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Spring 2017

From the Desk of the Proud Mayor of Magnolia

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to Spring!

The work on the White House Pike is proving to be a difficult project for all involved. Borough Council and I have been in several talks with State to move the money back to the contractor to finish the work. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We understand that the site and project seems to have been challenging, but we are asking all residents to be patient as we work through our communication with the State.

Congratulations to the Magnolia Public School Basketball Team, the Lady Mustangs, on their Colonial Division Championship. Runners up in their 12-1 record!

The Miss Magnolia Pageant will be Saturday, April 29th at Sterling High School. Please come out and see our beautiful young ladies.

Magnolia Resident on Council will be inducted on 14th Miss Magnolia Pageant on the fourth of July. The contestants must be between the ages of five and eight years old. Information will be available soon on our website - <http://www.magnolia-nj.org>.

The Borough of Magnolia is now accepting applications for the 2017 Magnolia Medal and the 2017 Volunteer of the Year. As you know, the flowers 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
 Deputy, Voting Section
 Proud Mayor of Magnolia

**MISS MAGNOLIA
 PAGEANT**



**KEEP
 CALM
 AND
 WEAR A
 TIARA**

Way to go Girls



SOME OF OUR MAGNOLIA RESIDENTS PROUDLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY



- Colonel Thomas Rubin - Emerald Avenue
- Major Lead Husted - Lincoln Avenue
- Christopher Cummings - Winslow Road
- Christopher Willett - Overbrook Drive
- Edward Hildebrand - Elmwood Road
- Israel Combs - Monroe Pike Entrance
- Ray John - Marlton Area
- Michael Spalte - Washington Avenue

Thank you for your service and for your sacrifice. We are proud to have you in our community. Please contact us if you have any questions or need any assistance.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- Every month, there are notices at the Borough Hall. This is a free service. Please do not sign the document just to avoid the bill. Call the office if you have identification with your signature so that a comparison can be done.
- If you see a sign of our flag, please place in the red, white & blue mailbox at the town or on the sign.
- Every year, you will receive a weekly reminder to pay. To help lessen the burden of paying your taxes, you can make payments online and on a schedule. Please contact the Tax Collector to help you create a schedule that will work for you as well as use your taxes current. This is an important step for all citizens. It is a good job to pay your taxes on a regular basis. If you are unable to pay, please contact the Tax Collector. The success of our town does not rest on us alone.



**RESERVE EARLY
 availability limited during
 summer months**

Please contact the
 Magnolia Borough Administration
 Mark W. Godwin
 908-481-1523 x114 | magnolia@mag.nj.org

DOGS AND CATS:

Remember there is an Ordinance prohibiting more than 2 dogs and 3 cats per household. AND no animal allowed out your animal.



UPCOMING BOROUGH EVENTS FOR SPRING 2017

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
April 8th	Magnolia Little League Parade & Opening Day <i>Starts at 10:00 AM, ends at 12:00 PM</i>	11:00 am	Borough Hall
April 15th	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 am	Albertson Park
April 29th	Miss Magnolia Pageant	7:00 pm	Stedman High School
May 14th	Memorial Day Parade	12:00 am	Albertson Park
June 7th	Thank you Day	4th Day	Community Center
July 4th	Independence Day Parade and Town Fair	4th Day	Albertson Park
August 2nd	Suburban August Fest <i>30-40th Anniversary</i>	9:00 pm	Lowe's Parking Lot

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES, RECREATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Robert Garcia

The Borough Hall and Community Center both had bathroom renovations done in the past year in an effort to improve the quality of both buildings. For this year, we have a few projects planned that will focus primarily on the Borough Hall. We are awaiting the architectural plans and approval, as well as replacing the roof. There are also basement water challenges we are starting to implement. We hope to complete these projects this year.

With spring right around the corner, we want to remind all runners, joggers, walkers and bikers to hydrate to

visit our track and fitness facilities located behind the Community Center.

Please remember that if you would like to reserve the Community Center for an event, all requests must be submitted to our Borough Administrator, Mark W. Godwin. He may be reached via phone at (856) 784-1500 or via e-mail at m.godwin@mag-nolia-nj.gov. Our residents receive a rental discount. Reserve early, as availability is becoming scarce with the summer time approaching.



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Robert Garcia

DID YOU KNOW...?

...that the Borough serves as the "collection agency" for your property taxes?

• Each year school districts, municipal governing bodies, and county governing bodies notify the County Tax Board of their budgetary requirements through an amended adopted budget. The various levies are listed in regression. The amount to be levied by taxation for each taxing jurisdiction.

• Your total property taxes collected through our Municipal Tax Collector includes: Local School Tax, Regional School Tax, Camden County Tax, Camden County Open Space Tax, County Council County Utility Tax, and Magnolia's Municipal (Borough) Tax.

...that the Borough is only responsible for 40% of the total taxes collected?

• This amount covers all municipal services including: Fire, Ambulance, Police, Roads, Trash/Recycling calls (i.e., Public Works), Recreation, administrative, capital projects and other fixed costs.

...that those who do not pay their taxes pose that responsibility in a wrong other manner, however the Borough must still disperse the full amount of tax dollars owed to the schools and county?

• The Borough must include in the municipal budget amount for "assessed taxes" that likely what could appear if everyone contributed their share of property taxes.

...that Mayor and Council members to look for cost savings measures every year by entering into Shared Services Agreements with neighboring towns?

• We currently have substantial agreements with Somerdale, Stratford, Hillside, Haddonfield, Lawrence and Linden Springs.

...that Mayor and Council members to seek grants and alternative funding to maintain Magnolia's infrastructure, such as roads, parks, open space, recreation, youth, public safety grants, and public works grants?

• Grant Communities Grant - \$10,568, plus the recovery of \$37,822.62 for years 2011, 2012, 2013,

2014, and 2015.

• Municipal Open Space Rehabilitation Grant - \$60,000

• POLICE

• Criminal Justice Enhancement Grant - \$1,200,000

• Challenger of Violence Grant - \$1,000,000

• Family Violence Grant - \$1,382,000

• DPW

• Recycling Tonnage Grants - \$11,605,200

• Municipal Alliance Grant - \$9,000

• Camden County Open Space Preservation - \$125,000

• PDR

• Flightplan Aviation Grant - \$24,360

• New Jersey Department of Transportation - \$146,393.58

• New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust - \$182,284

...that the Borough has established an online portal so you can conveniently pay your taxes online by debit or credit card?

• For more information visit our home page at: www.magnolia-nj.org

...that our Senior Citizens can participate in the Property Tax Relief program, known as "PTR"?

• For more information contact our Municipal Tax Collector: 856-784-1500 x117

...that our Military Veterans can seek relief through a Disabled Veterans program?

• For more information contact our Municipal Tax Collector: 856-784-1500 x117

...that by making us our own town, the governing body can help to stabilize our property taxes?

• With the unfortunate loss of Joint Design's Casino, Magnolia will be fortunate to see growth in our retail sales with a new Royal Farms. Magnolia will also receive additional revenue from a recent expansion to the Fire Ex facility along Allen in Ascent.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Anthony DiPina



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Charter Township Officer

Spring and summer are just some of the seasons. The Magnolia Police Department urges parents to speak with your children about safety while using their bikes, wearing seatbelts, and crossing the streets. All parents are reminded that the math hours are 9:00am to 6:00pm during School Nights and 10:00pm to 5:00am during the weekends and school week days. It is not school on the following days: All days are closed on Thanksgiving. This information will be strictly enforced.

The Magnolia Police Department would like to remind residents to always lock their doors and vehicles at all times. If any resident is going away on va-

cation, please stop into the Magnolia Police Department and submit a home check for your property.

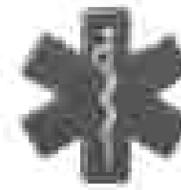
All residents are urged to please continue to assist your Police Department. If you are suspicious of criminal activity, please immediately call 911 for emergencies and (856) 784-4200 Magnolia Central for non-emergency calls.

There is a property maintenance ordinance in the Magnolia that requires streets that all properties should be clean of trash, flat grass, untrimmed bushes, animal feces, etc. Should this be reported, a visit by your 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 back yard.

Commissioner Robert Garcia is the Chief Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Magnolia. If any resident has a Code Enforcement complaint, please help, just complete Internal, Internal, and check the municipal code or the Code Enforcement ordinance at (856) 784-1887 ext. 200. Please continue to take pride in your property and keep it maintained.

Magnolia Residents have an opportunity to keep off nuisance and/or expired medicine in our prescription drug drop box. This is for residents in our residents. The drop box is located in the police department by the entry to our area. This drop off box will accept pills but it is not capable of accepting any liquids, thermometers, needles, syringes and other medicals.



MAGNOLIA AMBULANCE CORPS

Chief Kim Scafaro

Upcoming Activities:

July 15th - Annual Blood Drive
10:00am - 8:00pm
Magnolia Fire Hall

Magnolia Ambulance continues to be proud to support the town of Magnolia. In 2016 we responded to over 1,300 calls for help. We continue to have 100% on time and on budget response time.

We are always looking for new members. You can go to our website and download the application to join our squad - www.magnolia-ambulance.com. We have both volunteer and paid staff.

Magnolia Ambulance and Magnolia Fire Company are having our annual Red Cross Blood Drive on July 15, from 10 am to 8 pm. This very successful event will be held at Magnolia Fire Hall on Loxham Ave.

Please help us exceed our 20 part goal. Give 16 of 16!

Follow us on Facebook @MagnoliaAmbulanceCorps



MAGNOLIA FIRE COMPANY

Chief Neil Wieg

Did you know that the fire station in your town may have a hidden treasure?

During a fire, only working fires a working smoke alarm plus a fire escape plus that has most practical, regularly use save lives. Learn what else to do to keep your loved ones safe!

Tip: Tip for Fire Safety

• Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.

• Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.

• Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice it regularly twice a year.

• Call fire service in your home, GRT 907-4747, GRT or 311, 907-784-4200. Please call back inside for anything or at your.

HOAGIE SALE Dates

April 1, 2017
May 3, 2017
June 3, 2017
Sept 2, 2017
Oct 14, 2017
Nov 5, 2017
Dec 2, 2017

Interested in helping out your community? Stop by the Fire Station on Wednesday evening after 7 pm and see how you can help.

MAGNOLIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Next Gathering

— UPCOMING ACTIVITIES —

April 22nd Spring Hoagie Sale 11:00 am - 12:30 pm	July 22nd Summer Hoagie Sale 11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Oct 21st Fall Hoagie Sale 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
May 10th Spring Flea Market 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Sept 29th Fall Flea Market 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Nov 11th Train Show at the Camden County Fair 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Contact: Neil Guckler
856-784-4263

www.magnoliafirestation.com