

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD NEWS AND INFORMATION



■ NEW POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED

During their meeting on December 8, the Commissioners appointed John J. Banning to the position of Chief within the Police Department.

Chief Banning joined the department as a patrol officer in 1983 and rose steadily through the ranks, serving as captain since 2000, and as acting chief for the past four months. He succeeds Richard W. Tsonis, who retired in July.

The Commissioners also appointed Michael Caruso as a Patrolman within the Department. He graduated recently from the Camden County Police Academy.

■ ORDINANCES ADOPTED

Following public hearings, the Commissioners adopted two new ordinances. One specifies the reasons that an appointed position on a Borough board, commission, or committee would be deemed vacant. It reflects concern at the state level about the ability of some municipalities to function effectively because of the high incidence of absence reported for some members of some boards, commissions, and committees.

The other ordinance, relating to soliciting and peddling, will enable Haddonfield to take advantage of fingerprinting services provided by a private contractor for the NJ State Police.

■ BIDS AWARDED

The Commissioners authorized the signing of a contract with Old Dominion Brush Co of Richmond VA for a vacuum leaf machine costing \$30,715 and with Robert H. Hoover & Sons Inc of Pennsauken NJ for a landscape dump truck costing \$63,426.

■ FIRST NIGHT

Buttons for admission to First Night indoor activities are on sale at the Information Center (2 Kings Court), Professional Printing (116 Haddon Avenue), TD Bank (100 Haddon Avenue), Susquehanna Bank (110 Kings Highway East), Carl's Haddonfield Service (515 Haddon Avenue), and Markeim Arts Center (Lincoln Avenue and Walnut Street).

Buttons cost \$12 and are required for all but babes-in-arms.

■ PET LICENSES

State law requires the owners of dogs and cats to obtain licenses for them annually. The application form for 2010 is published in the December 18 issue of What's On Haddonfield. It may also be downloaded from the Borough's Web site. Copies are available at the Borough Hall (Room 101), the Public Library, Information Center, and Mabel Kay Senior Center.

Fees for neutered/spayed pets have increased by \$5 to \$17 for dogs and by \$4 to \$13 for cats. Fees for non-neutered/spayed pets have increased by \$5 to \$20 for dogs and by \$4 to \$16 for cats.

Fees cover the cost of administering the program.

■ HOLIDAY HOURS

The Borough Hall will close at noon on December 24 and reopen at 8:30am on December 28. It will close at noon on December 31 and reopen at 8:30am on January 4 – except ... the Tax Office will remain open until 4:30pm on December 31.

The Public Library will be closed on December 24 and 25. It will close at 1pm on December 31 and reopen on January 2.

Trash and recycling collection on Friday, December 25 and January 1 will be postponed to the following Saturday.

■ NOMINATIONS FOR HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

The Human Relations Commission is accepting nominations for awards it presents each January in honor of Martin Luther King Jr's legacy of racial and civic harmony and in recognition of residents who have exemplified the spirit of Dr. King's dream through their volunteer efforts.

Nominations may be submitted my e-mail to warsaw1956@gmail.com or by mail to Borough of Haddonfield, PO Box 3005, Haddonfield NJ 08033. The deadline is December 31.

■ NEW RECYCLING SCHEDULE

In January, the Public Works Department will introduce a new schedule for its chipping operations. The chipper will go out daily during the first full week of each month, on the same schedule as the trash/recycling trucks. The Commissioners ask residents to put out material to be chipped only in the first full week of each month, before their regular trash/recycling day.

At other times of the month, the Public Works Department will take calls for chipping, then send the chipper out each Friday. Following severe storms that cause branches and limbs to fall, chipping crews will respond as appropriate.

■ LEAF COLLECTION HAS ENDED

Leaves should now be placed in plastic bags for collection as trash. Leaves raked to the sidewalk will NOT be picked up. Citations will be issued to the owners of property where leaves have been raked into the street.

■ LIBRARY UPDATE

The Commissioners have received answers from the architect with respect to the structural soundness of the library building, its ability to be modified to comply with the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act, and its ability to accommodate additions of about 7,500sqft and 15,000sqft. Estimated cost also have been provided.

The architect's conceptual plans may be downloaded from the Borough's Web site. Near the bottom of the home page, click on "Library Architectural Study Updates."

The Commissioners are investigating several other sites, including premises on Kings Highway currently occupied by a rug store and a bridal store, along with a building behind the stores that could be demolished to provide additional parking spaces.