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Byram  
Township  
2025  
Annual  
Report

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Compiled by Township Staff

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

### **TOWNSHIP OFFICES:**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### **CONSTRUCTION OFFICE:**

Monday- Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Permit pick up 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### **FINANCE/TAX OFFICE:**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### **RECYCLING CENTER:**

**METAL:** Open daily during daylight hours

**LEAVES AND BRANCHES:** Seasonal

Open daily during daylight hours

### **TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:**

[www.byramtwp.org](http://www.byramtwp.org)

### **GENERAL OFFICE NUMBERS:**

973-347-2500

Fax 973-347-0502

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Emergencies: Dial 911

Non-emergencies: 973-347-4008

WEBSITE: [www.byrampd.org](http://www.byrampd.org)

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Tom Dellicker

973-347-2500 Ext. 174

### **TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

Mayor Alex Rubenstein, Jack Gallagher,  
Cris Franco, Harvey Roseff, Ricky Proctor

## BYRAM TOWNSHIP OFFICES

### **TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

Joseph Sabatini

973-347-2500 Ext. 129

### **DEPUTY TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

Phil Crosson

973-347-2500 Ext. 161

### **TOWNSHIP CLERK/ REGISTRAR**

Cindy Church

973-347-2500 Ext. 127

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Mike Orgera

973-347-2500 Ext. 137

### **DPW SECRETARY**

Elaine Evers

973-347-2500 Ext. 138

### **ENVIRONMENTAL/RECYCLING**

#### **EC SECRETARY**

Elaine Evers

973-347-2500 Ext. 138

### **BOARD OF HEALTH/DOG LICENSING SEPTIC MANAGEMENT/BOH SECRETARY**

Joanie Gerbasio

973-347-2500 Ext. 125

### **RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Debbie Armeno

973-347-2500 x 160

### **CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER / DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR**

Ashleigh Frueholz

973-347-2500 Ext. 134

#### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Michele McElroy Ext. 133

## BYRAM TOWNSHIP OFFICES

### **CONSTRUCTION & BLDG. SUBCODE OFFICIAL**

Peter Karcher

973-347-2500 Ext. 124

### **CONSTRUCTION TECHNICAL ASST**

Bonnie Oscovitch

973-347-2500 Ext. 123

### **PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL**

Larry Allen

973-347-2500 Ext. 124

### **ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL**

Glenn Kovach

973-347-2500 Ext. 124

### **FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL**

Thomas Penn

973-347-2500 Ext. 124

### **FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES**

Hardyston (Eric A. Stahl)

973-823-7020 x 9356

### **ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Nick Cutrone

973-347-2500 Ext. 131

### **LAND USE TECHNICAL ASST./ PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY**

Caitlin Phillips

973-347-2500 Ext. 132

### **TAX ASSESSOR**

Penny Holenstein

973-347-2500 Ext. 139

### **ASSISTANT TO TAX ASSESSOR**

Elaine Evers Ext. 138

## **A Message from Township Manager Joseph Sabatini**

As we step into the new year and set our sights on the goals and priorities ahead in 2026, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the hard work and achievements of the past year.

Throughout 2025, our team demonstrated exceptional collaboration and dedication as we worked toward our shared mission of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of local government. Despite the ongoing fiscal challenges facing communities across New Jersey, our staff remained steadfast in their commitment to responsible, transparent, and cost-conscious service delivery.

I am incredibly proud of the Byram Township workforce for consistently providing the high-quality services our residents rely on and deserve. Our employees continue to go the extra mile to meet community needs, often exceeding expectations in the process.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who serve our community - our Byram Township Fire Department, Lakeland Emergency Squad, and all our Township Boards and Committees - as well as to our residents. Your continued flexibility, patience, and engagement have been instrumental as we navigate evolving economic conditions while striving to enhance the quality of life in Byram Township. Together, we continue to strengthen our "Township of Lakes" as a place we are proud to live, work, and visit.

With that, I am pleased to present the key accomplishments achieved in 2025:

### **SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS:**

- New shared service agreement between Byram Township and Hardyston Township for Fire Prevention Services

### **RECEIVED MANY GRANTS TOTALING OVER \$248,743.45 WHICH INCLUDED:**

- Municipal Alliance Committee Grant - \$3,918.00
- Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$9,530.04
- Clean Communities Grant - \$27,529.41
- Highlands Grant - \$60,000.00 (\$20,000 for Stormwater [MS4 Permitting] & \$40,000 Stormwater Management for East Brookwood)
- NJ DOT FY2026 grant – Byram Township received \$144,652.00 for Sleepy Hollow Road
- Statewide Insurance Fund Risk Control Grant - \$3,114.00

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/PURCHASES:**

- Various street improvements to include: Mara Lane, Matthew Drive, Carlson Lane, Anderson Lane, Ascot Lane, Sussex Street, Jefferson Lakes Road, Lauren Court, Cascade Avenue, Birch Parkway, Roseville Rd. between Amity Road and Lackawanna Drive
- DPW acquired various pieces of equipment, including a John Deere Trackless Tractor, roadside mower and plow/salter in preparation for a new truck deployment

- Enhanced stormwater management with drainage improvements on Belton Street
- Upgraded firefighter safety equipment with new SCBA units for the Byram Township Fire Department
- Enhanced employee time tracking with upgraded timeclocks at the municipal complex
- Upgraded the leaf dump storage building and leaf shed storage containers, replacing those that were aged and failing
- Completed replacement of the outdated telephone system with an updated, supported solution
- Updated workstations and technology resources as required to maintain effective operations

**OTHER KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Elizabethtown Gas continues to make progress in their ongoing efforts in the north sections of the Township.
- NJ Natural Gas continues to work on gas main installation in the township. Their latest work has targeted State Highway 206 from Brookwood Rd. to Lackawanna Dr. and in the spring of 2026, they are planning to continue down Lackawanna Dr. to Roseville Rd.
- Through the collaborative efforts of the Public Works Department and Township Engineer, the Township has made significant progress toward improving compliance with current stormwater management standards
- Completely Inclusive Playground was completed with a grand opening ceremony taking place June 6, 2025. This project included enhanced handicapped parking
- DPW completed park beautification and access improvements around the new playground
- We are continuing to work with French & Parello Associates and Grade Construction to finalize the improvements to Field 8 at C.O. Johnson Park which are fully offset by American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant funds. It is anticipated that Field 8 will be complete and open for use in 2026
- As a result of Byram Township being selected for Congressional Direct funding in November 2025 for the amount of \$1,237,500.00, Fox and Associates Architects began planning for the rehabilitation of the main portion of the municipal building to become a new, updated and compliant police facility

**RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENTS**

- Daniel DeWald – 24 years, 8 months of service with Byram Township – Chief of Police
- Guy Mariani – 25 years, 6 months of service with Byram Township – Chief of Police

**RECOGNITION OF NEW HIRES**

- Mark Bollmann – Police Officer
- Krystle Clark – Part-Time Police Records Clerk (Police Department)
- Ralph Vasquez – Part-Time Records Clerk (Police Department)
- Kasia Blasikiewicz – Part-Time Clerk Typist (Finance/Tax Dept)

I encourage you to please take the time to review the information contained within this annual report. Public meetings are listed on the enclosed calendar, and we encourage your participation throughout the year. Residents have also been able to participate at Council Meetings by Zoom since mid-year 2023. Byram's achievements are the result of a team effort that includes all our residents, employees, and volunteers.

Joseph Sabatini  
Township Manager



The Township of Byram continues to encourage every citizen to sign up today to receive these Nixle messages and begin connecting with the Township of Byram. Nixle will be your primary source for accurate, up to date information from the Township so do not delay, sign up today!

Remember, if we cannot reach you, we cannot inform you. Please take a moment to sign up for Nixle community notification system using one of the following options.

- 1) **Click and enter your contact information at the following web address:** <https://local.nixle.com/signup/widget/i/15862>
- 2) **Text the keyword Byram to 888-777.** Then when prompted, follow the directions to enter your current e-mail address and you will be signed up to receive important alerts, advisories, and community notifications from Byram Township.
- 3) **Download the Mobile App** at: [Nixle: How Residents can Register for Nixle Notifications in the Everbridge Mobile App – Nixle](#)

# February

## 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	Garbage Pick Up 3 Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	4	5 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	6	7
8	9 Open Space Meeting 7pm	10 Garbage Pick Up Recreation Meeting 7pm	11	12	13 Recycling Pick Up	14
15	16 Presidents' Day - Closed	17 Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	18	19 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	20	21
22	23	24 Garbage Pick Up	25	26 Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm	27 Recycling Pick Up	28

## HOW YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

“The Council-Manager form is the system of local government that combines the strong political leadership of elected officials in the form of a governing body, with the strong managerial experience of an appointed local government manager. The Council-Manager form establishes a representative system where all the power is concentrated in the elected council and where the council hires a professionally trained manager to oversee the delivery of public services.”

*International City/County Management Association.*

The distinctive feature of this form of government is the strict separation between legislative and administrative functions. The plan calls for the non-partisan, at-large election of four Township Council members and one Mayor. By law, the Mayor and the Township Council have responsibility for all legislative matters, ranging from enactment of all ordinances and resolutions to general citizen representation. Seven separate advisory boards and committees assist with policy formulation of the Council.

Administrative responsibilities of the Township are vested in the full-time Township Manager. Charged with the day-to-day operation of the Township, the Manager directs all Township services and the enforcement of municipal ordinances. Appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Council, the Manager is a professionally trained individual whose basic responsibility is the efficient and economic operation of your local government.

The Township Clerk is secretary to the Township Council and is the Election Official of the Township. The Clerk records and prepares the minutes of each Township Council Meeting. The Clerk also processes records and files resolutions and ordinances, arranges for legal advertising of official documents and issues various licenses and permits. The Township Clerk’s election responsibilities include handling municipal elections, accepting petitions for vacancies in local elected offices, selecting polling areas and maintaining custody of election results.



## TOWNSHIP CLERK/ REGISTRAR

The Municipal Clerk's office is staffed with a full-time Municipal Clerk/Registrar. The office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The "core" duties of the Municipal Clerk include the following:

- As Secretary to the Mayor and Council, the Municipal Clerk attends all Council meetings; records minutes; assists in preparing the Council meeting agenda and resolutions; compiles meeting packets, receives bids and RFP's; administers and records Oaths of Office; processes correspondence and records, files and advertises ordinances and acts as a liaison between the public and governing body.
- The Municipal Clerk, as Secretary to the Municipal Corporation, signs official documents, has custody of the Township Seal and attests the signature of the mayor and other Township officials.
- As the Election Official, the Municipal Clerk handles voter registration, accepts petitions for vacancies in local elected offices, furnishes materials for local, primary, and general elections, selects polling areas, and maintains custody of election results.
- The Municipal Clerk issues various licenses, i.e. Peddler / Solicitor, Bingo, Raffle, Liquor, Limo, etc.; furnishes data to the public, provides copies of Ordinances, Resolutions and other information requested by the public and personnel.

The position of Registrar must be held by a Certified Municipal Registrar. This designation is obtained by completing a course provided by the New Jersey State Registrar's office and passing a state exam.

It is the responsibility of the Registrar to record all births, deaths and marriages occurring within the Township of Byram. A permanent copy is retained in the Registrar's office, and one is forwarded to the State Registrar. The accumulation of information from vital records provides data about the events that occur throughout the entire State of New Jersey. In addition, the Registrar is also responsible for issuing marriage licenses, marriage certificates, birth certificates and death certificates.

### 2025 Registrar Vital Statistics

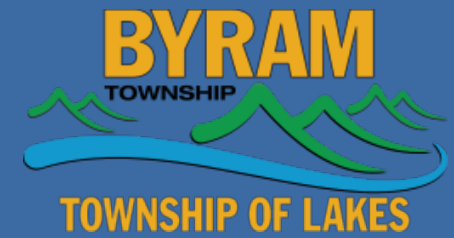
Marriage Licenses Issued	44
Birth Records Recorded	76
Death Records Recorded	42
Certified Copies Issued	251

### 2025 Fees Collected by the Municipal Clerk's Office

Junkyard	\$1,000.00
Seasonal Sales Permits	\$0
Raffle License	\$200.00
Peddler / Solicitor Licenses	\$0
Liquor License Transfers	\$125.00
Liquor License Renewals	\$6,098.00
Vacant Property Registrations	\$2,500.00
Road Opening Permits	\$2,100.00

# March

## 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	4	5 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	6	7
8	9 Open Space Meeting 7pm	10 Garbage Pick Up Recreation Meeting 7pm	11	12	13 Recycling Pick Up	14
15	16	Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	18	19 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	20	21
22	23	Garbage Pick Up Board of Health – Via Zoom @ 7:30pm	25	26 Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm	27 Recycling Pick Up	28 Free Rabies Clinic – DPW Garage 1pm – 4pm
29	30	31 Garbage Pick Up			Approx March 31 thru Mid Dec- 7 days/week – daylight hours only at Twp Recycling Center is	Accepting Leaves (In Paper Bags) or Loose & Brush (4" Diameter only)

## FINANCE/TAX DEPARTMENT

The Township of Byram emphasizes careful financial management and long-range fiscal planning. The duties include billing and collection of taxes, collection of all Township revenues, investments, debt management, financial analysis, and control of the Township's \$13,465,387.00 budget for 2025. The department is also responsible for the financial activities of the sewer utility, with a budget of \$395,000.00.

Taxes are payable quarterly on the first day of February, May, August, and November, after which dates, they are delinquent and subject to interest. There is no discount for prepayment. The grace period for payment is ten days. Any payments received after this time; interest will be retroactive to the first of the month. Delinquent payments will be charged for interest at the rate of 8% per annum up to \$1,500.00 and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00. A penalty of up to 6% will be charged on any delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 if not paid by the end of the fiscal year (December 31st), unless stated otherwise on the front of the bill. Any current year's taxes unpaid on December 31st will be subject to tax sale and lien in the subsequent year.

The Tax Collector and the Deputy Tax Collector are at the Township Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to assist residents with any questions and/or concerns. The Deputy Tax Collector acts in the absence of the Tax Collector. The Finance/Tax Department hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a lock box located in the front of the building for sewer and tax payments. Payments received after 3:30 p.m. will be posted on the next business day. Online E-Check payments are accepted for both Tax and Sewer Accounts and are available 24 hours/7 days a week. Please visit [www.byramtwp.org](http://www.byramtwp.org) to access both modules. The Finance/Tax Department has two (2) additional part-time clerks to assist with the daily operational and resident needs of the Township.

The Tax Department handles requests and information regarding the following tax relief programs:

- Senior Citizen/Disabled Persons Deduction
- Veterans' Deduction

The State also offers the following programs:

- Property Tax Reimbursement (Freeze for Qualified Senior and Disabled Persons)
- ANCHOR (Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowner and Renters)
- For more information about property tax relief programs, please refer to the Division of Taxation website:

[www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml)

<b>2025 Tax Dollar Breakdown</b>		
County Purpose Tax	.621	15.45%
County Library Tax	.051	1.27%
County Health Tax	.000	0.00%
County Open Space Tax	.003	.07%
Local School Tax	1.510	37.57%
Regional School Tax	.803	19.98%
Municipal Purpose Tax	1.020	25.38%
Municipal Open Space Tax	.011	0.27%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4.019</b>	<b>100%</b>
County Total	.675	16.80%
School Total	2.313	57.55%
<b>Municipal Total</b>	<b>1.031</b>	<b>25.65%</b>

## TAX ASSESSOR

The Township of Byram employs a part-time assessor who shares a part-time assistant. The Tax Assessor has responsibility for:

- Find full and fair value of nearly 4,000 parcels within Byram Township.
- Locate and properly describe property as prescribed by the Division of Taxation.
- Maintain accurate Township property records; this includes Township Tax Maps which are updated annually in coordination with the Township Engineer.
- Review municipal and State appeals and defend the Township in county and State hearings. In 2025, three County Tax Board Appeals filed and two State Tax Court Appeals.
- Produce the annual Tax Book and notice of assessment cards.
- Annually provide Farmland Assessment applications to owners and review each farmland assessment application; Byram Township has 126 farmland-assessed parcels, representing 5,362 acres of qualified farmland.
- Work closely with the Construction Department to review copies of construction permits and certificates for added and omitted assessments and COAH fees.
- Calculate annual added/omitted tax to capture additional property tax revenue and notify residents.

Number of Tax Parcels (excludes exempt)	3850
Total Assessed Valuation Taxable	\$928,611,500

The Tax Assessor:

- Partners with the County Board of Taxation to ensure deeds are received and reviewed on a weekly basis and updates the Township property records; accordingly, nearly 200 deeds were reviewed and investigated in 2025.
- Coordinates annual mailing and collection of data from 100+ income producing properties.
- Provides Property Record Cards as requested for interested parties.
- Provides reports to other Township departments and Byram Township schools.
- Reviews monthly decedent reports and modifies property tax deductions accordingly.

The Tax Assessor handles requests regarding:

- Tax relief programs for Veterans including Deductions and Exemptions, and ongoing eligibility
- Name and address changes of property owners

For more information about the Tax Assessor programs, please visit our website at:

[www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town\\_hall/township\\_offices\\_detail/tax\\_assessor](http://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/township_offices_detail/tax_assessor)

# April 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Leaves in Biodegradable bags or Loose & Brush less than 4" diameter at	DPW Recycling Center from Early April to Mid December 7 days per week during daylight hours (No Plastic Bags)		1	2 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	3 Good Friday - Closed	4
5	6	7 Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	8	9	10 Recycling Pick Up	11
12	13 Open Space Meeting 7pm	14 Garbage Pick Up Recreation Meeting 7pm	15	16 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	17	18
19	20	21 Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	22	23 Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm	24 Recycling Pick Up	25
26	27	28 Garbage Pick Up	29	30		METALS & TIRES (no rims) TWP Recycling Center Year-Round – 7 days- Daylight Hours Only

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The Byram Recreation Department had a great 2025 and we were extremely busy throughout the year. Our Recreation Committee met on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and assisted with many successful events from January through December that were well received by all who attended. We sent our weekly Newsletter that goes out every Friday to all who subscribe plus we continue to use Nixle, Facebook, and our website to spread the word of all that Recreation has to offer.

We began the year with our annual Coat Drive at Pet's Supplies Plus yielding 30 large bags of coats, scarves, hats, and gloves. We sold tickets for Disney on Ice, which sold out quickly, and went to see the NJ Devils play. Our 2025 Ski Club began for grades 5 through 12, they enjoyed 5 trips to Mountain Creek on Wednesday evenings and even plunged into Lake Lackawanna on March 16. We continued hosting Senior Exercise on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Firehouse and Learn to Play Mahjong and Crochet Classes at the Municipal Building on Mondays and Wednesday and began to offer sign language and CPR classes. We rounded out the Winter months with preparations for the upcoming Spring and Summer programs and events.

In the Spring we began some new programs and continued with some existing ones. Although we had a lot of rain throughout the Spring and Summer, we made the best of it and still put out great programs and events. We crowned a new Miss Byram on July 1 and presented her and her Court at the Mayor and Council Meeting. We also went to see the Sussex County Miners play ball at the Skylands Stadium, the Met's at Citi Field and the NY Yankees at Yankee Stadium and all who attended had a great time.

As Summer was upon us, our residents showed off their Patriotic Pride by entering our Patriotism decorating contest, then we rolled right into our Kids Triathlon held on July 12 at Lake Lackawanna Beach where all who attended had a great time. On July 19 we hosted an outdoor concert at the Lakes School, Woods Vibrations entertained all who attended for over 2 hours, and everyone danced, sang, and enjoyed some ice cream we also hosted 2 outdoor movies. We capped off our summer with Byram Fest on August 23 from 4-9 pm. Our annual celebration of Byram was a big hit with the 2000+ who attended, the weather was beautiful and warm with a variety of food trucks, bouncy rides, yard games, and all our not-for-profit groups there to speak about their organizations and try to gather volunteers. Our evening ended with a fireworks display that made the Macy's 4th of July fireworks look small.

As we entered the fall season, we took a bus trip to NYC to see The Lion King on Broadway, our tennis and pickleball lessons were in full "swing", and this year we added golf lessons that were very well attended. We successfully picked 3 winners for our Halloween decorating contest. As the winter/holiday season approached, we hosted 2 sold out buses to see the Radio City Christmas Show featuring the Rockettes. On the first Sunday in December, Santa came to town to light our tree. In partnership with the Fire Department, the Recreation Department helps host this annual event at the firehouse with activities, arts and crafts, photo areas, and the addition of the Lenape Valley High School Choir and the help of the Interact Program from the High School. Throughout December, the Recreation Committee hosted several holiday events to include children's letters to Santa, along with a Holiday decorating contest which ran between November 25 – December 13. The Children's Letters to Santa program allowed Byram children to drop off their holiday letter to Santa Claus in the special holiday themed mailbox located in the Municipal Building lobby. Each child received a personalized note back from Santa. This program always ensures many smiling faces as families prepare for the holiday season. As a culmination of the Byram Holiday decorating contest, the Recreation Committee judges selected three winning Township homes. Each winner received a gift card for their efforts: 1st place \$100.00, 2nd place \$75.00, and 3rd place \$50.00.

In addition to providing the Township with activities throughout the year, the Recreation Department coordinates bus transportation for local senior citizens. The Byram Township senior bus is available for Senior Club members who need transportation on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to attend the Senior Club meeting. The senior bus is also available on alternate Thursdays to any seniors who need transportation for shopping or dining at local restaurants.



# MAY

2026



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3	4	Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	5 6	7 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	8 Recycling Pick Up	9
10	11 Open Space Meeting 7pm	12 Garbage Pick Up Recreation Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	20	21 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	22 Recycling Pick Up	23
24	25 Memorial Day Offices Closed	26 Garbage Pick Up Board of Health Via Zoom @ 7:30pm	27	28 Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm	29	30
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## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)**

The Department of Public Works includes the following divisions: Roads, Sewers, Recycling, Buildings and Grounds, Park Maintenance, and Fleet Maintenance. This Department employs 13 full-time employees including a mechanic, and superintendent, and shares a part-time employee as Superintendent Secretary, with the administrative office. The total annual operating budget for the department is approximately \$1.3 million. DPW supported the Township's grant initiatives, including NJ Urban & Community Forestry, Clean Communities, Recycling, and the grant to fund Riverside Park. In addition, DPW supported many Township committees' initiatives including Environmental Commission, Open Space, Recreation, and the Food Pantry.

DPW coordinated the submission of several state-mandated reports, including Tonnage Recycling, Clean Communities Report (both resulting in revenue to Township) and the Right-to-Know Survey. DPW reviewed and issued grease interceptor licenses for businesses utilizing grease traps.

The DPW maintains approximately 80 miles of roadway, five sewer-pumping stations and about two miles of sewer mains. Collection of trash and recyclables (Township wide) and leaves, brush and metals at the Township Recycling Center is the responsibility of the DPW. Additional duties consist of snow and ice control on Township roads, traffic sign installation and repair, and coordination of the annual roadway resurfacing program. DPW maintains Township trail systems.

As part of the Township's stormwater permit, the DPW units worked with the Township Engineer to develop the Township's Stormwater Management Plan. This plan includes additional training requirements as well as working with a contractor to clean and inspect storm drains and inlets. The Township employees operate and maintain over 850 storm inlets and 9 retention basins. The tops of the Township's storm inlets are cleaned out prior to and during rain events. Additionally, DPW developed and issued the annual stormwater mailing to Township residents. DPW maintains the Johnson Pond dam and spillway.

DPW employees participated in many training classes to continue to retain NJUST, Certified Public Works Manager, Recycling Coordinator, and Collections/Wastewater System Operator certifications.

Buildings and Grounds oversees and maintains eight Township buildings, including the Municipal Complex, the Old School House, the C.O. Johnson Field house, and the Lee Hill Emergency Services Building. Park Maintenance is responsible for the care of C.O. Johnson Park and its fields, Riverside Park, East Brookwood Park, Neil Gylling Park, Mohawk View Park, Tamarack Park, and all grass areas on the local school athletic fields. DPW is also responsible for the lining of all athletic fields, including the schools during the sports seasons. An average of 42 acres is cut twice a week depending on the weather.

Fleet Maintenance is provided by one mechanic and when needed a second DPW employee. The Fleet Maintenance Mechanic is responsible for about 12 police vehicles, ten small-to-large DPW trucks, seven fire trucks, a road sweeper, a backhoe, two loaders, four trailers and a large assortment of power/mechanical tools.

Recycling activities include mandatory recycling through curbside pick-up every other Friday. Weekly solid waste curbside pick-up is on Tuesdays; pick-up is limited to two 45-gallon containers and one large household item. DPW coordinated the annual tire recycling event as well as community wide leaf and Christmas tree pick-ups. For more details on the Solid Waste and Recycling programs, please visit our website, [byramtwp.org](http://byramtwp.org) under Township Offices/Garbage and Recycling.



Residential Trash/Recycling (in tons)	2023	2024	2025
Annual Garbage	2918.10 tons	3059.80 tons	3033.68 tons
Metal Recycling	51.10 tons	37.57 tons	58.27 tons
Tire Recycling	1.54 tons	0 tons	0 tons
Single Stream	775.36 tons	789.46 tons	753.35 tons
Vegetative	112 yds.	109 yds.	105yards

**Please do your part to keep Byram clean!  
Keep our catch basins clean and free from debris by not dumping anything in them or in the Township's waterways.**



**RecycleCoach** - a tool for residents to become better informed on recycling.

**Announcing the Availability of Recycle Coach! Access Recycle Coach from our Township website at [www.byramtwp.org/index.php/services/recycle\\_coach](http://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/services/recycle_coach), or download the app.**

Use Recycle Coach to:

- "Ask" Recycling Coach to determine how to dispose of specific items by using the "What Goes Where" tool
- Set an email reminder for trash and recycling collection days or special Township disposal days
- Export trash and recycling dates to your personal calendar
- Report trash or recycling related issues (example a missed pick-up)
- Learn more about recycling

## Department of Public Works - 2025

### Major Operations

Hours	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Road Repair/Maintenance	736.5	552.5	571	500	602	607	600.25	600	740	646	492	800	7447.25
Parks Maintenance	300	350	600	602.5	680.25	580	581	607	554.5	724	540	119	6238.25
Buildings and Grounds	600	440	260	280	200	260	240	250	220	260	200	500	3710
Storm Overtime	120.75	566	12	52	3	3	0	0	0	12	0	631.75	1400.5
Sewer	50	38	46	42	42	40	44	42	42	46	34	42	508

### Vehicle Repair

Hours	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Police	48	40	24	40	40	52	30	50	48	24	40	40.75	476.75
Fire	30	28	32	40	20	32	20	40	20	20	16	20	318
Public Works	50.5	40	58.5	60	89	60	46	45.5	80	124	72	103	828.5
Parks Equipment	0	0	16	4	8	16	8	16	8	8	0	0	84
												0	

### Materials Collected/Used/Delivered

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Asphalt Material Placed - Tons	2.17	0	7.97	1.98	3.92	9.15	9.56	4.02	21.6	16.77	2.14	0	79.28
Brush - Tons	3.72	0	1.98	13.34	13.03	12.14	11.69	11.12	24.33	30.29	7.04	2.11	130.79
Leaves Collected - Tons	0	0	0.92	15.99	7.77	7.04	2.46	1.16	3.76	10.59	41.53	7.88	99.1
Salt Used - Tons	650	1200	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	850	2760
Grit Used - Tons	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Street Sweeping -Tons	0	0	36.52	24.99	17.7	17.54	10.75	6.45	0	0	0	0	113.95

### Citizen Requests

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Berms	2	2	4	2	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	3	21
Hazardous Trees	1	0	3	0	2	4	2	3	2	0	2	2	21
Potholes	0	0	0	2	0	4	6	1	3	0	1	0	17
Drainage	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	8
Street Signs	3	2	3	1	4	3	8	10	12	48	70	4	168
Mail Box	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Total New Requests	6	6	12	6	8	15	20	17	18	48	73	10	239

# JUNE

2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	Garbage Pick Up 2	3 Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	4 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	5	6
7	8 Open Space Meeting 7pm	9 Garbage Pick Up Recreation Meeting 7pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	17	18 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	19 Recycling Pick Up	20
21	22	23 Garbage Pick Up	24	25 Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm	26	27
28	29	30				METALS & TIRES (no rims) TWP Recycling Center Year Round - 7 days- Daylight Hours Only

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Byram Township Police Department consists of thirteen sworn officers and two part-time records clerks. The Police Department strives to be a contributing factor in creating a better quality of life for our residents, business owners and visitors. The Byram Township Police Department had several highlights in 2025.

- The Department saw Chief Daniel DeWald retire with 24 years of dedicated service to the Township. Following Chief DeWald's retirement, Lt. Guy Mariani was promoted to rank of Chief of Police. Later in the year, Sgt. Thomas Dellicker was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Patrolman Derek Kuncken was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Chief Mariani retired at the end of 2025 with 25 years of dedicated service to the Township.
- Lieutenant Thomas Dellicker was promoted to Police Chief on December 31, 2025. Chief Dellicker has 21 years of dedicated service to the township. He is the 7th serving chief of the Byram Township Police Department.
- The Department hired Patrolman Mark Bollmann in August. Patrolman Bollmann was an intergovernmental transfer from the Sussex County Sheriff's Office and served in the U.S. Army National Guard. While in the National Guard, Patrolman Bollmann was deployed to Kuwait and the UAE.
- The Department maintains an unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medication collection box at police headquarters. The Department continued its participation in the county-wide drug disposal day collections in the spring and fall at the Byram Shop-Rite and CVS stores. This year the Department collected and disposed of approximately 205 pounds of unwanted medication.

- The Department maintains a safe exchange location under 24-hour video surveillance in front of police headquarters where residents and guests to the Township can have a safe and secure environment to complete their online sales and/or child custody exchanges.
- The Department continued its assistance in collecting food donations for "Cram the Cruiser", a food drive event that benefits the Waterloo Neighborhood Food Pantry.
- The Department is currently in its 35<sup>th</sup> year instructing an anti-drug program to the fifth-grade class at the Intermediate School. Detective Christopher Spaldo is utilizing the LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) program to instruct students on the dangers of drug use over a 10-week period.

In 2025, Township Police Officer's averaged seven days of in-service training. Additional information regarding the Department may be found on the internet at [www.byrampd.org](http://www.byrampd.org). Information and current events are regularly posted on the Department's Facebook page located at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Byram-Township-Police-Department/196576757045673> and on NextDoor at <https://nextdoor.com/login/>.

Residents can also sign up for Township alerts at <https://local.nixle.com/signup/widget/i/15862>



**POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**

<b>Calls for Service</b>			
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Homicide	0	0	0
Sex Offense	1	10	+9
Burglaries	7	5	-2
Theft	44	26	-18
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	4	+2
Aggravated Assault	5	1	-4
Simple Assault	13	14	+1
Arson	0	0	0
Fraud	33	69	+36
Criminal Mischief	5	9	+4
Weapons	4	1	-3
Fireworks	6	7	+7
Narcotic Offences	10	7	-3
Alarms	204	228	+24
Disorderly Conducts	33	18	-15
Suspicious Vehicle / Persons	217	230	+13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	234	200	-34
Motor Vehicle Stops	3599	3505	-94
Medical Assists	481	495	+14
Traffic Enforcement / Radar Details	621	603	-18
Property / Business Checks	5344	5345	+1
School Security Checks	762	730	-32
Miscellaneous (all other calls)	2122	2397	+275
<b>Total Incidents Handled</b>	<b>13747</b>	<b>13904</b>	<b>+157</b>
Adults Arrested	112	84	-28
Juveniles Arrested	7	4	-3
<b>Property Value Reported Stolen</b>	<b>\$175,857</b>	<b>\$697,795</b>	<b>+ \$521,938.00</b>
<b>Property Value Recovered</b>	<b>\$28,831</b>	<b>\$39,694</b>	<b>+ \$10,863.00</b>

# JULY

## 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	3 Recycling Pick Up Fourth of July Observed-Closed	4
5	6	7 Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	8	9	10	11
12	13 Open Space Meeting 7pm	14 Garbage Pick Up Recreation Meeting 7pm	15	16 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	17 Recycling Pick Up	18
19	20	21 Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	22	23 Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm		25
26	27	28 Garbage Pick Up Board of Health Via Zoom @ 7:30pm	29	30	31 Recycling Pick Up	METALS & TIRES (no rims) TWP Recycling Center Year-Round – 7 days- Daylight Hours Only

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The State of New Jersey mandates a wide range of environmental and personal health services. To meet these standards, Byram Township contracts with the Sussex County Division of Health to provide many of these services. There is one part-time person who is available at the municipal building to assist residents with public health concerns. Hopatcong Animal Control was contracted by the Township to assist with Animal Control Services.

Environmental health activities include inspections of food establishments, lakes, beaches, and campgrounds, monitoring potable water supplies and septic systems. Three of the Township's major lake communities (Lake Mohawk, Cranberry Lake, and Lake Lackawanna) are regulated under Septic Management.

Personal health services are handled by the Sussex County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing. These services include adult screenings for blood pressure, blood chemistry, skin cancer, male and female cancers, well-child clinics, flu immunizations, COVID 19 vaccinations, health risk appraisals, educational programs, and health counseling. Information about these programs is available in the local media, at the municipal building and by calling the Public Health Nurse on 973-948-5239 x 3126.

The State of New Jersey supplies free rabies vaccines to the Township upon request. The Township held the annual Free Rabies Clinic and dog license registration on April 5, 2025. The clinic was well attended by Byram residents, as well as New Jersey residents from surrounding towns. Dr. Carlos from Byram Animal Hospital volunteered his time to vaccinate a total of 120 dogs and 33 cats at our annual rabies clinic. The event was made possible due to the State providing the vaccines and the efforts of the Township employees, Byram Board of Health volunteers, and Dr. Carlos.



Residents are encouraged to protect themselves and their pets from rabies by having their pet inoculated, which greatly reduces the risk of rabies. Obtain a dog license for your pet(s), early identification of a biting animal can save time and assist in determining the need for post exposure treatment. Dog licenses are issued during the hours of 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the Municipal Building Health Department and are required by the State of New Jersey. Proper documentation, licensing application, a valid rabies certificate, and payment may be submitted by mail or placed into the night drop box outside the Administration Offices for processing. Licensing your dog also expedites the return of your pet should they be lost or in the pound.

Pet waste can pollute our waters. Pet owners and those caring for pets are urged to immediately and properly dispose of pet waste deposited on any public or private property.

The Township Board of Health meets on the fourth Tuesday of alternating months and handles public health issues such as sponsoring health clinics, offered by the Sussex County Division of Health (flu clinic, pneumonia, SMA blood work). In addition to hearing resident requests for waivers from septic and well regulations, managing the annual rabies clinic and other issues related to insects, animals, radon awareness, water quality and septic management.

# August 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Leaves in Biodegradable bags or Loose & Brush less than 4" diameter at	DPW Recycling Center from Early April to Mid December 7 days per week during daylight hours (No Plastic Bags)					1
2	3	Garbage Pick Up 4	5	6 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	7	8
9	10 Open Space Meeting 7pm Recreation Meeting 7pm	11 Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	12	13	14 Recycling Pick Up	15
16	17	18 Garbage Pick Up	19	20 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	21	22
23	24	25 Garbage Pick Up	26	27 Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm	28 Recycling Pick Up	29
30	31					

## **CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**

The Construction Department reviews construction plans, issues construction permits and provides inspections to ensure work conforms to the State of New Jersey Approved Building Codes. The Construction Official is full-time and serves as the Building Sub-code Official. The Plumbing, Electrical and Fire Subcode Officials are all part-time. The office is also staffed with a part-time Technical Assistant and a part-time clerical assistant, who provide clerical support as well as assistance to homeowners and contractors applying for permits. The Construction Department also serves Netcong Borough through a shared services agreement.

The Construction Department office hours are:

Monday -Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Permit pick up hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Inspection requests are now able to be made via the Byram SDL Portal <https://www.sdlportal.com/towns/nj/sussex/byramtwp> Simply create a log in and you will have access to your permit application status and make inspection requests for some select projects. You can submit permit applications using the portal. Please do not email inspection requests or permit applications. The referenced “office” hours are the hours that the pass-through window is open for business. Construction permit tech sheets are available during window office hours and on the Township website under the Township Offices tab, Building Department. The window was installed to limit contact and through which all permit transactions are made therefore keeping personal exposure to a minimum. If the window blind is closed, permit applications can be placed in the wall bin to the right of the window. If the building is closed or if you are uncomfortable with entering the building, the locked drop box on the outside of the building can be used to drop off your applications.

<b>Byram Permits</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>New Permits Issued</b>	83	68	38	77	84	95	66	72	74	93	62	44	856
<b>Updates</b>	8	4	3	20	5	19	6	10	4	8	11	7	105
<b>Other Building</b>									3		1		4
<b>New Commercial Bldg.</b>					1					2			3
<b>New Residential Bldg.</b>						1			1			1	3
<b>Additions</b>			1	1		1	1			1	1	1	7
<b>Alterations</b>	91	72	40	96	87	110	71	81	74	93	70	49	934
<b>Demolitions</b>						1		1					2
<b>Open Permits</b>													0
<b>Certificate Occupancy Issued</b>	2	5	3	1	3		4	4	6	8	2		38
<b>Certificate Approval Issued</b>	105	136	115	36	19	77	46	101	20	76	30	117	878
<b>Temp Cert Occupancy Issued</b>	4	3	3	6	2		3	1	2	2	2	1	29
<b>Continued Cert Issued (pools)</b>						7	9						16
<b>Continued Certificate of Occupancy</b>							1					2	2

<b>Byram Inspections</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Building</b>	47	27	38	34	58	38	76	52	39	56	27	11	503
<b>Electric</b>	83	74	73	64	77	85	78	73	61	71	56	58	853
<b>Plumbing</b>	50	42	32	37	28	33	53	34	41	29	18	42	439
<b>Fire</b>	46	33	20	26	20	29	41	24	27	28	27	13	335
<b>Mechanical</b>	78	74	43	56	49	55	69	57	53	57	52	54	697

<b>Netcong Permits</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>New Permits Issued</b>	8	14	13	22	15	23	25	14	9	18	7	9	177
<b>Updates</b>	1	5	2	2	1	3	3	1	3	3	1	4	29
<b>Other Building</b>													0
<b>New Commercial Bldg.</b>			1										1
<b>New Residential Bldg.</b>													0
<b>Additions</b>			1	1		1							3
<b>Alterations</b>	9	19	13	23	16	20	28	15	11	20	8	13	195
<b>Demolitions</b>						5			1	1			7
<b>Open Permits</b>													0
<b>Certificate Occupancy Issued</b>				4	1								5
<b>Certificate Approval Issued</b>	6	30	22	19	4	1	17		7	10	3	52	171
<b>Temp Cert Occupancy Issued</b>	1	1				1							3
<b>Continued Cert Issued</b>								1					1
<b>Continued Certificate Of Occupancy</b>							1						1

<b>Netcong Inspections</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Building</b>	12	9	20	15	15	5	15	19	10	24	10	23	177
<b>Electric</b>	9	26	46	15	35	17	21	24	18	19	9	13	252
<b>Plumbing</b>	9	5	13	5	11	2	7	6	3	12	5	5	83
<b>Fire</b>	5	6	8	19	16	8	6	4	4	6	11	2	95
<b>Mechanical</b>	4	3	4	4	11	6	4	4	3	6	3	7	59

## **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE BOARD**

The Land Use Board is a joint planning and zoning board consisting of 9 regular members including the mayor, or appointee, and a Council person. It also includes two alternate members from the community. The Land Use Board is appointed by the Mayor and Council and hears all subdivisions, site plans, and variance applications. It is also responsible for long-term planning through the Master Plan Amendments and Land Development Ordinance revisions. The Land Use Board meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., with a 2025 average meeting length of approximately 2.5 hours, with the potential for special meetings. The Board is served by the advisory group, the Environmental Commission (EC). The staff consists of a Planning Director, a position held by the Township Manager, and a full-time Land Use Technical Assistant, who is certified by Rutgers.

The Land Use Technical Assistant meets with commercial and residential property owners of the Township who seek to make improvements to their property, reviewing application documents and the requirements for hearings. Guidance is provided to the public regarding the Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) and Byram Township zoning regulations. Documentation for applicants seeking a variance is reviewed in an estimated 15-60 minutes, depending on the complexity of the application, and is generally discussed at the municipal office's front counter, or via phone or email. Documents reviewed include the variance application, zoning tables, surveys, tax maps, photos, architectural drawings, site plans, noticing, and any other relevant information. Typically, applicants discuss the details of their property with the Land Use Technical Assistant and Zoning Officer, who clarify measurements, ordinances, codes, and the MLUL. Approximately 35 applications have been submitted and reviewed in 2025, with additional applications being reviewed with members of the public yet having been submitted. There have also been various requests for extensions on previous Board approvals, noting issues with the cost of materials increasing, and length of time for outside-agency approvals needed before work can continue. Once Board applications are approved, they must also obtain a zoning permit and any needed construction permits. The Land Use Technical Assistant provides full support to the Land Use Board Members and Board Professionals. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and staff can be reached at (973) 347-2500 Ext. 132.

In 2025, the variance and site plan checklists and applications were updated to make the application process easier. The Planning Board also amended the Master Plan for the Fourth Round of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

### **Byram Township Has Four Key Commercial Development Zones:**

#### **The Village Center Zone (VC Zone)**

The primary purpose of the VC Zone is to provide for carefully planned development, through mixed-uses and specific commercial and residential developments, oriented around a civic green. The Village Center Zone is intended to provide pedestrian-oriented commercial services to planned and existing residential neighborhoods, and to create a new "center" as a community focus for the Township.

### **The Village Business Zone (VB Zone)**

The Village Business Zone envisions new commercial development and is intended to complement and be influenced by development to take place in the Village Center Zone. The VB Zone plans for new commercial development and promotes the redesign or redevelopment of existing commercial areas, to establish a village-like downtown that anticipates pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

- In 2025, the following applications were approved in this zone:
  - Bradley Boyle (Salt Gastropub, LLC), 109 Route 206, to renovate the restaurant
  - AGI c/o SSC, doing business as Ionna, for Wawa, at 75 Route 206, to install electric vehicle charging stations

### **The Neighborhood Commercial Zone (NC Zone)**

The uses in this district are intended to complement existing business and provide additional retail and service businesses

- In 2025, the following applications were approved:
  - Freddy's Bar and Grill, 178 Lackawanna Drive, for renovation of the restaurant

### **Industrial, Professional, Recreation Zone (IPR Zone)**

The uses in this district are intended to encourage the development of clean industrial, professional office parks, or commercial recreation/entertainment type uses.

### **Other Notable Applications**

- Lake Lackawanna Investment Company, 14 Reis Avenue, for a temporary hot dog cart at the golf course
- Aqua New Jersey, Inc., Lynn Drive, to construct a utility enclosure for a water treatment facility
- JAM Hospitality Group, 568 Waterloo Road, to use the home for short-term rentals, primarily associated with Waterloo Village's banquet hall

**Byram Township continues to encourage sustainable economic development.**

***Planning Board Annual Data***

Site Plan Applications (Includes Site Plan Waivers)	2023	2024	2025
Approved	9	14	6
Denied	0	0	0

Subdivisions	2023	2024	2025
Approved	0	2	1
Denied	0	0	0

Variance Applications	2023	2024	2025
Approved	22	20	13
Denied	0	2	1

**Planning Board - 2025**

<b>Site Plans (Includes Waivers)</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<b>Total</b>
Applications Submitted	1	2	1	2	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	12
Applications Approved	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
Applications Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Subdivision</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<b>Total</b>
Applications Submitted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Applications Approved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Applications Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>Variance</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<b>Total</b>
Applications Submitted	0	3	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	16
Applications Approved	1	1	0	3	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	13
Applications Denied	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

# September 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><b>METALS &amp; TIRES</b> (no rims) TWP Recycling Center Year-Round - 7 days- Daylight Hours Only</p>		<p>Garbage Pick Up 1</p> <p>Township Council Meeting 7:30pm</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm</p>	4	5	
6	<p>Labor Day Offices Closed</p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<p>Garbage Pick Up</p> <p>Recreation Meeting 7pm</p>			<p>Recycling Pick Up</p>		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	<p>Open Space Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>Garbage Pick Up</p> <p>Township Council Meeting 7:30pm</p>		<p>Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm</p>			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		<p>Garbage Pick Up</p> <p>Board of Health via Zoom @ 7:30pm</p>		<p>Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>Recycling Pick Up</p>		
27	28	29	30				
		<p>Garbage Pick Up</p>			<p>Leaves in Biodegradable bags loose &amp; Brush less than 4" diameter at TWP Recycling Center from Early April to Mid Dec</p>	<p>7 days per week during daylight hours (No Plastic Bags)</p>	

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

- The Open Space Committee is a “committee of committees” with representatives from the Township’s other appointed Boards.
  - The committee is comprised of the Township Manager, a member from the Township Planning Board, Environmental Commission, Recreation Committee, and Township Council, one citizen of the Township holding no other elected or appointed position, and a citizen of the Township who may hold another elected or appointed position. Having comprised the Committee this way provides a range of representations, as well as the ability to coordinate the Committee’s activities with other Township initiatives.
- The Open Space Committee administers the acquisition of public open space properties.
- Open Space goals are designed to inform future acquisitions and maintenance, and development of recreational facilities. These goals include:
  - Providing for present and future recreational needs of ALL Byram residents
  - Making optimal use of the Township’s open space and recreational assets to foster a greater sense of community
  - Maintaining existing open space and recreational facilities in a fiscally responsible manner
  - Using Open Space acquisitions to establish a Township-wide trails system
  - Continuing the comprehensive land acquisition strategy that includes protection of defined “Greenways” within the Township
  - Protecting the important natural assets of the Township, acting as responsible stewards of the forests and other natural features
  - Protecting the drinking water of Township residents

The Open Space Committee is responsible for the preparation of an Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP), to be used in conjunction with applications for participation in the Green Trust Planning Incentive funding category and submitted to other sources of funding to fulfill the purposes for which the Open Space Trust fund was created. The OSRP is located here:

[https://www.byramtwp.org/useruploads/docs/Byram OSRP 63020.pdf](https://www.byramtwp.org/useruploads/docs/Byram_OS RP_63020.pdf)

- In 2025, the local Byram Open Space tax collected \$110,430, and all debt service payments for the bond from previous acquisitions were paid.
- In 2025, the Byram Township Open Space Committee recommended the appointment of the Township’s Forester, Gracie & Harrigan, to support the maintenance of Byram open space lands.
- Each year the Open Space Committee recommends to the Governing Body a deer management program, supported through the Mayor and Council’s adoption of Resolution 127-2025 for Deer Hunting on Municipally Owned Property for the 2025-2026 Hunting Season.
- At the December 8, 2025, meeting, the Open Space Committee compiled their goals for 2026, including working on the trails grant and connecting trails. Other goals include forest stewardship initiatives and working with the forester to support projects.

# **Environmental Commission 2025 Top Accomplishments**

## **Main Goals:**

### **(1) Advance the 2020 Trails Master Plan and create a fully functional trail steward program**

- Co-sponsored 3 NYNJTC workshops in May and June (workshops on Trail Maintenance, Invasives Species Removal, and Trail Design)
- Began the process of creating and editing a Byram Township Trails digital trail map (using Google MyMap technology) for resident use
- Initiated an “Adopt-a-Trail” campaign and recruited 11 Trail Keepers who are now actively maintaining 8 miles of township trails

### **(2) Focus on invasive plant management and restoration of natural habitats**

- Collaborated with Open Space Committee, Township Forester and NJ Forest Fire Service on a Controlled Burn plan in Tamarack to suppress invasive barberry
- Distributed 120 native tree seedlings to Byram residents on Arbor Day
- Created a “Native Plants vs. Invasive Plants” display at Byram Fest and engaged residents on steps they can take to maintain biodiversity in Byram
- Conducted a “Homeowner’s Guide to Invasive Plants” Walk at Forest Lakes in October

### **(3) Sponsor and coordinate a “Zero Waste” event**

- Sponsored a sustainable living and Zero Waste Workshop at Louise Childs Library with Simple Bare Necessities

### **(4) Grow community and expand outreach to residents, schools, community groups, and regional partners**

- Created an ambitious vision statement and a mission-focused tagline: “Protecting our lakes, forests and waterways for future generations”
- Used Facebook page (Friends of Byram Env. Comm.) for PSAs; followers have increased 400% in the last year
- Presented at the Sussex County Trails Partnership Steering Committee meeting and will have Byram Trails on forthcoming county trail map update
- Led a Trail Keepers Social Hike in October to Tripod Rock on Hudson Farm Wolf Lake property

### **5) Continue watershed education efforts**

- Engaged the public on watershed facts at June Canal Day at Waterloo Village
- Created an alternative riparian buffer ordinance for Town Council consideration

## **Core Functions and Responsibilities:**

- Reviewed and provided comments on 13 Planning Board applications at its monthly meetings
- Attended numerous training sessions this year, including continuing education credits that meet requirements to maintain Byram Township's New Jersey Urban and Community Forestry (NJUCF) Accreditation
- Attended meetings for the Open Space Committee and Musconetcong River Management Council
- Monitored projects including illegal fill dumping, Mansfield Superfund Site, and the Waterloo Road Amphibian Crossings project



- **Click for Environmental Commission:**

[https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town\\_hall/committees\\_detail/environmental\\_commission](https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/committees_detail/environmental_commission)



# October

## 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Leaves in Biodegradable bags or Loose & Brush less than 4" diameter at	TWP Recycling Center from Early April to Mid December 7 days per week during daylight hours (No Plastic Bags)			1 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	2	3
4	5	6 Garbage Pick Up  Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	7	8	9 Recycling Pick Up	10
11	12 Open Space Meeting 7pm	13 Garbage Pick Up  Recreation Meeting 7pm	14	15 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	16	17
18	19	20 Garbage Pick Up  Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	21	22 Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm	23 Recycling Pick Up	24
25	26	27 Garbage Pick Up	28	29	30	31 METALS & TIRES (no rims) TWP Recycling Center Year-Round 7 days- Daylight hours only

## **MUNICIPAL COURT**

The Byram Township Municipal Court has entered into an agreement with Andover Township for a Joint Court, effective January 1, 2015. All Byram Township court business is handled by the Andover Township Joint Municipal Court which will be responsible for processing indictable offenses, scheduling court cases, processing warrants, entering summonses, and collecting fines. Their information is as follows:

Michael Allatta, Court Administrator  
 Andover Joint Municipal Court  
 134 Andover Sparta Road  
 Newton NJ 07860  
 973-306-0688

<http://www.andovertwp.org/directory/court/>

Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
 Court Sessions  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9:00 A.M.

### **ANDOVER JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT – BYRAM STATISTICS**

2025 stats	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
DWI	0	0	1	3	6	2	3	3	4	1	7	6	36
Traffic	112	164	178	163	164	86	107	107	104	125	138	108	1556
Parking	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
DP/PDP	2	5	0	2	3	4	4	4	3	2	1	8	38
Other	3	2	0	4	1	3	0	4	4	4	1	0	26
Indictable	7	4	1	3	2	1	1	11	0	0	1	5	36
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Joint	\$5,721.82	\$4,822.90	\$5,759.86	\$7,180.08	\$8,857.97	\$5,037.17	\$4,886.76	\$4,836.01	\$3,856.48	\$3,623.85	\$4,087.14	\$3,965.36	\$62,635.40
Old Byram		\$135.02					\$427.52	\$110.00		\$97.00			\$769.54

# November

## 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 LEAVES in Biodegradable Paper Bags Only – Curbside by 6am	3 Garbage Pick Up General Election	4 Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	5 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	6 Recycling Pick Up	7
8	9 Open Space Meeting 7pm	10 Garbage Pick Up Recreation Meeting 7pm	11 Veterans Day Offices Closed	12	13	14
15	16 Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	17 Garbage Pick Up Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm	18	19 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	20 Recycling Pick Up	21
22	23	24 Garbage Pick Up Board of Health via Zoom 7:30pm	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Offices Closed	27 Closed- Day After Thanksgiving	28
29	30	Garbage Pick Up			Leaves in Biodegradable bags or Loose & Brush less than 4" diameter at may be dropped at :	TWP Recycling Center from Early April to Mid December 7 days per week during daylight hours (No Plastic Bags)

## **LAKELAND EMERGENCY SQUAD**

Over the past year, Lakeland Emergency Squad experienced a 5% increase in overall call volume compared to 2024, responding to a total of 1,245 calls for service. Despite this increased demand, the Squad maintained a 100% first-due response rate, an overall response rate of 98.2% including second, third, and fourth due responses and achieved an average dispatch to response time of just 2.5 minutes, underscoring the Squad's operational readiness and rapid emergency response capabilities.

In 2025, Lakeland Emergency Squad also made important investments to enhance the level of pre-hospital care delivered in our community. We transitioned our medical direction to Dr. Matthew Letizia, a move that has strengthened clinical oversight and expanded our treatment capabilities in alignment with New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services (NJOEMS) expanded scope of practice. As of November 10th, this transition has allowed our EMTs to carry and administer glucometry and albuterol, improving our ability to rapidly assess and treat certain advanced conditions in the field. Additionally, under the expanded scope of practice, our crews have now been equipped for several years to initiate Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) therapy for patients experiencing acute respiratory failure. All of these advancements significantly improve early patient stabilization rates and ensure that our patients receive the highest level of BLS care prior to arrival at definitive care/hospital.

We are also proud to report the addition of four new volunteer members to our organization this year. Their commitment strengthens our operational readiness and supports our mission of providing reliable, community-based emergency medical services. We welcome community members who are interested in serving. Those wishing to volunteer are encouraged to reach out to the Squad to learn more about membership and training opportunities.

Overall, 2025 was another successful year for Lakeland Emergency Squad, marked by growth, improved clinical capabilities, and continued operational excellence. We remain deeply grateful for the ongoing support of Byram Township and our residents. Your partnership and trust enable us to continue serving the community with professionalism, dedication, and compassion.

On behalf of the entire Squad, we'd like to thank our community and wish you a happy and healthy 2026!



# December

## 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Garbage Pick Up 1 Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	2	3 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	4 Recycling Pick Up	5
6	7 LEAVES in Biodegradable Paper Bags Only – Curbside by 6am	8 Garbage Pick Up Recreation Meeting 7pm	9	10	11	12
13	14 Open Space Meeting 7pm	15 Garbage Pick Up Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	16	17 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	18 Recycling Pick Up	19
20	21 Environmental Comm. Meeting 7pm	22 Garbage Pick Up	23	24 Christmas Eve - Closed	25 Merry Christmas - Closed	26
27	28	29 Garbage Pick Up	30	31		METALS & TIRES (no rims) TWP Recycling Center Year-Round 7 days- Daylight hours only

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Byram Township Fire Department

225 Route 206 - PO Box 361  
Andover, NJ 07821

### Byram Township Fire Department: 2025 Year in Review

As 2025 draws to a close, the Byram Township Fire Department reflects on a year of remarkable achievements, growth, and challenges. This year was marked by significant milestones that demonstrate our commitment to protecting and serving the community with excellence. We are happy to report that incidents have generated 214 emergency responses this year bringing down the response total from last year.

Significant influx in membership as the Byram Township Fire Department has now gained 8 new members this year. We thank those individuals for enrolling and signing up to make the difference.

#### Looking Ahead:

As we prepare for 2026, the Byram Township Fire Department remains committed to enhancing our services and meeting the evolving needs of our community. The addition of these new members will significantly increase manpower to all incidents, allowing us to be more efficient and handle these emergencies and maintain the high standards of service our community expects and deserves.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the residents of Byram Township for their continued support. Your trust and encouragement fuel our mission to protect and serve. We also thank our dedicated firefighters, whose bravery and commitment make all this possible.

Here's to a safe and successful 2026 for all!

#### About the Fire Department:

The Byram Township Fire Department has entered out 78th year of providing professional volunteer emergency service. Established in 1948, The Byram Township Fire Department provides fire suppression, heavy rescue, ice and water rescue, wilderness rescue and public education services to Township residents. Fire suppression is provided by 48 volunteer firefighters who are dedicated to serving the residents of the Township. The volunteer firefighters are on-call 24 hours a day and operate from three fire stations located throughout the Township.

Cranberry Lake building located on Route 206:

Engine 1 -1000 gallons of water, 2000 GPM Pump - OOS

Tender 7 - 2000 gallons of water, 500 GPM Pump

Rescue 3- Vehicle Rescue Equipment, Water and Wilderness Rescue Equipment, Air Refill system for SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)

Lake Lackawanna building located on Lackawanna Drive:

Engine 6 - 2019- 1000 gallons of water, 2000 GPM Pump

Tender 5 - 2007- 2200 gallons of water, 750 GPM Pump

Lee Hill emergency services building on Lee Hill Road:

Engine 4 - 1000 gallons of water, 1500 GPM Pump

The Fire Department consists of the following officers:

2026 Firematic Officers - (All things related to Fire incidents, etc.)

Chief- Shawn Pond

Assistant Chief- Derek Plantamura

Captain- Mark Hopkins

Captain – Gary Card

Lieutenant- Frank Diliberto

Lieutenant- Greg Mathews

2026 Administrative Offices - (Buildings, Hall Rental, etc.)

President- Dave Morse

Vice Pres- Don Bogardus

Treasurer- Casey Margo

Secretary- Andrea Zanetti

All the Officers can be reached at the Cranberry Lake Fire House, at 973-347-2662.

The Fire Department Association owns and operates the Cranberry Lake and Lake Lackawanna buildings; the Lee Hill emergency services building is owned by the Township. The Firematic Officers are supported with funding from the Township for fire suppression, fire prevention, and public education efforts. The Township also provides the fire apparatus and related equipment. The Association relies upon various fundraisers to operate and maintain their buildings.

Website: [www.byramfd.com](http://www.byramfd.com)



<https://www.facebook.com/Byram-Twp-Fire-Department-139557312747134/>

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# January 2027



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Years Day Offices Closed	2 Recycling Pick Up
3	4	5 Garbage Pick Up  Township Council Meeting 7:30pm	6	7 Planning Board Meeting 7:30pm	8	9
10	11	12 Garbage Pick Up	13	14	15 Recycling Pickup	16
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