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2022 Spring Newsletter

ADMINISTRATION

Welcome to our spring 2022 newsletter.

As we had previously mentioned, we are committed to keeping our community informed on the various events, activities, and happenings here in Byram Township.

As we work our way through the end of the 2022 winter season, we are excited to look ahead to the many things that the spring season will bring to Byram Township.

Before you know it, the sounds, and sights of Byram's spring sports teams will be back in full swing and occupying our many well-manicured athletic fields around town, bringing that energetic youthful joy back outdoors.

Our community parks, playgrounds and trails will be ready to provide ample opportunities for outdoor family recreation and fun. In addition, our many lakes, rivers and streams will be rejuvenating and once again ready for exploration and enjoyment.

For those families looking to enjoy some local events, our recreation department will be coordinating and hosting several events throughout the spring so stay tuned to learn more about the fun activities coming to Byram this spring.

Local events, meetings and activities are only successful with your active participation. We continue to encourage all residents to stay informed, stay engaged and become involved in our community. Thank you for your continued support of Byram Township, where families, fun and outdoors come together.

Joseph Sabatini
Township Manager



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Finance / Tax Department

Special Assessment 2022
Installments are due April 19th

Utility Collection Dates: April
15th with a 10 day Grace Period

Tax Collection Dates: May 1st
with a 10 day Grace Period

Senior Freeze Property Tax
Reimbursement: PTR books
usually arrive in our office
around March. Please contact
the office for booklet availability
and eligibility
requirements. You can also
contact the state at 1-800-882-
6597 to request a booklet.

Department of Public Works

Tire Disposal – Week of April
25th (8am-3pm) and Saturday
(9am-12pm), Byram Township
has designated this week for
Auto Tires (with rims re-
moved) to be accepted at the
Township Municipal Recycling
Center located at 10 Mansfield
Dr.

The Township Leaf and Brush
Area, located at 10 Mansfield
Dr. at the Township Recycling
Center, has a tentative re-
opening around April 1st,
weather dependent. Please
note that brush is a separate
area from the leaves and that
grass clippings are NOT ac-
cepted and must be brought to
SCMUA. Leaves must be
brought in either loose or in
biodegradable bags (no other
containers) and brush/
branches must be less than 4”
in diameter.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Free Radon Test Kits are available to Byram
residents at the Municipal Building

If you are unable to come into the Municipal
office during the hours of 8:30-4:30. You may
submit a note requesting someone to act on
your behalf to pick up the kit for you. Please
include your name, address, and contact
information in the note, and we will release the
kit. All kits are recorded by the Township, the
results of the test go only to the Homeowner.



RABIES VACCINE CLINIC

Saturday, April 2, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Located at the Byram Township Garage, 10 Mansfield Drive

Cats must be in a carrier

A 6' leash required for dogs (no retractable leashes)

Dog Licensing Saturday Hours

April 2, 2022

Municipal Board of Health Office

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

No dogs are permitted in the building

Only checks or exact cash will be accepted

No debit or credit cards accepted

Night drop box is also available outside the Administration Office

Dog Licensing Weekly Hours

Municipal Board of Health Office, 10 Mansfield Drive

In person registration 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri.

Thursday 11:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

Checks or cash payments are accepted

No debit or credit cards accepted

Night drop box is also available outside the Administration Office



RECREATION

Save the dates for the following events!

Movie Night in the Park: Friday, May 20th at 7:30pm at Tamarack Park. Come out and enjoy a fun evening with friends and family. Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy a free movie. Movie title TBA.

Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade: Join us in a day of remembrance on Monday, May 30th with a ceremony at the Roseville Schoolhouse on Mansfield Drive followed by a parade from the Cranberry Lake Firehouse to the Cranberry Lake Club House.

Town Wide Garage Sale: Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th. Registration will be in May.

Miss Byram Contest: Saturday, June 11th. Applications will be available online and at the Municipal Building in April.

“Kids Try Harder” Triathlon: Saturday, June 18 at the Lake Lackawanna Beach. Registration will be available online and at the Municipal Building in May.

Patriotic Showoff: July 1st -9th Residents may submit photos of their homes decorated with a patriotic theme. More information will be available in June.

The Recreation Department will update all event information on the Byram Township website, Facebook page, and Nixle.

https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/township_offices_detail/recreation

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The environmental Commission is sponsoring another TREX soft plastic film challenge! Please continue to support this important recycling initiative by bringing plastic bags and other soft plastic films to the Municipal Building; bags are picked up weekly.

Confused about what can and cannot be recycled? Visit our recycling guide on our website - https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/committee_article/recycling_guide_quick_tips_on_what_can_be_recycled

The Annual Arbor Day celebration and tree giveaway is scheduled for Saturday April 23, 2022, from 9:00am-12:00pm at C.O. Johnson Field by the playground. Stop by to learn about native plant species and receive your free tree seedlings.

The Environmental Commission currently has one volunteer opening – please consider joining our active and fun group!



Township Trivia #1:

What are the names of all your mayor/council members as of March 1, 2022?

Answer on page 6

ZONING DEPARTMENT

The Byram Zoning department would like to remind all property owners that zoning permits are required for many items including sheds, decks, a/c condensers, propane tanks, fences, etc.

The zoning permit application is on the township website under forms. A zoning permit application should include a recent survey or plot plan, the details associated with request, and a \$50 fee.

As spring approaches, many homeowners often consider landscaping and other improvements to their lot. This includes bringing soil and fill onto a property. We have recently had unfortunate situations where property owners have been the victims of "Dirty Dirt" and/or have created tract disturbances on their lot. Soil on these properties was contaminated resulting in NJ DEP violations and significant remediation expenses. Before accepting any soil or fill, you should understand the Township ordinances on tract disturbances and ensure you receive a certificate of "clean fill" from the supplier.

Please contact the zoning department at extension 131 if you have any questions regarding zoning or township ordinances.

If your property has received Planning Board approval, obtaining a zoning permit is the next step, followed by obtaining proper permits from the Construction Office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Join us on Saturday, April 30, 2022 for our 14th Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Comedy Show at 6:30PM. For more information, contact Eugene at (201) 274-6642.

Congratulations to the Byram Township Fire Department's newest members Patrick Connolly, Andrea Proctor, Shawn O'Grady, and Hannah Steger. Welcome to the Department!

Interested in joining the Fire Department? Visit www.byramfd.com and contact us, or stop by the station any time.



CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

General Office Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 12 noon

Permit Pick up Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am to 11:30 am

Applications are available for pick up in our lobby daily 8:30am to 4:30pm

After hour drop off:

When the building is still open, please leave materials in the wall bin outside the Construction Dept. window

After the building is closed, please leave materials in the black box outside the main lobby entrance

Inspections

Building: Monday through Friday 10 am to 2pm

Plumbing & Mechanical: Tuesday/Thursday 12noon to 4pm

Electrical: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 4pm to 7pm

Fire: Tuesday/Thursday 11:30am to 3:30pm

SDL Portal

Active for Scheduling Inspections/Tracking Permit Application

Online Permit Filing will be open shortly for specific permit requests



BYRAM SENIOR BUS SCHEDULE

The Byram Township senior bus is available for Senior Club members who are in need of transportation on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to attend the Senior Club meeting. The senior bus is also available on the alternate Thursdays to any group of seniors who are in need of transportation for shopping or dining at local restaurants.

This is not a dial-a-ride service for individuals, but intended for Byram Township Seniors to have a day out with other seniors while meeting some of their shopping needs.

The hours of operation are 10:30am - 3:30pm, including pick up and drop off.

For more information, contact Catherine Biancone at the Byram Township Recreation Department at 973-347-2500 x160 or by email: cbiancone@byramtwp.org.



SENIOR NEWS

Senior Citizen Club: The Byram Senior Citizen Club meets twice monthly, on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 1:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Cranberry Lake Firehouse on Route 206. The exceptions are Thanksgiving and Christmas.

When possible, additional luncheons and outings are planned each month as well.

All Byram residents aged 55 and older are welcome to join. Non-members of the club are welcome to attend outings when space permits.

For information, call Secretary Francine Shivas at 973-347-6436.

Senior Trips:

April Trip: TBA

May 17: Senior of the Year Luncheon at the Farmstead Golf Course Restaurant

June 15: Casa Bianca Luncheon with Entertainment, Oak Ridge

July 17: West Point Tour with Lunch and Cruise

For more information, contact Francine Shivas at 973-347-6436



Township Trivia:

How many lakes are in Byram Township?

Answer on page 6



Byram Township Historical Society

Applications for the Byram Township Historical Society 2022 Scholarship are due June 1, 2022.

Applications for the Logo Contest for Byram's 225th Anniversary Celebration are Due April 15, 2022.

Please See the Byram Township Website for more information.



Township Trivia Answer #1:

Mayor: Alex Rubenstein

Council Members: Ray Bonker, Cris Franco, Jack Gallagher, Harvey Roseff

Township Trivia Answer #2:

There are 25 lakes in Byram Township according to the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As spring is approaching, the Byram Township Police Department would like to remind you to take the following precautions as you enjoy the spring season:

1. Always keep your home's doors and windows locked when you go to bed or leave your house, even if you are leaving for a short period.
2. Secure all lawn and gardening equipment in your garage or a storage shed.
3. Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them.
4. Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person. Solicitors must obtain a permit to solicit business in Byram Township. The Township also offers a do not solicit list that you can add your address to.
5. Always remember to close your car windows, take any valuables and the key fob out of your car, and lock your doors every night, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
6. Get to know your neighbors! Let a trusted neighbor know if you are planning to travel this spring. Neighbors who know each other look out for each other.

Community Information Channels

Byram Township recognizes the value of providing an avenue for accurate, validated, and effective communication to the community.

To keep the community informed of valuable information, news & noteworthy items, public meetings, and community events happening in and around Byram Township, we employ a variety of delivery options.

We encourage residents to continue to stay informed and involved in your community and to help us share information community wide. Through a combination of mailings, newsletters, electronic communications channels, and public meetings, Byram Township is able to engage the community and provide resources for their individual needs.

Though we share information throughout our primary communication channels, we can always seek to find additional resources to share helpful information. Therefore, we continue to encourage the community to share our official communications through your community networks to include electronic communications channels, community groups and associations.

To ensure that you are receiving accurate information related to Byram Township Government, please make sure that you are subscribing to our Nixle Community Notification System (Sign up to receive messages from BYRAM TOWNSHIP! (nixle.com)), Byram Township Government Facebook Page (Byram Township Government | Facebook) and visit the Byram Township Website frequently (Byram Township | Home (byramtwp.org)).

Thank you for choosing Byram Township, a beautiful place to live, work and visit.