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# 2022 Summer Newsletter

## ADMINISTRATION

Welcome to our Summer 2022 newsletter.

We certainly hope that you are enjoying our newsletters, and we hope that they are providing value.

We remain committed to keeping our community informed on the various events, activities, and happenings here in Byram Township.

After a challenging winter season, we are excited looking ahead to the many great opportunities that the summer season brings to Byram Township.

With the warmer weather upon us, the sights and sounds of outdoor activities has us all excited for the season. Seeing and hearing kids playing in the parks, sports teams playing on the fields, and families gathering at the community beaches and lakes all make for great family fun and memories.

Byram Township is a family friendly community with many opportunities available for passive outdoor recreation and fun. Our many parks, fields, trails, lakes, rivers, and streams will provide for hours of outdoor fun, excitement, exploration, and enjoyment. Whether you enjoy fishing, hiking, mountain biking, swimming, visiting old rail beds, historical sites or just a day out in the fresh air, Byram Township has something for you.

If you are looking for some fun family activities, keep an eye on the Byram Township Recreation Department, as we will be coordinating and hosting several events throughout the coming months.

As always, we like to remind residents and business owners that 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



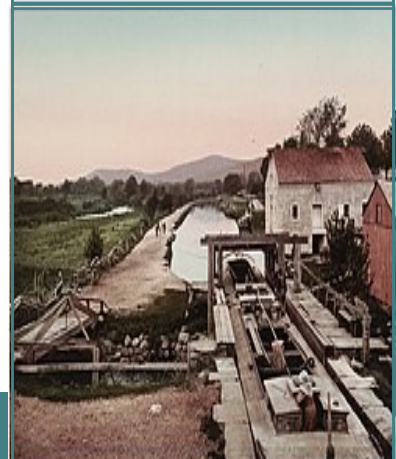
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## BYRAM TOWNSHIP TRIVIA

**?? DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS  
PICTURE WAS TAKEN??**

**Answer on page 5**





## SENIOR NEWS

**Senior Citizen Club:** On Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> the Byram Senior Citizen Club hosted their annual Senior of the Year Luncheon at the Farmstead Golf and Country Club. Two Byram Seniors, Ellen Mitro and Thomas Wray, were awarded a plaque and recognized by their peers and members of the Township Municipality as outstanding Seniors in the community.

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:

**June 15:** Casa Bianca Luncheon with Entertainment, Oak Ridge

**July 19:** West Point Tour with Lunch and Cruise

**August 3:** Silver Birches, Lake Wallenpaupack—Luncheon and Entertainment

**September 14:** Portofino's Restaurant—Luncheon

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

## BOARD OF HEALTH



### Mosquito Safety Tips

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Summertime includes more time spent outdoors. It's a good time to review the best way to help prevent mosquito bites. There are things that you can do to help protect yourself and family members from mosquito-borne diseases.

- Eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by dumping and draining standing stagnant water around your home.
- Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn, mosquitoes are most active during this time.
- Decrease exposure to mosquitoes by wearing loose fitting pants and long sleeve shirts during the time of year when mosquitoes are most prevalent.
- Keep mosquitoes outside by using window and door screens.
- Make yourself less appealing to mosquitoes by showering when sweaty.
- Use approved mosquito repellants. It is important to read and follow the manufacturer's directions for use.

Please contact the Sussex County Office Mosquito Control at 973-940-5225 to place a service request or visit the website at [www.sussex.nj.us/mosquito](http://www.sussex.nj.us/mosquito) for a web inquiry. Upon your request, a Sussex County field inspector will respond within a few days to survey the area for standing water on or near your property. If deemed necessary, treatments will be made, and the inspector will leave a doorhanger notification.

Additional Health information and events may be found by visiting the Sussex County website. [www.sussex.nj.us](http://www.sussex.nj.us)



### Summer Safety Tips for Your Pet

Summer is a great time for pet owners and their fur babies. However, summertime temperatures and humidity can be hazardous to your pet's health. Heat stroke remains the biggest threat. As a precaution, never lock your pets in the car in the midday sun, and never let them out for extended time in the hottest period of the day. Many pets suffer in the summer; provide plenty of water and a cool area to rest. New Jersey prohibits leaving animals unattended in a vehicle under inhumane conditions adverse to the health or welfare of the living animal. You and your pet if properly prepared can both enjoy a great summer!

## RECREATION

### **Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade:**

Join the community for a day of remembrance on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> with a ceremony at the Roseville Schoolhouse on Mansfield Drive at 10:00am. There is also a parade from the Cranberry Lake Firehouse to the Cranberry Lake Club House starting at 11:00am.



### **Township Wide Garage Sale:**

Saturday and Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm. Any Byram resident wishing to participate can email their name, address, and phone number to [recreation@byramtwp.org](mailto:recreation@byramtwp.org) by May 27<sup>th</sup>. All participating addresses will be posted on our social media pages on Thursday, June 2 after 2pm.

### **Miss Byram and the Royal Court of Honor Contest:**

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am at the Cranberry Lake Firehouse. This event showcases the talents of young residents in Byram Twp. The judges award the winners in each category based on communication skills, poise, and confidence.

Miss Byram: 17-21 yrs old (winner is awarded \$500)

Little Mister: 5-7 yrs old

Little Miss: 5-7 yrs old

Young Miss: 8-12 yrs old

Teen Miss: 13-16 yrs old

Applications are available at the Municipal Building or online at [https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town\\_hall/office\\_article/miss\\_byram\\_contest\\_and\\_royalty\\_court\\_2022](https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/office_article/miss_byram_contest_and_royalty_court_2022)

### **Kids Tri Harder Triathlon:**

Saturday, June 18 @ 8am at the Lake Lackawanna Beach. Registration is free! Forms and additional information are available at the Municipal Building or online at [https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town\\_hall/office\\_article/kids\\_tri\\_harder\\_triathlon](https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/office_article/kids_tri_harder_triathlon)

### **Patriotic Showoff:**

July 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Stay tuned to our social media pages and Nixle alerts for more information.

### **Sussex County Miners Game:**

Saturday, 6:05 pm game on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy an evening at the ballgame with friends and family in a section reserved for Byram residents at a discounted price. Byram will be recognized on the message board during the game and one of our Byram residents will be singing the National Anthem. You can purchase the tickets through the following link: <https://fevo.me/byramtwpnight22>

### **Byram Fest:**

Saturday, September 10 from 5pm-9pm. Save the date and stay tuned for more information about this fun, family event with food trucks, fireworks and more!!! The rain date for fireworks is Friday, September 23.

Reach out to [recreation@byramtwp.org](mailto:recreation@byramtwp.org) with any questions or call 973-347-2500 x160

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

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Byram Township is known as the "Gateway to New Jersey Trails" and with the summer months approaching, 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.trailforks.com/region/byram-township-28021/>

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](https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/committee_article/recycling_guide_quick_tips_on_what_can_be_recycled)

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

## PET WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION

Any person owning or in charge of an animal which soils, defiles, defecates or commits any such nuisance on public property shall immediately remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner all feces deposited by such animal. Disposition in a sanitary manner shall include taking the feces home for deposit, or wrapping the feces and placing in a trash can.

For More Information:

<https://ecode360.com/6656459>

NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation [https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/msrp\\_home.htm](https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/msrp_home.htm)

EPA– Polluted Runoff: Nonpoint Source Pollution <https://www.epa.gov/nps>



## ZONING DEPARTMENT

All accessory structures such as sheds, fences, decks, a/c condensers, propane tanks, etc. require zoning permits. To gain zoning approval, the zoning permit application on the township website should be filled out completely and submitted with a recent survey/plot plan, zoning permit fee, and associated details on the location of the accessory structure. If a question arises, just email the department at [zoning@byramtwp.org](mailto:zoning@byramtwp.org) and we will respond accordingly.

For general questions on zoning, you can refer to Chapter 240 of the Township Ordinances on [www.byramtwp.org](http://www.byramtwp.org). As an example, accessory structures such as sheds cannot be placed in a front yard (see 240-16B 2) unless you receive a variance from the planning board. If you cannot find the answers to your questions you may contact the zoning department at the email above or at 973-347-2500 x131

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Spring and summer are popular times to get work done around the house. If you anticipate any work (i.e., additions, a new shed, fencing, decks, etc.) to need variance (not approvable via a Zoning Permit), it is a good time to prepare to submit an application. Board meetings run twice a month, and with numerous people looking to accomplish work in time for the nice weather, the meetings fill up fast.

As a reminder, for any work where soil or fill are brought in, it is best to discuss it with the Township and make sure the soil/fill is from a reputable source that can certify it is clean and safe.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Byram Township Fire Department would like to thank the community for their continued donations and overwhelming support throughout the year.

**Memorial Day Parade:**  
To remember and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, there will be a parade from the Cranberry Lake Firehouse to the Cranberry Lake Club House starting at 11:00am. Prior to the parade is a memorial service at the Roseville Schoolhouse on Mansfield Drive at 10:00am

Interested in joining the Fire Department? Visit [www.byramfd.com](http://www.byramfd.com) and contact us, or stop by the station any time.



## CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Just a friendly reminder, this is our busy season! Please submit permit applications well in advance of your project plan start date.

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 Applications:

Click here to access the portal:

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

Online Permit Filing will be open shortly for specific permit requests



## Finance Department

2022/2023 Utility bills will be mailed out by June 1<sup>st</sup>

Tax Collection Dates: August 1<sup>st</sup> with a 10 day Grace Period (date may vary depending on when new rate is issued)

Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement: PTR books are available in our office. 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.

Just a reminder: any prior year delinquencies will be subject to tax sale in the Fall. Please contact our office with any questions.



### TRIVIA ANSWER:

The picture on page 3 was a postcard picture of the Morris Canal at Waterloo Village.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Brush Area at the Township Recycling Center is now open during daylight hours, 7 days a week for **residential use only (NO contractors)**. Residents may bring **leaves in biodegradable paper bags** to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) for disposal. Byram Township does NOT accept grass clippings at the Township Recycling Center. Please bring grass clippings to SCMUA and note that they charge disposal fees to accept these materials. Please contact SCMUA at 973-579-6998 for additional information or click on the link: <https://www.scmua.org/Cit-e-Access/webpage.cfm?TID=121&TPID=11922>

## 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.

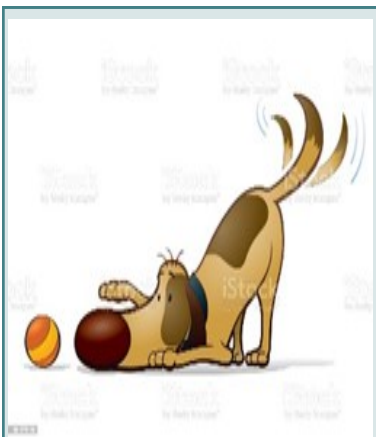
This is not a dial-a-ride service for individuals, but intended for Byram Township Seniors to have a day out with other seniors while meeting some of their shopping needs.

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

For more information, contact the Byram Township Recreation Department at 973-347-2500 x160 or by email:

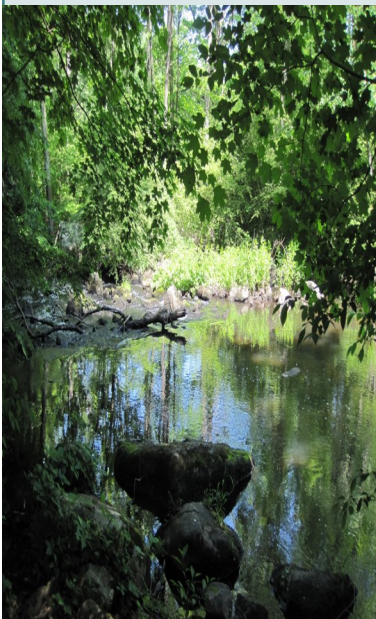
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## HAPPY TAIL!

The Township received a phone call informing us a dog was found in Joshua, Texas wearing a Byram Township dog license. Due to the efforts of a good Samaritan and Township employee, Molly was reunited with her pet owner. Registering your dog, could end in a "Happy Tail".



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

- When leaving for vacation ask a family member, friend, or neighbor to keep a watchful eye on your home or have your mail held at the local post office until your return.
- Put lights on timers to give the impression that someone is home.
- Don't post on social media that you are leaving town. Wait to post photos until after you return from your trip.
- Lock your doors, including the garage door. Unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders.
- 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.
- One of the best ways to stay safe this summer is to wear a helmet and other safety gear when biking, skating and skateboarding, and when riding scooters, all-terrain vehicles, and horses. Studies on bicycle helmets have shown they can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- Get to know your neighbors! Let a trusted neighbor know if you are planning to travel this summer. Neighbors who know each other look out for each other.

