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NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

MAIN STREET RESTORATION

Main Street restoration from the Circle to Church Street will resume in Spring, 2025. New sewer line installation and galvanized and lead pipe replacement has been completed. A full street reconstruction will be commencing. It is anticipated that that the State of NJ will forgive 100% of the portion of our loan for the sewer replacement and the galvanized and lead pipe replacement -- an amount of approximately \$850,000 to \$1,350,000. I am hoping to secure similar terms for the final phase of Main Street from Church Street to Chorister Place later this summer.

THE LIBERTY VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AREA

The Liberty Village redevelopment area was approved by the Planning Board. It will begin site plan construction this Spring. The redeveloper will be paying the Borough over \$2 million for infrastructure improvements and capital debt repayment which will significantly help the Borough's debt service in the future. The Borough will also receive a new public park, a major stormwater improvement, and a commercial property. This project decreased from 167 townhouses and 250 apartments to 119 townhouses and 12 veterans' apartments.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCES

The Council recently approved several new traffic ordinances recommended by the Mayor's ad hoc Parking Committee including all-way stops at Bloomfield and Broad streets, Park and Mine and Stangl and Mine streets. Further, a portion of Spring Street, from Bloomfield to Maple, and a portion of Maple, from Broad to Spring, were made one-way to direct traffic flow from the new apartments and hotel to Main Street. Additional weight restrictions were added to portions of both Bloomfield

from Spring to Broad, and Spring, from Maple to Williams, to keep large trucks from the residential neighborhoods unless there is a local delivery.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

A number of mayoral appointments are available for various borough boards and commissions including Historic Preservation, Shade Tree, and the Land Use Board. If you have an interest, please send an email to Mayor Karrow to mkarrow@historicflemington.com.



Mayor Marcia Karrow

CONTACT INFO: 38 Park Ave, Flemington, NJ | HistoricFlemington.com | Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-4:30pm | (908) 782-8840

BOROUGH CALENDAR

APRIL 7 | 7PM Environmental Commission Meeting

APRIL 8 | 7PM Planning Board Meeting

APRIL 9 | 7PM Planning Board Meeting

APRIL 14 | 7PM Mayor & Council Meeting

APRIL 16 | 7PM Historic Preservation Comm Meeting

APRIL 22 | 7PM Planning Board Meeting

APRIL 24 | 7PM Mayor & Council Meeting

MAY 3 & 4 Town-Wide Yard Sale

LIBRARY CALENDAR

KIDS READING PROGRAMS

Storytimes: Ages 3-5 Years Tuesdays 10:30 AM

Baby Time: Ages 6-24 Months Wednesdays 10:00 AM

Toddler Tales: Ages 2-3 Years Wednesdays 10:30 AM



– Adults –

Daytime Book Club: First Thursday 10:30 AM
Evening Book Club: First Monday 6:00 PM
Saturday Book Club: Second Saturday 11:00 AM
Writers Workshop: First Saturday 11:30 AM

Third Monday 7:00 PM

Mahjong: Mondays 5:00 PM Card Games: Thursdays 7:00

FLEMINGTON EVENTS!

Thursday, APRIL 17	Stangl Sip & Stroll Kick Off Event
Saturday, APRIL 19	"Find your Peeps" Event & Peep Hunt on Main St. 11 to 3pm
Thursday, MAY 1 - 5	Cinco De Mayo Events
Friday, MAY 23 - 26	Act 2 Summer Book Festival, Stangl Road
Sunday MAY 25 - 26	Flemington Fine Artisans Show, Stangl Factory
Monday, MAY 26	Memorial Day Parade on Main Street
Saturday, JUNE 6	Flemington Car Show Kick-Off on Main Street

EVENTS are FREE and open to the Public!

SAVE THE DATES!







SEPTEMBER 13 | MAIN STREET

FLEMING CASTLE CALENDAR

Samuel Fleming House Museum and Garden "The Heart and Start of Flemington" 2025 Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 5: Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser
Location: Building #1, 1st Floor Assembly Space, Route 12, Flemington

Saturday, May 10: Mother's Day Decorate & Plant Tea Party

Saturday, July 12: Ice Cream Social

Saturday, September 13: Historic House Tour

Saturday, October 11: Pumpkin Decorating

Events run from 1 p.m.—3 p.m. unless otherwise noted
*Events are subject to change, please check our website,
Facebook, or Instagram for up-to-date information.
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FIRE MARSHAL Update from KEN MCCORMICK



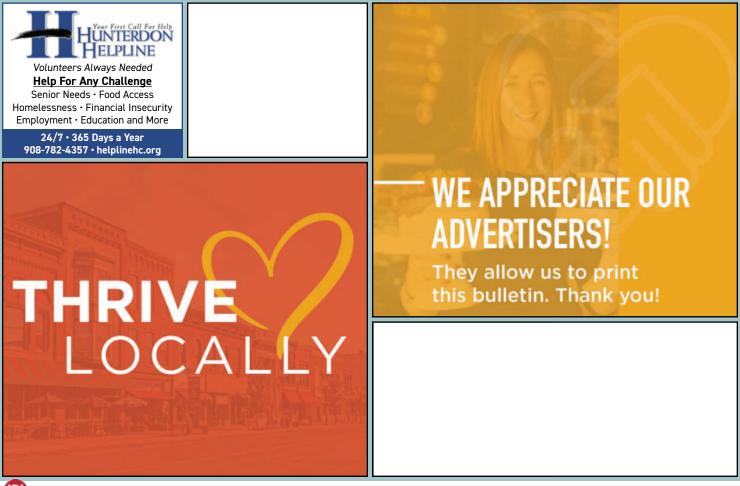
Spring is here which means spending more time outside. The Flemington Fire Department and I also want you to spend time outside, but safely. Recalling 2024, we had a long stretch of drought which dried out all of the trees and underbrush. This made for severe fire conditions throughout the state.

You may not know this but any open burning, including fire pits, is regulated by the State of New Jersey, State Forest Fire Service and its section headquarters in Andover. Anyone wanting a permit for an open burn must contact the Forest Fire Service directly to obtain a permit. The Recreational Fire Permit is free of charge.

Failure to obtain a permit may cause a response by the Flemington Fire Department, which will extinguish the fire and could lead to the issuance of fines to those burning without a permit by the Forest Fire Service.

Additionally, only clean wood may be burned in a permitted fire permit. Construction debris, leaves and garbage are never permitted to be burned.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office or the New Jersey Forest Fire Service.



SPRING NEWS from the SHADE TREE COMMISSION

As we welcome the beautiful season of spring, we're reminded of the simple joys it brings, waking up to the sound of birds singing, the first signs of flowers peeking through the soil, and the fresh buds forming on trees that have been resting through the winter months.

This is also the time of year when the Shade Tree Commission is busy preparing for our annual Arbor Day celebration and getting ready to accept applications for our "Adopt a Tree" program.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION | APRIL 5

We are also looking forward to partnering with the County Parks and Recreation Department for a fun and family-friendly Earth Day celebration at Deer Path Park on April 5, 2025. This event will be a great opportunity for the community to celebrate and connect with nature, and we hope to see you there!

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION | APRIL 25

We are excited to announce that Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 25, 2025, in Flemington Borough. We're in the process of finalizing the event location, and will share the details soon on the town calendar. The celebration will include a shade tree planting, and everyone is welcome to

attend and take part in this community event. Stay tuned for more information as the date approaches!

JOIN US!

The Shade Tree Commission is a dedicated group of volunteers that meets every second Wednesday of the month. We invite you to join us for our open meetings, either virtually or in person. Meetings are open to the



public, and we would love to hear your ideas and suggestions about how to improve our town's tree canopy.

If you're interested in getting involved with our "Adopt a Tree" program, the application is available on the town website. To apply, visit:

https://www.historicflemington.com/boards/tree

Let's continue to work together to make our community greener and more beautiful this spring!



LETTER from COUNCILMAN JEREMY LONG

Flemington Borough is always looking for volunteers and people who want to get involved in our safety and emergency services. There are several ways to become a part of the real heart of the community. We are always in need of volunteers. There are opportunities to join our Flemington Borough Community Emergency Response Team, the Volunteer Fire Department, and even the Flemington-Raritan Rescue Squad. Additionally, if you are 14 years old and up and interested in law enforcement, the Police Explorers might be a great way for you to start your journey!

town where folks can meet up and discuss something about Flemington Borough this is a casual experience and my goal is ensure constructive discussions. Who knows, you might just meet somebody new! You can follow me on Facebook @councilmanjeremylong or Instagram @councilmanlong.

Civic Engagement

For the duration of my term, I will be creating monthly experiences that will connect Flemington Borough residents to their municipal government. The idea here is to build more community engagement in order to create a strong civic infrastructure. Ultimately, I am seeking to create town ambassadors who will serve as leaders in various sections of Flemington Borough. So keep an eye on my social media for updates. For March, I am hosting various Walk and Talks around















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IMPORTANT Information from the Dept of PUBLIC WORKS

BULK PICKUP: The next quarterly Bulk Pick is May 16th. Please remember to purchase Bulk Stickers from Borough Hall. 4 stickers cost \$40. There is a limit of 4 Stickers/4 items per household per bulk pickup. One sticker must be used on each item. Stickers do not expire.

BRUSH PICKUP: DPW will begin picking up brush from residents in March. Leaves, small twigs, etc. must be in brown bags. Plastic bags will NOT be picked up. Please keep branches to a length of 6 to 8 feet long. There is no set date for this service. Please place everything along the curb and it will be removed as the DPW crew moves around town.

MULCH: DPW will be providing residents with free mulch and delivery this year. Our mulch comes from whatever leaves, brush, and branches are removed for the residents. The DPW uses a tub grinder which runs organic material through the machine and turns it into mulch. If you are interested in receiving mulch for your property, please call the DPW.

STREET SWEEPING: With warmer weather arriving, DPW will begin street sweeping all the borough roads and borough-owned parking lots. Temporary NO PARKING signs will be put out giving residents a few days advanced noticed. Please help us to keep our community clean by moving your vehicles when you see the signs.

DPW PROJECT ALERT

The second phase of the current Main Street project will begin in March. A new traffic light at Church and Main will be installed that meets current ADA requirements, storm drainage work will be completed, old concrete streets under the current blacktop will be removed, and then the section of Main Street between Church Street and the circle will be repaved. Completion of this work should be done by mid-summer. By finally addressing the old sewer lines and concrete infrastructure, this section of Main Street should stop the constant need for repaving that has been necessary every few years.

Flemington Community Block Watch EXPANDS in 2025

Building on last year's success, the Flemington Police Department is excited to announce the expansion of the Community Block Watch & Education Program. This initiative fosters strong relationships between law enforcement and residents while enhancing neighborhood safety through education and cooperation.

Last fall, Sgt. McNally, Det. Garrabrant, and Ptl. Saleeba from the Flemington Police Department joined residents on New York Ave for a special community event. This gathering provided a fantastic opportunity for residents to engage with officers and discuss key safety concerns, including traffic safety, essential home security planning, and when to properly utilize the 9-1-1 emergency system. The success of this event demonstrated the power of community partnerships in creating a safer, more informed Flemington.

Due to the positive response, additional Community Block Watch and Education groups will be forming this year. These events serve as a platform for residents to voice concerns, learn preventive safety measures, and develop proactive relationships with local law enforcement. By working together, we can create a more secure and connected community.



If you are interested in hosting a Community Block Watch meeting on your street, we encourage you to reach out. Hosting a gathering is a great way to bring neighbors together, discuss community concerns, and receive valuable safety guidance from experienced officers.

For more information or to schedule a meeting, please contact Sgt. McNally at the Flemington Police Department. Let's continue working together to make Flemington a safer and stronger community!

TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS

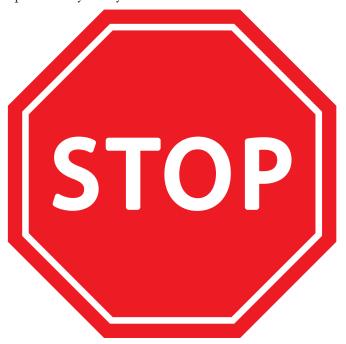
A Priority for the Flemington Borough Police Department

Traffic complaints are a common issue that the Flemington Borough Police Department addresses daily. Our patrol officers are out in the community, actively observing, receiving, and responding to reports from residents and drivers regarding a variety of traffic violations. These violations range from speeding motorists and pedestrians "jaywalking" to drivers running stop signs and traffic lights, as well as many other traffic-related issues.

When we receive these traffic complaints and reports, the police department takes a systematic approach to address them. First, we validate the complaints to determine their accuracy and legitimacy. We then prioritize the most concerning violations, often based on the frequency and times they occur. Officers continuously enforce motor vehicle laws while also addressing their own observations of unsafe driving behaviors.

As complaints from residents, motorists, and pedestrians continue to rise, the police department works to create lasting solutions. To improve the safety of our community, we collaborate with the Flemington Borough Council and the Flemington Department of Public Works.

A recent outcome of this collaboration occurred in July 2024, when the department helped implement an "all-stop" intersection at Broad Street and William Street. This change has contributed to better traffic flow and enhanced pedestrian safety. In February of this year, further steps were taken to improve safety at key intersections. Three more intersections



New **ALL WAY STOPS** in Flemington

- **Broad Street & William Street Broad Street at Bloomfield Avenue**
- **Mine Street at Park Avenue**
- **Mine Street at Stangl Road**

were converted to all-way stops: Broad Street at Bloomfield Avenue, Mine Street at Park Avenue, and Mine Street at Stangl Road.

As Flemington Borough continues to grow, we've seen an increase in both vehicle volume and traffic violations, such as speeding and failure to obey traffic laws. The police department is committed to addressing these growing concerns and ensuring the safety of all residents, motorists, and pedestrians in our community.

If you've noticed unsafe driving behavior or dangerous traffic conditions in your area, it's important to report them so the police can take action. By submitting traffic complaints and reports, you can help the police department maintain public safety and prevent potential accidents or injuries.

To report a violation, you can contact the police department's non-emergency phone number at (908) 782-3434 or speak directly to an officer in person. When reporting an issue, be sure to include details such as the location of the violation, the frequency and times the violations occur, and a description of the violation or unsafe driving behavior.

Together, we can improve the safety of our roadways and create a safer environment for everyone in our community.

Flemington Borough Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Serving the Community in Times of Need

Since its formation in 2021, the Flemington Borough Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has played a crucial role in supporting the community during emergencies and public events. Comprised of 12 dedicated volunteer members, the team operates under the oversight of the Flemington Borough Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Their mission is simple yet vital: to assist first responders, provide critical aid in times of disaster, and help the community prepare for emergencies.

The CERT program is designed to train volunteers in basic disaster response skills, allowing them to provide assistance during crises when professional responders may be overwhelmed. In Flemington, CERT members step up in a variety of situations, including:

- Disaster Response: When floods, hurricanes, severe storms, or house fires impact the Borough, CERT members help with evacuations, provide logistical support, and assist displaced residents.
- Emergency Preparedness Outreach: CERT members regularly engage with the community, offering disaster preparedness education and resources. They participate in public safety events, teach residents how to build emergency kits, and provide information on readiness plans.
- Public Event Support: The team plays an important role in crowd management and traffic control during major town events including the Corn Beer and Tomato Festival, Turkey Trot, Memorial Day Parade, 3rd of July Fireworks and Holiday Parade, as well as other community festivals. Their presence helps ensure a safe and smooth experience for residents and visitors.
- Storm Recovery and Relief: After major weather events, CERT members help assess damage, clear debris, and support relief efforts to help the Borough recover quickly.
- Search and Rescue Assistance: In coordination with local emergency services, CERT members may assist in locating missing persons or providing manpower in coordinated response efforts.

Having a trained and ready group of volunteers enhances Flemington's resilience. The CERT team bridges the gap between professional emergency services and the community, providing additional hands when they are needed most. Their work not only supports first responders but also fosters a culture of preparedness and safety within the Borough. Flemington Borough CERT is always looking for additional dedicated community members to join their team. Volunteers receive specialized training in disaster response, emergency medical aid, and basic search and rescue. Those interested in serving their community in this capacity can reach out to the Flemington Borough Office of Emergency Management for more information at (908) 782-3434.

Through their selfless service, Flemington's CERT team continues to make a lasting impact ensuring that when disaster strikes, our community is ready to respond.







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CHANGES to SENIOR TAX FREEZE and ANCHOR REBATE

There will no longer be a requirement for ALL seniors to have their property tax payments verified by the Tax Collector & all rebates are now under one form. This is a GREAT improvement to the rebate programs!

New Jersey Property Tax Relief (Tax Year 2024) FAQ

1. What has changed about New Jersey's Property Tax Relief programs?

For the first time, NJ residents can apply for three PTR programs – Senior Freeze, ANCHOR and Stay NJ – on a single application called PAS-1. This combined application can be used by both homeowners and renters. There will no longer be ANCHOR-H or ANCHOR-T applications.

2. Who can file the combined property tax relief application Form PAS-1?

New Jersey residents who were 65 and older, or recipients of Social Security Disability, during Tax Year 2024 may be eligible to file the combined application (Form PAS-1).

- 3. How is the combined application different from previous applications?
 - For Senior Freeze recipients, the application looks different, and the income standards also have changed. You also no longer have to include proof of property taxes paid. If you already have a "base year" established, it will be printed on line 13 for homeowners, or line 21 for mobile homeowners.
 - For ANCHOR homeowner recipients, you are no longer required to have an Identification Number and PIN to file for benefits.

4. When is the filing deadline?

The deadline for submitting a Tax Year 2024 property tax relief application is October 31, 2025.

5. How does the applicant file?

If the applicant was 65 or older - or a recipient of Social Security Disability - in Tax Year 2024, they will have two ways to file:

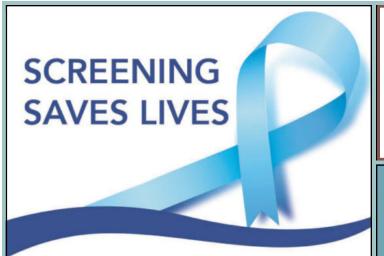
- File a paper property tax relief application (Form PAS-1) for all three property tax programs: ANCHOR, Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze), and the Stay NJ Property Tax Benefit.
- Alternatively, they have the option to file the combined application online at propertytaxrelief.nj.gov
- There will be no auto-file for these applicants.

6. What if the applicant was under 65 or did not receive Social Security Disability in Tax Year 2024?

They will file their property tax relief application via one of the following methods:

- The Division will auto-file for some applicants;
- They can file an online application at propertytaxrelief.nj.gov; or
- They can file a paper application.

The online application will be the same for all applicants regardless of age, disability status, or whether they own or rent their principal residence.



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Flemington Borough & OEM Are Upgrading to a New Alert System!

Flemington Borough and the Office of Emergency Management are transitioning to a new and improved alerting system to better distribute borough news, public safety updates, and emergency alerts directly to residents.

Stay informed about road closures, severe weather, community events, and important borough notifications, all in real time!

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