

Magnolia's COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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Spring 2007

MAYOR OF THE YEAR ~ BettyAnn Cowling-Carson

During their 2007 Reorganization Dinner, the Camden County Mayors' Association designated Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson, the proud Mayor of Magnolia, as Mayor of the Year! The event was held on Friday, February 3rd. Barrington's Mayor John Rink was sworn in as President of the Mayors' Association for 2007.

From The Mayor's Desk...

Dear Neighbors,

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of one of our employees and resident Marianne Grandowicz. Marianne worked in the construction office and was our planning board secretary. She will be greatly missed. On behalf of the residents of Magnolia, I offer her husband John and her sons Michael and Matthew, our prayers and support.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank some of our residents for a job well done. A handicap ramp was needed for a resident and it seemed like pulling teeth with different agencies to get the help. I contacted the Magnolia Little League and without a blink of an eye they agreed to help. Jim Jarrett (*Magnolia Volunteer of the Year 2005*) was able to organize volunteers and with a great big help from Home Depot, the ramp was built. We also had some other businesses and organizations that helped with donations such as Magnolia Little League, Magnolia Teachers Association, Magnolia Democrat Club, Wawa, Pathmark, Lowes and American Discount Fence. The volunteers who spent 2 week-ends during the fall ball season when their teams were in the playoffs were Jim Jarrett, John DiBartolomeo, Bob Brandt, Scott Cowling, Brian Carson, Don Wilson, Kevin Brown and Sal Marchese. The ramp looks wonderful and they made one family very happy.

Magnolia hosted the Camden County Board of Freeholders meeting in January. The Freeholders honored Sue Sell (*Magnolia resident*) who recently retired after 10 years of service as the general manager for SYAA cheerleading. Sal Marchese was honored for his work with Little League and presented with a check to help with expenses for his work with community service.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2007 Magnolia Medal and the Volunteer of the Year. Please submit in writing why your nominee should be selected. All nominations must be submitted by June 4th. All presentations will be awarded during our 4th of July festivities.

BettyAnn 
BettyAnn Cowling-Carson
Proud Mayor of Magnolia

DID YOU KNOW...

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.

FOR OWNERS OF CARS WITH PANIC BUTTONS
Keep your keys by your bedside, if you hear a noise or someone trying to break in "PRESS THE PANIC BUTTON". The alarm will be set off & will continue unless you turn it off.

MISS MAGNOLIA PAGEANT 2007

The Pageant to crown Miss Magnolia 2007 is tentatively set for Friday, June 15th at Sterling High School. Applications will be available @ www.magnolia-nj.org or at the Borough Hall starting on Monday April 23rd. All applications are due back to the Borough Hall by Monday May 14th. Contestants must be a Magnolia resident and entering or in high school, and not greater than 19 years old.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Anthony DePrince III

Magnolia is seeking volunteers to serve on "The Resolution Dispute" Committee. This group hears minor resident complaints which assist in keeping the Court docket clear for more serious cases.

Please contact Barbara Marshall, Court Administrator @ (856) 784-7134.

CHIEF OF POLICE OFFICE

Chief Robert Doyle

The Magnolia Police Department would like remind all residents to stop by the Police Department and complete a vacation house check form, if they are going on vacation this summer. A reminder that Curfew hours will be strictly enforced this summer from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

The Magnolia Police Department has taken on the task of Code Enforcement for the Borough of Magnolia, and Officer David Bryson has been assigned as the Code Enforcement Officer. Please lodge your complaints through the Borough Website, the Code Enforcement voicemail at 1-856-783-1520 ext. 206, or Officer Bryson's e-mail address Dbryson@magnolia-nj.org.

The Magnolia Police Department, Fire Company and Magnolia School have been working together to solve the parking issues around the school. A reminder to all residents that the 100 blk. of Lincoln Ave. is Permit Parking only to residents who reside on Lincoln Ave. There is No Parking in the school entrance driveway on Lincoln Ave., except for authorized vehicles and Handicapped Parking. This will be strictly enforced by the Camden County Fire Marshall's Office for vehicles parking in a Fire Zone.

Lastly, the Magnolia Police Department and the Borough of Magnolia will be losing one of its finest Officers. DSgt. Milton Gottlieb will be retiring after over 30 years in Law Enforcement. It has been an Honor and a Privilege to have served with him. Good luck to Milt and his wife Monica. You will be missed.

If any resident wishes to report suspicious or criminal activity, please call the Magnolia Police "tip hotline" at 1-856-784-1884 ext.200.

The Magnolia Police Department is a participating partner in "Project Child Safe" gunlock program. If any resident would like a **free** gunlock for their weapons they can pick one up at the Magnolia Police Department.

Lastly, if any resident sees suspicious or criminal activity, please contact the Magnolia Police Department (dispatch center) at (856) 783-4900 as soon as possible so we can investigate the call. We need the community's eyes and ears.

FIRE

Fire Chief Gary Riebel

WINTER WEATHER PROMPTS INCREASE IN LIFE THREATENING RISKS

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is usually not hazardous. However, if appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO can result.

PREVENTION IS THE KEY TO AVOIDING CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Have your fuel-burning appliances -- including oil and gas furnaces, gas water heaters, gas ranges and ovens, gas dryers, gas or kerosene space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves -- inspected by a trained professional at the beginning of every heating season. Make certain that the flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition and not blocked.

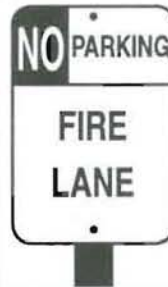


Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. At moderate levels, you or your family can get severe headaches, become dizzy, mentally confused, nauseated, or faint.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors are widely available in stores and you should consider buying one as a back-up — **BUT NOT AS A REPLACEMENT** for proper use and maintenance of your fuel-burning appliances.

If the CO detector alarm goes off:

- Please get everyone out of the house and call 911 immediately!
- Check to see if any member of the household is experiencing symptoms of poisoning and if so let the proper authority know when they arrive.
- We have special meters and will check the house for CO and advise you. It may be as simple as the sensors in your existing detector are worn out. Play it safe!!



I would like to ask your help with parking in the fire zone at the Magnolia Public School. This is an ongoing problem and will delay our emergency response to the building. Please take all precautions when parking whether it is during or after school hours. You never know when an emergency will happen. Thank you in advance for your support.

PENN-JERSEY YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Non-Profit Penn Jersey Youth offers \$140,000 in scholarships among twenty (20) high school seniors at it's free "Everyone Wins" Mind-Games beginning May 19th at Stratford Borough Hall. Free clinics available and pre-registration required. Phone 856-784-4140 after 7 p.m.



RECREATION & PUBLIC EVENTS

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa

Can't wait for spring! Neither can the Public Events and Facilities Departments! We are looking forward to welcoming spring with many community activities.

First up is Clean Communities Day, which will take place on Saturday, March 31st. Please gather your family and friends and meet us in Albertson Park at 10:00 a.m. Bring your rake and gardening gloves and join us while we spruce up the recreation areas in our community. Light refreshments will be provided. It's a great way to spend two hours on a spring morning!

Next is the Easter Egg Hunt, to be held in Albertson Park on Saturday, April 7th. Infants through 8th grade children are invited to scour the park for hundreds of candy filled eggs, along with special prize ceramic eggs! This event will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. so bring your Easter basket and don't be late!

Then, on April 14th, help us celebrate the kickoff of another great season for Little League baseball and softball! The parade will be forming at the Borough Hall at 12:30 p.m. and will begin at 1:00 p.m. Join the marchers on the parade route or at the Little League complex for opening day ceremonies!

The beginning of the Summer Recreation program is right around the corner! Sign up your child during the enrollment dates and times noted below:

- Saturday, April 7th - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. during the Easter Egg Hunt
- Saturday, April 14th - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. during Little League opening day
- Friday, May 18th - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 19th - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Spots are limited, so please mark your calendar for the sign up dates. Detailed flyers and enrollment forms will be distributed soon!

Stay tuned for additional information about our annual 4th of July parade and community celebration. If you are interested in participating in the parade or fair, please contact Bob Brandt (627-3326) for parade information, or Cathy Dobbins (784-1731) for booth information. It's not too early to think about the 4th of July.



If you are interested in being a part of the Recreation Committee, please contact Paula Bonamassa (783-5153). The committee meets the 3rd Sunday of

every month at the Borough Hall. Help of any kind is welcomed and appreciated!

Meetings are held at the Borough Hall, starting at 7:00 p.m. Help of any kind is welcomed and appreciated!

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Donald Wilson

TRASH AND RECYCLING

Effective April 2, 2007, all grass clippings will no longer be picked up on Mondays. All grass clippings will now be picked up on your regularly scheduled trash day.

SEWER

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

PLANNING/ZONING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Councilman P. "Nick" D'Amico

PLANNING/ZONING

The Planning Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Borough Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Public participation is encouraged; we look forward to seeing you there!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Attention business owners! A regional business association, the White Horse Pike Chamber of Commerce, was recently formed. The association includes towns from Barrington through Clementon along the White Horse Pike. The association is a sub-chamber of the Cherry Hill Chamber of Commerce. Contact Art Campbell at the Cherry Hill Chamber of Commerce (856) 667-1600 or email art@cherryhillregional.com to obtain an application or additional information. The Chamber will conduct monthly meetings and is a great way to network and get additional advertising exposure for your business.

TECHNOLOGY

Look for new features on our website. Several on-line forms have been added; you can now submit nuisance complaints on-line, report pot-holes and streetlight outages. We are also in the process of creating electronic mailing lists for residents to sign up for. Look for the "Stay Informed" icon on the right-hand picture bar.

We're working to create electronic mailing lists to keep our residents up to date on town events. If you are interested in receiving updates via e-mail, please go to our website at www.magnolia-nj.org and click on the Sign-Up for E-Mail Alerts icon in the right picture bar.

Did you know that meeting minutes, agendas and departmental reports are available for viewing on our website? Browse to www.magnolia-nj.org and select Document Search from the Documents and Form menu. Agendas are generally posted one to two days before a meeting and the minutes are posted as soon as they are available. Departmental reports are posted during the first week of the month.

What do you think of our new website? Feel free to let us know by calling us at (856)783-1520 x 112 or e-mailing us at ndamico@mangolia-nj.org.

MAGNOLIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President James Hannold

The Magnolia Historical Society has weathered the storms of winter and is now looking forward to an exciting summer. Along with our annual Hoagie sale on April 21st and Flea Mart on May 19th, we are developing a special Genealogical program for all of our citizens who may be interested. It can be a great experience tracing your family roots and we want to help you do it. We will introduce you to special programs and historical sources both on computer and within driving distance. We will provide you with the proper forms and guide you as you do your search. Though we are still in the preliminary stages of developing this program, we encourage anyone interested to call Jim Hannold at 784-9466 and we will make every effort to get you started. Although you will have the opportunity to join the Society at \$10.00 per year, it is not necessary to be a member to participate in our genealogy program. Most materials are free and the only cost to you is what you want to invest in your search, such as visiting other sources that may have fees.

Come join with us for a trip to your roots.

STATION HOURS

- Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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.

Chris Mecca, Construction Official, would like to remind everyone that the Construction Office is open Monday Eve from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Permits are required for most home improvements. The state also requires all Home Improvement Contractors to hold a valid license. Please call the office, if you have any questions about requirements at 783-1520 X117.

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.



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