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Gregory V. Poff II Appointed as Next Township Manager

The Randolph Township Council has selected Gregory V. Poff II as the new Township Manager effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Poff, who has served as Sussex County Administrator since April 2017, was chosen for the position after an extensive search. He will replace current Township Manager, Stephen Mountain, who is retiring at the end of June after eight years of service with Randolph.

"It is an honor to serve as the next Randolph Township Manager. The township's embrace of professional government management makes this one of the best local government jobs in the state. My experience as both a municipal manager and county administrator has prepared me for the challenges of this assignment," Poff said.

As County Administrator, Mr. Poff supervises, directs, and manages all administrative departments throughout Sussex County. Prior to this position, he was Township Administrator of Rockaway Township for 10 years, and Township Manager of Byram Township from 2004 to 2007. He also served as Assistant Township Manager for Randolph Township from 1999 to 2004.

In November 2019, the New Jersey Municipal Management Association awarded Mr. Poff the Dr. Thomas J. Davy Academic Achievement Award for the creation of a newly elected officials' orientation and training program.

Mr. Poff is one of seven professional government managers in New Jersey recognized as a Credentialed Manager by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, one must possess significant experience as a senior local government executive, have earned a degree in public administration, and demonstrate a commitment to high standards of integrity and lifelong professional development.

Mr. Poff holds a BA in Policy and Management Studies from Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA and an MPA from Rutgers University. He is a member of the New Jersey Municipal Management Association, the ICMA, the Pi Alpha Alpha National Public Administration Honor Society and the National Eagle Scout Association.

"After a comprehensive search process, Greg Poff clearly stood out. He possesses tremendous experience as a professional government manager both at the municipal and county level, is highly educated yet maintains a strong desire to further his development, and has a familiarity with Randolph Township and its operations. We see Mr. Poff not only as a great fit for our municipal organization, but for our entire community," commented Mayor Potter.

The transition in the Manager's Office began in May even though Mr. Poff's start date was not scheduled until mid-June. "I will work closely with Mr. Mountain to ensure a smooth transition and develop good working relationships with the Township's exceptional staff," said Poff, adding, "I am looking forward to working with the Township Council, municipal staff, and residents and continuing the tradition of excellence established in the Office of the Township Manager."

As Township Manager, Mr. Poff will supervise and manage the Township's 121 full-time employees as well as the \$32 million municipal operating budget and \$8 million water and sewer utility budget.



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

Randolph Kiwanis Club Brings Freedom Festival to Randolph for 2022

Randolph Township's annual Freedom Festival is back for another year at the County College of Morris! Thursday, June 30 through Saturday July 2.

Thursday evening will feature Randolph Township's first ever classic car show with trophies. For information or to register, please email Randolph Recreation Events Coordinator Kristina Garlick at kgarlick@randolphnj.org.

On Friday July 1, the Flemington Neshanocks will play a team of local residents in a vintage baseball exhibition. The Randolph Kiwanis Freedom Parade will be on Saturday, July 2 at 10:00 a.m. The fireworks display will take place on Saturday night while DJ Nick and the Jerseytones perform. In the event it rains on Saturday, the fireworks will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 3.

At this time, the Randolph Kiwanis Club is still inviting vendor participation. Anyone interested in registering or learning more about the event, please email Freedom Festival Director, Arlene Price at aprice8@its.jmj.com. To volunteer to participate in the parade, please contact parade director Geoff Price, geoffprice@optonline.net.



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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

2022 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR	
Marie Potter	945-6310
DEPUTY MAYOR	
Lou Nisivoccia	713-6004

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Christine Carey	985-2623
Mark Forstenhausler	886-7255
Joe Hathaway	862-213-8630
James B. Loveys	201-400-6747
Joanne Veech	328-7175

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Gregory Poff	989-7060
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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

The biggest news from townhall is that the Township Council has hired a new Township Manager, Gregory V. Poff II. The Township Manager functions as the chief executive and administrative official in our council-manager form of municipal government under the Faulkner Act. Our current Township Manager, Steve Mountain, will be retiring on June 30th. The transition in the Manager's Office is currently underway to allow a smooth transition from Mr. Mountain to Mr. Poff.

In the summer, many of us are ready to start spending more time outside. You may have noticed that winter wasn't kind to many of our roads. Maintaining the 144 miles of township roads is one of the biggest services Randolph Township provides. Keep in mind that several roads in Randolph are maintained by the state (e.g. Route 10) and the county (e.g. Dover Chester Road). Every year the council approves a Road Overlay Program, wherein roads maintained by Randolph Township are evaluated by our Department of Public Works (DPW) using several factors. By evaluating these individual factors, the DPW creates an overall rating which establishes maintenance priorities. The road maintenance is paid completely with cash – no borrowing or bonding. This saves taxpayers money as we aren't adding interest costs to a principal payment. The 2022 Road Overlay Program includes 18 roads.

Recently, Randolph Township was positively acknowledged by two independent groups:

- **Safewise.com listed Randolph as the 16th safest city/town in New Jersey in their annual Safe Communities rating of 244 cities.** This ranking is an improvement from #23 in 2021. Safewise.com calculates crime data from the FBI in making their report.

- **Mommy Poppins included Randolph Park Beach as one of 30 New Jersey recommended summer day trips.** Mommy Poppins is a leading national website for family activities. They noted that Randolph Lake makes a fun alternative to typical NJ beach destinations, with great activities and extensive facilities for families.



We are honored to be recognized by both of these groups! A fun new activity will be coming soon to Randolph Lake – a Wibit System (wibitsports.com). Wibit is a system of inflatable water products that enables waterplay. With a plan similar to our current boat rental procedures, patrons would pay for a set block of time to utilize the play system. With the number of available blocks during the summer, we anticipate that the system will pay for itself and the time of the attendant staff within its first two years of use. There is much to do outside in Randolph! For the latest news and events, visit our webpage, randolphnj.org and social media accounts: Township of Randolph on Facebook and @randolphtwpnj on Instagram and Twitter. Stay safe, and enjoy living in Randolph!

Marie Potter
Mayor

From the Tax Office

When are tax bills generated and mailed?

Tax bills are generated and mailed once per year in July. Once the certified tax rate is received from the County of Morris, the bills are generated and mailed to the last known owner on record.

When are tax payments due?

Tax payments are due quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year.

Is there a tax payment grace period?

Yes, there is a ten (10) day grace period for each quarter. If the payment is received after the grace period, the quarter is considered delinquent and interest is charged back to the due date. Interest is charged at 8% for the first \$1,500 and 18% for amounts over \$1,500. A penalty of 6% shall be charged on any delinquency in excess of \$10,000 if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year.

TAX SALE 2022

Tax Sale for delinquent 2021 and prior years' taxes and water & sewer charges will be held in the fall of 2022. To prevent a lien being placed on your property, please pay all your outstanding delinquent charges immediately.

Questions may be directed to Linda Ann Roth, Tax Collector, at 973-989-7048/7047.

NOTICE TO ALL TAX PAYERS

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body to set the rate of interest to be charged for delinquent taxes, assessments, or other municipal charges, or to be charged a year-end penalty; and

Whereas, Resolution No. 01-22 was adopted by the governing body to charge the rate of interest on delinquent taxes, assessments, and water & sewer charges at 8% on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquent charges and 18% on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and a penalty of 6% shall be charged for any delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 which has not been paid, as billed, prior to the end of the calendar year.

Therefore, all tax payers are advised that the rates of interest and year-end penalty take effect with the calendar year 2022.

For questions or to request a copy of Resolution No. 01-22, please contact the tax collection office at 973-989-7048/7047.

The Randolph Economic Development Committee Makes New Business Feel Welcome

The Randolph **Township Economic Development Committee (EDC)** is a volunteer citizen advisory committee appointed by the Township Council to support local business and assist Randolph in attracting new business to the community. In recent years the Randolph EDC has been advancing its mission through a variety of initiatives designed to help businesses choosing to locate in Randolph. Below are just a few of the resources the Randolph EDC provides new and existing businesses:

- As a new business to the area, our **“New Business Handbook”** provides a checklist of items to help ensure a successful startup process. It is available at the municipal building or on the township website randolphnj.org/government/economic_development.
- Once established, the Randolph EDC will reach out and provide a **“New Business Questionnaire”**. The committee uses the completed questionnaire to create a **Business Spotlight** article designed to share information about the business to be posted on the township's Randolph Local website randolphlocal.com and offer guidance on scheduling a grand opening or ribbon cutting ceremony. Members of the Randolph EDC, the Township Council, the Township Manager, and the Township Communications Officer often attend these events. It's a great opportunity for businesses to connect and engage with the community.
- Completing the above mentioned questionnaire also connects your business with our **Social Media Support Team**. Our social media efforts are current, progressive and provide a great means of connecting with local residents. Your business will be featured on our Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as the Randolph Local online database.
- For the second consecutive year, the Randolph EDC is sponsoring a **“Shop Local”** campaign by placing signs around town to create a visible reminder for residents to support local business and services. The warmer weather is a perfect time to visit outdoor eateries and local retail establishments, our many health & wellness centers, or to simply explore the variety of goods and services being offered right in our backyard. Hopefully you've seen our signs!

The Randolph EDC meets monthly to hold lively discussions that generate new ideas to support our local business community and ways to connect residents to these goods and services. As a resident and/or business owner, we extend an open invitation to experience firsthand the value of choosing Randolph Township as a desired home to establish your business!

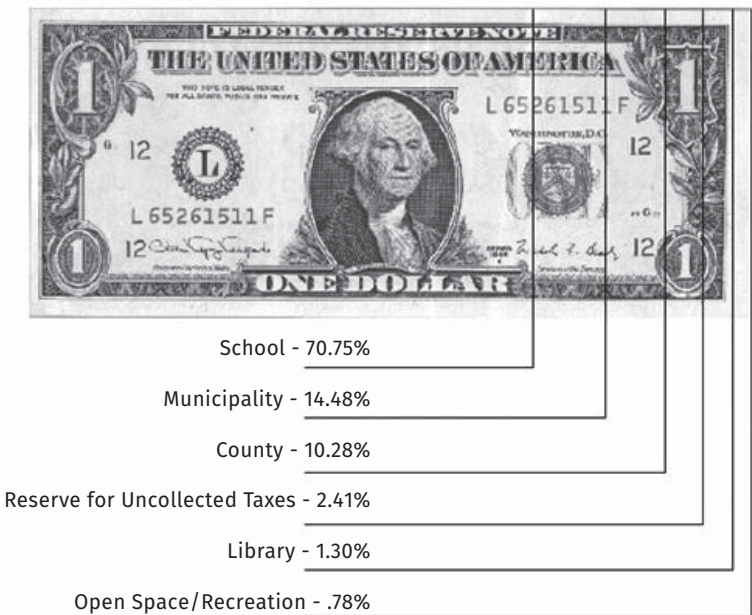
Visit randolphnjedc.com for more information or follow us on social media: Randolph Economic Development Committee on Facebook and @RandolphEDC on Instagram.



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 2022 from the average taxpayer in the township.



A Vietnam Veteran’s Experience Bringing The Moving Wall to His Hometown



It was a long journey to bring the Moving Wall to Randolph, but for Vietnam Veteran Emerson Crooks it will be well worth it.

“I am so happy and so pleased for this community to bring the names of people like Mike Poliquin and the rest of the five squad members I lost in one night on August 19th. We’re going to be right here in my own neighborhood. That’s very impactful, and impactful to me.”

The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC that has been traveling the country since 1984 as a means of bringing the experience to those who can’t go to Washington. Crooks first embarked on his mission of bringing the wall to Randolph five years ago with support from his comrades at VFW Post 7333. One of the big advocates for the program was fellow Veteran Jack Sassaman, who was Post Commander supporting Crooks with his vision of making the project a reality.

Unfortunately, Sassamann passed away in 2020 and the pandemic began, at which point Crooks started to feel like he was hitting a metaphorical wall. But he was determined to see it through. While chatting with Senator Anthony Bucco last year he was offered some words of encouragement. Soon after, he attended another stop for the Wall and without telling anyone, signed their Post 7333 to be a sponsor. When they discovered this, he reassured them, “Don’t worry—we have Senator Bucco!” With Veteran Bill Menzel now leading as Post Commander, the project pressed on.

Coordinating the program has been a huge undertaking that involves widespread community support. The County College of Morris (CCM) will be the hosting location for the event taking place from Thursday, July 7th until Monday, July 11th. Senator Bucco was instrumental in getting CCM and many others involved.

“It really is an honor and a privilege to be able to do this for our veterans and gives us the opportunity to do something for you after what you have done for us and for this country,” stated CCM President Dr. Anthony Iacono during a press conference held on March 9th.

In his closing remarks of a speech he gave at the press conference, Crooks said, “I speak at schools sometimes and I tell the young people I visit the Wall every year with my Veteran comrades. I go to the Vietnam Wall and there’s a lot of people there... a big crowd. I go over to the WWII (memorial) and it’s less. And then I go to the WWI (memorial) and there’s no one. And what I say to the kids, I say I come to you and I plead to you that don’t let what happens to WWI Memorial happen to the Vietnam Memorial. Not everyone has a chance to go to DC to see it, so the reason we bring it here is so the children in the neighborhood and all the folks in the neighborhood can see it. And see how emotional, how dramatic (it is). When you look at the names on there, next time you go to Giants stadium... and there’s 60 or 70,000 people, you look around. That equates to what’s on that wall. That’s a lot of people.”

The Moving Wall program is being funded and staffed entirely by donations and volunteers. Supporting organizations include Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion, Disabled Veterans of America, Randolph Kiwanis Club, the Rotary Club of Randolph, the Randolph Township Police Department, the Morris County Commissioners, the Morris County Sheriff’s Office, the American Red Cross, Lake Hopatcong Elks #782, Catholic Charities USA, Warriors’ Watch Riders, and the NJ State Legislature.

For anyone who wishes donate, please visit <https://www.vfwpost7333.org/the-moving-wall> or email Bill Menzel, Vice President of Randolph VFW Post 7333, at menzel10@aol.com or by calling 973-945-8507. To sign up to volunteer, please reach out to Deacon Richard Reck at TheMovingWall.RandolphNJ@gmail.com.

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

Municipal taxes will not increase for property owners for the sixth consecutive year.

In April, the Township Council unanimously approved the 2022 municipal budget totaling \$33.2 million, and the \$8.1 million Water & Sewer Utility. The Council adopted the combined Municipal and Water & Sewer Utility budget of \$41,387,198 after completing a multi-month review process, including several public budget workshop meetings, and a public hearing on the proposed budget.

The municipal operating budget funds all township services and activities, and is primarily supported by property taxes and miscellaneous local revenues. The Water & Sewer Utility budget is a self-sustaining, publicly operated municipal utility fund, supported separately by the customers of the utility.

The township maintains the 5th lowest municipal tax per person in Morris County (\$741/person). Municipal taxes (including Library and Open Space/Recreation) make up 18.97% of residents’ tax bills. The remainder of the tax bill is comprised of the Randolph school district (70.75%) and Morris County (10.28%).

The municipal organization in 2022 continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, along with many other associated, and unassociated, operational and economic challenges. In spite of these challenges, the township administration working in conjunction with the Mayor and Township Council was able to adopt a structurally sound and balanced budget. The conservative spending plan addresses the goals listed below, all of which were 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 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 protective gear and equipment for the Police Department; the replacement of the Fire Department’s Engine E51; life saving and communication equipment for the Rescue Squad; replacement of aging infrastructure in township buildings; the continuation of the Retaining Wall Replacement and Road Resurfacing Programs; the implementation of projects included in the Parks and Recreation and Trails Master Plan; and the on-going removal of right of way trees impacted by the ash borer infestation.

For further information on the 2022 municipal budget, visit the township website at randolphnj.org/government/annual_budget or contact the Finance Department at 973-989-7045.

A Letter from the Superintendent

Wellness plays an essential and critical role in child development. As educators, when we discuss the social and emotional well-being of our students, we recognize that the best and most successful outcomes are a direct result of treating children as unique individuals with specific needs. In the same regard that children need this support, so do adults. We all need wellness and self-care as we continue to learn, grow and evolve. New York Times Best Selling Author Matthew Haig said quite perfectly that rest is an “intrinsic and essential part of life that is needed for the whole to make sense.”

Many people may believe that summer break is a time when learning stops, but the summer months are an opportunity for students to take advantage of the benefits of wellness, relaxation and reflection. It’s a time for those special activities and occasions where children learn and develop new social skills. It’s also a time to focus on one’s mental health and take that much needed break to recharge. The world has an endless amount of possibility, and the summer is a time to dream about that opportunity so it can be cultivated into something real and meaningful.

Randolph is a community that has achieved many successes. Our students, staff, families, and community members continue to do extraordinary work.

The entire community, not just our learning community, is nothing short of world class. However, success should not merely be defined by achievement and productivity. It should also be defined by the joy and satisfaction of a life well lived. Our experiences and passions are important to be explored as we navigate our individual journeys.

As we enter the 2022 – 2023 school year, our goal is always to improve. Randolph will continue its rich history of educating the best future leaders, scholars, artists and musicians with the support of our dedicated and talented educators. At the same time, we won’t lose sight of what is most important by ensuring every child’s social, emotional, and wellness needs are met.

I appreciate the work of our community and staff to meet and exceed the needs of our students. I look forward to another new year of learning and seeing the smiling faces of our children in the fall. Until then, I hope everyone in Randolph has a restful summer filled with whatever brings you purpose.

Your wellness and happiness matters.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Fano

Randolph Police News

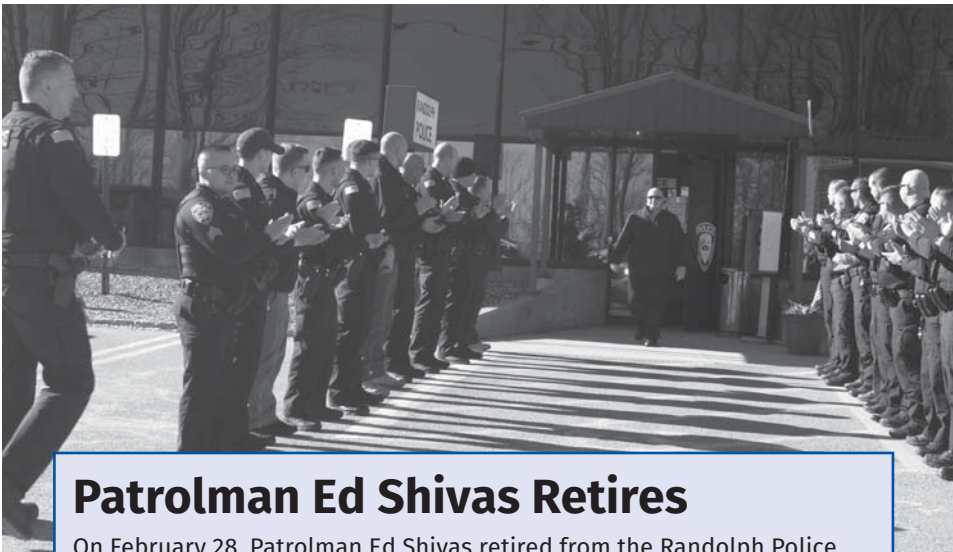
Bike Rodeo

On Saturday April 2, members of the Randolph Police Department participated in the bike rodeo in Veterans Community Park hosted by the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department. Sgt. Rispoli, Ptl. Czerniak, Ptl. Shoudy, Ptl. Frappier, and Ptl. Gocklin reviewed and demonstrated several safety tips with the bicyclists. Topics covered included how to use hand signals, starting and stopping on a bicycle, turning, and handling crossroads.



New Parking Ordinance

Starting March 14, 2022, the township updated the No Parking Certain Hours Ordinance to include the northern section of Draco Drive, between Dover Chester Road and Alcor Road. The new ordinance prohibits parking on the north side of Draco Drive between 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. when school is in session. This was in response to the large number of vehicles parking on both sides of the road during school drop off and pick up, which limited the amount of room for pedestrians and vehicles to travel on Draco Drive.



Patrolman Ed Shivas Retires

On February 28, Patrolman Ed Shivas retired from the Randolph Police Department after serving for over 21 years. At one time, he was a part of the Police Department's Community Services Unit as a School Resource Officer. The Police Department wishes Patrolman Shivas the best of luck in retirement!



Crossing Guard Completes Five Years

The Randolph Police Department would like to congratulate Elliot Katz on completing his 5th year as a School Crossing Guard. Elliot is one of five crossing guards in Randolph that is responsible for crossing students and parents to and from school. Elliot started at the Fernbrook School post in 2017 and worked there for two years before transferring to the Ironia School post, where he has been ever since. Elliot enjoys having a vital role in ensuring that children get to school safely!

Fire Department News

The Randolph Township Fire Department (RTFD) Works Hard to Keep Our Community Safe

In 2021, the RTFD put in a total of 17,520 hours of response and training time, an increase of 7.7% from 2020. Did you know that the Randolph Township Fire Department is 100% volunteer? Our members donate their time, effort, and energy to help keep you, our friends, neighbors, co-workers and families safe. Being a part of the fire service and particularly the RTFD is a rewarding experience.

Unfortunately, the RTFD has been experiencing a decline in active membership due to age, the physical requirements of the job, and various other reasons. Turnover in the department due to these issues is always going to be something to plan for; however there has not been an influx of new members. Without the support of our members, new and current, the demand to respond continues to get harder. In order to continue to serve the community of Randolph and its approximately 26,000 residents, we need your help. The RTFD has been a 100% volunteer organization since 1932, and as we are about halfway through our 90th year of service, we are calling on residents to help us continue the tradition of serving the community for another 90 years and more. If you have the desire to serve, stop by any of Randolph's four fire houses on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or contact us at membership@randolphfire.org.

If you want to help the community and the fire department but are not able to be a first responder, you can also join one of the associations. The department is comprised of four companies: Millbrook Co. 2, Mt. Freedom Co. 3, Ironia Co. 4, and Shongum Co.5. The fire houses are individually owned and operated by associations. The association members are both firefighters and non-firefighters that live in Randolph or neighboring towns. Joining an association is another great way to help both Randolph and the RTFD.

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Fundraising Committee
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Randolph, NJ 07869

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Grilling Safety

As we enter spring and summer, there's nothing like outdoor grilling. It is one the most popular ways to cook food. But a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. BBQ grills can cause burn injuries and property damage. Follow these simple tips to enjoy a safe grilling season.

Safety Tips:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and low hanging branches.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill surface or trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting.

Charcoal Grills:

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you start the fire using newspapers as a fuel. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the

fire. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use. When finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills:

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose—a propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait five minutes before re-lighting.

Have a safe a grilling season!

Remember, never hesitate to call the fire department when there is an emergency, or you think there might be an emergency.

Randolph Rescue Squad

It's Thank You Time

Thank you, Jim, and thank you, Steve. The time has come for us, the Randolph Rescue Squad (RSS), to formally express our gratitude and respect. Steve Mountain (our Township Manager) and Jim Loveys (Councilmember and Past Mayor) have always been staunch supporters of volunteerism in Randolph and the Randolph Rescue Squad. We wish them and their families well.

We invite you to join us! In the first quarter of 2022, the Squad answered 194 calls. RRS members are well-trained to assist our patients in all sorts of circumstances. Our members are people of all ages and diverse backgrounds, including both new first aiders and other long-certified EMTs. We work as a team on every call. We need you. Our experienced team will be by your side as you train to become part of your hometown's Emergency Medical Services.

Visit our website at randolphrescue.org to learn about the application and interview procedures. Give serious thought to this next idea. Referring to his own Squad experience, one active life member acknowledged, "While we spend a lot of time training on the delivery of medical care, our training goes beyond just how to treat an injury or illness. We focus on caring for the whole person during a medical emergency. Another major factor is caring for special populations such as those with developmental disabilities, children, or the elderly. That helps us be ready for any situation."

Moreover, he emphasized, "The most amazing thing is when people reach out after we have cared for them to say thank you. Recently, I was called upon to help an injured child in our neighborhood. A few days later, we received a handmade card thanking RRS. It means a lot that we could be there when our neighbors need us most." No doubt, this member would urge you to join us!

Upcoming Events: First, the RRS food truck festival fundraiser at CCM on June 4. Next, BLOOD DRIVES on June 23, August 18, and October 27. Thanks also to the many individuals who donate at the RRS-sponsored blood drives. RRS Secretary Michele Dempsey, coordinator of the drives, is most grateful to the Millbrook Fire Department for accommodating our February and April blood drives. Reconstruction at Squad Headquarters was underway at that time so the drives could not be held there.

THANK YOU for your generous financial contributions that enable the Randolph Rescue Squad to provide quality, free-of-charge care.

In closing, we urge everyone to practice "safety first." Be vigilant on behalf of yourself, family, friends, and our entire Randolph community. Remember... 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 arrange for a stand-by event, send an email to captain@randolphrescue.org. It is best to make a detailed request with as much prior notice as possible and be precise regarding the timeframe and location.
- ✓ For other questions, email info@randolphrescue.org.

Protect Yourself from Rabies

License and Vaccinate Your Pet Against Rabies. Pets can become infected with rabies through contact with rabid wild animals. Because of this, it is important that your dog or cat have up-to-date rabies vaccinations. Randolph residents are reminded that all cats and dogs, older than seven months of age must be licensed. Contact Randolph Township Health Department to obtain a license at 973-989-7050 or visit us at 502 Millbrook Avenue.

Do Not Feed or Handle Wild Animals. Avoid contact with all bats, raccoons, skunks, groundhogs, and foxes. It is illegal in New Jersey to keep these wild animals as pets. Take measures to prevent raccoons or bats from entering homes, barns, garages, and other buildings. Store all trash or pet food kept outdoors in animal-resistant containers.

Avoid Contact With Strays or Pets Other Than Your Own. These animals can pose a health risk since they may not be vaccinated for rabies. Report stray animals to the health department so that the animal control officer can assess the animal and take appropriate steps. Stray animals which are captured and impounded are held for at least seven days so they can be reclaimed by their owner.

Protection Against Mosquitoes

It is that time of year again when mosquitoes breed and wreak havoc on people and the environment. The Morris County Division of Mosquito Control offers ways to protect yourself and what you can do as a homeowner:

- Remove standing water from containers, flowerpots, saucers, kiddie pools, garbage cans and tarps.
- Clean birdbaths weekly; clean debris from gutters and ensure downspouts are draining properly.
- Use screens to prevent mosquitoes from coming into your home. Adding a fountain or fish to an ornamental pond helps eliminate stagnant water.

In order to protect you and your family from mosquito bites use an EPA registered insect repellent: epa.gov/insect-repellents.

Health Screenings/Clinics for Randolph Residents

CHEM-23 Blood Screening

Date: Friday, September 9
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Location: Randolph Township Municipal Building, Conference Room A
Available to residents age 18 years and older, CHEM-23 is a comprehensive blood test used to provide valuable information about the general state of your health. The fee for this program is \$35 and \$25 for residents 65 and older. Pre-registration is necessary by calling the Health Department at 973-989-7050.

Adult Vaccines

Dates: June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 20
Time: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Randolph Township Municipal Building, Conference Room A
Available to residents age 19 years or older and uninsured or underinsured. "Underinsured" means your insurance will not pay for the vaccine needed. This program is offered through the 317-Funded Adult Program. If the individual has both Medicare Part B and Part D, he/she is considered fully insured for vaccines and may not receive 317 funded vaccines. If the individual does not have Medicare Part D coverage, then he/she is considered underinsured for those vaccines and may receive 317 funded vaccines. For a list of available vaccines, visit randolphnj.org. Appointments are required; please call the Public Health Nurses at 973-537-7118.

Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Dates and time by appointment.
These vaccines are available to children ages birth through 18 years old who are uninsured or insured with NJ Family Care Plan A. All Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines are available. Appointments are required; please call the Public Health Nurses at 973-537-7118.

Child Health Conferences for Children

Dates: June 22, August 17
Location: Randolph Township Municipal Building, Conference Room A
Financial criteria applies. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Public Health Nurses at 973-537-7118.

When should you contact 2-1-1?



 **DIAL**
2-1-1 (or 877-652-1148)

 **TEXT**
YOUR ZIP CODE TO 898-211

 **CHAT**
www.nj211.org

Artworks Studio

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

School is out and it's time for some creative summer fun! Don't miss out on our exciting art camps for ages pre-K through teen. Kids will create a myriad of art projects each week of camp while exploring different art mediums. Also check out our variety of art class sessions starting this fall for adults and kids.



Summer Art Camps - Registration is now open.	
June 20 - 24:	Teen Comic Creations, Grades 6 to 12
June 27 - July 1:	Teen Art, Grades 6 to 12
July 4 - 8:	Character Design & Visual Storytelling, Grades 4 to 8
July 11 - 15:	Modern Art Styles, Grades 1 to 5
July 18, 20 - 22:	Pre-K Art & Music: A Bug's Life, Ages 3-1/2 to 6
July 25 - 29:	Out of This World, Grades K to 3
August 1 - 5:	Things that Go!, Grades K to 3

Fall 2022 Classes - Registration open now!

Mixed Media Painting - Adults
Young Artists - Ages 3-1/2 to 6
Art Exploration I - Grades K to 4
Art Exploration II - Grades 4 to 8
Drawing & Painting - Grades 4 to 8
Drawing from Nature - Grades 4 to 8
Short Story Illustration & Character Design - Grades 4 to 8

Review the full schedule of classes & workshops on the township website, or call the Recreation Department at 973-989-7081.

Follow us on social media:
Facebook: Artworks Studio Randolph NJ
Instagram: @artworksrandolph

Brundage Park Playhouse

ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA THE MUSICAL, JR.
Music & Lyrics by Tim Minchin; Book by Dennis Kelly; Directed by Mark Carovale
Performance Dates: July 8, 15, 22 at 7:00 p.m.; July 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 at 2:00 p.m.
Rebellion is nigh in *Matilda JR.*, a gleefully witty ode to the the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! This story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson.

KIDS' CABARET 2022
Directed by Kate Cullin
*Performance Dates: August 4, 5 at 7:00 p.m.
August 6, 7 at 2:00 p.m.*

A yearly family favorite featuring local kids with loads of talent raring to entertain you! Be ready to be wowed.

Summer Theater Camps
Celebrating our 41st year of theater camps providing full-day instruction in acting, dancing, and singing for children of all ages! Register now for our Budding Stars (Ages 5 –7), Summer Stages (Ages 8-14) and Advanced Performers Workshop (Ages 12-16) online through the registration link at randolphnj.org. For more information, visit brundageparkplayhouse.org or call 973-989-7092.

Ray Gelpke Hired As New Brundage Park Playhouse Theater Manager

Mr. Gelpke has over 40 years theater experience (*Director/Producer/Actor/Singer*) that includes incorporating scenic designers, set coordinators, choreographers, and actors on large scale productions tours in the NY Metropolitan and Tri-State area: Avery Fisher Hall Lincoln Center, NY; Symphony Hall, MA; The Paramount Theatre, NY; The Kirby Theatre, PA; The War Memorial, NJ; and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. While attending William Paterson University, he researched and staged several Equity productions, initiated fundraising efforts, and made final editorial and creative changes with playwrights working with Bea Arthur, Larry Kert, and Roderick Cook. Mr. Gelpke has also directed at several regional theatres, founded SV Musical Theatre in Morris Plains, and directed four musicals for Dover High School and various Brundage Park Playhouse productions. He resides in Randolph Township with his wife, Carla, and adult children, Anna and Alexander.



Etiquette on the Trails

These are some hiking etiquette guidelines that will help you have a safe, fun, and relaxing experience when hiking/biking the township trail system:

- Be aware of your surroundings.** It will help keep you and any members of your group safe, and it will help keep wildlife and their habitats safe and healthy.
- Know your right of way. Hikers coming uphill have the right of way.** If you're descending the trail, step aside and give space to the people climbing up. Be aware that mountain bikers should always yield to hikers.
- Make yourself known.** If you approach another trail user from behind, announce yourself in a friendly, calm tone and let him/her know you want to pass.
- Stay on the trail.** Going off trail can damage or kill certain plant or animal species, and can hurt the ecosystems that surround the trail.
- Always keep your furry friend on a leash.** Be polite and let others know if your dog is friendly or if they are not. Always clean up after your dogs and keep them on the trail.
- Do not disturb wildlife.** Keep your distance from the wildlife you encounter.
- Be mindful of trail conditions.** If a trail is too wet and muddy, turn back and save the hike for another day. Using a muddy trail can be dangerous, damage the trail's condition, and damage the ecosystems that surround the trail.

Do not try to **remove downed trees**. Contact the Randolph Township Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services at 973-989-7081 with the location of the trees or email Parks Director, Russ Newman: rnewman@randolphnj.org. Please include photos if possible.

Randolph Recreation Aspires to Civilize Sports Culture

Coaches throwing clipboards, parents berating officials, players antagonizing other players... pro sports? Perhaps. But this bad behavior is actually happening right here in Randolph. In order to alleviate the problem, the Randolph Recreation Department and Randolph Recreation Committee is addressing it head-on.
For over a decade, there has been a "Yellow Card" policy to investigate, and possibly, punish bad behavior. While that policy has been effective, we intend to do more. Our programs should be about having fun and getting exercise, while encouraging athletic development, friendly competition, and sportsmanship.
Good behavior starts by looking in the mirror. Are you setting a good example for your children? Talking in a calm manner with your children as you drive to and from sports practices and games is a great way to communicate things that took place. Politely approaching a coach before or after practice or a game without children nearby can be constructive. Communicating with coaches, officials, and children when you're not angry is much more productive and sets a better example. And definitely avoid posting negative comments on social media!
We will be providing additional communication and training to ensure that our program coordinators, coaches, and parents are reminded that **our behavior is our culture**. We want our culture to be one of civility, tolerance, and inclusion, where volunteers want to coach our teams and officiate our sports. Let's return to the days of having interviews and waitlists for coaching positions, rather than shortages of coaches and officials due to bad behavior from parents and spectators.
We ask that everyone who participates in our programs as a committee member, coach, player or parent remember to take a look in the mirror before every sport engagement and remind themselves to set a good example for the children.

Veterans Community Park Receives Facility Award at Morris Park Alliance Community Awards Program

At the Community Awards Program held by the Morris Park Alliance in April, Randolph Township received a Facility Award for Veterans Community Park. These awards recognize and honor excellence in parks and recreation at the county, municipal, and non-profit level throughout Morris County.
Parks and recreation facilities that receive the Facility Award are outstanding examples of planning, design, and construction, as well as the most beneficial to the public. They serve as an example for others to follow.
Veterans Community Park was conceived as part of the 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and was designed to incorporate features that were not available in our other parks, including:

- A 1/4-mile paved lighted walking trail
- A 1/3-mile paved connecting trail to Heistein Park
- Two pickleball courts
- A Community Garden with 168 beds
- A Bandshell/Pavilion/Gazebo with restrooms
- A lawn for special events

Township events scheduled at Veterans Community Park in 2022 include a bike rodeo, Easter egg hunt, Arts in the Park, the Country Fair, and the Holiday Tree Lighting. In addition, garden events, tree dedications, scout projects, and many other active and passive activities have quickly made this park a favorite of residents of all ages. Presented annually from 2017-2019, the Morris Park Alliance Community Awards Program resumed in 2022, following a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. Randolph Township has received awards from the Morris Park Alliance every year since 2017.



Library Programs

Registration may be required. Register online at 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

“Oceans of Possibilities” Children’s Summer Reading Club

Thursday, June 16 to Wednesday, August 3
Preschool through Grade 6

In-person registration for Randolph children begins June 16 and will be ongoing throughout the club.

“Oceans of Possibilities” Teen Summer Reading Club

Thursday, June 16 to Wednesday, August 3
Grades 6 to 12

Register, read books, and win prizes.

Summer 2022 Drop-In Storytimes

June 20 to August 18 (no storytime on 7/4)

Story-Go-Round

Mondays, 9:30 to 9:55 a.m.
Ages 2 to 3 1/2 years old

Nursery Rhyme Time

Mondays, 10:15 to 10:35 a.m.
Ages 0 to 23 months

Family Storytime

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
All ages

Preschool Play

Wednesdays, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 to 5
No preschool play on 8/3

Summer 2022 Programs

Camp Ocean: An Interactive Play

Thursday, June 16
7:00 p.m.
All ages

Traveling Lantern Theatre Company is taking us on a voyage to the bottom of the sea. All hands on deck as we search for buried treasure and dive into the mysteries of the ocean. Registration for all attendees is required.

Take It and Make It Crafts

Mondays, June 20 and 27, July 11, 18, and 25, and August 1; Tuesday, July 5
9:00 a.m. to closing
Ages PreK to 2
Craft kits will be available at the library while supplies last.

Crafty Kids

Mondays, June 20 and 27, July 11, 18, and 25, and August 1
1:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Grades K to 2

Join us for crafts in the afternoon. Registration is required.

Crafternoon

Tuesdays, June 21 and 28, July 5, 12, 19, and 26, and August 2
1:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Grades 3 to 5

Join us for crafts in the afternoon. Registration is required.

Teen Crafters

Wednesdays, June 22 and 29, July 6, 13, 20 and 27
1:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Grades 6 to 12

Join other tweens and teens to do crafts. Registration is required.

Penguin Pointers: Live Animal Program

Thursday, June 23
7:00 p.m.
All ages

Jenkinson’s Aquarium is coming to us! Meet one of their famous feathered friends while learning about them and their wild cousins. Registration for all attendees is required.

Dive Into Books Magic Show

Thursday, June 30
7:00 p.m.
All ages

Join magician Brian Richards as he gets kids excited about reading using magic, puppets, juggling, storytelling and more. Registration for all attendees is required.

Super Bubble Fun Time Show

Thursday, July 7
7:00 p.m.

All ages

Everyone loves bubbles! Children and adults will enjoy music, bubbleology, games and comedy. Presented by Currier’s Magical Mania. Registration for all attendees is required.

Whales, Sails & Dolphin Tales: Interactive Fitness Show

Thursday, July 14
7:00 p.m.

All ages

Housel Fun & Fitness is coming to get us up and moving at their Ocean themed interactive fitness show. Registration for all attendees is required.

Below the Sea Bingo

Friday, July 15
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 to 10

Dive into a fun bingo game using sea creatures instead of numbers. Registration is required.

Weis Cooking and Food Class: Summer Snacks

Tuesday, July 19
4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Grades K to 3

Presented by Registered Dietician, Kimberly Asman. Registration is required.

Weis Cooking and Food Class: Summer Snacks

Thursday, July 21
10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Ages 3 to 5

Presented by Registered Dietician, Kimberly Asman. Registration is required.

Pirates: Lost at Sea Science Show

Thursday, July 21
7:00 p.m.

Ages 3 and up

Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure exploring the incredible science behind clouds, physical and chemical changes, air pressure, and more! Registration for all attendees is required.

Eyes of the Wild: Live Animal Program

Thursday, July 28
7:00 p.m.

All ages

Eyes of the Wild Rescue & Education will be here for a LIVE wildlife presentation! Learn how animals use, live and survive with/without water. Registration for all attendees is required.

Summer Reading Club Picnic

Wednesday, August 3
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

All ages welcome

Summer Reading Club participants are welcome to attend this event with their families. Bring your own lunch to Veterans Park and enjoy music provided by Kurt Gallagher. Ice cream from Cliff’s will be available for \$1. You must register in-person at the library for this event and pay for the ice cream in advance.

Weis Cooking and Food Class: Back to School

Tuesday, August 16
4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Grades K to 3

Presented by Registered Dietician, Kimberly Asman. Registration is required.

Weis Cooking and Food Class: Back to School

Thursday, August 18
10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Ages 3 to 5

Presented by Registered Dietician, Kimberly Asman. Registration is required.

Fall Book Clubs

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. Books should be read before each session. Registration for all sessions is required and is limited to 10 participants. Registration begins Monday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m.

My First Book Club for Grades 1 & 2

Tuesdays, 9/13, 10/11, 11/15, and 12/13
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Ms. Kerrie for details.

Chapter Chats for Grades 3 & 4

Mondays, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, and 12/12
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Ms. Mary Ellen for details.

Riveting Reads for Grades 5 & 6

Wednesdays, 9/14, 10/12, 11/16, and 12/14
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Ms. Mary Ellen for details.

Tween Titles for Grades 7 & 8

Thursdays, 9/15, 10/13, 11/17, and 12/15
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Ms. Kerrie for details.

Fall Drop-In Storytimes

September 19 to December 9

The Randolph Township Free Public Library also offers a Teen Advisory Board (TAB), the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, and a STEAM Station with fun activities. Please check our website, 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

Second Annual One Book, One Community Reading Program

July 5 – Aug 27

Join us this summer to read *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley, an uplifting exploration of what it means to be true to oneself and authentic with others. Copies of the book will be available for checkout on July 5th, along with a book discussion guide.

We are also very excited to have the author, Clare Pooley, join us via video call on Saturday, August 27th, 10:00 a.m. for an author talk and Q&A! Visit our website or stop by the library for more details.

Adult Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibilities

July 5 – September 2

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 give your information to a librarian to enter. Each week we will award two winners with a \$20 gift certificate to a local business.

You can always start off your summer reading with our One Book, One Community pick *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley!

2022 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (Rain date is Tuesday, rain or shine).

Visit our website for more information: randolphnj.org/library

June 27: UNUSUAL SUSPECTS Classic Rock & Pop hits with Fun and Funk (rain date 6/28)

July 11 NORTON SMULL BAND – Blues, Rock & Country (rain date 7/12)

July 18: SPARE TIRE BAND – High energy brand of classic & alternative rock (rain date 7/19)

July 25: DANNY & THE BOYS – Irish tunes, traditional and not (rain date 7/26)

August 1: THE GREEN PLANET BAND – Recycling rock n' roll one song at a time (rain date 8/2)

August 8: THE KOOTZ – Rock n’ Roll with Fiber (rain date 8/9)

August 15: BARGAIN – THE WHO TRIBUTE BAND (rain date 8/16)

August 22: COOLCORE BAND – Soul Stirrin’ Blues & Crankin’ Classic Rock (rain date 8/23)

MORE FREE LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS (Registration Required)

BOLLYWOOD ZUMBA

July 27, August 3, August 10, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.

BRUNCH AND ZOOM WITH CLARE POOLEY, AUTHOR OF THE AUTHENTICITY PROJECT

August 27 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Engineering/Water & Sewer Project Updates

Calais Road – Road Improvement Project

Road improvements to Calais Road between Dover Chester Road and the Dawson Brook Culvert are currently underway and anticipated to be completed by the end of June. The scope of work includes curb and sidewalk replacements, repairs to drainage inlets, and milling, repaving, and restriping of the road. The proposed improvements will require alternating traffic on the road and possible road closures with detours during construction.

Park Avenue – Phases 1 & 2 – Road Improvements Project

Design plans are currently being completed for Park Avenue Road Improvements - Phases 1 & 2 that extend between Sussex Turnpike and Pleasant Hill Road. It is estimated that the projects will go out to bid in the fall and will be scheduled for construction in spring 2023. The scope of work includes repairs to any curbs along the road, drainage inlets, and milling, repaving, and restriping.

Lawn Watering and Water Usages

Summer is almost here, which means it is time to start lawn maintenance including watering lawns and landscaped areas. Residents are reminded that Randolph Township 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 properties that receive water from the Township of Randolph and the Town of Dover. For complete information on the watering regulations and exceptions, please visit the township website, randolphnj.org/services/watering_restrictions.

Residents can also help reduce their outdoor water usage with the following suggestions:

- Water lawn only when needed.
- Install rain barrels to collect rain water for watering lawns and gardens.
- Use a car wash that recycles the water instead of washing the car at home.
- Mulch your garden to reduce evaporation of water.
- Move your lawn mower blade up to minimize water demands for grass.
- Landscape with plants that require less water.
- Cover your pool when not in use to minimize evaporation.
- Install timers on your sprinklers.
- Consider installing drip irrigation system.
- Check existing sprinkler systems for leaks and keep sprinkler heads in good shape.

For more information, visit the township website or call the Engineering Department at 973-989-7066.

Mitigating Stormwater Impacts

Stormwater runoff impacts everyone in the township in a variety of ways, some of the most obvious being flooding and erosion. Less obvious impacts include harmful algae blooms and polluted waterways. The New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection website has an extensive list of ways homeowners can reduce the impacts of runoff. Visit nj.gov/dep/cleanwater/nj/.

Some examples include:

- Conserve water.
- Use fertilizers sparingly and use natural pesticides when necessary.
- Clean up after pets.
- Never change your oil on the street; if you spill hazardous fluids, contain it immediately with rags or cat litter.
- Shop for nonhazardous, biodegradable and phosphorous-free household cleaning products.
- Rather than wash your car in your driveway, on the street or in your yard, take it to a local car wash.
- Pick up litter on your property and in your neighborhood and put it in a trash can.

For more information on local recycling, trash collection and household hazardous waste disposal, visit the township website at randolphnj.org.

Mobile Food Licensing Ordinance No. 08-22 Amended

Due to the growing popularity of events featuring food trucks, it was determined that the food licensing ordinance needed to be reviewed and possibly revised. An ad hoc Board of Health (BOH) committee which included industry representatives was created to study and make recommendations.

Over the course of several months, the ad hoc committee comprised of Randolph residents, BOH members, a food truck operator, and a food establishment owner met several times. With input from the Planning and Zoning Administrator, the police and fire departments, and a comprehensive study of the current ordinance as well as licensing protocol of other towns throughout New Jersey, the committee determined the necessary changes. The recommendations were forwarded to the Township Council and the amended ordinance was adopted.

The amended ordinance allows for an annual license so mobile food operators instead of the 14-day temporary food license. As always, mobile food licenses are only permitted to conduct business at bona fide community events; they are not permitted to park and sell. This does not apply to a private party.

The Randolph Township Health Department is committed to ensuring that all food served in the township meets the highest safety standards. For more information on the mobile food licensing ordinance, please review Mobile Food Licensing Ordinance No. 08-22 on the township website or contact the Health Department at 973-989-7050.

Cottage Food Operations Now Permitted in Randolph Residences

During the March 17th public hearing, the Township Council passed an ordinance amending Sections 15-2.2 and 15-11 of the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Randolph to allow for cottage food (home baking) operations in all residential uses.

New Jersey has long prohibited the sale of home baked goods, but new rules became effective October 4, 2021 creating a Cottage Food Operator Permit. The amended land use ordinance will grant cottage food operators in Randolph the ability to produce food in their home with a valid New Jersey Cottage Food Operator Permit. Cottage food products can be sold at markets and fairs, but they should not be relinquished, distributed or handed over at the home of the cottage food operator.

The Randolph Township Health Department is committed to ensuring that all food served in the township meets the highest safety standards. For more information on obtaining a Cottage Food Operator Permit, please contact the Health Department at 973-989-7050.

2022 Road Resurfacing Program

As part of its ongoing 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 2022 funding is similar to 2021, allowing for approximately the same amount of miles of roadway maintenance. Eighteen roads, the equivalent of five 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 who live on these roads and are planning to install new underground utility lines, such as gas or water, should schedule the installation before the road is paved.

Washington Valley Road	Entire Length South of Sussex Turnpike
Knights Bridge Drive	Entire Length
Rock Ledge Road	Entire Length
Cedar Terrace	Entire Length
Linda Terrace	Entire Length
Phylis Place	Musiker Ave/west to Blanchard Court
Cambridge Court	Entire Length
Concord Road	Entire Length
Aldebaran Drive	Deneb Drive to Old York Road
Longview Avenue	Center Grove Road to Melanie Lane
Ridge Road	Concord Road to Dogwood Trail
Mt Pleasant Turnpike	Route 10 to Appio Drive
Old Chimney Road	Entire Length
Quail Run	Entire Length
Birchwood Road	Entire Length
Hemlock Road	Entire Length
Cypress Place	Entire Length
Elm Street	Entire Length

VACANT PROPERTIES

Randolph Township works to minimize blighting influence in the community. Unfortunately there are times when properties fall into disrepair. The Randolph Township Health Department has a surveillance program and residents are encouraged to report properties they perceive as vacant or in disrepair. The Health Department maintains information from various sources to aid its enforcement efforts and prevent worsening property conditions.

The time between identifying the property as vacant and needing attention, and getting it cleaned up can take several months. Timely reporting of vacant property is crucial to prompt corrective measures. Municipal staff are continuously on the lookout for such properties. However, Randolph is a township with many cul-de-sacs and subdivisions. Residents' help in timely reporting these properties is appreciated.

Once identified, foreclosing lenders or other responsible parties are given a reasonable abatement period to correct the problem before a summons is issued. In severe cases, Randolph may act to abate the problem and place a lien on the premises to recover costs.

If you see a property in your neighborhood that is likely vacant and appears that no basic maintenance is being performed, please contact the Health Department at 973-989-7050.

REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF HABITABILITY REQUIRED FOR ALL NON-OWNER OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES

ORDINANCE 26-52: Filing of statement of occupancy.

Every owner of a multiple dwelling, rooming unit, apartment, bungalow colony, hotel and motel shall file with the health officer a statement under oath within 30 days after the change in any tenancy. The owner shall furnish the health officer with the name of the new tenant, the unit occupied and the term of the lease or occupancy. Forms are available by contacting the Health Department.

ORDINANCE 26-53: Certificate of habitability required.

The owner of any multiple dwelling unit, rooming unit, apartment, bungalow colony, hotel or motel shall not cause or permit the occupancy or re-occupancy of a dwelling unity without requesting and obtaining a certificate of habitability as provided in this article. **Exempt from this requirement are owner-occupied structures of four units or less.** Contact the Health Department to schedule the inspection.