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## 2023 Spring Newsletter

With start of spring quickly approaching, we are excited to look ahead to the many things that the spring season will bring to Byram Township.

Once again, we will be delighted to see our residents and visitors enjoying time outdoors in our beautiful natural surroundings, experiencing many of the passive recreation activities that Byram has to offer.

For those families looking to enjoy some local events, our recreation department and committee are hard at work preparing to deliver several events throughout the spring so stay tuned to learn more about the fun activities coming to Byram this spring. You can learn more about our recreation activities on our website [Byram Township | Recreation Department \(byramtwp.org\)](https://www.byramtwp.org/Recreation) or by following [Byram Township Parks & Recreation on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ByramTownshipParks&Recreation)

Along with the warmer weather and longer days, spring seems to bring about many home projects. We encourage residents to conduct a little research before beginning any projects that may be impacted by local zoning or construction laws. There have been some recent local ordinance changes that may want to be aware of such as the new [Soil Importation Ordinance](#) as well as some recommendations for strategies to conserve and protect valuable natural resources under Byram Townships (WUCMP) Water Use and Conservation Management Plan [Byram Township | Documents \(byramtwp.org\)](https://www.byramtwp.org/Documents)

Spring is also a time when many residents enjoy spending more time outdoors with their dogs. Whether taking them for a walk along Byram's many scenic trails and wooded areas or simply around the neighborhood, for everyone's safety including theirs, don't forget to update their [licenses](#) and keep them securely fastened to their [leash](#). Also, don't forget to check the Board of Health section of the township website periodically for updated information on the [2023 rabies clinic](#).

As if spring doesn't bring us enough excitement in looking forward to longer, warmer days outdoors, 2023 brings even more excitement to Byram as the ["Township of Lakes" is celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the establishment of Byram Township](#).

Please join us in celebrating this milestone in our rich history by joining in or supporting the local events coming up throughout the year. Be a part of local history as we celebrate together throughout the year. [So save the dates and help us celebrate Byram's 225th Anniversary!](#)

Thank you for your continued support of Byram Township, where families, fun and outdoors come together.

Joseph Sabatini

Township Manager



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### BYRAM TOWNSHIP TRIVIA

**Veteran's Field at C.O. Johnson Park was previously known as?**

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

FREE  
**RABIES**  
VACCINE CLINIC



### Free Rabies Clinic at the DPW Garage, 10 Mansfield Drive

- Saturday, April 1, 2023
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Cats must be in a carrier
- A 6' leash required for dogs (no retractable leashes)

### Dog Licensing on Clinic Day:

The Administration Building will be open for dog licensing.  
Payments by check or exact cash will be accepted.

### 2023 Dog License & Registration:

Byram Townships 2023 dog licensing year has begun.

If your dog has been registered in the Township you will receive a reminder letter to license your dog for 2023.

**Green Reminder Letters** signify according to our records your dog's rabies vaccine is current and valid for 2023 licensing. So, you can license your dog either in person by coming to the Byram Board of Health Office or by mail.

**Pink Reminder Letters** signify according to our records your dogs rabies has expired and your pet needs to be vaccinated against rabies for the 2023 licensing year.

A listing of free clinics in can be found at <https://www.sussex.nj.us>

### Townships Dog Licensing Hours:

Board of Health Department, 10 Mansfield Drive, Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30  
Cash or checks payments are accepted. Sorry no credit or debit cards.

There is also a night drop box outside the Administration office.

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> the Licensing Office will be Open from 1pm to 4pm.  
Checks or exact cash will be accepted.**

Mail in your Registration to Byram Township, Dog Licensing Dept., 10 Mansfield Dr., Stanhope, NJ 07874, include your payment, a self-addressed stamped return envelope and the registration form. Your application will be processed and mailed back to you.

Contact the Board of Health Office at 973-347-2500 x 125 during the hours of 8:30-1:30 if you have questions.

### 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.

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 11:** Wind Creek Casino

**May 9:** Senior of the Year Luncheon, Farmstead

**June 12:** Miss Lotta Lunch Cruise

**June 21:** Tomahawk Lake Picnic

**August 17:** Li Greci's Staten, Tribute Show

**Sept: TBD**

**Oct 11:** Mansion at Mtn Lakes: Lunch and Show

**Nov (Date TBD):** Radio City

**Dec 6:** Holiday Luncheon, Farmstead

## RECREATION

### **Senior Walk with Mayor Alex: Monday, May 8 at 10:00am**

Meeting place at the Sussex Branch Trail on Waterloo Road. Wear good walking shoes and bring water.

### **Memorial Day Parade: Monday, May 29:**

Join us in a day of remembrance with a ceremony at the Roseville Schoolhouse at 10:00 on Mansfield Drive followed by a parade from the Cranberry Lake Firehouse to the Cranberry Lake Club House.

### **Garage Sale: Saturday, June 3 and Sunday June 4:**

Registration for the townwide garage sale will begin in May.

Save the dates for the following events:

### **Movie In The Park: Saturday, June 3**

### **Miss Byram: Saturday, June 10**

### **Kids Tri Harder Triathlon: June 17**



### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY BYRAM TURNS 225 YEARS OLD**

Byram Township is celebrating its 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023 and the Byram Township Historical Society is organizing several celebratory events throughout the year.

Please visit [www.bths.us](http://www.bths.us) to view events, dates and details. Upcoming planned events thus far are:

**Founders Day at Waterloo Village - April 2, 2023**

**Byram Family Campout at Allamuchy BSA Camp - June 17-18, 2023**

**Greater Byram Day and Canal Day at Waterloo Village - June 24, 2023**

**Byram Youth Swimming Competition @ Cranberry Lake - TBD**

**Beefsteak Dinner at C.O. Johnson Field - September 8, 2023**

**Dragon Boat Race at Cranberry Lake - September 23, 2023**

Join your neighbors and let's celebrate our community together and have some fun! If you are interested in helping with an event and getting involved, please email us at: [membership@bths.us](mailto:membership@bths.us)



### **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. Some of the typical stops are the Byram Shoprite, the shops at ITC, Applebee's in Newton, and Carmine's in Netcong.

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 the Byram Township Recreation Department at 973-347-2500 x160 or by email:





## PLANNING AND ZONING

Spring is a popular time for work around the house (i.e., additions, sheds, fences, decks, garages, pools, etc.).

You should file a Zoning Permit to make sure the work is approvable through the Zoning Office.

If it is not, the work would need a variance from the Planning Board, which is a longer process that requires a public hearing.

With the volume of applications submitted in the spring and summer, it's good to prepare well in advance of when you'd like the work completed. Board meetings fill up fast, so be cognizant of your timeframes.

There is a new Soil Importation Ordinance for Byram, detailing the amount of fill that can be brought in for various projects.

**Make sure the soil you purchase is from a reputable source that can provide a certification of clean fill,** to ensure that you, neighbors, and the environment stay safe and healthy.

The Planning Board approved the 2022 Master Plan Reexamination Report, now available online under Planning Board documents.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



## 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.

Application forms are available for pick up in our lobby daily 8:30am to 4:30pm, or you can print forms off the Byram Township Website.

### **After hour drop off:**

When the building is still open, leave forms in the wall bin outside of the Construction Department window.

After the building is closed, leave forms in the black box outside of the main lobby entrance.

### **Inspections**

Building: Monday through Friday 10 am to 2 pm

Plumbing/Mechanical: Tuesday/Thursday 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Electrical: Monday through Thursday 3:30 pm to 7 pm

Fire: Tuesday/Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

### **SDL Portal**

Active for Scheduling Inspections/Tracking Permit Application

Select Online Permit Applications available to complete for filing permits

<https://www.sdlportal.com/towns/nj/sussex/byramtwp>

**Please Note: The Construction Department is currently experiencing a higher-than-normal volume of incoming applications as well as inspection requests. Please plan accordingly as our department cannot accommodate last minute requests.**



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Tire Disposal – Week of April 24th (8am-3pm) and Saturday, April 29th (9am-12pm), Byram Township has designated this week for Auto Tires (with rims removed) 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 accepted 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.

### **Lithium Battery Safety Alert How and Where to Recycle**

#### **SCMUA REMINDS RESIDENTS TO “AVOID THE SPARK”**

- While they may not power up your devices anymore, used batteries contain a residual charge that could create a potential spark if not properly recycled.
- Improper battery disposal has caused an increased number of fires in New Jersey recycling centers, solid waste facilities and garbage trucks, resulting in millions of dollars in damage and putting lives in danger.
- Rechargeable batteries, such as lithium ion, should never be placed in trash or recycling bins. Instead, residents should take them to a collection site.
- Residents can find the closest battery drop-off by calling 1-877-2-RECYCLE or [www.call2recycle.com](http://www.call2recycle.com)

As more toys, power tools and other small electronic devices utilize rechargeable batteries, we need every Sussex County resident to be diligent in identifying and properly recycling these potentially hazardous batteries. By increasing battery safety awareness, we can prevent potential incidents at our landfill”, said SCMUA Recycling Coordinator, Dawn Latinsics.

The Sussex County MUA provides rechargeable battery collection at its Recycling Center located at 34 Route 94, Lafayette every day of operation: Monday-Saturday, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Residents with questions about used batteries can find helpful materials at [www.avoidthespark.com](http://www.avoidthespark.com).

Residents may find more information on the SCMUA website at [www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org) or call 973-579-6998.

## Finance Department

Special Assessment 2023  
Installments are due April 19<sup>th</sup>

Utility Collection Dates:  
April 15<sup>th</sup> with a 10 day  
Grace Period

Tax Collection Dates: May 1<sup>st</sup>  
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.

The Tax Office would like to re-emphasize it is the taxpayer’s responsibility to pay each quarter within the grace period. Taxes are posted upon receiving and post marked dates are not accepted.

Please note you can pay online at [www.byramtwp.org](http://www.byramtwp.org), drop box (which is located outside the tax office). Our hours of operation are 8:30 am-3:30 pm.

### **TRIVIA ANSWER:**

**Veteran’s Field at C. O. Johnson park was formerly known as “Field 1”.**

**This field traditionally has been used for Hobb Engler baseball minor and major division games and has been the host field for numerous all-star games.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Byram Township is known as the "Gateway to New Jersey Trails" and with the warmer months approaching, the EC hopes you are able to enjoy the beautiful and scenic trails that Byram Township has to offer. If any trash is found, please be sure to collect and dispose of it accordingly, so we can continue to keep our trails clean. If you are interested in either hiking, biking, or sightseeing, please see the link to all our trails!

[https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/parks\\_rec/trails](https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/parks_rec/trails)

## Homeowners Can Help to Reduce Mosquitoes

The most efficient method of controlling mosquitoes is reducing the availability of water suitable for larval and pupal growth. Examine your yards and take the following precautions:

Dispose of unwanted buckets and tires  
Clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs  
Stock ornamental pools with fish  
Change water in birdbaths and fountains  
Clean and chlorinate swimming pools  
Turn over unused wading pools and other containers that tend to collect rainwater  
Cover containers tightly with a window screen or plastic when storing rainwater for garden use during drought periods



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

As spring is approaching, the Byram Township Police Department would like to remind you to take the follow 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 improvements 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.
7. With increased home package delivery by couriers such as FedEx and UPS, please ensure your packages are taken inside your home within a timely manner. As noted above, a neighbor could help assist you if you are out of town.

