmar Road	Entire Length
Sunrise Terrace	Entire Length
Carrell Road	Morris Turnpike to Center Grove Road
Mariner Drive	Entire Length
Arlyn Lane	Entire Length
Misty Mountain Road	Entire Length
Block Court	Entire Length
Washington Valley Road	Entire Length North of Sussex Turnpike
Surry Lane	Entire Length