

HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP

Spring 2013 Newsletter

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Patrick Impreveduto
Mayor

Message from the Mayor and Township Committee

Welcome to Spring... Before I go any further, the Township partnered with Keansburg to help them with the recovery from Super Storm Sandy. I would like to thank each of you who donated and supported the "Holmdel Helps" fundraising event (see the article below). It was the first time we ever held such an event and it was a huge success. I can't even begin to tell you how many residents have been willing to support our endeavor. It really is a force of good and captures the spirit of giving in this town.

As we move into Fiscal 2013, I can assure you that we will continue to move toward with our long-term goal: working toward a point of balanced sustainable revenues and operations over the next 3-5 years, while maintaining Holmdel's uniquely desirable characteristics. We are already taking steps to achieve this point by working with the new owners of the Lucent property, establishing a more business-friendly development process for quality projects, and joining in County and State economic development activities. These steps are already showing good results.

I can assure you that preserving the character of Holmdel, and a stable financial foundation, are priorities for the Township Committee members and me.

Road and Drainage Improvements Plan

The 2012 Capital Improvement Program was recently funded and will be bid in May with construction starting in June. This project is part of the ongoing program to maintain and modernize the Township's road and drainage systems. This year's program includes the first phase improvements to Crawford's Corner Road between Holmdel Road and Longstreet Road which is funded in part through a NJDOT grant. The program also includes road, drainage and curb improvements in Country Woods Subdivision, Buttercup Lane, Sage Street, Old Mill Road, Takolusa Drive and possibly Stilwell Road. Pavement repairs are also included for both internal subdivision streets and collector roads. Drainage work will continue in the Wildhedge/Sweetbriar area, and various drainage and curb repairs will be made throughout town. Construction is expected to be complete in late November.

Lucent

After many years of hard work, the Township Committee has conditionally designated Somerset Development as the Redeveloper for the Alcatel-Lucent Property. The long awaited redevelopment of

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE 2013 Regular Meetings

Town Hall~7:30 pm

April 16
May 7, 21
June 4, 8
July 16
August 13
September 3, 17
October 8, 22
November 5, 19
December 17

*Dates are subject to change;
contact the Clerk's Office
732-946-2820, ext. 1212
to confirm.*

Township

Holiday Closings

Monday ~ May 27
Thursday ~ July 4
Friday ~ July 5
Monday ~ Sept. 2
Monday ~ Oct. 14
Monday ~ Nov. 11
Thursday ~ Nov. 28
Friday ~ Nov. 29
Wednesday ~ Dec. 25

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The residents of Keansburg were affected greatly by Super Storm Sandy and are still in need of support and help. Mayor Pat Impreveduto put

together a team called *Holmdel Helps* to coordinate efforts to raise funds for core building materials to help rebuild Keansburg homes. With less than six weeks to plan the March 1st fundraiser, the community banded together to ensure the success of this endeavor.

On March 1, 2013 *Holmdel Helps, Helping the Residents of Keansburg Return Home* held its first fundraiser at the Gramercy at the Lakeside Manor in Hazlet. With the location, food and entertainment being generously donated, 100%

of the ticket cost, \$50, went directly to the relief fund. With Holmdel resident, SallyAnn Mosey, News12 NJ as the emcee, about 700 attendees enjoyed a wonderful night of good friends, live music, dancing, great food, a silent auction and raffles all for a worthwhile cause.

The event raised over \$100,000 thanks to the support of many individuals, businesses, community organizations, and students. Donations are still being accepted as Keansburg's need is ongoing. Plans are being made for other fundraising events to occur this year. This effort reflects the spirit of "Communities helping Communities", New Jersey citizens coming together to assist others in their time of need. Truly, we can say "Holmdel Helps."

On Behalf of The Holmdel Helps Committee

(Mayor's article continued)

the Lucent Property will revitalize the existing 2 million square foot building into a vibrant and exciting mixed-use health and wellness center. The existing building will be renovated to include: a hotel/conference center, restaurants and retail stores, medical and general offices, a surgery center and health care services, health and fitness facilities, assisted living center as well as a home for the Township's library. The grounds of the 472 acre property will receive a face lift as the landscaping that was once spectacular will be brought back to life. The ultimate build-out of the site will include both family and senior housing which will be designed to ensure that all of the environmental resources on the site are maintained and preserved as well as the view sheds from both Crawford's Corner Road and Roberts Road. The site will provide recreation opportunities, as well as a teen center which will be available to the residents of the Township. Somerset Development will have to secure all local, county and state approvals for any development proposal. As we have done throughout this entire process, we will work to ensure that the quality of life for the residents that live close to this site will be maintained. We feel that the overall redevelopment of this significant property in the Township will create a sense of place in the community, as well as bring back this once vibrant site for the betterment of Holmdel.

Lucent Sewers ~ The Real Story

The entire Lucent property was approved for sewers in the early 1990s. This was done through a change in the Wastewater Management Plan that was approved by both Monmouth County and the NJDEP. The change was precipitated by a determination that the sewer effluent from Lucent no longer met NJDEP standards. This was very important because the Lucent effluent flowed into the Swimming River Reservoir.

In the mid-1990s, Lucent constructed a sewer from its facility on Crawford's Corner Road to a BRSA trunk line on the north side of the Parkway near Bayshore Community Hospital. At that time, it was the Township's policy that sewers constructed by developers and/or businesses would not require adjacent residents to hook-up or pay any fees as long as the septic' were operating properly. That policy is still in effect.

The Lucent redevelopment plans include reuse of the building and some new development including an age-restricted component and approximately 40 residential lots. Both the existing building and new development will be sewerred. None of the adjacent property (much of which is open space) will be connected to the existing or new sewer system. Residents that live in central

Holmdel can be assured that they will not be required to tie into the sewer system; nor will any adjacent property be allowed to connect due to very clear and specific requirements

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On Behalf of the Holmdel Township Committee ~ Patrick Impreveduto

**Township Committee Appoints
New Township Administrator**

At the Township Committee meeting held on February 5, 2013, Donna Vieiro was appointed as the new Township Administrator. Donna comes from Franklin Township where she served as the Assistant Township Manager, and has over 17 years of experience in municipal government with a strong background in financial and fiscal planning, economic development and labor relations.

All of us at Town Hall are very excited to have Donna as the new Administrator and wish her the very best in her new position.

NOTICE FOR SHORELANDS WATER COMPANY CUSTOMERS.....

The Shorelands Water Company will commence flushing of its distribution system on or about April 1st, weather permitting. Temporary slight discoloration of the water and/or a decrease of pressure may be experienced as a result of this program.

Shorelands apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, but by flushing the system it is expected to improve the overall quality of water delivered to customers.

It is anticipated that the flushing program will be ongoing for approximately 3 to 4 weeks. During this period, please place garbage and recycling containers behind the curb to avoid obstruction along gutter areas. They will be conducting this operation in the late evening hours in order to minimize the inconvenience to the customers.

MONMOUTH COUNTY NEWS: The County is offering **free** eye and hearing screening every second Monday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The eye screening clinic are for ages 3 and up and hearing screening for individuals 18 years and older. For further information or to make an appointment call the County at 732-431-7456.

ENGINEER'S CORNER

Provided by Township Engineer, Edward Broberg, P.E.,

Ackerson Park Improvements

Holmdel was recently awarded a \$100,000 Monmouth County matching grant for recreation improvements at Ackerson Park. The project will start in the late summer or fall and will include a shuffle board court, gazebo, and horseshoes for the senior area; and a tot lot, gazebo and basketball court rehabilitation for the remainder of the park.

Lucent Site Plan

Plans were recently submitted to the Planning Board for the redevelopment of the Lucent tract. They include a multi-use re-occupancy of the building, and data center, recreation improvements, a library, and a modest residential component. A public hearing will be scheduled as part of the Planning Board review process.

Solar Farm

A solar farm was recently completed on a 33 acre tract just north of Vonage on Holmdel Road. It is operational and was built by Cornerstone/OCI Power.

Road Improvements

The 2012 road program is being prepared and will be bid in the late spring. Please refer to Mayor Im-
preveduto's article for further details.

Gas Pipeline

The New Jersey Natural Gas transmission line is com-

plete and operational. Final road repairs on Township streets are complete and the County road repairs are scheduled for late spring.

Sewer Inspections

The Township has embarked on a program to inspect and repair (if necessary) the sanitary sewer system. The objective is to reduce groundwater infiltration and ultimately minimize sewer charges to the residents.

Church Improvements

The new church construction is underway at the St. Mina Church on Route 34. An additional classroom and meeting room space at Kimisis Tis Theotokoo Greek Church on Hillcrest Road was approved by the Zoning Board and improvements were recently approved by the Planning Board for the Holmdel Community United Church of Christ Church on Route 520.

Water/Gas Utility Improvements

As a result of Hurricane Sandy, the residents of the Stevens Drive Subdivision, Douglas Drive, Randall Road, and Stilwell Road area have requested information on the cost and schedule for the installation of both water and natural gas in their neighborhood. Information and costs associated with both of these utilities is being investigated and will be distributed to the residents.

RECYCLING

PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS ~ 9:00am—1:00pm

- May 11**, 222 Monmouth Rd., **Oceanport**
- May 18**, Wagner Farm Park @ corner of Woodville & Baird Rd., **Millstone**
- June 1**, 124 Cedar Drive, **Colts Neck**
- June 22**, Parking lot at intersection of W. Front St. & American Legion Drive/near waterfront, **Keyport**

Remove large binder clips. Staples and paper clips can remain. No more than 100lbs. Service is stopped once the truck is full. FREE service to all Monmouth County residents.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOAL DAY

Saturday, May 11th ~ 10:00am —3:00pm
County Garage, 1621 Union Ave., Off Rt. 36, Behind Burger King

Acceptable Items: pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, solvents, thinners, corrosives, cleaners, pool chemicals, oil paints, varnishes, aerosol cans, used motor oil, anti-freeze, gasoline, automotive and button batteries and propane BBQ tanks. All items must be in closed containers with original labels.

Both events sponsored by Monmouth County, For further information call the County at 732-431-7460 or Holmdel's Recycling Coordinator at 732-946-2820, extension 1212.

LARGE ITEM DROP OFF DAYS

Saturdays: 8:00am—2:00pm at the Dept. of Public Works Facility located at 14 Crawfords Corner Rd..

April 13, 27; May 11,25; June 8; July 13; August 10; September 14, 28; October 12, 26

Items accepted: Interior and Exterior Furniture, Bikes, Washers, Dryers, Microwaves, Stoves, Ovens, Dishwashers, Metal Shelves, Lumber Scraps, Books, Televisions, Mowers, (all liquids drained) Tools, Small Appliances, Toys, Cabinets, Doors, Windows, Patio Items, Grills, (less LP Tank) Clothes, Play Equipment, Carpeting, Bathroom Fixtures, Fasteners, Rope, Wire, Cable, Light Fixtures, Boating Equipment, Athletic Equipment, Exercise Items and Equipment, Steel Wheels/Rims, Electronic Equipment, White Metal

This service is provided for residents only and proof of residency is required. Residents may transport items to the site in a vehicle no larger than a pick up/van.

Further information on this program is available on our website.



Holmdel Township POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Holmdel Township Police Department will be hosting another "Operation Take Back New Jersey" local collection site as part of the Operation Take Back New Jersey medicine disposal day. The event will take place at Holmdel Town Hall on **Saturday, April 27, 2013 between the hours of 10:00AM and 2:00PM.**

- A drop off box will be set up at Town Hall and a member of the Police Department will be present at all times.
- This collection is anonymous, and you do not need to show any identification.
- Medication can be disposed of either in its original container or by removing it from its container and disposing directly into the drug disposal box. If you are going to dispose of your medication in its original container, we encourage you to remove the prescription label if it contains any personal identifying information.
- Liquid products, such as cough medicine, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

Syringes and other sharp instruments will not be accepted.

This program will afford New Jersey residents the opportunity to rid their homes of their unused, unwanted and expired medicine. Several New Jersey county prescription drug abuse task forces and focus groups have recognized the need for efficient, secure, and environmentally sound methods to collect and dispose of unused, unwanted, and expired medicine. The DEA reports that prescription drug abuse is the nation's fastest growing drug problem; therefore, keeping medications out of the wrong hands will help keep our families stronger and our communities safer.

The program was launched in 2009 in order to combat the growing problem. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported that in the five prior Operation Take-Back programs, 2,076,306 pounds of unused, unwanted, and expired medications have been collected across the United States, of which, 66,361 pounds were collected in the state of New Jersey.

Once again, we invite you to continue the progress that has been made by dropping off the above mentioned medicine at Holmdel's Town Hall Building. If you would like further information, please contact Sergeant Michael Pigott at 732-946-4400 or mpigott@holmdelpolice.org.

Volunteers Needed for Holmdel Police Department Domestic Violence Response Team

The Holmdel Township Police Department is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT). In affiliation with 180 Turning Lives Around (180), and with the assistance of the response team volunteers, the Police Department continues to make available this service to victims of domestic violence during the initial stages of a highly emotional and traumatic experience. 180 will be conducting an intensive 40-hour mandatory training course for Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) volunteers April 22nd – May 16th, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:30pm, in the courtroom at Hazlet Police Headquarters, 255 Middle Road in Hazlet.

Applications are currently being accepted.

The volunteer advocates with 180's DVRT Program are civilian members of the community who work collaboratively with law enforcement to provide support, information, and referrals to victims of domestic violence at Holmdel Police Headquarters. Advocates also discuss with victims safety planning and their legal rights in regard to obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order. By providing empathy and crucial perspective of the situation, these highly-trained advocates help to empower victims to make informed decisions for themselves and their families.

Basic requirements for volunteers to apply include that they must be eighteen years of

age or older, have access to reliable transportation, possess a valid driver's license, be willing to serve on an on-call shift basis, participate in an interview process, submit to background investigations and fingerprinting, and successfully complete the mandatory training. The Holmdel Police Department and 180 are committed to a culturally diverse team to better serve the community, so bi-lingual capability is helpful. Prior knowledge of domestic violence is not required. The identities of the DVRT volunteers are kept anonymous. Please contact Holmdel Police Sergeant Michael Pigott, DVRT DVLO, at 732-946-9690 ext. 1731 or mpigott@holmdelpolice.org, to obtain an application or for additional information.

Free Program for all Seniors Living within the Township

If you live alone, and have a medical condition, we can provide you with a free lock box which we install on your home for use in emergency situations.

The boxes are donated by Lowe's Home Improvement, and are made available to Holmdel Seniors, free of charge, through the Holmdel Township Police Crime Prevention Unit who also installs the box for free.

Many senior residents who live alone have a medical alert bracelet and alarm systems that summon assistance. However, when police and medical personnel arrive, the resi-

dence is often locked from the inside. When this happens, Police have no choice but to force entry into the home to assist the victim, which can cause extensive damage.

With the lockbox, responding police officers are able to quickly gain access with a key, avoiding the need to damage a door or window. The lockbox has a digital combination that is only known to law enforcement personnel.

Any resident who may meet the criteria for a lockbox is asked to contact the Holmdel Police Crime Prevention Unit at 732-946-4400.



To better communicate with you, sign up for the Township's Code Red Communications System in order to receive emergency alerts and public announcements. Your contact information will remain private and will only be used for this purpose. You may sign up by visiting our website www.holmdeltownship-nj.com.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Holmdel Township Swim Club



The Holmdel Swim Club is located Bailey Lane (off Holmdel Rd.)

The facility includes four pools, snack bar, chairs/lounges, basketball court, sand volleyball court, family DJ night, lockers, playground, swim team, swim lessons, tennis courts and children's arts/crafts

Membership consists of family members, individuals, senior citizens (62 or older) and August only membership.

Early Registration to April 15th:

After April 15th:

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Family	\$535.00	\$720.00	\$590.00	\$760.00
Individual	\$300.00	\$385.00	\$340.00	\$420.00
Senior	\$125.00	\$145.00	\$140.00	\$165.00
Aug. (family only)	\$375.00	\$445.00		

Swim Team Club Membership: \$75 first child, \$60 each additional child (6 to 18 years of age and must meet skill requirements)

Swim Team Individual: \$225 residents, \$260 non-residents

Registrar online at <https://register.communitypass.net/holmdelswimclub>

RESERVE HOLMDEL'S BEAUTIFUL PARKS & FACILITIES FOR YOUR PARTY OR SPECIAL EVENT

Senior/Community Center is available for group use/party rentals. The Center can accommodate a maximum of 150 people. Minimum rental is 2 hours, maximum 5 hours. Fee for residents is \$125 per hour, non-residents is \$250 per hour, plus a refundable security deposit of \$250. For reservations please call 732-946-2820, ext. 1224.

Bayonet Farm Usage: The natural beauty of Bayonet Farm provides a spectacular backdrop for your special event. Two charming barns and designated grounds area are available for your wedding, reunion or party celebration. It is located at 41 Middletown Road. For additional information on rates and reservations, please contact the Office of Parks & Recreation at 732-946-2820, ext. 1223.

Picnic Pavilions at Cross Farm Park & Veterans Memorial Park: The Office of Parks & Recreation is accepting reservations for their picnic pavilions. They can be reserved between May 1 and September 30, 2013. A ball field, in conjunction with either facility, if available, is \$50 per day for residents and \$100 per day for non-residents. Refundable security deposit is \$150, plus applicable fees.

Cross Farm Park picnic pavilion is located off Rt. 520 and Longbridge Rd. Accommodates a maximum of 200 persons. Resident fee is \$200 per day, non-resident is \$400 per day. In conjunction with Cross Farm Pavilion rental, the concession/kitchen is available at an additional fee of \$100 per day for resident and \$200 per day for non-resident.

Veterans Memorial Park picnic pavilion located off Telegraph Hill Rd. accommodates a maximum of 100 persons. Resident fee is \$150 per day and non-resident is \$300 per day.

For additional information on reservations, please contact at 732-946-2820, ext. 1223.

EVENTS

Community Day and Baseball Bonanza

April 20th (rain date ~ April 21, 2013)

Parade 10:00 AM-Village School

Cross Farm Park -11:00-4:00 PM

HYAA and Holmdel Recreation are pleased to announce that plans are currently underway for Community Day and the Baseball Bonanza. The parade will begin at 10:00 am at Village School and end at Cross Farm Park. Enjoy the afternoon with other members of your community! Food vendors will be selling a large variety of food for your enjoyment, and craft vendors will have their new and handmade artwork on display for you to purchase. Children can enjoy the afternoon playing on the FREE rides or socializing with friends and neighbors. Many volunteer opportunities are available.

Memorial Day Ceremony

May 27 @10:30am ~

Town Hall Memorial Circle



Join the Holmdel V.F.W. Post 5918 and the Office of Parks and Recreation as they honor those who have served in all wars. The ceremony will be held at the Memorial Circle in front of Holmdel Town Hall. All are invited to attend this event. Refreshments will be served. The VFW will be collecting old flags and properly disposing of them.

Holmdel Recreation Summer Day Camp

Monday-Friday, July 1st-August 9th

K-6th grade at W.R. Satz School

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fees: **Early Registration**

To June 2nd

After June 2nd

\$250 First Child \$275 First Child

\$215 Add'l Child \$230 Add'l Child

CIT Program (Counselor in Training)

Ages 14 - 17; Fee:\$100

Join your friends for a summer of games, sports, arts & crafts, special events, trips, and more! This program is open to Holmdel children who have completed Kindergarten or are six years of age by the start of the program up to children who have completed sixth grade. Proof of age and residency required. **Registration begins on Monday, April 22nd and ends on Friday, June 7th**, unless program is filled.

For additional program information contact 732-946-2820, ext. 1225 or email recreation@holmdeltownship-nj.com. You may registrar for classes by visiting <https://register.communitypass.net/holmdel>.

HOLMDEL SHADE TREE COMMISSION



“SANDY” AND TREE DAMAGE

Superstorm Sandy has now come and gone leaving a terrible mess in its wake. For the past few months all residents have been trying to clean up the visible results of its damage, such as downed leaves and branches on trees and shrubs. In addition, we have had several powerful storms with wet and heavy snow that have not helped the state of our greenery either.

Hidden away are damages to our trees that are not so visible. The trunks and branches have been tossed and turned in all directions during the storms. We have had some rain storms that have at least protected the greenery from winter burn and root drought. The hidden damage is the current concern. Most hazardous are cracked or hanging branches often called “widow makers” by hikers. These heavy branches can fall at any time on unsuspecting people, animals or personal possessions. For safety they need to be removed.

There are also splintered and unsightly branch stubs which can easily develop tree rot that can spread to the entire tree. A certified tree expert should be consulted for advice on pruning the tree to eliminate such damage.

Evergreens which have tipped slightly may possibly be straightened. This is undoubtedly an expensive repair as a crane may be needed and a new planting hole dug. Consultation with a tree service is recommended since the tree may just continue to tip as new storms arrive.

Remember that a tree is a living thing and its integrity and stability change over time, so don't assume that a tree that has survived 10 severe storms will necessarily survive during the eleventh. For further information please contact the Shade Tree Commission Chairperson, Jenni Blumenthal at jblumenthal@comcast.net

Holmdel Historical Society

H o l m d e l

Historical Society recently received a grant from the Monmouth County Historical Commission. The Historical Commission awarded the grant to help defray costs to replace the roof on Dr. Cooke's Medical Office. The grant was for 50% of the lowest bid, which went to Red Bank Roofing Company. Roofers will begin replacing the first floor cedar shakes in the spring.

Dr. Cooke's Medical Office is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and is owned and maintained by the Holmdel Historical Society. Members of the Society raised the other half of the funds needed to complete the job. Holmdel Historical Society is a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization run by volunteers.

Members of the Holmdel Historical Society will host free guided tours at Dr. Cooke's as part of Monmouth County's Weekend in Old Monmouth. Dr. Cooke's Office will be open for visits all day Saturday and Sunday, May 4th and 5th and is located on Village School property at 67 McCampbell Road in Holmdel. All are welcome to come out and examine Dr. Cooke's medical instruments, some of which are nearly 200 years old!

Holmdel's Historical Society's Director of Community Relations, Art Heath, did a fantastic job in applying for and securing the grant.

HOLMDEL HALF CENTURY CLUB

Welcomes new members! Enjoy social activities including luncheons, day trips, overnights, Broadway shows, Atlantic City and much more.

The club meets twice a month, the first and third Tuesdays at the Holmdel Community Center located next to Town Hall on Crawfords Corner Road. Refreshments are served, and often have guest speakers. The Community Center is available to members for activities every Thursday.

Club is open to Holmdel residents, age 50 or older with an annual membership fee of \$20.00.

For further information contact Tom King at 732-264-4131

Dr. Cook's Medical Center



Freeholder Lillian Burry, Art Heath and Joseph A. Grabas, Commissioner with Monmouth Co. Historical

FREE Fun at Holmdel's Bayonet Farm Earth Day Festival!

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH ~ 12 NOON UNTIL 5:00PM ~ RAIN OR SHINE

A full afternoon of fun and educational entertainment! Live animal shows, a Petting Zoo, refreshments, guided tours, timely environmental displays, live music, and “Just for Kids” crafts—all FREE and all with a “green” message! Bayonet Farm is located at 41 Middletown Road, Holmdel.

Holmdel Girl Scout Troop #1248 will be there to collect your junk to make it useful, again. Drop-off bins near Welcome Center. Bring your old markers, highlighters, mechanical pencils, #5 plastic containers, make-up and non-aerosol beauty containers.

Annual Greenway Walk! At 10:00 am, the Ramanessin Brook Greenway Nature Trail hike will commence from Holmdel Park (first parking lot, near the large shed opposite Longstreet Farm entrance.) The easy-to-moderate hike ends at Bayonet Farm in time for the Festival!

For more information, please call Carol at 732-946-9064

Holmdel Township Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

April is "National Alcohol Awareness Month" and the Holmdel Alliance would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of a few important facts about alcohol and alcohol poisoning. The Holmdel Alliance was formed to help our community and its citizens make informed decisions about alcohol and substance abuse. We especially strive to promote a "no-use" message in our schools and with our children.

Alcohol Facts:

- Legal age to purchase & consume alcohol beverages is 21
- Alcohol is the leading contributor to causes of death each year for those under 21, including deaths from alcohol-related injuries, homicides, and suicides
- A higher percentage of youths ages 12-20 use alcohol than use tobacco or illicit drugs;
- Alcohol is the most frequently used drug by high school seniors;
- Young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age;
- Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21;
- Alcohol abuse is linked to as many as 2/3 of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students and is a major factor in unprotected sex among youth, increasing their risk of contracting HIV or other transmitted diseases;
- The typical American young person will see 100,000 beer commercials before he/she turns 18 13 percent of all youth, ages 12-17, had at least one serious problem related to drinking in the past year;
- Alcohol can prevent teens from growing to full-size. Heavy drinking in teens has been shown to interfere with muscle & bone growth.
- Recent brain imaging studies in teens & young adults who drank heavily has shown shrinkage in an area of the brain that is responsible for memory & learning, which indicates that these young peoples ability to learn & remember suffers. The brain doesn't finish developing until around 21 years old.

Alcohol Poisoning: Alcohol is a drug that changes brain chemistry and is lethal in high doses. Despite general knowledge about alcohol intoxication, drinking and driving and some of the long term medical consequences of alcohol abuse, few people realize that deaths from alcohol overdoses occur about as often as for other drugs.

Alcohol can cause death directly by acting on those brain areas that control consciousness, respiration and heart rate. As a central nervous system depressant, alcohol can "turn off" these vital brain areas, resulting first in coma and then death.

What You Should Do If You Suspect Someone Has Alcohol Poisoning?

NEVER leave an intoxicated person alone; **CALL 911** if a person has **any** of the following symptoms

- *Unconscious or semiconscious
- *Breathing less than 10 times per minute or irregular breathing (check every 2 minutes)
- *Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin
- *Can't be awakened by pinching, prodding or shouting
- *Vomiting without waking up

Do not wait for all the above symptoms to be present. Remember that a person who has passed out may die.

Common myths about sobering up include drinking black coffee, taking a cold bath or shower, sleeping it off, or walking it off. **But these are just myths, and they don't work.** The only thing that reverses the effects of alcohol is time-something you may not have if you are suffering from alcohol poisoning. Even after a person stops drinking, alcohol in the stomach and intestine continues to enter the bloodstream and circulate throughout the body, that is why it is dangerous to assume the person will be fine by sleeping it off.

Drinking games, beer bongs and shots all promote rapid consumption of alcohol & can result in a high blood alcohol concentration. Alcohol poisoning is most likely to happen when someone drinks a large amount of alcohol very quickly. Because the liver can only process a small amount of alcohol per hour, a person's BAC can continue to rise for several hours (even after someone has stopped drinking) reaching a potentially deadly level.

Untreated alcohol poisoning can lead to death. Don't be afraid to seek medical help for a friend who has too much to drink. Don't worry that your friend may become angry or embarrassed – remember, you cared enough to help.

For local information and resources, visit www.holmdeltownship-nj.com or call the Holmdel Alliance at 732-946-2820; ext 1212 or email Alliance Coordinator, Barbara Hilliard at bhilliard51@comcast.net; **WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW**

MEMBERS!!

THE 2013 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Mayor Patrick Impreveduto
 Deputy Mayor Eric Hinds
 Committeeman Greg Buontempo
 Committeeman Thomas Critelli
 Committeeman Joseph A. Ponisi

To contact any of the Governing Body members if you have questions or comments about anything going on in Town, you may call the Township Clerk at 732-946-2820, extension 1211 or email info@holmdeltownship-nj.com.

STAFF DIRECTORY

The staff of Holmdel Township is here to assist the public whenever possible. Please use the following list of extensions when dialing 732-946-2820 to contact a municipal staff member or department.

1204	Administration
1304, 1305	Building Inspections/Construction
1604	Court Clerk
1204	Code Enforcement
1953	Dept. of Public Works
1341	Environmental Commission
1402	Finance Department
1301	Fire Prevention
1212	Mayor/Township Committee
1225	Parks & Recreation
1322	Planning Board
1212	Recycling
1212	Registrar
1411	Sewer
1341	Shade Tree Committee
1432	Tax Assessor
1423	Tax Collector
1211	Township Clerk
1323	Zoning Board
1315	Zoning Officer

OTHER NUMBERS:

County Board of Health 732-431-7456
 Holmdel Board of Education 732-946-1800
 Holmdel Library 732- 946-4118
 Holmdel Post Office 732-946-4710
 Police Department (non-emergency) 732-946-9690

Resident information and notification website

This site will enable you to find out :

- ◆ Quick and easy identification of your section
- ◆ Leaf collection & brush collection schedule
- ◆ Snow plowing progress
- ◆ Area alerts for road closures, power outages and other important Township information

Visit: info.holmdeltown.com

Holmdel Library Hours:

Mondays: 1:00pm—9:00pm
 Tuesdays: 9:00am—5:00pm
 Wednesdays: 1:00pm—9:00pm
 Thursdays: 9:00am—5:00pm
 Fridays: 1:00pm—5:00pm
 Saturdays: 9:00am—5:00pm
 (July & August/Saturdays 9:00am—1:00 pm)

For Tax and Sewer payments after hours there are drop boxes located outside the main entrance of the building

Holmdel Municipal Offices
4 Crawfords Corner Rd.
Holmdel, NJ 07733
Business Hours:
9:00am~4:30pm