

SPRING 2010

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND

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HOLLAND HAPPENINGS

Mayor's Letter

Dear Residents,

On behalf of the entire Township Committee, I would like to wish all of our residents a happy and healthy 2010.

On February 11th, Governor Christie cut spending for 375 programs. We are not sure what this means for Holland. On March 16th, his 2011 budget will address a structural deficit of \$10 Billion; this, on top of a dormant economy, less revenue and a 10.1% unemployment rate with no job growth.

As we prepare our Township Budget, we will keep all of this in mind. Our major concern is for Municipal and School State Aid. These figures will not be available until the Governor presents his budget. Your Township Committee will prepare a budget that is both cost conscious and meets the needs of our community. Aging municipal infrastructure needs to be assessed and we have hired a "Green" Architectural Firm to perform a feasibility study.

Our work with the Highlands Council continues and our petition has been deemed "Administratively Complete." Changes are being considered for the Highlands, please check our website for updates.

An Executive Order by Governor Christie prohibits COAH from any actions for 90 days. Former Senator Karrow heads a review team which will make recommendations to the Governor within that timeframe.

The first **"Saturday Afternoon With the Mayor"** will be February 27th from 1-3 pm at the Municipal Building. Drop by for an informal chat.

Mayor Ed Burdzy

Holland Welcomes Two New Committee Members

The Township Committee has a new, fresh perspective for 2010 with the addition of Dan Bush and Laura Burke. Dan is serving in the seat formerly held by past Mayor Bernie O'Brien and Laura is filling the seat formerly held by Robert Peabody.

Even though they were already involved in various township activities, boards, and commissions, Dan and Laura wasted no time in becoming versed in all of the current township business at hand. They moved very quickly in acquiring mountains of material to review from the clerk's office. They also attended a seminar sponsored by the League of Municipalities focused on the Orientation of Elected Municipal Leaders, and have brought back many ideas and items of interest to share with the existing committee members.

Dan was raised just across the road in Alexandria on the family farm. Along with his wife and two sons they now call Holland home. Laura was raised in Holland, and with her husband is now raising her own family here.

Both Dan and Laura invite you to contact them to assist you in understanding the municipal process or bringing any issues to the Committee's attention.

Local Assistance Board

The Holland Township Local Assistance Office takes applications for the General Assistance Program, a program that provides assistance to low income township residents without dependent children. The program can provide money payments, Medicaid and also help with rent and utility costs to those eligible. To find out more about this program, please call the Local Assistance Office at (908) 995-7009

Upcoming Events:

School Board Elections
Riegel Ridge Community Ctr.
Tuesday, April 20th

Community Yard Sale
May 8, 2010 8:00 am-4:00 pm
For more information call Karen
479-4558 or Ginny 996-3690.

**Opening Day of Riegel Ridge
Community Center Pool**
May 29, 2010 1:00 pm-6:00 pm
Admission to pool is **FREE**
Memorial Day Weekend!

Primary Election
Riegel Ridge Community Ctr.
Tuesday, June 8th
Polls open 6am-8pm

Tentative Last Day Of School
Holland Elementary School
June 18, 2010

**Delaware Valley Regional
High School Graduation**
June 25, 2010

**Household Hazardous Waste
Cleanup Day**
March 13, 2010 9 am-1 pm
Hunterdon County Complex

Municipal Clerk's Office

Important dates to remember for the upcoming Primary

April 19 ~ Last day to change party affiliation.

May 18 ~ Last day to register to vote in the June Primary.

June 1 ~ Last day to apply (by mail) for a "vote by mail ballot."

June 5 ~ The County Clerk's office will be open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for Vote by Mail voting.

June 8 ~ Primary Election Day, Polls open 6 am to 8 pm.

June 8 ~ Deadline for Independent candidates to file a petition by 4 pm with the County Clerk.

Vote by Mail Ballot Applications and Voter Registration forms are available at the Clerk's Office or on the Township website.

Zoning Officer & COAH

Permits: As Spring arrives and building begins, please remember that the following will require permits from the Zoning Officer: construction of pools, sheds and decks; paving of driveways and altering of or construction of homes.

Temporary Sign Ordinance: In 2009 the Holland Township Committee adopted a Temporary Sign Ordinance. This Ordinance requires filing an application with the Zoning Officer prior to placing a sign on your property. There are no fees for these permits. Real Estate & Garage/Yard Sale signs are exempt.

Continued Certificate of Occupancy: All resale and rental properties must obtain a Continued Certificate of Occupancy (CCO) from the Zoning Officer two weeks prior to closing or leasing.

Housing Rehabilitation & Accessory Apartment Program: Holland Township is currently taking applications for the Housing Rehabilitation & Accessory Apartment Program. Please contact the Municipal Housing Liaison for more information.

Highlands: The Holland Township Committee and the Holland Township Planning Board are working to ensure that we are meeting all requirements of both the Highlands Council and COAH while considering the best interests of our residents.

Board of Health

In view of several outbreaks recently, the Board of Health would like to update members of our community regarding the following diseases, their symptoms and immunization schedules to protect from these illnesses.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) was once almost eradicated in the 1960's and 1970's in the United States, but it is now on the rise. This is a disease not just of children; adolescents and adults can contract the disease. Immunization in infants is excellent but is poor in adolescents. At age 11-12 children should receive a Pertussis booster and every 5 years thereafter. Symptoms include runny nose and mild cough followed by severe spasm of coughing with the cough developing into the characteristic "whoop" followed by struggling to catch breath. It is a difficult diagnosis to make since the disease lasts for about three weeks and in the early stages is confused with the common cold. Pertussis can lead to pneumonia and hospitalization.

Meningitis is an aggressive, quick disease and in just over 24-36 hours can lead to coma, limb amputation and even death. The peak age for the disease is 15-24 years. The CDC recommends meningitis immunization between the ages of 11 and 18. Routine healthcare visit at age 11-12 years of age is the optimal time for immunization.

Norovirus causes a gastrointestinal illness producing nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps and diarrhea. Most people become infected by eating food or drinking liquids contaminated with norovirus, or by touching surfaces or objects tainted by the virus and then touching their mouth. It is also possible to contract the virus through direct contact with a person who is infected and experiencing symptoms. The Hunterdon County Department of Health is addressing an outbreak of gastrointestinal illness—which possibly could be norovirus.

Holland Police Department ~ C.E.R.T. ~ Emergency Management

This past year The Holland Township Police Department launched its website www.hollandpolice.org. The website provides court information, firearm applications, community alerts, and much more. We have also joined with other law enforcement agencies who are utilizing a new Community Notification Service called "Nixle" to improve communication with people who live, work and visit our area. The system provides a quick, efficient, and secure way to get neighborhood-level information out to community members who subscribe. Please visit www.nixle.com to join, or for more information, please visit the department's website and click on "community Alert."

Good news for Holland Township residents and its commuters. The Hunterdon County Road Department has elected to put in a turning lane on County Route 519 at the Holland Township School to alleviate traffic congestion in front of the school. This project will be of no cost to township residents. A special thanks to Committeeman, Dan Bush who assisted us with getting the project started.

With the completion of road resurfacing on township roads the police department will be further utilizing our new speed board to study heavy traffic patterns and speeds. We will be targeting problem areas, and violators will be ticketed.

Got any tips, concerns or suggestions? Please email us at tips@hollandpolice.org.

Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company and Auxiliary

The Holland Township Volunteer Fire Company is proud to be celebrating its 30th year of service to the residents of Holland. We currently support over 40 active members who help out a wide variety of tasks besides firefighting. We also support and maintain the Whispering Pines Banquet facility which can be rented for various types of affairs. We have an active auxiliary which helps in running fund raisers such as the comedy show and yard sales. The fire company is made up of your friends and neighbors, and, if anyone would like to join please feel free to either stop by on any Thursday night or go to our website at www.hollandfire.org. Here you can find a multitude of information regarding the fire company including our history, Whispering Pines, our apparatus and more. If any organization wishes to take a tour of our facility, please call our main number and leave a message and someone will return your call.
 Peter Davis - President Steve Underhill - Chief



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Holland Parks and Recreation

During these difficult economic times, Holland Twp. Parks & Recreation will continue to work to keep membership and program fees affordable! April 5th through 9th we are running a **Spring Break Recreation Program**, a full day program of activities and fun for children Grades K thru 5. Our full five week program is scheduled to run Monday June 28th through Friday July 30th. In addition we will extend the program for two more weeks the beginning of August. For the 3rd year our Summer Recreation rates for residents will remain at \$2.75 per hour, per child with a 10% discount for each additional child in the same family.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, we were excited to begin our **CHEERNASTICS** program and introduce our new Coaches: Amanda Schoeberl and Sherilynn Mahoney.

We continue to offer Karate 4 Kidz and our Family Martial Arts program now in its 6th year, RRCC Girls Basketball League, Wranglers Basketball and the new **TODDLER GYM TIME** on Wednesday mornings 10 to 11 am. We are also home to the Holland Senior Club on Mondays and Thursdays, always welcoming new members.

Upcoming activities and events include:

- **NORWESCAP SKYLANDS RSVP AND VOLUNTEERS** will be available on Saturday, March 6th and Saturday, April 10th 9 am to 2 pm at RRCC to provide free tax preparation service to seniors, disabled and low to moderate income residents earning \$49,000 or less. Pre-registration is required by calling Hunterdon Helpline at (800) 272-4630.
- Sunday, February 28th, **WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER**.
- Thursday, April 1st **FLASHLITE EGG HUNT**.

For all information pertaining to the Riegel Ridge Community Center, Fitness Center & Pool, Please visit our official website: www.riegelridgecc.org or call us at (908) 995-9260.

Holland Township Women's Club

The Holland Township Woman's Club is a non-profit voluntary organization and a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Our Club sponsors several fundraisers throughout the year, including the Chinese Auction held in November. Monies raised through these fundraisers support the children and organizations of Holland Township and the local communities.

We meet monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm (September through May) at the Municipal Building.

We invite you to join our organization to meet women with varied interests, to enjoy the informative programs presented at the monthly meetings and to become more involved in the community through our philanthropic efforts.

Lions Club

The Milford-Holland Lions Club is a non-profit organization focusing on giving back to the community. We would like to announce the following events:

- Annual All You Can Eat Breakfast—Sunday March 28th at Holland School 7:30—12:30.
- Milford Health Fair with Blood Drive and Eye Mobile—Saturday May 1st in Milford.
- Annual 50/50 Raffle with \$10,000 Grand Prize, call Diane Breithoff (908-310-2304) for details.
- Annual Daniel Hutchins Memorial Golf Outing—Monday Aug. 10th, gratefully accepting sponsors and we have a few golfer openings, call Don Hutchins (908-995-9050) for details.

Thank you all for supporting us through the years, we look forward to continuing to support our community. If you are interested in joining the Lion's Club, please call Diane Breithoff@ 908-310-2304.

2010 United States Census

Every decade since 1790, the US Census Bureau has conducted a constitutionally mandated census to determine the number of people living within the United States and our territories. These data are used by our Nation's leaders to help make vital decisions on behalf of all residents, including reapportionment and re-districting. Census data also affects how more than \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed to tribal, state and local governments each year.

Census questionnaires will be mailed, or delivered in person, to all Holland Township Households throughout the months of February and March, 2010 by sanctioned Census workers. Census Day is April 1, 2010: questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on that day. The questionnaire is a short, 10 question assessments with a pre-paid envelope to return. If a household does not return their questionnaire by April 30, 2010, census takers may re-visit households and ask the same questions directly from the form.

It is extremely important for every resident in Holland Township to be counted in this Census. This resident count will affect the amount of federal funding Holland Township will receive for schools, seniors, public works projects, to name a few, and help to determine the number of seats New Jersey will have for the House of Representatives. The residents' personal information that is provided to the Census Bureau cannot be shared with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities and is protected under Title 13 of the US Code. Please visit the Census 2010 website at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/index.php> for further details.

Holland Recreational Soccer

The Holland Township recreational soccer league is a non-profit organization that is organized by volunteers and funded by families that participate in our program.

We support Kindergarten thru 8th grade levels of Soccer and play in the Fall and Spring in our local area. The members of the Holland Township Soccer League seek to foster a safe, fun and recreational environment for all of our children and members.

We seek to provide each child with a fair opportunity to participate and to emphasize sportsmanship and fair play. Our objective is to help the children play safe, have fun and learn new skills by encouraging quality instruction. Contact us via our website: www.hollandrecsoccer.com



Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission partnered with T&T Tree Services, which has offered its crew as a public service, to clear the brush and trees from the historic limekilns located on the "Hoffman" farms.

Our original Matthew Hughes 1860 Farm Map of Alexandria Township had been preserved by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia and will be displayed at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. Please note that beautiful archival reproductions of this map are available for purchase by contacting this Commission; the map captures a significant snapshot of our local history and makes a wonderful gift as well.

In cooperation with the Pohatcong History and Heritage Society, the Finesville Historic District has been nominated for the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Work continues on our historic outbuildings survey, which includes springhouses, smokehouses, summer kitchens and combinations of those.

We are endeavoring to update data on local history, genealogy and cemeteries listed on the following website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com>.

Agriculture Advisory Committee

The Agriculture Advisory Committee is pleased to report that with the closing of the Cain Farm in December '08, and the Lane Farm in July '09, the total of preserved farmland in Holland Twp. is now over 1600 acres.

The preservation of the Cain Farm, through an SADC non-profit grant to the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, was facilitated by that organization with funding provided by the State, County and Municipality.

Preserved open space, while complimentary but distinct from preserved farmland, totals over 1600 acres in Holland Twp.

A map showing the locations of preserved land is currently being updated.

Our goal is to bring the total of preserved farmland to 1800 acres in the 2009 round and to 2000 acres in the 2010 round.

Recycling

22% of landfill waste is Newspaper. Recycling paper saves trees and uses only 1/2 the water and 3/4 of the energy used to produce paper from raw materials. Every ton of recycled paper saves almost 400 gallons of oil. Newspaper is picked up by all garbage haulers that service Holland Township. It can also be dropped off at our Recycling Center on Spring Mills Road (County Route 614)