

# MUNICIPAL MATTERS

## BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD NEWS AND INFORMATION



### ■ LEAF DISPOSAL

During their meeting on October 27, the Commissioners authorized the use of the Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority facility for the disposal of leaves for composting. The cost is \$3.00 per cubic yard.

For many years, Haddonfield maintained its own composting facility at Crows Woods. State law no longer permits the operation of such facilities.

### ■ ILLEGAL ORDINANCE REPEALED

To comply with a NJ Supreme Court decision which held that municipal ordinances relating to the registration of sex offenders are unconstitutional, the Commissioners repealed Chapter 181 of the Municipal Code, titled "Sex Offenders."

### ■ ROADWORKS: REDMAN AVENUE

The Commissioners approved the final change order for the contract between the Borough and DeFalco & Bisconti for work on the reconstruction of parts of Redman Avenue. The result was a savings to the Borough of nearly \$18,000.

### ■ ROADWORKS: ELSEWHERE

Work on the reconstruction of parts of Station Avenue and Pennbrook Drive has been completed, except for "punch list" items.

The remaining sections of Chestnut Street and East Park Avenue have been repaved.

The damaged curbing around Rotary Circle (at the intersection of Haddon Avenue S and Ellis Street) has been replaced. The Commissioners thank the Rotary Club for contributing to the cost of this project.

A pre-construction meeting has been held for work that will be carried out on Grove Street, between Park Boulevard in Cherry Hill and Cedar Avenue in Haddonfield. The work will involve the installation of a gravity-line connection from the sanitary sewer below Grove Street, near Coles Mill Road, to the County manhole in Cherry Hill.

The Borough is hoping to receive authorization in the near future to proceed with the reconstruction of Woodland Avenue and Tanner Street. Funds for this work are included in the federal government's allocation of stimulus money to the state, so we cannot proceed with these major projects until we receive authorization from the NJ Department of Transportation.

### ■ RETIREMENT TRIBUTE

A dinner in honor of Rick Tsonis, the former Chief of Police, will be held on December 2 at Adelphia Restaurant, Deptford. Hors d'oeuvres at 6pm. Dinner at 7pm.

Checks should be made payable to "Retirement Dinner for Chief Tsonis" and mailed to Anne Frey c/o Borough of Haddonfield, 242 Kings Highway E, Haddonfield NJ 08033 by November 23. The cost is \$45 per person.

### ■ TEMPORARY LABOR

The Commissioners have authorized the awarding of a bid for temporary labor to Cameo Personnel Systems, of Pennsauken, at various hourly rates.

The Borough usually hires temporary labor for leaf collection, snow removal, and other seasonal needs.

### ■ SHARED SERVICES: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TEAM

The Commissioners authorized the signing of an interlocal agreement with the Township of Cherry Hill for counseling services to assist victims of domestic violence, consistent with the requirements of state law and the "Side by Side" program guidelines.

### ■ DROP OFF FOR UNUSED MEDICINES

The Police Department and the Municipal Alliance are participating in a statewide initiative called Operation Medicine Cabinet. Residents may take expired, unused, and unwanted medicine to the Police Department (rear of Borough Hall) on Saturday, November 14 between 10am and 2pm. The drop-off is anonymous. The police officer on duty will not ask for your name, address, phone, or ID.

The goals to discourage the flushing of unwanted medicines down the toilet, and to help address the widespread problem of prescription medication abuse by teens and others, by taking unused medicine out of circulation.

### ■ VETERANS DAY

Borough offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Police, fire, ambulance, and emergency water and sewer services will be provided around-the-clock, as usual.

Trash and leaves WILL be collected on November 11.

The Commissioners encourage residents and business owners to fly flags and to join them for the Veterans Day ceremony at the High School memorial at 11am.

### ■ WARNING! LEAVES IN THE STREET

The Commissioners remind residents – and their lawn and landscape services – the placing leaves in the street is illegal. State law and local ordinances apply.

Property owners are reminded that it is they – not their contractors – who may be summoned to appear in municipal court.

### ■ WARNING! DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Residents and others who have control of dogs in public places – sidewalks, parks, athletic fields, playgrounds and school property – are reminded that the law requires them (the dogs) to be leashed at all times.

The Commissioners are aware that this law is being broken by some visitors to the Crows Woods nature area. The Police Department will patrol this area more frequently in the future, and police officers will issue summonses to those whose dogs are not on a leash.