



# MOUNT LAUREL

100 MOUNT LAUREL ROAD, MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

APRIL 2023





# Save The Date

## JUNETEENTH EVENT

Mount Laurel Township's first Juneteenth Event will be held on Saturday June 17th.

The event will take place at Laurel Acres Park at 1045 S. Church Street.

Please stay tuned for further announcements on the Township's Facebook page and website.

# MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP & THE DIVERSITY & INCLUSION BOARD — JUNETEENTH

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023**

**12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**



**LAUREL ACRES PARK  
1045 S. CHURCH ST.  
MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054**

**Scan the QR Code the day of the  
event for the following  
information:**

- **Historical Exhibits**
- **Educational Information**
- **Vendors**
- **Breweries**
- **Food trucks**
- **Giveaways**
- **Raffles - Apple Unity Watch**



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# Tax Assessor

## **TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS (100% PERMANENT AND TOTAL)**

If you are a 100% permanently and totally disabled veteran (or their surviving spouse), and have a 100% rating issued by the office of Veteran's Affairs, you may be eligible for property tax exemption. The basic requirements are honorable discharge, a 100% permanent and total disability rating certification from the VA and primary residence in the property applied for. Along with the application form, applicants must supply a copy of the DDForm214 or discharge papers, a deed to the property showing applicant as owner, proof of residency in the home, and a copy of a current NJ Driver's License. The application is available on line at the Mount Laurel Township web site or contact Dennis DeKlerk, Assessor at [ddeklerk@mountlaurel.com](mailto:ddeklerk@mountlaurel.com) or 856-234-0001 x1256 or x1257.

## **VETERAN TAX DEDUCTION**

Veterans can apply for a yearly tax deduction of \$250.00. To qualify you must be a NJ resident, be on the deed as an owner of the property, have an honorable discharge and be able to provide a DDForm214 or discharge papers. Applications are available on the Mount Laurel Township web site or you can contact the Assessor's Office

## **SENIOR CITIZEN OR DISABLED PERSON TAX DEDUCTION**

Any resident property owner who qualifies can receive an annual deduction from their property taxes if you are a Senior Citizen (65 or over) or Disabled Person. For approved applicants a \$250.00 per year deduction is applied to the property tax bill. NJ State guidelines limit household income to qualify. Social Security or government pensions can be excluded, but any income outside of that is capped at \$10,000.00 per year. Applications are available on the Township website or the Township Assessor's Office.

## **TAX ASSESSMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

If you have a construction permit for a new home, or improvement to your existing home, the Tax Assessor's Office is required to inspect the work to determine whether or not an added assessment is in order. Each new home, or completed improvement that is taxable is added to the township tax system by an added assessment. Added assessments are issued in October and are retroactive to the date of completion. Tax bills for that period are issued in October as well. Prior to billing, the Assessor's Office will send an Added Assessment notice informing you of the additional property value, description of work, number of months and estimated supplemental tax. Added assessment inspections commence the first week in May and will continue through September. The inspector will speak to you at the time of inspection or leave a contact number to verify the work.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Mount Laurel Township Assessor's Office at [ddeklerk@mountlaurel.com](mailto:ddeklerk@mountlaurel.com) or 856-234-6272.

# Tax Collector

## **TAXES DUE**

- Please note the 2023 2nd quarter property taxes will be due on May 1st, 2023. Any tax payments received after Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 will accrue interest back to May 1st, 2023.

## **TAX SALE**

- Our 2023 Tax Sale will be held on Thursday, June 8th, 2023 in the Mount Laurel Community Center at 100 Mount Laurel Road. As per N.J.S.A 54-5 et seq any parcels of land on which taxes and/or other municipal charges are remaining unpaid for the tax year 2022 or prior are subject to the sale.

## **SENIOR FREEZE APPLICATIONS**

- For those residents who are currently enrolled in the "Senior Freeze" Property Tax Reimbursement program and have received your booklet in the mail, you may stop by our office during business hours to have your application completed. They are to be returned to the State of New Jersey no later than October 31st, 2023. For more information or to see if you meet the 2022 "Eligibility Requirements" please visit: [njtaxation.org](http://njtaxation.org), select Property Tax Relief and then Senior Freeze Program or call the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1 (800) 882-6597

## **DIRECT DEBIT PROGRAM**

- The Township offers an ACH Direct Debit program for property taxes. If you are interested in participating, please check our township website for more information, including the application.





# Construction Department Updates

The Construction Department would like to remind all residents that permits might be required prior to starting new construction projects.

The following are commonly missed items that are not applied for in the construction department:

- Alterations in the finished basement

Installation of:

- A/C Units
- Gas furnaces
- Gas or electric water heaters

This list is not all-inclusive.

For questions please contact the Community Development/Construction Office at 856-234-9686.

## ZONING INFORMATION

Please note the following require a zoning permit:

- Fences
- Decks
- Pools
- Dumpster (\$25 fee)

Note that pool permits are required for in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools capable of containing over 24 inches of water.

The zoning permit can be found on the Township website under the Construction page or under Online Forms.



# Township Luncheons

## VETERAN LUNCHEON

The Township will hold a veterans luncheon on Thursday May 18th.

The luncheon will be held from 11:30-1:00 PM at Laurel Acres Park.

Laurel Acres Park is located at 1045 S. Church Street.

The rain location for this event will be held at the Mount Laurel Community Center at 100 Mount Laurel Road.

To attend please RSVP by May 8th to [events@mountlaurel.com](mailto:events@mountlaurel.com) or call 856-234-0001 ext.1289.



# Mount Laurel Library

The Library is the place for fun activities to stay busy through the winter and into the new year. For a complete list of events please visit: <https://mtlaurel.evanced.info/signup>

## APRIL

### MANAGING FOOD WASTE AT HOME

Tuesday, April 18th 7PM

Join us for this important and educational presentation by the Mount Laurel Environmental Commission on practical ways to manage food waste in your home. No registration necessary.

## MAY

### PHIL BRUSCHI SINGS: THE SONGS OF LEIBER & STOLLER

Friday, May 12th 2PM

Come listen to Phil Bruschi as he talks and sings about the fabulous careers of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, songwriting partners who created groundbreaking hits for such artists as Elvis, The Coasters, The Drifters, and many more. No registration required.

### TALK: MEALTIMES WITH THE VICTORIANS

Monday, May 22nd 1PM

Meals in the Victorian Era were different than what we are accustomed to. Popular street fare included sheep trotters (feet), eels, and bloaters (whole cold smoked herring). Discover how, what and when the different classes ate and how tea was one item consumed by every class. Hosted by Judith Krall-Russo. No registration required.

## JUNE

### NATURE NICK'S ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Sunday, June 4th 2PM & 3PM

Join animal lover Nature Nick and a whole bunch of his furry, scaly friends for a seriously awesome, funny, fast-paced, and educational show! During this 45 minute presentation, you will get up close and personal with a variety of exotic animals, including an owl, baby alligator, toucan, hedgehog, flamingo, baby kangaroo, and more! Nature Nick travels all over the country with his animal family and has even taken them on television! Don't miss the opportunity to meet and learn about these amazing creatures at your very own library. All ages are welcome. Please register.



## SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, June 17th – Sunday, August 20th

Summer Reading is just around the corner! Beginning Saturday, June 17, families can sign up for the library's Summer Reading contest and win prizes all summer long just by relaxing in the sun with some great books!

### MAGIC SHOW WITH MAGIC JIM

Thursday, June 29th 6:30PM & 7:30PM

Magic Jim presents a hilarious, entertaining, and magical experience, based on this year's Summer Reading theme: All Together Now! All ages are welcome. Please register.



## JULY

### BRIGHT STAR TOURING THEATRE PRESENTS: AFRICAN FOLKTALES

Sunday, July 16th 2PM

From the desert lands of the Sahara to the plains of the Serengeti to Mount Kilimanjaro and beyond - join a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the continent of Africa, complete with African music to help set the stage for these energetic tales. Suitable for all ages, please register.





# Public Works

## POTHOLE SEASON

Spring in the Northeast is also known as pothole season. The fluctuating temperatures and freeze and thaw pattern from melting snow and ice seep into cracks in the road creating potholes. Residents are encouraged to call in/email the locations of potholes they have encountered while traversing the township.

However, not all roads in Mount Laurel are maintained by the Township. Some of the roads are maintained by the County or State. Below is a list of County and State Roads along with contact information for reporting issues for those roads.

## COUNTY ROADS:

You can contact the County Highway Department at 609-726-7300 or [highway@co.burlington.nj.us](mailto:highway@co.burlington.nj.us)

- Ark Road (Twp owned from 38 to Hainesport Twp line)
- Centerton Road (Twp owned from Rancocas Creek to Moorestown line)
- Church Road
- Church Street
- Creek Road (Twp owned from Marne Highway to Masonville Road)
- Elbo Lane
- Fellowship Road
- Hainesport-Mt.Laurel Road
- Hartford Road
- Marne Highway
- Masonville Road
- Fostertown Road
- Mount Laurel Road
- Westfield Road (near Centerton Road)
- Springdale Road

## STATE ROADS:

Call: 1 800 Pothole or visit:

<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/contact/>

- Route 73
- Route 38
- U.S Route 295

To contact Public Works you can email [info@mountlaurel.com](mailto:info@mountlaurel.com) or 856-234-0001 ext. 1241

# Mount Laurel Garden Club Schedules Plant Sale

The Mount Laurel Garden Club will hold their yearly perennial plant sale on Saturday, May 6th at the Library. Most flowers and plants are dug and potted from members own properties including some unique offerings for sun or shade. This event is one of two held to raise funds for the Garden Club scholarship program and other projects throughout the township such as the 9/11 Memorial, Veterans Memorial and Farmers Hall.

The Club meets on the third Monday of the month at the Mount Laurel Community Center. Brunch is followed by business meeting and timely program. Visitors are welcomed or for more information call Barbara at 856-396 0017.





# Business Spotlight

## PDK. NINE

The Township and Township Council would like to give a warm welcome to Pdk. NINE.

Mayor Steglik helped celebrate the shop's opening this past February with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Pdk. NINE is a premier collectables, games, and art store. Owner Joe Sabatino made it his mission to include items from local artists throughout the store. You will find drawings, collectible pins, homemade backpacks and more.

The store features a comfortable layout, filled with tables ready to welcome residents and families for a fun game night. Choose from a large selection of board games, grab food from a local business nearby, and enjoy a night out with friends and family.

The store is located at 127 Ark Road.



## THE SELFIE SUITE

One of Mount Laurel's newest businesses, the Selfie Suite is the perfect spot to spend a fun afternoon with family and friends.

Mayor Steglik and Deputy Mayor Janjua helped celebrate the shop's opening this past February with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Selfie Suite NJ, is a photography studio where guests can take pictures and videos with their phone or camera using unique settings, props, and lights. To elevate the experience even more, guests can upgrade their admission to use a 360 photo booth, instant film cameras, and fun accessories.

The company owners, Terrance and Nicole Wilmore leverage their experience and tenure in the art and entertainment industries to design fun and artistic backdrops that highlight inspirations from pop culture across multiple generations. Terrance and Nicole function as designers and oversee daily operations at Selfie Suite NJ.

The Selfie Suite is located at 4201 Church Road, Mount Laurel. To learn more visit <https://selfiesuitenj.com/>





## JOSE TEJAS

The highly anticipated Mexican restaurant Jose Tejas is officially open. The restaurant is known for their delicious Mexican food featuring favorites like sizzling fajitas, blackened tacos, and enchiladas. For an appetizer be sure to try the Tejas chicken, which is chicken tenders lightly fried and dipped in secret Tejas Sauce.

The restaurant is located on 1310 Route 73.



## PICK UP FROM JESSIE HAIR SALON

Owner Caniya Caldwell started her business as she noticed the lack of salons that serviced women of all nationalities and hair types. Caniya has been doing hair professionally for over 7 years.

Deputy Mayor Janjua attended the ribbon cutting this past January. She stated, "We are so proud to see a minority and women owned business call Mount Laurel home. I personally look forward to being a lifelong customer".

The salon offers hair treatment services, coloring, balayage, bridal services, hair extensions, updos, and more.

Pick Up From Jessie Hair Studio is located at 1155 Route 73 Suite 4, Mount Laurel, NJ. To book an appointment call 856-930-7086.





# COMING SOON

## THYME TRAVELERS CONSERVATORY

Coming this spring to the Rancocas Woods area is Thyme Travelers Conservatory.

Thyme Travelers Conservatory will be a one-stop shop for all things wellness, plants, and workshops. The new store joins a bustling area of shops located on Creek Road.

The shop will feature houseplants, plant care products, homemade accessories, botanical body care, and apothecary items. Owners Janeen, Allie, and Josh also envision the shop to be a place for relaxation, and will add a library and reading nook.

Stay tuned for more details and an opening date.



## TOMMY'S TAVERN + TAP

Tommy's Tavern + Tap will take over the former TGI Friday's building located in the popular Centerton Square shopping complex.

The restaurant mixes a modern upscale vibe with sports bar features. The menu offers a wide variety of choices from coal fire pizzas, classic soups and salads, sandwiches, flatbreads, sushi and more.

To start try the spinach and artichoke dip or jumbo salted pretzel. Entrée choices range from crispy chicken sandwiches and juicy burgers to flavorful salad combos like the sesame crusted ahi tuna salad. Coal fire pizzas are a customer favorite and feature the freshest tomatoes, cheese, and a variety of toppings. For the adventurous type, try Tommy's sushi creations and poke bowls, which feature sushi rice, seaweed salad and crunchy onions.

Tommy's Tavern + Tap was started by the Bonfiglio family and continues to be a family run business. Stay tuned for more details and an opening date.



# Mount Laurel Police Department

## MOUNT LAUREL POLICE K-9 UNIT

Mount Laurel Police Department canine unit is 100% funded by donations. Our canines help keep our community and the surrounding communities safe. The donations cover the cost to purchase additional canines, training, veterinary care, food, and safety equipment.

### Mount Laurel Township Police Department Free Ice Cream With An Officer



**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

Countryside Elementary School

115 Schoolhouse Lane

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

\*Date Subject To change\*



**\*The last call for ice cream is 5:45 PM\***

## 2023 MOUNT LAUREL POLICE K-9 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Mount Laurel Police K-9 Unit is beginning its 2023 Fundraising campaign and is in need of your support!

The Mount Laurel Police K-9 Unit operates entirely on donations. Without the financial support from the community, our K-9 unit would not exist. The continued success of our program relies solely on the generous support from residents and the communities we serve.

The Mount Laurel Police K-9 Unit proudly fields two police K-9 teams that enhance the police department's ability to find missing people, apprehend criminals and root out unlawful narcotic activity. The K-9 teams contribute daily to the increased safety of everyone who lives or works in Mount Laurel Township as well as to the safety of our officers.

Our K-9 teams are some of the most highly trained teams in the region. They are not only certified to the high standards set by the New Jersey Attorney General K-9 training guidelines but they are also certified in scent detection and tracking by the prestigious United States Police Canine Association (USPCA.)

If you would like to make a donation and contribute to the success of our police K-9 program, please send a check to the below address.

**Mount Laurel Police K-9 Fund  
100 Mount Laurel Road  
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054**

## MOUNT LAUREL POLICE K-9 UNIT HELP US GROW!



### CANINES CAN:

- DETECT DRUGS
- DETER CRIMES
- FIND MISSING PEOPLE
- FIND EXPLOSIVES
- BUILD COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- AND SO MUCH MORE

Please feel free to call or email with questions!

✉ [MLpdK9@mountlaurelpolice.org](mailto:MLpdK9@mountlaurelpolice.org)

🌐 [Mountlaurelpolice.org](http://Mountlaurelpolice.org)

☎ 856-234-1414 Ext: 1507



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\*Note K-9 Donation\*



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Checks can be made out to  
Mount Laurel K-9 Unit

## COPS & BOBBERS



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COPS & BOBBERS



FISHING



MEET THE K9S

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

**5:00 PM To 7:00 PM**

**Laurel Acres Park**

**\*Limited Space Available\***

Sign-up on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

**FISHING POLES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN**

**QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL [COMMUNITYRELATIONS@MOUNTLAURELPD.ORG](mailto:COMMUNITYRELATIONS@MOUNTLAURELPD.ORG)**



# Mount Laurel Fire Department

## Year In Review

The following is a breakdown of 2022 incident data by call type as it pertains to fire department activity. It also highlights inspection activity by our Bureau of Fire Prevention. Last, is training data which pertains to our members' training and education to comply with regulations to maintain member proficiencies in various disciplines.



Types of incidents as defined by the National Fire Incident Reporting System	2022	%
<b>Fires</b> (Includes building fires, cooking fires, rubbish fires, vehicle fires, etc.)	204	6.1
<b>Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion</b> (Overpressure/rupture vessels, vessel explosions with no fire, chemical reactions)	12	0.4
<b>Rescue/EMS</b> Motor vehicle crashes (MVC), MVC with entrapment, medical incidents, etc.)	1,101	32.8
<b>Hazardous Conditions</b> (Natural gas leaks, electrical hazards, wires, etc.)	307	9.1
<b>Service Calls</b> (Assist the public, assist police, animal rescue, dewatering, etc.)	307	9.1
<b>Good Intent Calls</b> (Odor of smoke, investigations, smoke scare, etc.)	706	21.0
<b>False Alarm &amp; False Calls</b> (Unintentional fire alarm, malfunctioning fire alarm, malicious fire alarm, etc.)	707	21.1
<b>Severe Weather &amp; Natural Disasters</b> (Wind, flooding, earthquakes, lightning strike w/no fire)	0	0
<b>Special Incident Type</b> (Citizen or other agency referrals)	13	0.4
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>3,357</b>	<b>100%</b>

  

Bureau of Fire Prevention Activity	2022	%
Periodic Fire Inspection Conducted (Fire violations generated: 7,008)	2,169	43.2
Re-inspections Conducted	1,414	28.1
Residential Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarm Inspections (CSDCMAC) Conducted	1,392	27.7
Fire Investigations Conducted	26	0.5
Public Education Programs Conducted	23	0.5
<b>Total Tasks</b>	<b>5,024</b>	<b>100%</b>

  

Training Division Activity	2022	%
Volunteer Firefighter Training Hours	2,062	14.2
Career Firefighter Training Hours	12,507	85.8
<b>Total Training Hours</b>	<b>14,569</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Member Spotlight



**Christopher Santone** joined the Mount Laurel Fire Department in 1999 as a volunteer, before he was hired as a full-time member in October 2001. Since then, he has promoted through the ranks and is currently serving as a battalion chief (BC) assigned to the C platoon. He is a steadfast proponent of firefighter education and regularly attends local and national seminars as part of his personal development. He has served as an integral part of the department's new apparatus committee for a number of years. In addition to his daily responsibilities, BC Santone currently serves as a task force leader with the Burlington County Urban Search & Rescue team. Previously, he was a member of New Jersey Task Force 1, which is one of 28 federal FEMA Urban Search and Rescue teams in the country. He serves as a member of a task force formed by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to educate emergency services agencies on the response to incidents involving electric vehicles. Currently, he is assisting with the delivery of an in-house 68-hour fire officer development course. In his free time, Chris enjoys spending time with his family and passing on his knowledge and experience to fellow firefighters.



**Sylvan Einstein** joined the Mount Laurel Fire Department in 2003 as a volunteer firefighter. Since then, he has promoted through the ranks and is currently serving as captain assigned to the Wednesday night duty crew. He also serves as the liaison for volunteer personnel to the Chief's Office. He is an integral part of the department's volunteer duty crew program and continues to promote the recruitment of new volunteers to support our duty crew program. Captain Einstein consistently has become a top contributor to the department by volunteering hundreds of hours annually. In his free time, Syl enjoys spending time with his family and going on fishing trips to Florida.

# Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Services Year In Review

The following is a breakdown of 2022 MLEMS incident data by call type. Call volume continues to trend upward, where we have exceeded pre-Covid call levels. As part of quality improvement, MLEMS is working on monitoring our performance relative to industry standards. Ultimately, it is our goal to provide quality and compassionate emergency medical services to improve the quality of life in Mount Laurel.

EMS INCIDENTS BY TYPE	#	%
Medical Emergency	1672	25.6
Fall Victim	869	13.3
Traffic Accident	577	8.8
Respiratory Emergency	488	7.5
Psychiatric Problems	409	6.3
Cardiac Emergency	363	5.6
Unconscious / Fainting	297	4.5
Abdominal Pain	250	3.8
Not Applicable	148	2.3
Lift assist	142	2.2
Convulsions / Seizure	138	2.1
Stroke/CVA	120	1.8
Medical Alarm / Pendant	118	1.8
Diabetic Problem	97	1.5
Chest Pain	95	1.5
Cardiac Arrest	78	1.2
Hemorrhage/Laceration	67	1
Back Pain	66	1
Fire Call	60	1
Sick Person	58	1
Assault	58	1
Allergic Reaction	44	1
Overdose	103	2
Headache	28	0
Stand-By	22	0
Unknown Problems	20	0
Community Outreach	20	0
Pregnancy / Childbirth	19	0
Choking	19	0
Traumatic Injury	30	1
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>6,475</b>	<b>100</b>

## EMS Week 2023



# EMS WEEK

Rising to the Challenge

**WEEK: MAY 21st-27th, 2023**

We would like to recognize the efforts of our emergency medical service personnel who have self-sacrificed and placed themselves in harm's way to answer our communities' needs under adverse conditions. These members were on the frontline in response to Covid 19, where they worked long hours, were exposed to many occupational hazards, and still carry the tragic memories of personal interactions. While we have become more accustomed to handling Covid 19, this crisis has led to another challenge in our industry with recruiting and retaining adequate staffing to provide emergency medical services 24/7/365. During these times, our members time and time again have stepped up and answered the call. To further recognize their efforts, following is information about EMS Week.

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's frontline. EMS Week is presented by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) in partnership with the National Associations of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT). Together, NAEMT and ACEP lead annual EMS Week activities. These organizations are working to ensure that the important contributions of EMS practitioners in safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of their communities are fully celebrated and recognized.





# Member Spotlight



## Joseph Brunges

started his career with Mount Laurel Township EMS as a per diem employee in 2009. He was then hired full time in December 2011 and was assigned to our day shift. In addition to providing emergency care to the residents and visitors of the township, Joe also serves as the Coordinator for Mount Laurel Township CERT

for the Office of Emergency Management. This team is comprised of trained volunteer citizens that give critical support to first responders in emergency situations, and assists with non-emergency projects to help improve the safety of the community. Joe also serves as the Secretary for the IAFF Local 3091 and is the Shop Steward for Shop 36E.



**Francis Pagurek** served from 1999 to 2015 as Mount Laurel Township's first Career EMS Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator. During his tenure with the township, he helped to build a combination volunteer and career emergency medical services department and coordinated the effort to build a model emergency management program, including the design and construction of a local emergency operations center. Fran also served as the President of the Burlington County First Aid Council, as a Burlington County EMS Coordinator, and on various county Public Safety Committees. Prior to coming to Mount Laurel, Fran accumulated extensive work and leadership experience, where he worked EMS for both Camden City and Newark. He retired from public service after 36 years. Since retiring, Fran volunteers as an EMT with MLEMS and serves as an MLEMS, Inc. Board Member. He has been involved in EMS since 1977, including being a paramedic for over 42 years. He continues to work in Burlington County as a paramedic with regional health care systems. Fran resides in town with his family and is proud to call Mount Laurel his home.

# Join Our WINNING Team!

Both Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Services (MLEMS) and the Mount Laurel Fire Department (MLFD) are looking for residents to serve the community of Mount Laurel. No previous training or experience required. Both organizations are structured and positioned to provide a comprehensive roadmap towards success for potential candidates. Visit [mlems.org](http://mlems.org) or [mlfd.org](http://mlfd.org).

New members will be provided training, uniforms, and personal protective equipment at no cost to them. Our primary focus is the safety and well-being of our first responders. When you join, you will be treated with respect and will be transitioned into your new role based on your level of comfort and competencies.

**NOTE:** Those interested in joining are required to go through an application and onboarding process. New members are vetted to ensure that they have clear backgrounds before becoming members. We want to ensure that we exercise due diligence prior to accepting members and allowing them into our residents' homes.

## As you are cleaning out this spring, don't forget about fire safety.

- Test your smoke alarms, and replace any alarms that are 10 years old or older.
- Test your carbon monoxide alarms, and replace any alarms that are 7 years old or older.
- Check your dryer vents and clean the hosing.
- Clean clutter inside and outside your home.
- Check the cords on your appliances. If any are cracked or frayed, repair or replace them.
- Practice your home fire escape plan.

*Spring Clean!  
Think  
Fire  
Safety*





# POLICE WEEK 2023



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK OCCURS EVERY MAY. IN 1962, PRESIDENT KENNEDY PROCLAIMED MAY 15 AS NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND THE CALENDAR WEEK IN WHICH MAY 15 FALLS, AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK. ESTABLISHED BY A JOINT RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS IN 1962, NATIONAL POLICE WEEK PAYS SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY FOR THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF OTHERS.



# Mount Laurel Office of Emergency Management

At the beginning of 2023, the Mount Laurel Office of Emergency Management (MLOEM) reorganized to appoint new Deputy Coordinators, and to modify the organizational structure of the Office to reflect compliance with directives issued by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management.

Mount Laurel Police Chief JudyLynn Schiavone and Douglas Dickel were appointed by Township Council as MLOEM Deputy Coordinators. They join Emergency Management Coordinator Jay Appleton and Deputy Coordinator Christopher Burnett (Mount Laurel Fire/EMS Chief) as the leadership team responsible for all aspects of MLOEM operations. The primary responsibilities of the Emergency Management Coordinator and the MLOEM leadership team are established by state statute, and include the following:

- Planning, activating, and conducting emergency management operations within the Township
- Proclaiming a state of local disaster emergency when warranted
- Leading the Local Emergency Management Council

- Developing and maintaining the Mount Laurel Emergency Operations Plan
- Activating and operating the Township Emergency Operations Center
- Coordinating with County, State and Federal emergency management agencies
- Planning and conducting emergency management training and exercises
- Identifying critical infrastructure, and conducting hazard and vulnerability assessments
- Developing and maintaining a Township Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Implementing the relevant provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

More information about the responsibilities and activities of the Mount Laurel Office of Emergency Management are available on the Township website.



# Greek Independence Day March 25, 2023

Residents and many members of the Greek community came together to celebrate Greek Independence Day on March 25th.

Attending the ceremony were all of Township Council, along with Assemblywoman Carol Murphy, Senator Troy Singleton, Burlington County Commissioner Eckel, Commissioner Singh, Senator Mantzavinos, Cherry Hill Council President Dave Fleisher, John Vasiliou of the American Hellenic Institute, and Georgia Chletcos of the Hellenic American Societies of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley.

A proclamation was presented to Councilman Moustakas from the Burlington County Commissioners for his work in the Greek community.

The Greek flag was raised by Councilman Nikitas Moustakas at the Laurel House and serves to celebrate the rich culture and diversity of the Mount Laurel community. Thank you to everyone that attended this event and thank you to Public Works for helping set up the event.



# Diversity and Inclusion Board



*The Mount Laurel Diversity and  
Inclusion Board Presents*

## DISCUSSIONS & DESSERTS

An evening of meaningful conversation meant to expand your views, leave you better informed and connected with fellow residents, and satisfy your sweet tooth! Email [diversityboard@mountlaurel.com](mailto:diversityboard@mountlaurel.com) to reserve your spot.

THURSDAY | APRIL 20 | 7-9PM  
Mount Laurel Community Center



## WALK & TALK

The Mount Laurel Diversity and Inclusion Board is hosting its first Walk & Talk through Laurel Acres Park. Come meet new friends and workout buddies! Snacks and water will be provided.

Email [diversityboard@mountlaurel.com](mailto:diversityboard@mountlaurel.com) to reserve a spot.

Saturday, May 20 10-12pm Laurel Acres Park





# Women's History Month

Women's History Month is observed every March to honor, commemorate and encourage the studying, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

This past January Fozia Janjua became Mount Laurel's first South Asian Deputy Mayor. She shares a passion for community service and hosts many service projects through her volunteer-driven nonprofit organization COMMUNITY SJP. She continues to participate in many Township events, including grand openings of new businesses.





# Rancocas Woods Upcoming Events

**The Local Market at Rancocas**  
MOUNT LAUREL FARMERS MARKET  
**EVERY SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 4 - OCTOBER 15**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>, JUNE 11, JUNE 18, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>,  
JULY 2, JULY 9, JULY 16, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>, JULY 30,  
AUG. 6, AUG. 13, AUG. 20, AUG. 27<sup>th</sup>,  
SEPT. 3, SEPT. 10, SEPT. 17, SEPT. 24,  
OCT. 1, OCT. 8, OCT. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND SEASON!**

WORKSHOPS, LOCAL VENDORS, YOGA, LIVE MUSIC, + MORE!  
\*\*Extended hours for special events (10-3)!

**THE LOCAL MARKET at Rancocas**

@RWLOCALMARKET  
200C CREEK RD.  
MT. LAUREL, NJ

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 22ND**  
**AUGUST 12TH**  
**10am-3pm**  
Sustainable, Plant Based + Garden Themed Vendors

**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 15TH**  
**10am-3pm**  
+ FALL HARVEST

**PLANT SWAP + SHOP**

SWAP OUT SOME OF YOUR 'OLD' FOR SOMETHING 'NEW' THINGS LIKE: PLANTS, SEEDLINGS, POTS, SEEDS, CUTTINGS, ETC.

\* 4th season hosting this event!

**Summer Bazaar**  
+ BEER GARDEN **SUNDAYS ~ 10AM - 3PM**  
**JUNE 25 || JULY 23 || AUGUST 27**  
Craft & Antique Show + Farmers Market Vendors

events are free to attend!  
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL  
[info@rancocaswoodseventsandshops.com](mailto:info@rancocaswoodseventsandshops.com)

**Local Vendors**  
LIVE MUSIC Food Trucks & MORE!

**RANCOCAS WOODS**  
**CAR & BIKE SHOW**

**DJ BLAKE**  
10AM - 2PM

**\*Wanted: Cars, Motorcycles, Food Trucks, Sponsors\***  
Help support the Rancocas Woods Business Association 501(c)(3) with the revitalization of the Rancocas Woods Village & Shops

**How to sign up:**

**Vehicle Registration**  
Pre-Register (must be received by 5/1/23)  
\$10  
Day of Event 9am - 11am  
\$15  
First 30 vehicles registered will receive a dash plaque!  
Awards will start @ 1:30pm

**SATURDAY, MAY 13TH, 2023**  
**10AM-2PM**  
\*Rain Date Is Next Day\*

118 Creek Rd.,  
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

For pre-registration or more information contact:  
Eddie E. Heffernan 729@yahoo.com

**RANCOCAS WOODS EVENTS**  
118 CREEK RD., MT. LAUREL, NJ

**2023 OUTDOOR EVENTS**

MARCH 25 - CRAFT & ANTIQUE SHOW  
APRIL 22 - EARTH DAY PLANT SWAP + SHOP  
APRIL 29 - CRAFT & ANTIQUE SHOW  
MAY 20 - CRAFT & ANTIQUE SHOW  
JUNE 25 - SUMMER BAZAAR  
JULY 23 - SUMMER BAZAAR  
AUGUST 12 - PLANT SWAP + SHOP  
AUGUST 27 - SUMMER BAZAAR  
SEPTEMBER 23 - CRAFT & ANTIQUE SHOW  
OCTOBER 13 - WITCHES' MARKET  
OCTOBER 15 - FALL HARVEST + PLANT SWAP  
OCTOBER 23 - CRAFT & ANTIQUE SHOW  
NOVEMBER 25 - SHOP SMALL SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 1 - HOLIDAY WINTER WONDERLAND

+ WEEKLY FARMERS MARKET @RWLOCALMARKET EVERY SUNDAY JUNE 4 - OCTOBER 15

**FUNDRAISERS**  
RANCOCAS WOODS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

**MAY 13**  
CAR & BIKE SHOW

**JUNE 4**  
SUMMER BLOCK PARTY + BEER GARDEN

**OCT 13**  
BOOS + BREWS BEER GARDEN

DEC 1 - CANDLELIGHT TOUR & MT. LAUREL TREE LIGHTING

[WWW.RANCOCASWOODSEVENTSANDSHOPS.COM](http://WWW.RANCOCASWOODSEVENTSANDSHOPS.COM)  
@RANCOCASWOODSEVENTSANDSHOPS



# APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Hazardous Waste Drop-off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
2	3 Council Meeting 7:00 PM-Court Room	4 Recycling Day Diversity & Inclusion Board Meeting 7:00 PM -Zoom	5 Zoning Board Meeting 7:00 PM -Court Room	6	7 Municipal Offices Closed	8
9	10	11 Environmental Commission Meeting 7:00 PM -Zoom	12	13 Planning Board Meeting 7:00PM	14	15 Hazardous Waste Drop-off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
16	17 Mount Laurel Fire Department Meeting 7:00 PM 69 Elbo Lane	18 Recycling Day	19 Library Board Meeting 6:00 PM-Library	20 Senior Luncheon 11:30- 1:00 PM Mount Laurel Community Center Mount Laurel MUA Meeting 7:00 PM 41 Elbo Lane	21	22 Community Clean Up Day 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Laurel Acres Park
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Mount Laurel Shred Event 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Mt. Laurel Police Garage
30						

# MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>Council Meeting 1</b> 7:00 PM – Court Room	<b>2</b> Recycling Day Diversity & Inclusion Board Meeting 7:00 PM – Zoom	<b>3</b> Zoning Board Meeting 7:00 PM Court Room	<b>4</b> Planning Board Meeting 7:00PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Hazardous Waste Drop – off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Mount Laurel Fire Department Special Meeting 7:00 PM 69 Elbo Lane	<b>9</b> Environmental Commission Meeting 7:00 PM – Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Mount Laurel Fire Department Meeting 7:00 PM 69 Elbo Lane	<b>16</b> Recycling Day	<b>17</b> Library Board Meeting 6:00 PM – Library	<b>18</b> Veteran luncheon 11:30 – 1:00 PM Laurel Acres Park Mount Laurel MUA Meeting 7:00 PM 41 Elbo Lane	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Hazardous Waste Drop – off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Memorial Day Tribute 6:00 PM Laurel Acres Park	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Municipal Offices Closed No Trash Pick Up Delayed 1 Day All Week	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Recycling Day			



# JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Hazardous Waste Drop – off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
4	5 Mount Laurel Fire Department Special Meeting 7:00 PM 69 Elbo Lane	6 Diversity & Inclusion Board Meeting 7:00 PM – Zoom	7 Zoning Board Meeting 7:00 PM – Court Room	8 Planning Board Meeting 7:00PM	9	10 Municipal Offices Closed
11	12	13 Recycling Day Council Meeting 7:00 PM – Court Room Environmental Commission Meeting 7:00 PM – Zoom	14	15 Mount Laurel MUA Meeting 7:00 PM 41 Elbo Lane	16	17 Juneteenth 12:00 – 3:00 PM Laurel Acres Park
18	19 Municipal Offices Closed Mount Laurel Fire Department Meeting 7:00 PM 69 Elbo Lane	20	21 Library Board Meeting 6:00 PM – Library	22	23	24 Hazardous Waste Drop – off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
25	26	27 Recycling Day	28	29 Ice Cream & Movie in the Park – Bad Guys 6:00 – 8:00 PM Laurel Acres Park	30	

# MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Senior Luncheon	Thursday, April 20th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<b>Mt. Laurel Community Center</b> 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Clean Up Day	Saturday, April 22nd	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Laurel Acres Park - Pavilion</b> 1045 S. Church Street
Mount Laurel Shred Event	Saturday, April 29th	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Mt. Laurel Police Garage</b> 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Veteran's Luncheon	Thursday, May 18th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<b>Laurel Acres Park</b> 1045 S. Church Street
Memorial Day Tribute	Thursday, May 25th	6:00 PM	<b>Laurel Acres Park</b> 1045 S. Church Street
Juneteenth Event	Saturday, June 17th	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Laurel Acres Park</b> 1045 S. Church Street
Ice Cream & Summer Movie – The Bad Guys	Thursday, June 29th	MOVIE BEGINS AT DUSK	<b>Laurel Acres Park</b> 1045 S. Church Street
Summer Concert Series – Tbd – Sponsored By Mount Laurel Township	Thursday, July 6th	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>Laurel Acres Park</b> 1045 S. Church Street
Ice Cream W/ A Cop & Summer Movie – Kindergarten Cop	Thursday, July 13th	MOVIE BEGINS AT DUSK	<b>Laurel Acres Park</b> 1045 S. Church Street
Summer Concert Series – Tbd – Sponsored By Mount Laurel Township	Thursday, July 20th	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>Laurel Acres Park</b> 1045 S. Church Street
National Night Out	Tuesday, August 1st	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>Mount Laurel Municipal Complex</b> 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Mount Laurel Shred Event	Saturday, September 9th	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Mt. Laurel Police Garage</b> 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Movie In The Park – Ferdinand	Friday, September 22nd	MOVIES BEGINS AT DUSK	<b>Laurel Acres Park</b> 1045 S. Church Street
Food Truck Festival	Sunday, October 1st	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Mount Laurel Municipal Complex</b> 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Veteran's Luncheon	Thursday, November 9th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<b>Mt. Laurel Community Center</b> 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Mount Laurel Tree Lighting	Friday, December 1st	TBD	<b>Rancocas Woods</b>
Senior Luncheon	Tuesday, December 5th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<b>Mt. Laurel Community Center</b> 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Menorah Lighting Ceremony	Thursday, December 7th	TBD	<b>Rancocas Woods</b>

The Township would like to thank these sponsors for their continued support of these Mount Laurel Events







## Municipal Contacts

### Mount Laurel Police Department

100 Mount Laurel Road ..... 856-234-8300  
Non-Emergency

### Mount Laurel Fire Department

69 Elbo Lane ..... 856-234-6053  
(Headquarters)

### Mount Laurel EMS

201 Masonville Road ..... 856-778-1274

### Mount Laurel Library

100 Walt Whitman Avenue ..... 856-234-7319

### Tax Assessor's Office

100 Mount Laurel Road ..... 856-234-0001 Ext 1256

### Municipal Court Office

100 Mount Laurel Road ..... 856-234-2003

### Public Works

100 Mount Laurel Road ..... 856-234-0001 Ext 1241

### Mount Laurel Post Office

200 Walt Whitman Avenue ..... 800-275-8777

### Municipal Utilities Authority

1201 South Church Street ..... 856-234-0062

### Housing - Rentals

100 Mount Laurel Road ..... 856-234-0001 Ext 1224

### Tax Collector's Office

100 Mount Laurel Road ..... 856-234-0001 Ext 1283

### Community Development/Construction

100 Mount Laurel Road ..... 856-234-9686

### Clerk's Office

100 Mount Laurel Road ..... 856-234-0001

Marriage Application Appointments ..... Ext 1236

Dog/Cat licensing ..... Ext 1235



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Councilman Nikitas Moustakas

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