

Magnolia's

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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Fall 2014

From the Desk of the Proud Mayor of Magnolia

Dear Neighbors,

Did You Know . . .

. . . that on May 12, 1915, Magnolia was incorporated? Now that you know, you'll be excited to hear that we will have a huge celebration to commemorate this momentous occasion in our town's history with the Magnolia Centennial Celebration on *Saturday, May 16, 2015!! Please plan to join us for a day and evening filled with fun for the whole family and our neighboring communities to celebrate 100 years of Magnolia and our "One Square Mile of Friendliness."

Follow us on Facebook at Magnolia Centennial Celebration or Twitter at @magnoliacen1915 and spread the word!

It's not too late to be part of the team! Lots of great things are being planned for the Magnolia Centennial Celebration, and we want YOU to be a part of it. We need help with a variety of areas, including fund-raising and event planning, so if you want to participate in this special celebration with great people, let us know! Contact celebration chair Rick Krause at 3rick@comcast.net. Let's make this celebration one that will live on in our memories for another 100 years!

*rain date Sunday, May 17

BettyAnn 
BettyAnn Cowling-Carson
Proud Mayor of Magnolia

DIRECTOR of PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa

TRASH AND RECYCLING

NO CONTAINERS FOR TRASH 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, trash **will not** be picked up in blue recycling buckets!

LEAF SCHEDULE

Mondays - beginning October 27th; pile curbside- you may mix grass with leaves.

If you have a storm drain, please keep clear at all times.

SEWER

There is 24 hour **Emergency Service**, please call (609) 868-2552.



Just a reminder: the Borough is not responsible for damages caused by sewer backup resulting from fixtures below ground level. Installation of backwater valves is the responsibility of the property owner, (ordinance # 15.205-1).



Upcoming Borough Events:

- Halloween House Decorating contest Oct. 19th- 25th.
- Flu Shots Oct. 27th - 4:00-7:00 pm Community Ctr.
- Halloween Parade Oct. 30th - 6:30 pm Borough Hall
- Trick or Treating Oct. 31st 3-7 pm
- Free Rabies Clinic - Nov. 1st 10 am - 12 pm Ambulance Squad
- Daylight Saving Ends - Nov. 2nd
- Election Day Nov. 4th 6 am-8 pm Community Ctr.
- Veterans Service Nov. 10th - 7 pm American Legion
- Model Train Show Nov. 15th 9 am-3 pm Community Ctr.
- Tree Lighting Dec. 5th - Borough Hall 7 pm
- Breakfast with Santa Dec. 13th 9 am Community Ctr.
- Senior Luncheon Dec. 13th - 2 pm Community Ctr.
- Christmas House Decorating contest Dec. 14th-20th
- 2015 Re-organization Jan. 7th - 7 pm Borough Hall



PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Anthony DePrince

FEMA Mitigation Plan

Camden County is participating in updated their Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan which was approved by FEMA in 2010 and 2011. The update is being led by the County Office of Emergency Management with the assistance of Stuart Wallace, LLC, a mitigation planning consultant. The County is offering this consultant to the local municipalities including Magnolia. Hazard Mitigation Plans are required by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to establish and maintain eligibility for federal hazard mitigation project grants that in turn can help communities implement measures to reduce risk. Plans must be updated on a five year cycle to maintain eligibility. At the conclusion the updated plans for the County and Magnolia will address issues that are most important to the residents, businesses and property owners. Please feel free to visit the project website at <http://nj4hmp.com>.

AMBULANCE

The Magnolia Ambulance Corps, Inc. recently took delivery of a new ambulance. The ambulance was purchased through a collaboration of the Boroughs of Magnolia, Somerdale and Lawnside. We would like to thank our residents for their continued support. If you are out, please stop our headquarters to take a look at the new ambulance or visit with us at community events we cover. We are always looking for new volunteer members. Visit our website at www.magnoliaambulance.org or give us a call at (856) 784-8089 for information on how to join.

FIRE

Chief Paul M. Wolf

In September the Fire Department attended the State Firemen's Convention. The department won several awards for their participation. Also this year the fire department received a new fire truck which was well needed to help better protect the residents of Magnolia.

Fire Prevention Open House will be held again this year at Magnolia Fire Station. Come out on Saturday morning, October 11th from 10:00am-1:00pm to see you firefighters and equipment. There will be displays and handouts for all. We look forward to seeing you there.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Almost three of five (60%) of reported home fire deaths in 2007 to 2011 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.
- In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 93% of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 79% of the time.
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, or where extra time is needed, to awaken or assist others, both types of alarms, or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms are recommended.

If you are in need of a smoke detector or battery, please do not hesitate to contact the fire company @ 856-783-5818. If you are looking for a way to help your community, the Magnolia Fire Company is always looking for new members. Visit our website www.magnoliafirecompany.com.

Don't forget to look for Santa Claus on top of the fire truck on Christmas Eve. The fire company we will begin at 3 pm sharp, and will escort Santa rain or shine. If you have someone shut in and cannot make it to see Santa please contact us so we can make arrangements for a special visit. Office (856) 783-5818 or email chief@magnoliafirecompany.com.

MAGNOLIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President Mert Gardner

- Oct. 11th Sat. from 11 am to 1 pm (Station) - **Fall Hoagie Sale**
- Nov. 3rd Thurs. @ 7:00 pm (Borough Hall) - **Battleship US New Jersey**
- Nov. 15th Sat. from 9 am to 3 pm (Community Center) - **Train Show**
- Nov. 23rd Sat. from 12 noon to 3 pm (Station) - **Pie Sale**
- Dec. 12th Fri. & 13th Sat. from 6 pm till 8 pm - **Santa @ the Station**
- Dec. 19th Fri. & 20th Sat. from 6 pm till 8 pm - **Santa @ the Station**



Always looking for new members;
please call Mert Gardner 856-784-4263.

Visit our new website: "magnoliatrainingstation.com"

OFFICE of the CHIEF of POLICE

Chief John Evans

The Magnolia Police Department would like to remind all residents that school is now back in session and to be cautious of children walking to and from school. Parents are urged to take a few minutes to speak with your children about safety while they travel to and from school.

All parents are reminded that the curfew hours are 9:00pm to 6:00pm (School Nights) and 10:00pm to 6:00am during the weekends and nights when there is no school on the following day. All Parks are closed at Dusk. This ordinance will be strictly enforced.

Officer Michael Waters is the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer. If any residents have a Code Enforcement complaint, please lodge your complaint through the Borough Website or the Code Enforcement voicemail at 1-856-783-1520 ext. 206. Please continue to take pride in your property and keep it maintained.



The Magnolia Police Department would like to congratulate Crossing Guard, Meredith Gogolski who retired this past June. On behalf of the Police Department and the Borough of Magnolia I would like to thank

her for her dedicated service to the children and residents of Magnolia.

The Magnolia Municipal Alliance has partnered with the Magnolia Police Department to establish a permanent MedReturn drug collection program in order to reduce the supply of drugs that can potentially harm teens and adults. Now residents won't have to wait for a specific take-back day to clean out their medicine cabinets. Citizens looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can now visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at the Magnolia Police Station located at 438 W. Evesham Rd. The MedReturn Drug Collection Unit is for medications only, not needles, inhalers, aerosol cans, ointments, lotions or liquids and such. The collection site is open during normal business hours or by appointment. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked.



The Holiday season is fast approaching, please make sure while you are out shopping, that you are always aware of your surroundings when walking in parking lots and opening your car door. Parents ensure that an adult accompanies your child while they are out Trick or Treating and they have reflective material on their costume.

Lastly, please continue to assist your Police Department if you see suspicious or criminal activity. Please remember to call (856) 783-4900 (Dispatch Center) to report an incident that is occurring or contact (856) 784-1884 ext.200 for the "Tip Hotline".

DIRECTOR of CODES, LICENSING, STREET LIGHTING & PLANNING and ZONING

Councilwoman Mary Martz

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Reminder: the Construction Office is open Monday eve. from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Pitfalls to avoid when hiring a contractor

- Ask to see the contractor's NJ State HIC license.
- DO NOT give the contractor a deposit for more than the value of the material.
- Make all payments by check, not cash regardless of any discounts the contractor may offer.
- If the material amount is sizeable, ask the contractor for a quote from the supplier. Issue a check in the exact amount of the quote directly to the supplier. An otherwise reputable contractor may not have the funds or credit to start you job but should be willing to break down the material / labor / profit and overhead split.
- Typical hourly rates are running between \$25.00 and \$100.00 per hour depending on the size of the contractor's company and whether or not he is doing the work himself. Overhead and profit should be in the area of 10% & 10% respectfully.
- DO NOT take the building permit out yourself, make the contractor do it. If he won't there is probably a reason so find another contractor.
- Last but not least, under NJ State Law, final payment is not due to the contractor until final inspections have been made by the Building Department and a certificate of approval has been issued.
- Borough Ordinance mandates every rental property be registered; forms available at Borough or on website. Property will then be inspected and then ready for lease.
- Any property not owner-occupied is considered a rental property and must be registered with Borough.
- Anyone found to be in violation of this Ordinance is subject to a fine up to \$1,000.

DOG AND CAT LICENSING

Remember there is an Ordinance prohibiting more than 2 dogs and 2 cats per household. Our free rabies clinic is Nov. 1st at the Ambulance Squad; 10am-12pm, it is open to all residents of Camden County.



DIRECTOR of FACILITIES, RECREATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Donald Wilson

We are in need of volunteer chaperones to help us re-open Thursday "Open Gym Night" at the Community Center. If you want to help, or have questions, email: DWilson@magnolia-nj.org.

All Community Ctr. rental information is on the application available on our website www.magnolia-nj.org.

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.



Don't forget to set your clocks back during the night of Saturday, November 2nd. We'll all welcome the extra hour of sleep!

Vote by Mail is Now Available from the Office of the County Clerk

Vote by Mail has replaced Absentee Voting in the State of New Jersey. It allows a voter to vote without going to the polls on Election Day. You can apply by completing an application and sending it to the County Clerk. Your application must be received seven (7) days prior to the election. You can also apply in person to the County Clerk's Office up until 3:00 pm the day before the election. Stop by Borough Hall for an application now.



SOME OF OUR MAGNOLIA RESIDENTS PROUDLY SERVING THEIR COUNTRY:

Lt. Col. Thomas Euler - Evesham Ave.

Nick Collazo - Jackson Ave.

Alex Arno - Evesham Ave.

***If we missed anyone not on list, please call.*

Also let us know of their homecoming so they will be acknowledged.



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