

Township Times

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BOONTON TOWNSHIP

April 2016

SENIOR NEWS

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze)

2014

Eligibility Requirements*

You must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You were age 65 or older as of December 31, 2013, or if under age 65, you were receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits as of December 31, 2013, *and* December 31, 2014;
and
- You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2003, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter;
and
- You have owned and lived in your home (or have leased a site in a mobile home park for a manufactured or mobile home that you own) since December 31, 2010, or earlier;
and
- You paid the full amount of the 2013 property taxes due on your home by June 1, 2014, and paid the 2014 property taxes by June 1, 2015;
and
- Your total annual income for 2013 did not exceed \$84,289* and for 2014 did not exceed \$85,553.* **NOTE:** With very few exceptions, all income received during the year must be taken into account to determine eligibility (including social security, pension income, etc.)

* Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program may be changed by the State Budget. Any changes to the 2014 eligibility requirements will not be finalized until the completion of the State Budget that must be adopted by July 1, 2015.



For Additional Information

Visit our website: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml
Call the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline: 1-800-882-6597



UPCOMING HEALTH CLINICS

In an effort to provide affordable clinics for our residents, the Board of Health is partnering with the Montville Health Department

The Following Clinics are open to all Township Residents

April 16—8 to 11 AM SMAC Blood Screening &
HEALTH FAIR
To register call 973-331-3316 Fee:\$22.00
Additional screenings are available

April 11 —5 to 7 PM **Female Cancer Screening**
To register call 973-331-3316 Fee: \$35

April 25—5 to 7 PM **Male Cancer Screening**
To register call 973-331-3316 Fee: \$30

All screenings will be held at the

**MONTVILLE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
195 CHANGEBRIDGE ROAD
Montville, NJ**



RECYCLING REMINDER

When the weather is Inclement Residents can go to the Morris County MUA website

www.mcmua.com to determine if curbside collection has been cancelled..



Rockaway Valley Garden Club

May 3 – “Designing and Planting a Mixed Border”. Marc Zukovich, owner of Stirling Horticultural Services, landscape designer and professor of Horticulture at County College of Morris, will complement his talk with a slide show of various mixed borders with emphasis on year-round interest.

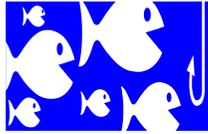
June 14 – “Car trip to Skylands - NJ's Botanical Garden”. This meeting will take place offsite. We will meet at the Boonton Township Municipal Building at 9:00 am to carpool to NJ Botanical Garden for a 10:00 am tour of the gardens and manor house . Cost is \$12 per person. After the tour, we'll have our business meeting and bring-your-own brown bag lunch. Rain or shine. Location: 9:00 am - Boonton Township Municipal Building to carpool to the NJ Botanical Garden at 2 Morris Road, Ringwood, NJ.

Events & Trips

May 7 - Annual Plant Sale - Club members sell their home-grown native plants, perennials, wildflowers, ferns, shrubs and trees. Hanging baskets, annuals, one-of-a-kind planters, Mother’s Day gifts and baked goods are also featured. Past buyers know that this sale offers hardy, beautiful plants, many of which are native and not commonly sold elsewhere. Location: 8 am-noon in the parking lot of Il Michelangelo’s Ristorante, 91 Elcock Ave, Boonton (across from Del’s Village)

May 10 – “Bus trip to NY Botanical Garden”. The NY Botanical Garden is one of the foremost public gardens in America with some of the most beautiful natural terrain of any botanical garden in the world. Trip includes bus transportation, gratuity, one hour guided tour of the perennial & seasonal garden, boxed lunch & time to explore the grounds on your own. Cost: \$80 to be paid by check in advance. See our website at rockawayvalleygardenclub.org/meetings--events.html or email info@rockawayvalleygardenclub.org for more details.

The Rockaway Valley Garden Club generally meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 10:00 am (with coffee at 9:30 am) and are held at the Boonton Township Municipal Building, 155 Powerville Rd. Guests are always welcome and we encourage you to join us to learn about our club. Check us out at rockawayvalleygardenclub.org.



ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

The Boonton Township PBA 392 will be hosting its annual Fishing Derby at Leonard Park on Saturday, **April 30, 2016**. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. The contest runs from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

The contest is open to children ages 1 to 13 **who reside in Boonton Township**. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be food and prizes for all the children who attend. Additional prizes will be awarded for the largest fish caught in each of three age groups.

Come on out for a day of fishing and fun!

The Township Times

The *Township Times* is published quarterly with issues sent out January, April, July and October of each year. The Township Times is funded in part by the Municipal Alliance grant.

All community organizations and groups are encouraged to use the Township Times as a convenient way of letting Boonton Township residents know what your organization is offering, deadlines for sign-ups, dates of events or other similar news items worth sharing with our residents.

If you are interested in having an article appear in the Township Times contact the Township administrator at 973-402-4012 or by e-mail, bshepard@boontontownship.com at least 15 days prior to the first of the month of the month the issue is due out (i.e.: June 15th for the July issue)



RECREATION EVENTS



Earth Day Clean Up

Save the Date: Saturday, April 16th.
(Rain date: Sunday, April 17th)
Help clean up the Rockaway River.
Meet at 31 Rockaway Drive at 12:00pm
Boy Scout & Girl Scout Troops needed!

Township Garage Sales

Save the date: Saturday, May 7th 8:00am-2:00pm. (Rain Date: May 14th) Start your spring cleaning. Have a garage sale at your home with the Township's help. Cost is \$15 to participate. All customers will be directed to Town Hall first for a township map locating your house as a participant. The proceeds will go to the Summer Recreation Camp. Please register at Town Hall.

Yoga

Two 6 week Adult Yoga Program- Monday and/or Wednesday Evenings March 7th- April 20th. This program is held at the school from 7:30pm-8:45pm. Cost is \$65 for the 6 week session or \$120 for 12. New participants are welcome any time. If interested please email the Rec Director.

Spring Tennis Lesson

A six week session held at Leonard Park
Fridays from 4:30-5:30 April 22nd-May 20th. Register
online: www.PlayTGA.com/morrissex



RECREATION SUMMER CAMPS



Summer Camps 2016

Registration forms are available at Town Hall, Virtual Backpack and the Township Website. Regular camp every week plus:

June 27th- July 1st

Extended Day - STEM Camp
Preschool Camp
All Sports Camp
Lego Camp

July 5th- July 8th

Extended Day - STEM Camp
Preschool Camp
All Sports Camp
Theater Camp
Culinary Crafts for Creative Chefs

July 11th-15th

Extended Day - STEM Camp
Preschool Camp
All Sports Camp
Theater Camp
Natural Wonders Science Camp
Tennis or Golf Camp

July 18th- July 22nd

Extended Day - STEM Camp
Preschool Camp
All Sports Camp
Theater Camp
Engineering Design Camp
Tennis Camp

July 25th- 29th

Extended Day - STEM Camp
Preschool Camp
All Sports Camp
Creative Crafts
Golf Camp

August 1st- August 5th

Extended Day - STEM Camp
Preschool Camp
All Sports Camp
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:
Trash to Treasure
Robotics Camp

**PARENTS
WHO HOST
LOSE
THE MOST**



Don't be
a party to
**teenage
drinking.**

It's against
the law.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Visit our local township **Cub Scout Pack 69** or **Boy Scout Troop 69** now and join us for our upcoming adventures.

Pack 69 is currently seeking boys in Grades 1-5 to join the program. Pack meetings are held monthly at the Parish House on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:45pm. Upcoming activities include:

- Tuesday, April 12 - Pack Meeting (Theme - Cheerful - Strike Up the Band)
- Saturday, April 16 - Rockaway River Cleanup
- Saturday, April 16 - Army vs. Navy Lacrosse
- Tuesday, May 10 (Pack Meeting - Theme Kind - My Animal Friends)
- May (TBD) - Bike Rodeo
- July (TBD) - Rocket launch and picnic

For more information about the Cub Scout program, please contact Cubmaster Keith Donnelly (donnelykeith50@gmail.com)

Troop 69 2015 Spring/Summer Highlights

- April 29 - May 1 Cape May Coast Guard & Horseshoe Crab Migration
- May 20-22 Appalachian Trail Backpacking
- June 17-19 Musser Reservation Camping & Philadelphia
- July 8-10 Delaware Camping & Kayaking (1st Class & Above)
- July 31 - August 6 Summer Camp @ Winnebago

Check Troop website for events www.rockawayvalleytroop69.org or email Scoutmaster Tony Picciuti (tpicciuti@gmail.com) for more information.



BOONTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Spotlight On Our Schools

April 2016

From the Desk of the Superintendent/Principal:

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) initiative is gathering a lot of “steam” this year at Rockaway Valley School. Expanding the STEAM program was a priority for this school year, beginning with forming a committee that met over the summer to prioritize realistic goals for the year. We’re very excited to see the faculty embracing STEAM principals and opportunities as they arise in their classrooms.

Teachers have been busy researching and developing lessons that feature more science and engineering. From Kindergarten classes learning to build bridges out of toothpicks and marshmallows (to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river) to experimenting with wind turbines in upper grade science, students are finding out just how important assessing a situation and working together to find solutions is. They are refining their critical and analytical thinking while exploring new horizons.

A prime example of this is the use of SPRK Edition Sphero in the 7th and 8th grade SOAR class (the gifted and talented course). These interactive devices introduce several key concepts in the areas of engineering, robotics and computer programming. And they are fun! Students may at first think that controlling their SPRK “balls” is a game but as they begin to program more intricate instructions and experiment with different chains of commands, they are well on their way to understanding the complexities of coding. (SPRK stands for Schools Parents Robots Kids.)

Kindergarten students recently participated in workshops through BlocksCOOL, a STEM consulting group that brought LEGOs® and robotic concepts right to their classrooms. Working together in teams, they began to discover how creativity and critical thinking could come together to build small machines that really work.

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Rockaway Valley School

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Rockaway Valley School has begun putting together a new STEAM Lab in the current media center to encourage even more hands-on learning that will undoubtedly spark more curiosity in all of the STEAM fields. Ongoing professional development for staff members has encouraged faculty to make use of all of the technology at their disposal as well as helping teachers to see how STEAM fits into the curriculum across all subjects.

As the District moves forward in its development of an in-depth STEAM program throughout the entire curriculum, the school community looks forward to inspiring the young scientists, engineers and artists in our midst.

Many thanks to the H.S.A. for bringing us the Boosterthon Fun Run. This was a mutually beneficial event which helped the H.S.A. raise quite a lot of money (stay tuned to their webpage for a final tally) that they will put directly back into programs and supplies for our school. We had a blast as a school community and it was great to see some parents come out for the event too.

At a February Board meeting I commended last year's third grade teaching team. In case you missed the news, I'm happy to announce that RVS third graders placed first in Morris County and second in the State on the 2015 PARCC language arts test. Our scores in other grades and subjects were pretty well on point too so we have much to be proud of as we head into the 2016 testing season (see dates on the website calendar).

~ Christian Angelillo, Ed.D.

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It's never too early to learn to work as a team to figure out a good solution. Our Kindergarten engineers demonstrate that you can get the best outcome when you're working together. Thanks to the Education Foundation for the grant that enabled this Lego Robotics lesson in the Kindergarten classrooms.



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More teamwork in the STEAM lab as students learn to program the SPRK Sphero—the same technology is behind BB-8!

Boonton Township Parents who might have a handicapped child can get free help from our public school's Child Study Team. Our school district has a mandate to locate and provide services for children between the ages of 3 to 21 who might have a physical, mental, language, or emotional difficulties. Evaluation, professional guidance, and an educational program (if needed) are available free of charge if the student is deemed eligible. For information, call:

Mrs. Christine Voorhees, Director of Special Services
Boonton Township Public School
11 Valley Road
Boonton Township, New Jersey 07005
(973) 334-4162 x-370

Your Health Matters:

A Healthy Home for Everyone

Many people spend at least half of every day inside their homes. A healthy, safe, affordable, and accessible home supports basic needs and protects from illness and injury.

Did you know many homes have unhealthy conditions?

- 1 in 16 have high radon levels
- 1 in 10 have water leaks
- 1 in 6 have structural problems
- 1 in 4 have lead-based paints
- 1 in 4 do not have a working smoke alarm

Also, a lack of ventilation (airflow) keeps poisons in the home and builds up moisture; moisture causes deteriorated paint, attracts and sustains pests and leads to mold and pests make holes that become leaks and make people use poisonous pesticides.

Healthy homes prevent injury and disease.

A healthy home has:

Good indoor air – it is smoke-free and carbon monoxide free and has good ventilation

Safe water – a clean supply and water temperature set at 120°F.

A healthy home is:

Free from lead, high levels of radon, and excess chemicals.

A solid structure that keeps out pests, moisture, noise, and pollution.

Safe from injuries – it has smooth floor surfaces, stair handrails, adequate lighting, and safety devices.

Solutions for housing problems are interconnected. One fix can help with more than one problem:

Ventilating well can get rid of poisons, keep moisture down and bring in fresh air.

Installing a vapor barrier can keep out radon and prevent moisture.

Replacing old windows can reduce lead-based paint, save energy, and improve ventilation.

With knowledge, having a healthy home is in everyone's reach. For more specific information for each room of your home, CDC has a guide for families and individuals which is accessible online at: http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/publications/final_companion_piece.pdf.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyHomes/>



**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
BOONTON TOWNSHIP NEWS**

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HISTORY, HOWEVER WRITTEN,
IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO US- Pliny

UPCOMING EVENTS

MILL HISTORY—May 11th at 7:30PM

at the Boonton Township Municipal Building

L. Ivins Smith, Master Miller and historian will speak. Mr. Smith is the Master Miller at the Cooper Gristmill on Rt. 513, Chester, NJ, a facility of the Morris County Park Commission. The history of milling will be presented with particular emphasis on Morris County mills and several mill sites located in Boonton Twp. A collection of slides will be shown including some recent photos of California mills strongly influenced by Russian settlers in the nineteenth century.

A Photo Speaks a Thousand Words

The Historic Society of Boonton Twp. has received from Herbert M. Kingsland some photographs of the celebration on January 9, 1929 of the opening of the Rockaway Valley Airport, the new hanger and laboratory building of the Aircraft Radio Division of Radio Frequency Laboratories Inc. One photograph includes the Vaugh Corsair flown in by Army Lieutenant Jimmy Doolittle. Doolittle is famous for his "blind" flights and World War II service. Our Township athletic complex on the site of the RFL/ARC airfield is officially named Doolittle's Landing.

The Historical Society is seeking photographs and information regarding the airport between 1928 and 1945. This will be part of a special program being planned to commemorate this part of Township History.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of events go to the
Township Website:
www.boontontownship.com

Meetings

April 4	Planning Board	7:30 pm
April 6	Township Committee	7:00 PM
April 11	Board of Health	7:30pm
	Township Committee	8:00pm
May 2	Planning Board	7:30pm
May 4	Township Committee	7:00 pm
May 9	Board of Health	7:30pm
	Township Committee	8:00pm
June 6	Planning Board	7:30pm
June 8	Township Committee	7:00 pm
June 13	Board of Health	7:30pm
	Township Committee	8:00pm

ELECTION DAY: June 7th - 6am-8pm
ALL VOTING AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Recycling

Depot:

April 2, 16 and 30
May 14 and 28
June 11 and 25

Curbside:

April 7 and 21
May 5 and 19
June 2, 16 and 30