

Magnolia's COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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Summer 2006

DID YOU KNOW...

NOTARY SERVICE

For your convenience, there is a notary at the Borough Hall. This is a free service. Please do not sign the document prior to coming to the hall and be sure that you have identification with your signature so that a comparison can be done.



INSECT REPELLANT

Tie a sheet of Bounce fabric softener sheet through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season. Put a sheet in your pocket to keep yellow jackets away.



If you have a torn or old flag, please

place in the red, white & blue mail box at the American Legion.

From The Mayor's Desk...

I would like to extend our congratulations to one of our own business owners, Robert Vaughan of Vaughan Oil. Mr. Vaughan received Fuel Dealer of the year on May 23rd. We appreciate Mr. Vaughan's long standing dedication to our town.

Please reserve June 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. on your calendar so you can attend the Miss Magnolia Pageant at Sterling High School. There are ten young ladies participating and it would be great to see you that night to support them in their efforts. I would like to thank all the businesses and organizations which have donated prizes and funds to help make this Pageant a reality. The response has been overwhelming.

We are still taking nominations for the Magnolia Medal and Volunteer of the Year Award which are awarded on 4th of July. We will again have fireworks on July 3rd at Sterling High School. This is always a great night out and is made possible by the combined work of all five Sterling towns which make up our community.

BettyAnn



BettyAnn Cowling-Carson
Proud Mayor of Magnolia

RECREATION & PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa

Our annual Summer Recreation Program will be kicking off on Monday, June 26th. Many fun filled activities are planned, highlighted by weekly field trips. Many thanks to our program staff, once again headed up by Anna Celecki.

We will also be offering a country western concert in Albertson Park. Save the date of Thursday, June 29th. Come out and enjoy a lively musical presentation and light refreshments. The show will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.



On Monday, July 3rd, please join us for a spectacular fireworks display, to be held at Sterling High School. Pre-fireworks events will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at dusk. Special note for the 4th of July!! This year we are moving the fair to Magnolia Field, located at the end of Albertson Avenue. A variety of vendors will be on hand, along with food, games and music. The parade, featuring 2 popular string bands, will kickoff at 10:00 a.m. Activities at Magnolia Field will also begin at 10:00 a.m. and run until approximately 3:00 p.m. Groups and organizations are encouraged to participate. You can contact Bob Brandt (627-3326) for parade information, and Cathy Dobbins (784-1731) for fair information.

Movies in the Park will make a comeback later this summer. We will be offering a summer movie even August 1st, as well as another one in mid-September. Look for movie dates on the Borough Hall message board.

If you are interested in being a part of the Recreation Committee, please contact Paula Bonamassa (783-5153). Help of any kind is welcomed and appreciated!



CODES AND LICENSING

Councilwoman Mary Martz

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT HOURS

- Mon-Fri – 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Mon – 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Permits are required for most home improvements. The Borough has a "No Fee" permit for most concrete work. Certificate of Occupancies (fee \$46.00) need to be obtained once you list your home for sale or change a tenant in a rental property. Should you sell to someone with school age children and do not obtain a certificate of occupancy the children will be unable to attend either Magnolia Public or Sterling High School until one is obtained.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Bob Brandt, Code Enforcement Officer, would like to remind all residents to maintain their property, keep lawns trimmed and pools maintained, also remove any standing water to avoid a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

DOG AND CAT LICENSING

Remember there is an Ordinance prohibiting more than 2 dogs and/or 2 cats per household. Should you have more than the allowed number, please do not replace a pet should it leave you. Licensing is required for dogs and cats alike. Renewal for licensing is due by the end of January each year. Shortly we will be conducting an animal census throughout the Borough. Our free rabies clinic is Nov. 4th at the Ambulance Squad; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., it is open to all residents of Camden County.



MAGNOLIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President James Hannold

Summer is here and the Magnolia Historical Society is happy to announce that it has had two very successful affairs this spring. Both our Hoagie sale and Flea Market have grown each year. They are prime fundraisers that help keep our Society financially intact and we are grateful to our supporters.

- Saturday, June 10th is our Strawberry Festival, an old fashioned festival with fresh berries, cake & ice cream. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Adults \$4.00.
- Saturday, June 17th is the West Jersey Chapter of National Railway Historical Society regular monthly meeting on the deck @

STATION HOURS

- Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Donald Wilson

TRASH AND RECYCLING

Public Works Superintendent, Steve Pacella would like to remind everyone that there should be no trash, styrofoam packing material or debris inside cardboard boxes. **NO CONTAINERS FOR GRASS, TRASH OR RECYCLING SHOULD BE OVER 50 POUNDS!!** If they are, they will not be picked up. Also, trash should not be placed at the curb any earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before pick-up. Last grass pick-up October 2nd.

LEAF SCHEDULE

Mondays – beginning October 30th; pile curbside - you may mix grass with leaves. If you have a storm drain, please keep clear at all times.

SEWER

Reminding everyone that some products should not be flushed down toilets; these items include paper towels, feminine products, cleaning towels, disposable wipes etc.

STREET SWEEPING

Monday – June 19th east side of the railroad tracks.
(Section 1 of recycle schedule)

Monday – June 26th west side of the railroad tracks.
(Section 2 of recycle schedule)

Please move vehicles to accommodate street sweeper.

Thank You for your cooperation.

FINANCE

Council President Steve Whalen

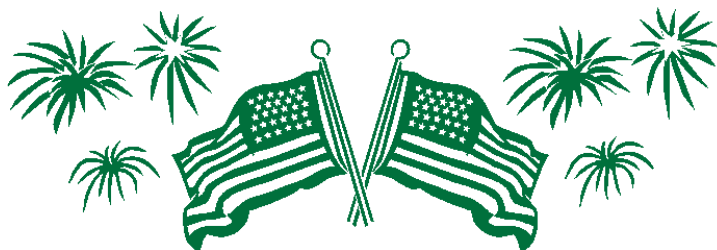
While many of us do not like it, paying taxes is a responsibility that we all share; and living in a small community heightens this responsibility. When a neighbor or friend neglects this responsibility, it becomes an even greater impact on everyone else. Be fair to your neighbors and friends by keeping current with all of your payments. In addition, please be assured that this borough council continues to explore all economical options to minimize the burden of property taxes on every homeowner. Please continue to direct your concerns of escalating property taxes, as we also continue to do, to your State representatives in Trenton. Your concerns can also be directed to me via the Borough website at www.magnolia-nj.org and I will forward them on behalf of all our residents.



HOW IS THE TAX RATE ESTABLISHED?

The tax rate is expressed in thousandths of a dollar. A tax rate of \$4.636 is equivalent to \$46.36 in taxes per \$1,000 of net assessed value, which means an owner of a property assessed at \$100,000 paid \$4,636 in property taxes in 2005. The overall tax rate is calculated and set by the County of Camden, annually, based on county, municipal, local school, and regional school needs. Also, the county states that we must reevaluate all municipal property every ten years. Since our last valuation occurred in 1993 (14 years ago), we have begun the process of reevaluating all property with anticipation for completion in 2007 and adoption in 2008.

For those property taxes in the arrears, the Borough of Magnolia Tax Sale is set for June 22 @ 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our CFO/Tax Collector at 783-1520 x 112.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Anthony DePrince II

CHIEF OF POLICE OFFICE

Chief Robert Doyle

Summer is just around the corner, and the Magnolia Police Department would like to remind all residents to stop by the Police department and complete a vacation house check form before they go away.

The Magnolia Police Department would like to remind you that curfew hours during the school recess this summer are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The Police Department will strictly enforce this ordinance if children are out on the public streets without a parent or legal guardian.

The Magnolia Police Department will be hosting "National Night Out" on August 1, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Immediately following, the Magnolia recreational committee will host a movie in the park night.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

PLANNING/ZONING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Councilman P. "Nick" D'Amico

PLANNING/ZONING

The Planning Board meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall. Planning Board Minutes and Agendas are now available on-line at www.magnolia-nj.org. Public participation is always welcomed and encouraged.

TECHNOLOGY

The Borough's website, www.magnolia-nj.org, has undergone renovations over the past few weeks. The upgraded site features a new look with expanding menus and customizable content. Residents will find Borough Council and Planning Board minutes and agendas on-line for viewing. An upgraded News & Events section that will keep everyone up-to-date on Borough Happenings. Most Borough Forms such as pet registration, dump truck request, vital-statistic request, and the open public record act request form are now available on-line. The downloadable forms will save residents time; you can now print the form at home, complete it and then bring it to the Borough Hall. Several additional improvements such as a search feature and on-line request forms will be phased in over the next few months. The website redesign was accomplished using existing resources and resulted in no cost to the Borough. Keep an eye on www.magnolia-nj.org for additional upgrades in the near future. Suggestions and comments are welcomed and can be sent to ndamico@magnolia-nj.org.



Congratulations To All Students!

Congratulations to all the students at Magnolia school and Sterling High School who will be graduating and taking that next big step come September.



Happy 4th of July!!



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