

# RANDOLPH

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## Affordable Housing Update

A Final Compliance Hearing on the Township's affordable housing plan is scheduled before the Superior Court of New Jersey on March 14, 2023. Approval of the plan will conclude over six years of litigation between the Township, interested parties, interveners and objectors.

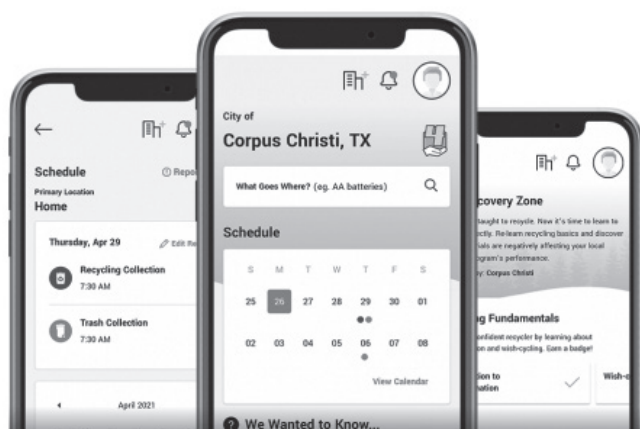
The Township has a 643-unit cumulative Third Round (1999-2025) obligation based upon the fair share methodology calculated in a report prepared for Morris County at the direction of the Honorable Maryann L. Nergaard, JSC by Court Order of June 20, 2017. The Township's affordable housing plan before the Court for approval contains the proposed mechanisms to address this Third Round obligation. These mechanisms include new inclusionary housing projects, 100% affordable housing projects, and the rezoning of vacant or underdeveloped properties.

The Gateways and Crossings at Bennett Avenue (Habitat for Humanity) projects are currently under construction. The Village Square (Toll Brothers), Canoe Brook, Sussex Ridge and Liberty Village projects have received site plan approval from the Planning Board. No applications have been submitted for the other sites identified in the housing plan.

The proposed plan, affordable housing frequently asked questions, and earlier drafts are available for review on the Township website at [https://www.randolphnj.org/government/affordable\\_housing](https://www.randolphnj.org/government/affordable_housing)

## Randolph Recycling Made Easier with Recycle Coach

Recycling and trash collection routes, dos & don'ts, as well as a plethora of recycling facts are available to Township residents by downloading the free Recycle Coach App. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has appropriated funding for the municipality to take advantage of this web-based tool. Residents can get their collection schedule reminder and more on their computers or phones by a simple push of the button. Recycle Coach can be downloaded via both Google Play and the App Store.



## Arts in the Park – Saturday, May 20

Arts in the Park is celebrating its 5th year on May 20, and we hope you will join us! There will be entertainment for all ages. Live musical performances will include the Randolph High School A Cappella group, Randolph Indian Association, Bollywood Dance, 80's Revolution, and the Sensational Soul Cruisers. Other entertainment will include story telling by StoryFace, crafts, games, the 27th Regiment of New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Company F, and various strolling performers.



There will also be 40 fine artists, over 50 vendors, and six food trucks. Glenbrook Brewery will be selling beer to those 21 and older.

Leashed, well behaved dogs are permitted. Finally, Randolph Township will provide free shuttles at the Community Center, Ironia School, Heistein Park, and Heistein Pond. If you have any questions or comments, please call the Community Center at 973-989-7081.

## SAVE THE DATE Freedom Festival

The 2023 Freedom Festival  
will be held  
**Thursday, July 6  
through Saturday, July 8**  
at the County College of Morris.

A car show is scheduled for Friday, July 7 and the fireworks for Saturday, July 8 (rain date Sunday, July 9). Stay tuned for event updates through the Randolph Township website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts.

This annual event is organized by the Randolph Kiwanis Club with assistance from Randolph Township.



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

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Randolph, NJ 07869

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POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE  
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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

2023 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Lou Nisivoccia ..... 713-6004

DEPUTY MAYOR

Christine Carey ..... 985-2623

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Helene Elbaum .....	862-500-1445
Mark Forstenhausler .....	886-7255
Joe Hathaway .....	862-213-8630
Marie Potter .....	945-6310
Joanne Veech .....	328-7175

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Gregory Poff..... 989-7060

WEBSITE

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

Dear Randolph Residents,

I am honored to serve as your mayor. I am a lifelong Randolph resident and cannot think of a better community in which to grow up and now raise my 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, work, play, and worship.

With winter just about behind us, spring will soon offer our first robin sighting, sprouting flowers, and opportunities to enjoy being outdoors. Walking (or running!) the Randolph trail system is a great way to soak in some nature, explore our town, and get some exercise. There are 16 miles of improved trails traversing five 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. The trails are open from dawn to dusk.

If hiking is not to your liking, Randolph has ample parks and open space for both active and passive recreational activities. From organized sports to the community garden, to swimming at Randolph Lake to enjoying a show at the Brundage Park Playhouse, to checking out a great book from the Randolph Library to learning about local history

at the Randolph Museum, to expressing your creativity at Artworks Studio to just catching up with friends for an impromptu picnic, there is something for everyone.

The Randolph Township Parks & Recreation Department also has several special community events planned. I hope to see you at Arts in the Park in May, the Freedom Festival in July, and the Country Fair in September, in addition to some exciting new activities such as a car show, movies in the park, and more!

It is important to stay informed about all these recreation options available to you. On the home page of our Township website there is a button labeled "Stay Informed!" Be sure to click on it to sign up for Township information broadcast systems and view news, events, and emergency notices.

Please enjoy everything that Randolph has to offer!

Lou Nisivoccia  
Mayor



## 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 meet the qualifications. The State treasury department began mailing the 2022 applications in February 2023. For more information, please visit [state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/](http://state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/) or call 1-800-882-6597.

**Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters (ANCHOR)**

This is a new program which replaces the Homestead Rebate.

For more information, please visit [state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml](http://state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml) or call 1-888-238-1233.

The following programs are administered by the **Tax Collection Office**:

**Senior Citizen, Disabled Person or Surviving Spouse**

This program is open to homeowners that meet the qualifications.

For more information, please visit [state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/otherptr.shtml](http://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 Assessment Office**:

**Veteran or Surviving Spouse**

This program is open to all veterans that meet the qualifications.

**Property Tax Exemption for a 100% Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse**

This program is open to totally disabled war veterans who meet the qualifications.

For more information, please visit [state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/otherptr.shtml](http://state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/otherptr.shtml) or call the Tax Assessment Office at 973-989-7129.

## From the Tax and Water/Sewer Department

**Payment of Taxes and  
Water/Sewer Charges Online**

If you wish, you can pay your quarterly tax and water/sewer charges online. Please visit our website at [randolphnj.org](http://randolphnj.org) and scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click the proper link for information and instructions. Questions may be directed to 973-989-7047 or 973-989-7063.

## Important Dates for Primary Election June 6 | Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

<b>April 12:</b>	Last day to change party affiliation for June Primary
<b>May 16:</b>	Last day to register to vote in the June Primary
<b>May 31:</b>	Last day to apply for Mail-in Ballot by mail for June Primary
<b>June 2 - 4:</b>	Early voting period (at designated polling locations in Morris County)
<b>June 5:</b>	Last day for in-person Mail-in Ballot applications for June Primary (by 3:00 pm)



## Bulk Collection Week

Spring Bulk Collection week begins Monday, April 24 and ends on Friday, April 28. **Items must be placed curbside by 6:00 a.m. Monday, April 24.** For this collection, Blue Diamond will be through each street only one time. Please note that this collection is simply an extension of your one-item-of-bulk-trash per weekly curbside collection service available to residents throughout the year. Items accepted include non-metal furniture, couches, mattresses, box springs, rugs/carpeting (rolled and tied in four foot lengths).

**Household trash must be clearly separated from your bulk items.** Cardboard boxes cannot be used as receptacles for bulk items. Loose items must be placed in trash cans or disposable bags. Latex paint **MUST** be dried out. Paint cans can be filled with kitty litter & placed into a trash can; mixture must be solid.

ITEMS NEVER COLLECTED during the bi-annual bulk collection and/or weekly curbside trash collection include all recyclable items (metal, paper, e-waste), prohibited items (hazardous waste, building materials, and items weighing more than 200 lbs.), and vegetative waste. For more information on acceptable and unacceptable items, visit [www.randolphnj.org](http://www.randolphnj.org).



# Be Bear Smart

New Jersey residents, especially those in areas frequented by black bears, should take steps to avoid attracting bears with food or garbage. This is the best way to prevent black bears from becoming a nuisance near your home.

Some residents may observe black bears using yards as part of their natural travel corridors. The mere presence of a black bear is not considered a problem. Generally, bears tend to be wary of people. It is important not to leave out any food or garbage that may encourage bears to linger in residential areas. One person feeding bears can create a problem bear that may affect the entire neighborhood.

Black bears learn very quickly and those that are fed intentionally or unintentionally by carelessly leaving out food or garbage will associate people with food. Bears will eat almost anything including human food, garbage, pet food, birdseed and small livestock. Once they find an easily accessible food source, like garbage in a housing development, they will lose their wariness of people and may return to the available food source. These bears can become a nuisance or aggressive and may have to be trapped and aversively conditioned or destroyed.

For tips on proper garbage management and coexisting with bears, visit: <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/bears/bear-facts-for-homeowners>

### If You Encounter a Bear:

1. **Remain calm and slowly back away.**
2. **Make the bear aware of you.**
3. **Be loud:** speak in an assertive voice, yell, sing, or clap your hands. If available, bang pots and pans or use an airhorn.
4. **Make yourself look big.** Wave your arms. Hold your jacket above your head.
5. **If you're in a group, stay together** and perform these actions together.
6. **Make sure the bear has an escape route.** If a bear enters your home, prop all the doors open.
7. **If the bear doesn't leave, move to a secure area.**
8. If your family lives in an area frequented by black bears, **create a "Bear Plan" for children**, with an escape route and planned use of whistles and air horns.
9. Black bear attacks are extremely rare. **If a black bear does attack, fight back!** Aim for the snout and/or eyes. Use anything at hand (knife, sticks, rocks, binoculars, backpack or kick the bear).
10. **Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-877-WARN DEP (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.*



# Clean Communities Day and Paper Shredding Event

### Clean Communities

Join local civic and scout organizations in tidying up Randolph Township at our "Clean Communities Day" on Saturday, April 29. All participants will receive gloves, garbage bags and t-shirts. Group leaders can arrange to pick up supplies in the Health Department on Thursday and Friday, April 27 & 28 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mini-grants are available for civic groups. Call the Health Department at 973-989-7050 to sign up.

### Paper Shredding

As part of its Clean Communities Day, the Randolph Township Health Department will once again offer confidential paper shredding services to residents, free of charge, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, in the Municipal Building parking lot. Residents must have their NJ driver's license available as proof of residency. This is a drive-through event. Residents will be required to follow the traffic pattern, park where directed, and remain in their vehicles. A DPW employee will assist residents with their items.

This shredding service is:

- Randolph residents only
- Personal, confidential documents generated in the home only (not commercial or home-business generated)
- A maximum of three file boxes per household (file box = 1.5 cu feet).
- Confidential documents. This does not include junk mail and store flyers or solicitations.
- Documents that are free of any metal clips, rings or binders.

Plastic file folders, x-rays, CDs, etc. **are prohibited.**

Please call the Health Department at 973-989-7050 if you have questions.

# Welcome to the New Randolph Township Councilmembers

Joe Hathaway was appointed in May of 2022 to fill the vacant Council seat following the resignation of Lance Tkacs. He was then elected in November 2022 to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. Joe is a graduate of Yale University where he majored in political science. He also played varsity football, earning All-Ivy League honors. Professionally, Joe has spent over a decade in corporate affairs and communications, both in the public and private sectors. He also has years of experience in financial services, having spent time at large, publicly traded institutions, as well as specialty insurance firms.

Joe was named to public relations industry trade publication, PRWeek's 40 Under 40 list in 2016. From 2010-2014, Joe worked for the state of New Jersey as an advance director for the Office of the Governor, leading operations and logistics for all public engagements between the office, constituents and municipalities across the state. A lifelong New Jersey resident, Joe, his wife Whitney, and their two children live on Wilkeshire Boulevard.



Helene Elbaum was elected to the Council in November 2022. As a third-generation resident, Helene's family moved to Randolph over 40 years ago. A graduate of Randolph High School and Drew University Madison, she currently works as Executive Vice President of Newmark Commercial Real Estate in Cedar Knolls, New Jersey's largest women-owned commercial real estate firm. In 2021, she received the Globe Street's Women of Influence Award for her contributions to the industry. As an avid volunteer in Randolph, Helene served on several municipal committees and boards, including the Randolph Economic Development Committee (EDC) for over 10 years, most recently as vice-chair. Helene was instrumental in the creation of the EDC's social media presence. Utilizing her background in real estate, Helene served as a commissioner on the Randolph Township Planning Board. She was also a member of the Randolph Parks Advisory Committee, and is currently serving as vice president on the Board of Directors of the Randolph Area Chamber of Commerce. Helene resides in the Mount Freedom section of the township.



# A Letter from the Superintendent

From Preschool – 12th grade, we have the pleasure to educate and mentor our students to become their very best. Throughout their journey in Randolph Township Schools, every child is empowered to discover their passions and pursue a variety of different pathways. From this self-discovery, our students gain the competencies and skills they need to thrive. As a result, our learning community consistently exceeds the bar academically, athletically, and artistically as our students garner numerous accolades. We have so much to be proud of in our school community.

Investment in the personal and professional development of staff has been key to our tradition of excellence in teaching and learning. We are fortunate to provide many resources throughout the year and continue to seek ways to provide tailored development based on the specific needs of educators and staff. For example, this year we partnered with the Virginia Tech School of Educational Leadership as well as its Center for Cooperative Problem Solving to host a KAI Symposium for all administrative staff. KAI training, also known as Kirton Adaption-Innovation Theory, has helped organizational leaders identify how they prefer to solve problems and consequently manage change.

Exercises like these which we provide for all staff, in addition to each

individual staff member's development, are critical for our continued organizational success. Our educators, administrators and support staff take great pride in building bridges through ongoing collaboration which helps to foster new talents, skills, abilities and thought leadership in Randolph. In the same regard that our team strives to continuously build relationships with one another, these same skills are also applied in the classroom. It is essential that we continue to develop meaningful, strong relationships with our students so they can both understand and reach their fullest potential.

Reflecting on where we are now as a school community, I could not be more grateful for how far we have come over the past few years. It seems that no circumstance, obstacle, or difficulty can hinder the phenomenal progress we continuously see in our schools. This collective strength will only continue to grow, and it's incredibly exciting to see how limitless our organization has become. I look forward to the next few months as we approach the end of the 2022-2023 school year, and sincerely thank our community for its continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Fano, Superintendent of Schools



# Police Department News

## Distracted Driving Enforcement

During the month of April, the Randolph Township Police Department will be increasing enforcement of motorists driving while distracted. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has designated April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Using your cell phone or other electronic devices while driving cannot only get you a ticket, it can get you or someone else seriously injured or killed. Distraction is deadly. According to the NHTSA, distracted drivers killed 3,142 people in 2020. If you have your phone in one hand while driving, you will have a police summons in the other. Please drive safely.

## New School Crossing Guards

There has recently been a lot of activity at the Randolph School Crossing posts. In September, two of the school crossing guards retired after several years of service. Judy Shoudy, who served as a substitute crossing guard since 2019 has moved into a full-time position at one of the Shongum School posts. Before becoming a crossing guard, Judy worked for St. Clare's Emergency Medical Services for 15 years as an EMT. Judy was also a Class II Special Police Officer. She also works for COP2COP and is their team leader for critical incident debriefings.



The Township hired Zoraya Bernedo in January 2023 to work full-time at the other Shongum School post. Prior to her hiring, Zoraya did what she excels at, helping others; she was a nurse assistant, caregiver, and nanny. Zoraya is excited about her new role as a school crossing guard.



Karen Notare, one of our new substitute crossing guards, was hired in November 2022. Karen is an internationally recognized and award-winning opera/classical singer who maintains a private vocal studio in her home and is a voice teacher for the

Paper Mill Playhouse's musical theater and summer conservatory programs. Comfortable on the stages of the world and the classroom, Karen is an award-winning, highly seasoned, and NJ-certified music educator. Karen loves kids and welcomes every opportunity to teach or protect them.



The Township also welcomes Suzanne Bowers, hired in January 2023 as a substitute crossing guard. Suzanne retired last summer after 27 years of service in the Union County Surrogate's Court in Elizabeth. She is happy for the opportunity to serve the community and looks forward to many years of working for the Township to protect its youngest members.



We wish all of our new crossing guards the best of luck. All Randolph School Crossing Guards go through two hours of classroom training, which is required annually, and 20 hours of field training before they can work on their own. School Crossing Guards work in all weather conditions and are responsible for getting our students to and from school safely.

# Fire Department News

The Randolph Township Fire Department (RTFD) is looking forward to another year of serving the community. We thank you for your support and appreciation over the past year. We welcome Department Chief Mike Vanadia and Deputy Chief Kevin Dunn as they lead the department for 2023. We are ready to respond in 2023 with the same level of service as 2022, which was a busy year for the department. In order to continue to protect and assist Randolph Township, we continue to look for new members. Please visit [www.randolphfire.org](http://www.randolphfire.org) for more information.

In December, there was a fatal fire in the Township. While this event is unfortunate, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of those involved, there is a lesson to be learned from this tragedy. Please make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order. The new year is a good time to test your detectors and change the batteries.

Ironia Firemen's Association is offering its annual scholarship. If you have a graduating senior, applications are available in the guidance office at the high school.

The new apparatus, Brush Truck 44, arrived and was put into service in January 2023. In addition, Ironia Co. 4 Firemen's Association will be celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Look for a Wet Down later this year to welcome the new truck and celebrate the anniversary.

Please stay safe and do not hesitate to call the Randolph Township Fire Department in the event of an emergency.

# Randolph Rescue Squad

## Get to Know the Randolph Rescue Squad

In 2023, the Randolph Rescue Squad (RRS) is celebrating its 56th year of providing emergency medical services to Randolph Township. Thank you to the many volunteers, supporters, partners, and leaders who have been part of our 56-year history. We are grateful for the dedication of our 2023 Board of Directors and Officers: President Christopher Zelley; Captain Caitlin Costello; Vice-President Adam Glauberg; Treasurer Michele Dempsey; Secretary Mary Luciano; Member from-the-floor Deanna Vaccaro; Member-at-large Fred Zelley; 1st Lieutenant Sheryl Madayag; 2nd Lieutenant Bryan Manfred; Sergeants Bronte Dakota, Justin Lash, Jordyn Bolan; and Jim McConnell, Delegate to the EMS Council of NJ.

We asked RRS members to address some frequently asked questions we receive:

*Q: What sort of training is involved in volunteering with the Squad?*

A: Members start with First Aid, CPR, and Emergency Vehicle Operator certifications. They complete an internal training program and are mentored by experienced certified volunteers. These new members become our drivers and first responders. Our NJ and National Certified Emergency Medical Technicians complete more than 200 hours of classroom work, hands-on training at a local hospital and mentorship with our experienced EMTs before passing a national certification exam.

*Q: Besides responding to emergency calls, what else does the Squad do in our community?*

A: The RRS is proud to be part of the Randolph Community. You will often see us standing by at community and sporting events to ensure the health and safety of participants and spectators. We sponsor blood drives; last year we hosted six blood drives with over 500 pints of blood donated. Our members provide programs for community groups like the Boy and Girl Scouts. The Squad has a Juniors program which provides high school students with the opportunity to learn and volunteer with our adult members as well as participate in leadership development opportunities.



*Q: How much does the Squad charge for their services?*

A: Nothing! RRS never charges for our services. Thanks to the generous donations from the members of our community and the support from Randolph Township, you will never receive a bill from us.

**We are recruiting new members.** No previous experience is necessary. We provide all necessary training from highly experienced professionals. Whether you are looking to become a driver/first responder, emergency medical technician (EMT), or join our auxiliary, RRS is a great way to give back to your community, learn new skills, and meet new people.

### Reminders:

- ✓ WEBSITE: [www.Randolphrescue.org](http://www.Randolphrescue.org) to complete an application – or email us at [info@randolphrescue.org](mailto:info@randolphrescue.org)
- ✓ RRS PRESIDENT: Christopher Zelley via [president@randolphrescue.org](mailto:president@randolphrescue.org)
- ✓ FOLLOW US on Facebook and Instagram.
- ✓ DIAL 9-1-1 in an emergency. Provide a clear explanation of location and the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to give the crew a list of the patient's medications.
- ✓ UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES are scheduled for April 27 and June 22 at RRS Headquarters.
- ✓ GENERAL QUESTIONS: Send an email to [info@randolphrescue.org](mailto:info@randolphrescue.org).
- ✓ STAND-BYS: Send an email to [captain@randolphrescue.org](mailto:captain@randolphrescue.org). Make a detailed request with as much prior notice as possible.



# Library Programs

Registration may be required. Register online at [www.randolphnj.org/library](http://www.randolphnj.org/library) or call the library at 973-895-3556. 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 Spring 2023 Drop-In Storytimes

April 10 to June 1

**Story-Go-Round**  
(ages 2 to 3 1/2 years)  
*Mondays (closed 5/29)*  
9:45 to 10:10 a.m.

**Nursery Rhyme Time**  
(ages 0 to 23 months)  
*Mondays (closed 5/29)*  
10:30 to 10:55 a.m.

**Family Storytime**  
(all ages)  
*Tuesdays, Thursdays*  
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**Wiggles and Giggles**  
(ages 3 to 5 years)  
*Wednesdays*  
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**Saturday Storytime**  
(all ages)  
*Saturdays: April 8 and May 13*  
11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Pajama Time**  
(all ages)  
*Mondays: April 17 and May 22*  
7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

## Book Clubs

**Book Clubs for Grades 1 & 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. Please read the book before the meeting. Registration for all sessions is required and is limited to 10 participants. All meetings will be held in the library. Registration for Randolph children is ongoing when space is available.

**Chapter Chats for Grades 3 & 4**  
*Mondays: April 10 and May 8*  
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
Please contact Miss Mary Ellen for details.

**My First Book Club for Grades 1 & 2**  
*Tuesdays: April 11 and May 9*  
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
Please contact Miss Kerrie for details.

**Riveting Reads for Grades 5 & 6**  
*Wednesdays: April 12 and May 10*  
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
Please contact Miss Mary Ellen for details.

**Tween Titles for Grades 7 & 8**  
*Thursdays: April 13 and May 11*  
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
Please contact Miss Kerrie for details.

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**Take It and Make It Craft:  
April Showers**  
*Monday, April 3*  
9:00 a.m. to closing  
Grades PreK to 2  
Help us celebrate April with a craft! Craft kits will be available in the lobby while supplies last.

**Weis Cooking & Food Class**  
One class for Grades K-3 and another for Ages 3 to 5  
*Dates and times for each class to be determined. Please check website for details.*  
Come and try a healthy snack recipe! Presented by Registered Dietician Kimberly Asman. Registration for children is required and begins at 10:00 a.m. one week prior to the program.

**Jelly Bean Bingo & Bowling**  
*Monday, April 17*  
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.  
Ages 4 to 12  
Play Bingo using jelly beans and also enjoy bowling. Registration for children is required and begins on April 10 at 10:00 a.m.

**Yoga Storytime**  
*Tuesdays: April 18 and May 16*  
11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Ages 2 to 5  
Join us as we read books and bring them to life as we slither like snakes, hop like frogs and bark like dogs. Through songs and stories, we bend, stretch, breathe and move while having fun learning yoga poses. Presented by Pamela Nixon. Registration for children is required and begins at 10:00 a.m. one week prior to the program.

**Math Mania**  
*Tuesdays: April 18 and May 23*  
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Grades K to 2  
Have fun with math at this interactive, hands-on program. Please register children for each session individually at 10:00 a.m. one week prior to the program.

**Build It! Family Fun**  
*Thursdays: April 20 and May 18*  
7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

Ages 4 and up  
Come and enjoy building with our Legos, Brain Flakes, Straws and Connectors, and other building toys. You supply the fun, skill and imagination. No registration required.

**Move & Groove with Miss Jolie**  
*Fridays: April 28 and May 26*  
10:00 to 10:45 a.m.  
Ages birth to 5  
Experience the joy of music and movement in this fun-filled, interactive music program. Registration for children is required and begins at 10:00 a.m. one week prior to the program.

**Take It and Make It Craft: Mother’s Day**  
*Monday, May 1*  
9:00 a.m. to closing  
Grades PreK to 2  
Help us celebrate Mother’s Day with a craft! Craft kits will be available in the lobby while supplies last.

**Dog Man Party**  
*Monday, May 15*  
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.  
Grades K to 4  
Do you like Dog Man? Come for Dog Man activities and a snack. Registration for children is required and begins on May 8 at 10:00 a.m.

**Take It and Make It Craft: Father’s Day**  
*Monday, June 5*  
9:00 a.m. to closing  
Grades PreK to 2  
Help us celebrate Father’s Day with a craft! Craft kits will be available in the lobby while supplies last.

**“All Together Now” Summer Reading Club**  
*Thursday, June 15 to Wednesday, August 2*  
Preschool through Grade 6  
In-person registration for Randolph children begins June 15 and will be ongoing throughout the club. Read and win prizes! Members of the club will enjoy ice cream and entertainment at the Summer Reading Club Picnic on August 2.

**“All Together Now” Teen Summer Reading Club**  
*Thursday, June 15 to Wednesday, August 2*  
Grades 6 through 12  
In-person registration for Randolph teens begins June 15 and will be ongoing throughout the club. Read and win prizes!

**Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together**  
*Thursday, June 15*  
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All ages  
Unlikely heroes must work together to save the planet from a super-polluter! Volunteers conduct experiments about the changing states of matter, air pressure, the laws of motion, and more! Presented by Talewise. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on June 8 at 10:00 a.m.

**Eyes of the Wild**  
*Thursday, June 22*  
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All ages  
Eyes of the Wild Rescue and Education will be here for a LIVE wildlife presentation. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on June 15 at 10:00 a.m.

**All Together Now**  
*Thursday, June 29*  
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All ages  
Enjoy a fun, interactive science program that will amaze and entertain as well as highlight collaboration, kindness and empathy. Presented by Mad Science. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on June 22 at 10:00 a.m.

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

The Randolph Township Free Public Library also offers a Teen Advisory Board (TAB), the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, and a StoryWalk at Veteran’s Park. 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.

## Music Concerts

Concerts start at 2:00 p.m. – no registration required

**The Kootz: Traveling Wilburys Tribute**  
*Sunday, April 23*

**Homegrown String Band: Mothers & Fathers in Traditional Folk Music**  
*Sunday, May 21*



## Adult Programs (14 and over)

Programs start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted .

**How to Attract Bluebirds & Hummingbirds to Your Backyard with Jim Walker, Owner of Wild Birds Unlimited**  
*Tuesday, April 4*

**Expanding Awareness & Reducing Stress through Yoga (last class) with Karin German, Owner of Yoga On The Go**  
*Wednesday, April 5*

**Lost Masterpieces with Mallory Mortillare**  
*Wednesday, April 12*

**Medicare-Part B Explained, Presented by NorWesCap**  
*Wednesday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m.\* (Note time)*

**Rutgers’s Master Gardeners Presents Nurture Nature with Easy-Care Native Plants**  
*Saturday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m.\* (Note time & day)*

**Genealogy: DNA Testing Pros & Cons, Presented by Eric Migdal, Owner of It’s All Relative Genealogy, LLC**  
*Tuesday, May 9 (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)*

**Bollywood Zumba with Nirali Vakharia**  
*Wednesdays, May 10, 17, 24, 31*

**Mark Vogel Presents Jack the Ripper**  
*Tuesday, May 23*

## Artworks Studio

Fine arts instruction for ages 3-1/2 through adult.  
Explore your creativity and create stunning works of art with our professional instructors. We offer a variety of classes and workshops throughout the year for all ages. Join one of our fun and imaginative summer art camps for an unforgettable artistic experience!

### 2023 Summer Art Camps

**Teen Art Camp**, Grades 6 – 12  
June 19 – 23

**Fun with Fiber & Fabric Mini Camp**,  
Grades 4 – 8  
July 5 – 7

**The Petting Zoo**, Grades 1 – 5  
July 10 - 14

**Ancient Egypt**, Grades K – 3  
July 17 - 21

**Under the Sea**, Grades K – 3  
July 24 – 28

**Hawaiian Luau**, Grades K – 3  
July 31 – August 4

**Once Upon a Paintbrush**, PreK 3 1/2 – 6  
August 21 – 25 (no camp on 8/22)

Visit [www.randolphnj.org/parks\\_and\\_recreation/artworks\\_classes](http://www.randolphnj.org/parks_and_recreation/artworks_classes) for our full schedule of classes and workshops or call the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Office at 973-989-7081.

Follow us on social media:  
Facebook: [Artworks Studio Randolph NJ](#)  
Instagram: [@artworksrandolph](#)





# Parks, Recreation & Community Services

## Upcoming Special Events

Sign up via Community Pass on the Township website

### Safesitter Course

June 17 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Randolph Community Center  
30 Calais Road  
The Safesitter Course is recommended for ages 11 through 15. Students learn life-saving skills, such as how to rescue someone who is choking, as well as helpful information such as what to do if there's severe weather.

### Cinco de Mayo Dinner

May 5 | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Community Center, 30 Calais Road  
Enjoy a Mexican buffet during this family-friendly Cinco de Mayo celebration.

### 5th Annual Arts in the Park (Free Admission)

May 20 | 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Veterans Community Park  
100 Calais Road  
Join us for this family-friendly celebration of the visual, performing, and literary arts where local artists showcase their talent. Something for everyone!

### Movie in the Park: Detective Pikachu (Free Admission)

June 10 | 8:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Veterans Community Park  
100 Calais Road

### Movie in the Park: Ghostbusters: Afterlife (Free Admission)

July 15 | 8:15 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  
Veterans Community Park  
100 Calais Road

### Bullets on Broadway

July 29 | 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Community Center, 30 Calais Road  
Enjoy a dinner buffet while trying to solve a murder mystery! Actors from the Brundage Park Playhouse will be participating in the mayhem.

## Senior Services (Ages 60 & over)

### Dial-A-Ride Transportation Services

**In order to participate in our Dial-A-Ride Program, which includes medicals, shopping and any indoor activities on or off the property, you must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Proof of vaccination is required.**

#### Shopping Bus:

Transportation to local shopping centers two days per week. Pick up times at homes start at 9:30 a.m.

Monday ShopRite or Walmart, Roxbury  
Wednesday (1st & 3rd Wednesday) Rockaway Commons, Rockaway  
(2nd & 4th Wednesday) Trade Zone, Flanders

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

#### Medical Bus:

Transportation to and from a 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.

## Senior Programs & Events

Randolph Township Residents age 60 & over will pay an annual fee of \$10 per person that will include the following:

- All senior citizen programming offered by the Recreation & Community Services Department at either a reduced fee or in most cases, no fee.
- Direct notifications of programs, events, trips and other important information.
- **1 Photo ID card to be used for everything listed below.**

### MONTHLY SOCIAL

A monthly social will be held on the first Tuesday of each month unless noted on the Senior Calendar. Each month will have a different theme so we hope you will join us for every social. Socials will start at 11:00 a.m.

### 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.**

Below is a list of some of the activities in which you can participate. Please check the Senior Calendar for the days, times and special events that will be taking place during the month.

Yoga • Bingo • Cards • Crafts • Line Dancing • Painting on Canvas • Sewing • Technology Help on Your Devices

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Outings to local restaurants for either breakfast, lunch or dinner. Check the Senior Calendar for locations and times. Reservations are required for all events and functions.

#### Examples of restaurants:

Fortune Buffet, Wharton	Forte Pizzeria, Randolph
Cracker Barrel, Mt. Arlington	Randolph Diner, Randolph
Roxbury Diner, Roxbury	Olive Garden, Rockaway
Mario's Famous Pizza, Randolph	Bruno's Italian Bistro, Morris Plains

#### Randolph Lake Beach Membership

- Access to Randolph Lake Beach during the season, Memorial Day – August. Including any members-only events.
- Up to four guests per visit for \$5 per guest.

#### Tennis/Pickleball Membership

- Access to Randolph Township Tennis & Pickleball Courts for use during park hours.

#### Fishing & Boating Permits

- Permission from Township to fish or use non-motorized boats in the Township lakes and ponds.

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

## Randolph Recreation Bulldogs Football Celebrated its 60th Anniversary in Fall 2022



(pictured from left to right)  
Dan Limone, Program Chair and Tom Tinus, Hall of Fame Board Member.

## The Historical Society of Old Randolph

This vintage advertisement dated April 10, 1903 from the IRON ERA Newspaper noted the coming attraction at Baker's Opera House in Dover – a week long performance by the Howe Norris Dramatic Theatre Company. This was the next best thing to New York City theatres of Broadway for area residents. Tickets for reserved seats were purchased at Kilgore's Corner Drug Store in Dover and made a great gift for the upcoming Easter holiday. The DL&W train brought Randolph residents to 'the Baker' just two blocks away from the train depot.

The grand opening of the Baker's Opera House was on April 5, 1886. For many years the public was entertained there with minstrel shows, magic performances, vaudeville acts, as well as comic operettas. In 1906, the theatre was converted to update the premises for the silent movie era. Only music was synced to the movie by piano or organ accompaniment. Since the silent film had no synchronized sound for dialogue, on-screen inter-titles were also embedded between scenes to narrate the story. Vaudeville acts were usually scheduled prior to the movie since darkened conditions were required for movie viewing. As an added enticement nightly during their week-long engagement, the Howe Norris live theatre troupe offered one fortunate audience goer, sitting in the 20¢ or 30¢ seats, the chance to win a free bicycle. Famous personalities who performed at 'the Baker' included Helen Hayes, Lillian Russell, and Abbott & Costello. Today, the painted advertisement on the outside rear of the historic landmark building located at South Warren Street is seen from far away with the words, "Chew & Smoke Bloch Bros. West VA Mail Pouch Tobacco Clean Lasting Chew."

**BAKER OPERA HOUSE**  
ONE WHOLE WEEK,  
**Beginning Monday April 13.**  
**The Howe-Norris Dramatic Co.**  
In repertoire of standard plays. A high salaried organization.  
**Drama and Vaudeville.**  
Introducing a full line of high grade specialties, illustrated songs, etc. The only company in the world that  
**Gives Away a New Bicycle Every Night.**  
A company of rare excellence. Plays that are up-to-date. Melo drama comedy, drama and farce comedy. Elegant costumes, beautiful music and vaudeville specialties. A cyclone of laughter, a whirlwind of mirth.  
Everyone purchasing a 20 or 30 cent ticket will have a chance to get a new bicycle.  
**Prices, - 10, 20 and 30c**  
Reserved Seats on sale at Killgore's Corner Drug Store.





## Results of the First Randolph Township Chili Cook-Off

The Township hosted its first Chili Cook-Off event on Saturday, January 21st. Over 100 people attended and voted for their favorite chili in three categories, “traditional”, “creative”, and “fan favorite”.

The **Fitness Grill** won best *Traditional Chili* and *Fan Favorite* at the Chili Cook-Off on January 21st. The restaurant inherited the turkey chili recipe from the prior owner, but added additional ingredients to enhance the flavor. The Fitness Grill takes pride in using the best quality ingredients and always strives to get the taste just right for all of the items on their menu!

**Simply Gourmet** won *Most Creative Chili* during the event. The idea to take their traditional chili recipe and add a cornbread topper was a team collaboration. Simply Gourmet began its culinary journey over 25 years ago and is not afraid of innovation. Their business quickly grew into a customer-centric catering company with the goal of serving superb food.

The second place winners were Thistle Catering (Traditional); Roxbury Diner (Creative), and Wendy’s (Fan Favorite).

We thank all of the participating businesses for making the event a great success: The After Char-Broil & Ice Cream; Cinders Wood Fire Grill; Davy’s Hot Dogs & Grill; Fitness Grill; Mario’s Famous Pizza; Randolph Diner; Roxbury Diner; Simply Gourmet; T.G.I. Fridays; Thistle Catering; and Wendy’s.

## Economic Development Committee

The Randolph Township Economic Development Committee (EDC) began 2023 continuing its ongoing efforts to support the local business community, bringing awareness to our current initiatives, and sharing information about local resources with residents. Along with supporting our regular activities, we are discussing and planning several new ideas generated by the committee. We look forward to another exciting year.

One of the initiatives that the EDC champions is the selection of an annual recipient(s) of our Business Achievement Award. Potential recipients are reviewed to determine their involvement with the community, perhaps their ability to persevere in an adverse economic climate, their long-standing presence in the Township with a mindfulness of supporting local events, etc.

Businesses meeting such criteria may then be nominated to the EDC for consideration. There is then extensive discussion and review conducted to ensure the award criteria is met. It is also required that the business is in “good standing” with the Township and that ownership/management would be available to accept this award at the annual Randolph Country Fair.

We invite businesses to share with the EDC their potential interest and ability to qualify for our Business Achievement Award. Please contact us through the Township website [www.randolphnj.org](http://www.randolphnj.org), the EDC website, <https://randolphnjedc.com> or through the Township Planning Administrator, [dcarney@randolphnj.org](mailto:dcarney@randolphnj.org).

The Randolph EDC looks forward to an exciting 2023 and continuing its support of the local business community.

## Buy This Not That: Plastic-Free Shopping

The environmental groups Beyond Plastics and The Last Beach Cleanup report that at least 85% of U.S. plastic waste went to landfills in 2021. In addition, many of the plastics we are allowed to recycle do not actually get recycled, they end up being shipped to countries on the other side of the world, filling their beaches and oceans. In an attempt to put the control to reduce plastic waste into the consumers’ hands, the Environmental and Landmarks Committee has come up with a list of items that can be purchased in non-plastic containers. Making even one of these changes permanently can have an enormous impact, especially if everyone gets on board to commit to change. Consumers can also go to a refillable store for many items, from household cleaners to personal products. The nearest stores are Simple Bare Necessities in Sparta, Bear Minimum in Boonton, and Sustainable Haus Mercantile in Summit.

Item	Buy This Instead of Plastic	Brand/Where to Purchase
Milk	Packaged in glass bottle or cardboard container	Your local farm or any supermarket
Yogurt	Packaged in glass bottle	Oui by Yoplait at your local supermarket
Laundry detergent	Sheets packaged in cardboard box	Online at <a href="http://trueearth.org">trueearth.org</a>
Toothpaste	Tablets packaged in aluminum container	Hello at Walmart; Target and Amazon
Household cleaners	Packaged in concentrate in glass bottle	Online at <a href="http://grove.com">grove.com</a> and Target
Body or hand soap	Bars packaged in cardboard box	Any supermarket or big box store
Shampoo/conditioner	Bars packaged in cardboard box	Love Beauty and Planet at Target; HiBAR at Amazon.com; Lush Cosmetics; Kitsch at CVS; Faith in Nature at Bed, Bath & Beyond; As I Am at Walmart
Deodorant	Packaged in cardboard container	Hey Humans at Target; Native at Walmart and Target; Online at <a href="http://grove.com">grove.com</a>
Vegetables	Use a reusable, cotton drawstring bag	Purchase bags online at Amazon.com
Napkins	Packaged in cardboard box	Online at <a href="http://grove.com">grove.com</a>
Over the Counter Medicine	Sold in refillable packs	Online at <a href="http://grove.com">grove.com</a>

## Brundage Park Playhouse

### ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

**Performance Dates:**  
May 12, 13, 19, 20 at 7pm  
May 14, 21 at 3pm

### FAITH: A CABARET

**Performance date:** April 8  
Randolph Community Center



### Register for 2023 Summer Camps

#### Budding Stars

June 26– July 7  
(no camp 7/4)  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Ages 5 to 7 years old

#### Summer Stages

Four, two-week sessions  
beginning June 19  
Ages 8 to 14 years old

#### Advanced Performers Workshop

July 10 – July 28  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Open to students who are already 12 years of age or who will be entering 7th-11th grade in fall 2023.

Brundage Park Playhouse is a division of the Randolph Township Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Service. Please visit [www.brundageparkplayhouse.org](http://www.brundageparkplayhouse.org) for more information and to register. If you have questions, please call 973-989-7092.

The 3rd Annual  
CLEAN UP AND CLEAN OUT

**RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY-WIDE**

**GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, April 22 & Sunday, April 23  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Rain or Shine

# Project Updates

## Engineering Projects

### Park Avenue – Phases 1 & 2 – Road Improvements Project

Phase 1 & 2 of the road improvements to Park Avenue between Sussex Turnpike and Pleasant Hill Road have been awarded to a contractor and scheduled for construction in spring 2023. The scope of work includes repairs to any curbs or sidewalks along the road, drainage inlets, and milling, repaving, and restriping. The proposed improvements will require alternating traffic on the road, with possible closures; detours will be in place during construction.

### Stormwater Management Facilities

Residents should be aware that during spring 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 adversely impact all surrounding properties.

## Water and Sewer Projects

### County College of Morris Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Upgrades

The replacement of the existing County College of Morris (CCM) Pump Station located on the CCM campus has been awarded to a contractor and is slated to start construction in spring 2023, with the anticipated completion by spring 2024.

## Water Department Information

### Consumer Confidence Report

As a public water system, Randolph Township is obligated to issue a yearly Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) 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 2022 CCR will be posted on the Township website beginning May 16. [http://www.randolphnj.org/services/water\\_quality\\_report](http://www.randolphnj.org/services/water_quality_report)

### Lawn Watering and Checking Sprinkler Systems for Leaks

Residents are reminded that Randolph implements lawn watering restrictions from May 1 through September 30 to conserve water and control the amount of water 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 property owners served by Township water.

Spring is a good time to check your sprinkler and irrigation systems to avoid sudden spikes in your water bill. If you notice a large increase in your water usage, first check for signs of a leak in your indoor plumbing. You should turn off the water supply to your home and check to see if the needle on your water meter continues to register water use. If there are no leaks in your plumbing, then it’s likely to be somewhere in your irrigation system. In that case, below are a few steps to locate the leak in your irrigation system:

- Check your irrigation controller programming to make sure it hasn’t changed or returned to a default setting that increases water usage.
- Valve boxes that are wet may indicate loose wiring, water leaking due to damaged fittings, or worn parts.
- Leaks in sprinkler stations may include flooding around the sprinkler’s base, water geysers from sprayheads, water spraying between sprinkler heads, water laying in the grass between sprinklers, water spurting from a sprinkler’s base, or misaligned sprinkler heads.

If you notice any issues with your sprinklers or irrigation system, it is recommended that you contact your contractor for further investigation and repairs. For more information, visit the Township website or call the Engineering Department at 973-989-7066.

## Changes to Mobile Food Ordinance

In response to the popularity of food trucks, it was requested that the Board of Health carefully review the existing mobile food ordinance and recommend changes, if needed. As a result, the Board convened an ad hoc committee comprised of Board members, a mobile food business operator, a “brick and mortar” food business owner and the Randolph Township Health Officer. During the course of several months, the committee carefully examined the various public health and safety issues, including but not limited to, food safety, traffic safety, land use, fees and fire safety. Afterward, the committee rendered an opinion to the Board of Health and to the Randolph Township Council.

The following changes were made to the ordinance:

- Mobile foods vendors are allowed only at “bona fide” public events, the definition of which was codified in the amended ordinance. The committee acknowledged the popularity of food trucks, but remained in favor of continuing the policy of not allowing mobile food vendors to travel about the Township at their sole discretion. Private use of mobile food trucks (i.e., on private land for a private event) continue to not be covered by the ordinance.
- Event sponsors must now register with the Health Department; there is no fee for registration. By requiring this registration for public events, the name of the responsible person can be on file, and a determination can be made as to whether the event fits the definition of “bona fide.”
- A new license category, “Annual Mobile Food License” was created. The annual fee of \$275 allows licensees to attend multiple, registered “bona fide” events from January 1 to December 31.
- The former “Seasonal” food license category was renamed to “Prepackaged Frozen Dessert License,” with the fee changed to \$175. This category is typically issued to traditional ice cream truck or “Good Humor-type” mobile vendors and is valid 60 days to 180 days.

If you have questions regarding the changes to the ordinance, please call the Health Department at 973-989-7050.

# Zoning Q&A

### Q. What types of construction require a Residential Zoning Permit?

- A. Zoning permits are required for the construction, erection, demolition or major alteration of any structure including, but not limited to, fences, decks, pools, sheds, building additions and interior alterations

### Q. Can I store my commercial vehicles at my home?

- A. You may store one commercially registered vehicle if it is a standard size van or pickup. Anything larger must be garaged. Please call the Zoning Officer for more details at 973-537-7128.

### Q. Can I store my RV or boat at my home?

- A. You may park such vehicles on your property as long as they are properly screened. Please call the Zoning Officer for the regulations.

### Q. Can I sell my car from my home?

- A. You may sell only one car at a time and it must be located on your property.

### Q. Do I need a permit for a shed?

- A. You must get a zoning approval for any size shed. You must also get a building permit for a shed larger than 200 square feet.

### Q. Can I put my shed anywhere on my property?

- A No, all freestanding accessory structures (i.e. pools, sheds, garages), must meet certain setbacks for your zone. Call the Zoning Officer for details.

### Q. Can garden sheds 100 square feet or less be placed closer to the property lines?

- A. Yes, each property may have one garden shed within the required setbacks up to five feet from a property line.

### Q. What hours may residents and landscapers operate lawn mowers?

- A. Lawn mowers with a muffler may be operated between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekends and legal holidays.

### Q. Can I use heavy machinery in my yard on the weekends?

- A. No, construction with heavy machinery on weekends and at night is prohibited. Tree clearing, earth moving, and demolition are included, as well as all construction projects. The police will respond to any violations.

### Q. When do I need a lot grading permit?

- A. When land disturbance involves the construction of 1,000 square feet or more of new impervious area or 2,500 square feet or more of new soil disturbance, except for normal agricultural operations in connection with a farming operation. Contact the Engineering Department for details at 973-989-7066.

### Q. Do I need a permit to cut down trees?

- A. Yes, contact the Planning Department for details at 973-989-7080.

### Q. Are there any additional requirements 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. In addition to rear and side yard setbacks, pools must be at least 12 feet from the principle structure.