

# Magnolia's COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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Spring 2016

## From the Desk of the Proud Mayor of Magnolia

Dear Neighbors,

The work to widen the White Horse Pike and Evesham intersection will be continuing. Thank you for understanding that this project will take some time so please be very careful when traveling through the intersection and on the White Horse Pike.

The White Horse Pike and Evesham will be getting another new look at the St. Gregory's property. Royal Farms just submitted their paperwork to the planning for review. Royal Farms is a convenient store with a gas station. I am being told that they are known for their chicken. If you travel down towards Maryland, you will see them. There are three Royal Farms that will begin construction soon, Gloucester City, Berlin and Magnolia.

The Miss Magnolia Pageant is set for Saturday, May 21st at Sterling High School. Please come out and see our beautiful young ladies. Deadline to register is March 31st. Applications are available on our website – [www.magnolia-nj.org](http://www.magnolia-nj.org).

The Magnolia Recreation Committee will be hosting our Little Miss Magnolia Pageant on the Fourth of July. Our contestants must be in the parade with a patriotic theme and will be judged during our festivities in the park. The contestants must be between the ages of five and eight years old. Information will be available soon on our website – [www.magnolia-nj.org](http://www.magnolia-nj.org).

The Borough of Magnolia is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Magnolia Medal, and the 2016 Volunteer of the Year. As you know, the honors are given each year during the Fourth of July festivities to residents that are most deserving. Please take a moment to nominate a resident whom you feel is deserving.

*Betty Ann*   
BettyAnn Cowling-Carson  
Proud Mayor of Magnolia

## DIRECTOR OF CODES, LICENSING, STREET LIGHTING, PLANNING, & ZONING

*Councilwoman Mary Martz*

### Construction & Zoning Dept.

The Borough of Magnolia would like to welcome our new Technical Assistant and Zoning Officer Debbie Simone.

To better accommodate our working public, our new Construction and Zoning Office hours are Tuesday through Friday 5pm To 8pm. For your added convenience applications can be dropped off and permits picked up during regular business

hours. Debbie is available for questions daily, by emailing [dsimone@magnolia-nj.org](mailto:dsimone@magnolia-nj.org)

Building and Plumbing Inspections are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7am to 11am. Electric

Inspections are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12pm to 4pm. Fire Inspections are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 11am.

### What needs a permit?

Decks, roofing, siding, additions, pools, fences, sheds, heaters, and water heaters, just to name a few.

If you are unsure and need assistance, please give our office a call and we will assist you. (856) 783-1520 ext. 117.

Before you hire a contractor, please be sure they hold a current Home Improvement Contractor License.

## DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

*Council President Steven Whalen*

In our commitment to keep costs down, we continue our successful municipal shared services agreements in 2016. The Borough maintains agreements with neighboring municipalities: Lawnside, Barrington, Hi-Nella, Stratford, Laurel Springs, and the County of Camden. By sharing resources, we are able to reduce salaries, benefits, and overall operational expenses while maintaining the level of services that have been expected by our residents. We welcome public comments on these cost savings initiatives and comments pertaining to the annual municipal budget, which is available on our website, [www.magnolia-nj.org](http://www.magnolia-nj.org).

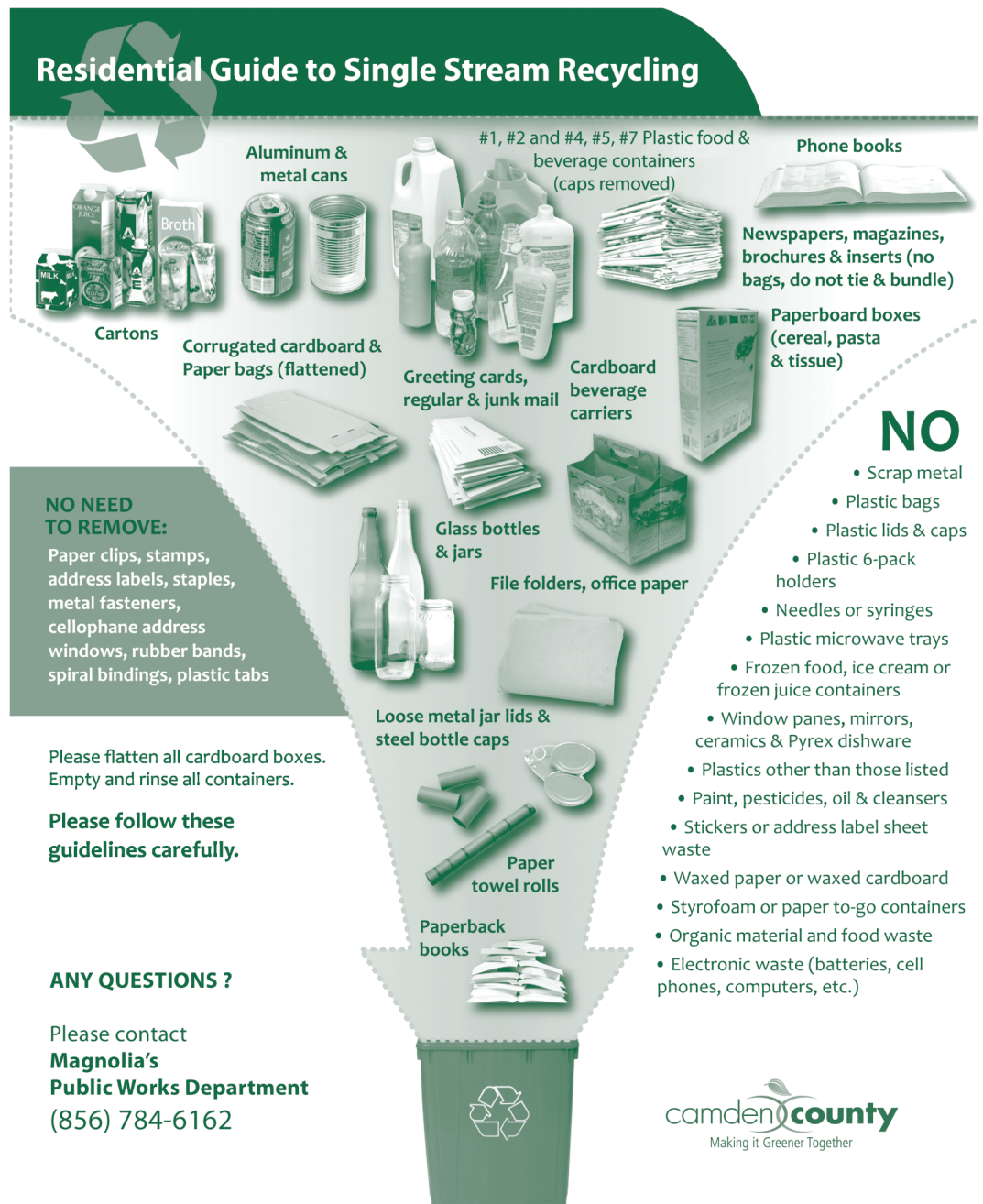
# DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TECHNOLOGY

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa

With a change of season right around the corner, many residents will be doing some spring cleaning. With that in mind, here are some important reminders about borough trash collection:

- Any trash, recycling or newspapers should be placed at your curb before 6:00am on the day of your collection. Empty cans should be removed from your curb no later than 7:00pm on trash collection day.
- Any large items like carpet, discarded wood, etc. should be cut and bundled. Those bundles should weigh no more than 50 lbs. and be no more than 4 to 6 feet in length.
- Take time to spray paint your address in white letters on your recycling containers. This way, if they blow away, we can easily return them to the proper owner.
- All household trash should be in plastic or metal containers, weighing no more than 50 lbs. each.
- Private contractors are responsible for disposing of their own waste, and can not put their items curbside.
- Recycling is done through single stream, and allows for glass, plastic and paper to be put in the same receptacle.
- Electronics (including TVs and computers) can be put out with the regular trash, and will be picked up by DPW separately.
- Leaf pick-up will be during the month of April. Please place curbside, and do not use bags to hold the leaves.
- Please do not put any trash in your recycling bucket.
- Should there be a sewer stoppage in your home, please call our emergency sewer line BEFORE you call a plumber. Emergency Sewer Line – (609) 868-2552

It is important that you **DO NOT** leave items on your curb on days that are not specified for collection of that item. Not only does a pile of trash look unsightly in your neighborhood, it also creates a safety hazard for which you are responsible.



AIM FOR MAXIMIZED RECYCLING

***PLEASE DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO  
THE DPW YARD FOR DROP OFF  
DUE TO INSURANCE LIABILITIES***



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## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

*Chief Robert A. Stetser*



Spring and summer are just around the corner. The Magnolia Police Department urge parents to speak with your children about safety while riding their bikes around town or crossing the street. All parents are reminded that the curfew hours are 9:00pm to 6:00am during (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.

The Magnolia Police Department would like to remind residents to always lock their homes and vehicles at all times. If any resident is going away or on vacation, please stop into the Magnolia Police Department and submit a house check for your property.

All residents are urged to please continue to assist your Police Department if you see suspicious or criminal activity. Please remember to call 911 for emergencies and (856) 783-4900 (Dispatch Center) for non-emergency calls.

There is a property maintenance ordinance in the Borough. This ordinance states that all properties should be clear of trash, high grass, untrimmed bushes, animal feces, etc. Should this be reported, a violation letter will be sent. If the situation should persist, Public Works will be sent to clean the area, and the homeowner will be billed for the work. The Borough also has an Ordinance requiring all vehicles to have current license plates and registration. They are not to be parked on the lawn, sidewalk or in the backyard.

Patrolman Jeremy Hackney is the Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Magnolia. If any resident has a Code Enforcement complaint, please lodge your complaint through his email, [jhackney@magnolia-nj.org](mailto:jhackney@magnolia-nj.org) or the Code Enforcement voicemail at (856) 784-1884 ext. 206. Please continue to take pride in your property and keep it maintained.

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## MAGNOLIA FIRE COMPANY

*Chief Paul Wolf*



Hoagie Sale Dates – First Saturday of every month (except January, February, July, and August).

At 2:00am on Sunday, March 13th we will be setting our clocks ahead one hour for Daylight-Savings Time. While you are taking a moment to change your clocks, also take a few moments to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. You should also be checking the detectors for cleanliness and to ensure they are less than 10 years old. If they are dusty, take a minute to wipe them off with a damp towel or use the attachment hose on your vacuum to clean off the dust. Units that are over 10 years old should be replaced with brand new units.

Many homes in Magnolia may not have any smoke detectors, not enough smoke detectors, detectors that are too old, or detectors that are not working. We want residents to understand that working smoke detectors are needed in every home on every level (including the basement), as well as outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. If a smoke detector is 10 years old or older, it needs to be replaced.

Smoke detectors can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. NFPA statistics show that working smoke detectors cut the chance of dying in a fire nearly in half, but they must be working properly to do so. The association's data shows that many homes have smoke detectors that aren't working because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Roughly two-thirds of all home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke detectors or no working smoke detectors.

One home structure fire is reported every 87 seconds and over 400 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning. The few extra minutes you take to make sure your detector's batteries are new, and that the units are clean and up to date could help save you or your family in the event of an emergency.

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## MAGNOLIA AMBULANCE CORPS

*Chief Kim Berdine*



Magnolia Ambulance is pleased to announce that Christopher Ballinger and Bryan Eveland were both awarded the "Unit Citation Award" from the Camden County Hero Scholarship. This award is in recognition of their actions and injuries sustained during the motor vehicle accident involving Magnolia Ambulance on Feb 23, 2015.

Magnolia Ambulance continues to be proud to support the town of Magnolia. We are always looking for new members. You can go to our website and download the application to join our squad –

[www.magnolia-nj.org/ambulance](http://www.magnolia-nj.org/ambulance).



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## MAGNOLIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)

Anthony DePrince, OEM Coordinator | Robert A. Stetser, Deputy OEM Coordinator

### Storm Planning

As spring and summer approach, the Magnolia Office of Emergency Management wishes to remind our residents to be mindful of being prepared for severe storms. Here are some basic tips to think about to make you and your family safer:

- Know what to do before, during, and after severe weather.
- Create a communications plan with your family before severe weather hits.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work, and in the car.
- Listen to local officials.
- Check your insurance policies to ensure you have enough coverage.
- Evacuate if advised by local authorities.
- Visit Ready.gov for other planning assistance from FEMA.



### Emergency Notification System

The Camden County Freeholder Board's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is now using Swift911 to help keep Camden County residents informed during fires, outages, floods, hurricanes, evacuations, road closures and other emergency events. Swift911 will allow the Board of Freeholders and Magnolia Officials and Public Safety Agencies to quickly alert residents via voice, text, fax, email and/or CAP/IPAWS. This system, combined with our other emergency alert methods, is designed to get emergency messages to you the public, quickly and effectively. This does not preclude you from calling 911 if you need emergency information; it simply provides an opportunity for us to disseminate critical information to you if and when the need arises. To register for this notification system, please go online via your web browser to the following address: <http://www.camdencounty.com/public-safety/emergency-management-and-homeland-security/emergency-notification-system>. If you do not have internet access, please call (856) 783-4808 ext. 5202 and someone will help you register for this very helpful emergency communications system.

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### DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

*Councilman Anthony DePrince*

Congratulations to Magnolia Police Chief John Evans on his retirement effective October 30, 2015. Chief Evans, born, raised and upon his retirement was a resident of the Borough of Magnolia. John was hired as a full-time patrolman in 1990. He was then promoted to Sergeant in 2001, and to Lieutenant in 2002. John has served as Chief since 02/01/2012.

During his 25 year career as a Magnolia Police Officer he received many awards and commendations including Officer of the Year (1992), a commendation in 1996 for 16 arrests in one year for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), a lifesaving award (1997) for saving a choking one year old child, several Exceptional Duty Ribbons, a "Gallantry" Star Award for apprehending an armed robbery suspect with multiple fire arms in their vehicle (2001) and many other awards and commendations. We wish Chief Evans and his family a Happy Retirement. Mayor Cowling-Carson and the Borough Council thank you for years of service to the residents of the Borough of Magnolia!



With the retirement of Chief Evans, the Mayor and Council have approved the promotion of a number of our officers. First, congratulations to the newest Magnolia Chief of Police, Robert Stetser. Rob, a career member of the Magnolia Police Department, has served as police clerk, Special Officer, Patrolman, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. No stranger to many citations and awards himself, Chief Stetser is well known to our residents and school children as an active community oriented member of the police department and has served as the D.A.R.E. Officer in Magnolia Public School. Rob is committed to making the department as "user-friendly" as possible and welcomes feedback or questions at any time from the residents.

The Magnolia Police Department is proud to announce the promotions of Scott Paris and Joe Vadurro to the rank of Lieutenant, and Jim Parker and Joe Pappalardo to the rank of Sergeant.

The Police Department would also like to announce the hiring of our newest Patrolman, Patrick Billingsley. Ptlm. Billingsley comes to us from Gibbsboro Police Department, where he served for the past four years.



## DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC EVENTS AND COMPLIANCE

Councilman Richard V. Krause, Jr.

### UPCOMING BOROUGH EVENTS FOR 2016:

Date	Event	Time	Location
March 26th	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am	Albertson Park
April 9th	Magnolia Little League Parade & Opening Day (Starts at Borough Hall and Goes to Barrett Ave Ball Fields)	10:00am	Borough Hall
April 16th	Town Social & Basket Auction	6:00pm	Community Center
May 21st	Miss Magnolia Pageant	7:00pm	Sterling High School
May 30th	Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony (Starts at Borough Hall and Goes to the American Legion on Warwick Road)	TBD	Borough Hall
June 7th	Election Day	All Day	Community Center
July 4th	Independence Day Parade and Town Fair	All Day	Albertson Park
August 2nd	National Night Out	TBD	TBD

Dear Residents,

With spring arriving in just a few weeks, there are a number of activities planned for the Borough of Magnolia. Saturday, March 26th will be another exciting day in town. We will once again be conducting the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at Albertson Park!! The excitement starts at 10:00am and is open to all children up to and including 8th grade.

Baseball and softball will have their **Opening Day parade and ceremonies** on Saturday, April 9th. The parade will start at 10:00am and follow with festivities at the fields on Barrett Ave. Both organizations are always looking for some help, so if you have an hour or two to spare, please consider volunteering. It truly is a worthwhile experience!

The annual **Miss Magnolia Pageant** will be held on Saturday, May 21st at Sterling High School. Admission is free and all borough residents are cordially invited to attend. Applications are due by March 31st and can be found on the borough website.

Our **Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony** will be on May 30th. The parade will start at the Borough Hall and ends at the American Legion on Warwick road. Please check the borough website for the start time for the parade.

The Recreation Committee has already started planning our borough's **Independence Day Parade and Town Fair**. We are always in need of volunteers to help organize the events for the day. Can you help? We are hoping to have a number of new activities for all ages, and renew a number of old ones as well. Please consider joining us for our planning meetings on each third Sunday of the month at the Borough Hall starting at 7:00pm.

### CENTENNIAL SOCIAL & BASKET AUCTION

The Centennial Committee will be hosting a Town Social and Basket Auction at the Community Center on Saturday April 16th and starting at 6:00pm.

There will be food, music, a basket auction, door prizes, & large item raffles. Tickets are \$25 per person and all proceeds will go towards improvements to Albertson Park. There will be a limited number of seats available, so please purchase your tickets ASAP! For tickets & more information, please contact Dawn Bullock @ (856) 979-7091 or Rick Krause @ (856) 287-5328. Please note: must be 21 to attend.

*\*ADMISSION INCLUDES 1 TICKET SHEET  
FOR THE BASKET AUCTION!*

### CALLING ALL MAGNOLIA COOKS!

We are still looking for recipes for the Magnolia Centennial Cookbook to hit our goal of 100 recipes.

Submit your recipe one of three ways by April 30, 2016:

- Log onto [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com)  
(Username: magnoliacookbook - Password: apple818)
- Email your recipe to [magnoliacookbook@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliacookbook@gmail.com).
- Mail your recipe to: Magnolia Cookbook,  
133 West Evesham Avenue, Magnolia, NJ 08049.

Please be sure to include your name, address, phone number, email address and the years you have lived, or the author did live, in Magnolia (ex. 1956-present).

Questions? Email [magnoliacookbook@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliacookbook@gmail.com).

*Finally, a very special **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped to make Magnolia's Centennial Celebration such an overwhelming success! It has been a pleasure and honor to work with such wonderful people. You truly exemplify why our "One Square Mile of Friendliness" is such a great town! Once again, THANKS!*

## DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Odell Saxton

With spring right around the corner, we welcome all runners, joggers, walkers and fitness enthusiasts to visit our track & fitness stations located behind the Rec Center.

### Open Gym Nights at the Rec Center are as follows:

Monday nights for residents 18 and older, Thursday nights for children 17 and under.

*Please note:* the restrooms in the Rec Center will be undergoing renovations during the month of March.

**As a Reminder:** All Rec Center usage requests must be submitted at the Borough Hall.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

- For your convenience, there are NOTARIES 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.



- If you have a torn or old flag, please place in the red, white & blue mail box at the American Legion.



- You can pay your property taxes on a weekly or monthly basis. To help lessen the burden of paying once a quarter, you can make payments toward your taxes. Please contact the Tax Collector to help you create a schedule that will work for you as well as keep your taxes current. This is not a payment plan for delinquent taxes; it is to assist you in how to make payments more frequently so the quarterly payment does not feel as large.

### SOME OF OUR MAGNOLIA RESIDENTS PROUDLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Colonel Thomas Euler – Evesham Avenue  
Mary Lynn Huston – Lincoln Avenue  
Justin Lewis – Lincoln Avenue  
JD Lewis – Lincoln Avenue  
Christopher Concannon – Warwick Road  
Christopher O'Brien – Otterbranch Drive  
Steven Delvacchio – Sherwood Road  
Daniel Lombard – Magnolia Fire Company  
Ray Julia – Madison Avenue

*Please let us know when they return, so we can welcome them home! If we missed anyone please call the borough hall.*

### MAGNOLIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Mert Gardner*

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April 16th	May 21st
Spring Hoagie Sale	Spring Flea Market
11:00am - 12:30pm	9:00am - 2:00pm
Contact Mert Gardner @ 856-784-4263	
<a href="http://www.magnoliainstation.com">www.magnoliainstation.com</a>	

#### DOGS AND CATS:

Remember there is an Ordinance prohibiting more than 2 dogs and 2 cats per household, and an ordinance to curb your animals.

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