



# MOUNT LAUREL

100 MOUNT LAUREL ROAD, MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

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# Message from Mayor Stephen Steglik

As we embark on a new year, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as Mount Laurel Township's Mayor once again.

Under the leadership of Mayor Pritchett and the Township Council, 2022 was an exceptionally successful year for Mount Laurel. We expanded our parks and recreational areas including a brand-new pickle ball court, improved communication capabilities to help deliver vital information from town hall to the people of Mount Laurel, established new and fun township events like our 150th Celebration and our annual Food Truck Festival, while guaranteeing our excellent township services never lapsed.

Nevertheless, our work continues and my goal of making Mount Laurel the preeminent municipality in South Jersey is an enduring one. This year will bring forth challenges, both unforeseen and expected, but I know that myself, Deputy Mayor Janjua, Town Council, and our community is more prepared than ever to face each opportunity for improvement together.

Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve on town council and as your Mayor. I am looking forward to what will be an exceptionally successful 2023.



Mayor Stephen Steglik



## Mount Laurel From of Government Q&A

### WHAT FORM OF GOVERNMENT OPERATES IN MOUNT LAUREL?

The Township of Mount Laurel operates under a Council/Manager Plan E of Chapter 210 of New Jersey Laws of 1950. The Township Council consists of 5 members elected at large with staggered terms.

### WHY IS THERE A MAYOR CHANGE EVERY YEAR?

The Council appoints one of its members to serve as Mayor for a term of one year. They also appoint a Deputy Mayor to serve in the absence of the Mayor. The day-to-day operation of the Township is handled by a full time Township Manager, who is the chief executive and administrative officer appointed by the Township Council.

On Monday, January 2, 2023 Assemblywoman Carol Murphy administered the oath of office to Mount Laurel Mayor Stephen Steglik, who served as the Deputy Mayor in the 2022 calendar year.

Mayor of Prospect Park Mohamed T. Khairullah administered the oath of office to Mount Laurel Deputy Mayor Fozia Janjua.

# Mount Laurel's 2nd Annual Tree Lighting

Mount Laurel Township and the Rancocas Woods Business Association partnered this past holiday season to throw the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Residents and families gathered on December 2 to celebrate the holidays with rides, food, hot chocolate and music.

Attending the ceremony were all of Township council, along with Assemblywoman Carol Murphy, Commissioner Director Dan O'Connell and Commissioner Allison Eckel. Mayor Kareem Pritchett said of the event, "To see the residents come together during such a special time with their families is always a joy. Providing these opportunities for people to get out and enjoy their community in a setting like Rancocas Woods is what we on Council and in the Township love to do the most."

Thank you to everyone that attended this great event and thank you to the Rancocas Woods Business Association for partnering with the Township.

Finally, the Township is greatly appreciative that Santa Claus took the time out of his busy schedule to come and participate in this wonderful event!



## How Can I find Township Meetings?

- Locate meeting dates by clicking on the "Government" tab on the top of the homepage. Then click on the type of meeting you're looking for
- Once clicked on type of meeting, the page will direct you to the meeting dates.
- On the left side of the meeting page you'll see a link for Zoom or meeting location. If the meeting is taking place over Zoom due to the ongoing Covid-19 emergency, you will find a link to sign up for the Zoom meeting. You will receive an email confirmation with a link to attend the meeting.
- Residents can also see an outline of meeting dates on the website homepage. Scroll down to the township calendar and click on a date. The date will have meeting items and applicable Zoom links.

## Municipal Hours of Operation

From January to Monday, May 29 the Township will be open during the following hours:

- Monday— Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM

From Monday, May 29 to Monday, September 4 the Township will be open during the following hours:

- Mondays from 8:00AM to 5:30PM
- Tuesdays—Thursdays from 7:45AM to 4:15PM
- Fridays the Township building will be closed

From Monday, September 4 to the end of the year the Township will be open during the following hours:

- Monday— Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Please note that this does not include holidays.

## Trash Delay Schedule

The following holidays will delay trash pickup for the week of the holiday:

New Year's Day (not for 2023), Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas

Please check the Township website on the Public Works page for specific, updated information on those weeks.



# Tax Assessor Updates

## **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 Collector Updates

Resident homeowners who are currently receiving a \$250 deduction for Senior Citizen, Disabled Person, or Surviving Spouse will be receiving the Annual Post-Tax Year Income Statement along with the Supplemental Income Form in the mail. These forms will reflect your 2022 income information. Please remember to return both forms completed and signed to the Tax Collectors' office no later than March 1, 2023. Please be advised that failure to return the completed forms by the deadline will result in you being disallowed the deduction of \$250 that you have already received for the 2022 tax year.

- For information about State Property Tax Relief Programs, including eligibility criterion and potential deduction or credit amounts, please visit the Division of Taxation's website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml)
- Please note the 2023 1st Quarter property taxes are due on February 1, 2023. All tax payments received after Friday, February 10, 2023 will accrue interest back to February 1, 2023
- The Township offers an ACH Direct Debit program for property taxes. If you are interested in participating, please check the Township website at [www.mountlaurel.com/departments/tax\\_collector\\_s\\_office/index.php](http://www.mountlaurel.com/departments/tax_collector_s_office/index.php) for more information and the application.





# Snow Removal

Our Public Works Department and contractors work hard to make driving safer and easier in snowy weather. The type of snow storm we receive affects the type of snow clearing operation that takes place and with heavy amounts of snow fall, the Township and contractors may plow your street several times. As snow rolls off the plows, it sometimes accumulates in driveway aprons. Please understand that this is unavoidable and it is the homeowner's responsibility to clear it. Here are some helpful tips to make the snow removal process easier for residents and the Township:

Please remove the following items from the street in front of your home:

- Trash/recyclable containers. Place on the grassy planter strip between curb and sidewalk where possible.
- Portable basketball systems, hockey nets, or any other movable sporting equipment.
- Do not park cars on the street during the storm and at least for 12 hours after the storm. This speeds the removal process, prevents cars from being plowed in, and allows us to clear the entire street curb to curb.
- Please don't shovel or blow snow back on the street. If we already completed plowing this will create a hazard for residents

# Reporting Street Outages

Public Works would like to remind residents how to report power outages and street lights.

To report an outage by phone call 1-800-436-PSEG (7734) or text "OUT" to 4PSEG (47734) - Register your phone first by texting "REG" to 4PSEG.

To report a gas leak, downed wires, or other hazardous condition, LEAVE the area and get to a safe location. Then call PSE&G at 1-800-436-PSEG (7734) or call the Emergency Line at 1-800-880-PSEG (7734).

# Veteran Discount for Recreation Programs

The Township of Mount Laurel, Mayor, and Township Council recognize the significant contributions veterans have provided to our country. Many veterans who have served our nation and protected our freedom call Mount Laurel home.

In an effort to show support to veterans, the Township will offer reduced rates for classes and activities offered through the Community Center.

# Please See Our List of Reminders For Proper Item Disposal and Quick Facts

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Collection is done on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month between 8-12PM at the recycling center on Midlantic. Holidays may affect these dates.

## TIRE DISPOSAL

Schedule a tire pick-up for the 3rd Friday of the month by calling 856-234-0001 ext 1241 or by emailing [info@mountlaurel.com](mailto:info@mountlaurel.com). 10 tires max per household a year.

## WHITE GOODS/TVS (WASHER, DRYER, REFRIGERATOR, ETC.)

Schedule a pick-up for every Wednesday by calling 856-234-0001 ext 1241 or by emailing [info@mountlaurel.com](mailto:info@mountlaurel.com)

## BAGGED/LOOSE LEAVES

Scheduled pick up is between Oct-Dec. All other times leaves can be left at the curb. Clear biodegradable bags can be picked up at the Municipal Building at no charge (1st ten are free)

## BRANCHES AND LIMBS

Place by the curb for pick-up.  
There is no scheduled pick-up dates.

## FURNITURE (MATTRESSES, SOFAS, CHAIRS)

Place with regular trash. Mattresses must be wrapped in plastic. 2 items per household

## YARD DEBRIS (WEEDS, DEAD PLANTS, TREE TRIMMINGS)

Place with regular trash

## NEW/REPLACEMENT RECYCLE CAN

Email [info@mountlaurel.com](mailto:info@mountlaurel.com) or  
Call 856-234-0001 ext 1241

## PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Lobby of Mount Laurel Police Department  
100 Mount Laurel Rd, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054





**MOUNT LAUREL NIGHT AT THE 76ERS GAME!**

**Friday March 10, 2023 7:00 PM**

**To purchase tickets scan QR code**



Mount Laurel Night Out  
offer.fevo.com



# Attention Mount Laurel Dog and Cat Owners

Mount Laurel Township will be holding its FREE RABIES Clinic on March 23, 2023 at the Public Works Garage 100 Mount Laurel Road 3PM to 6PM

Mount Laurel Township residents will also have the opportunity to license their pets at the Rabies Clinic.

Please note the fees as follows:

	Dog	Cat
<b>License Fee</b>	\$12.00	\$12.00
<b>Non Spayed/Non Neutered Fee ADD</b>	\$3.00	\$3.00
<b>Late Fee (after March 31ST) ADD</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00

For additional information or to obtain a form for a new pet license, visit our website at [www.mountlaurel.com](http://www.mountlaurel.com) or call 856-234-0001 ext. 1235

## Mount Laurel Receives “We Value Our Veterans” Award

On November 11, 2022 Mount Laurel Township received the “We Value Our Veterans” Award recognized by Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. The New Jersey Governor’s “We Value Our Veterans” Community Award is given to municipalities that honor the “sacrifices, patriotism, and bravery displayed by our men and women who have worn the military uniform.” The Township scored 155 points on the submission application.

Mayor Kareem Pritchett said, “We must recognize and thank our veterans for the freedoms we enjoy today. Veterans continue to embody strength and courage, and Mount Laurel Township will always endeavor to honor the immeasurable contributions of these brave individuals.”

“This prestigious recognition from the State is dedicated to the generations of selfless American men and women that have bravely served our country,” stated Deputy Mayor Stephen Steglik. “Mount Laurel Township will continue to find ways, no matter how big or small, to support and honor our veterans.”

The “We Value Our Veterans” certificate is on display in the Township Community Center Building.





# Business Spotlights



## LAURA'S PRINCESS APPEARANCES

Laura's Princess Appearances was started by Mount Laurel resident Laura Fredrick in April 2016.

Laura's Princess Appearances specializes in providing realistic characters for children's birthday parties, special events, and more. With over 80 characters, there is an option for any event. The company offers 60-minute, 90-minute and 150-minute packages. The company recently received the Best of Burlington County award for the sixth year in a row for Best Children's Party.

If you are interested in booking a character for an upcoming event please visit [www.laurasprincesses.com](http://www.laurasprincesses.com).

## RENFREW CENTER

The Renfrew Center has been the pioneer in the treatment of eating disorders since 1985. As the nation's first residential eating disorder facility, with 19 locations throughout the country, Renfrew has helped more than 85,000 adolescent girls, women, transgender, and non-binary individuals move towards recovery by providing them with the tools they need to succeed in recovery and in life.

The Renfrew Center of Mt. Laurel, South Jersey's premier eating disorder treatment facility for anorexia, bulimia and binge eating, hosted a relocation celebration this past October. The center offers comfortable, bright rooms to provide patients with a safe space to focus on their treatment and form healthy relationships with their treatment team. The center offers in-person and virtual day treatment and intensive outpatient programming.

The Renfrew Center of Southern New Jersey is located at 161 Gaither Drive, Suite 105 in Mount Laurel. To learn more call 800-736-3739 or visit [RenfrewCenter.com](http://RenfrewCenter.com).

## TOASTED

One of Mount Laurel's newest businesses, Toasted is the perfect spot to grab breakfast or lunch on the go.

Toasted serves a variety of specialty sandwiches, paninis, salads, and burgers. Breakfast specialties include creative



toast and French toast combinations, such as the apple crumb French toast and the classic avocado toast.

Toasted is located at 888 Union Mill Road. Hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM- 8:00 PM and Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM- 9:00 PM.

## VIBE SALON

The Township is excited to welcome Vibe Salon, located at 3531 Route 38, Unit B.

The salon is women owned and operated, and celebrated their grand opening on December 3, 2022. Owner Jillian Palestina has been in the hair industry for over 15 years and has a team of stylists focused on making clients look and feel their best.



The salon features sophisticated black and white fixtures to create a modern space for clients. The salon offers hair styling, cutting, coloring and a variety of other services.

To book an appointment call (856) 412-4313 or visit <https://phorest.com/book/salons/vibesalon>



# 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

The Township is excited to share our 2023 event calendar! Please see our list for shred event dates, summer movies, and more. To stay up to date on event offerings please visit our website at [www.mountlaurel.com](http://www.mountlaurel.com). On the homepage you will find our “News and Updates” articles and event calendar. As we get closer to event dates, more details will be announced.

*For any questions or comments please email [events@mountlaurel.com](mailto:events@mountlaurel.com)*

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Free Rabies Clinic – Dogs/Cats	Thursday, March 23rd	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Mount Laurel Public Works Garage • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Senior Luncheon	Thursday, April 20th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Mt. Laurel Community Center • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Clean Up Day	Saturday, April 22nd	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Laurel Acres Park - Pavilion • 1045 S. Church Street
Mount Laurel Shred Event	Saturday, April 29th	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Mt. Laurel Police Garage • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Veteran's Luncheon	Thursday, May 18th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Memorial Day Tribute	Thursday, May 25th	6:00 PM	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Juneteenth Celebration	Saturday, June 17th	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Laurel House • 562 Walton Ave
Ice Cream & Summer Movie – TBD	Thursday, June 29th	Movie Begins at Dusk	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Summer Concert Series – TBD – Sponsored by Mount Laurel Township	Thursday, July 6th	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Ice Cream w/ a Cop & Summer Movie – Kindergarten Cop	Thursday, July 13th	Movie Begins at Dusk	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Summer Concert Series – TBD – Sponsored by Mount Laurel Township	Thursday, July 20th	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
National Night Out	Tuesday, August 1st	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Mount Laurel Municipal Complex • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Mount Laurel Shred Event	Saturday, September 9th	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Mt. Laurel Police Garage • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Movie in the Park – Ferdinand	Friday, September 22nd	Movies begins at Dusk	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Food Truck Festival	Sunday, October 1st	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Mount Laurel Municipal Complex • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Veteran's Luncheon	Thursday, November 9th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Mt. Laurel Community Center • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Mount Laurel Tree Lighting	TBD	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rancocas Woods
Senior Luncheon	Tuesday, December 5th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Mt. Laurel Community Center • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Menorah Lighting Ceremony	Thursday, December 7th	TBD	Rancocas Woods

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



# Community Solar

Have you always been interested in going solar, but have not been able to? Mt. Laurel Township residents are now able to participate in the NJ Board of Public Utilities' newest clean energy program, community solar! It was designed so that everyone can access the great benefits of solar energy, regardless of housing or financial situation. If you are a metered customer of PSE&G, you can sign-up! This includes renters, businesses, homeowners, non-profits, religious institutions, etc.

Essentially, instead of having solar panels put on your roof, you would subscribe to part of a large solar array located on a nearby commercial rooftop. In doing so, you would be guaranteed overall energy savings depending on your income level (the greatest savings are reserved for low-to-moderate income households).

Please visit the following page for more info on signing up for this program: [www.mountlaurel.com/community/our\\_community/community\\_solar.php](http://www.mountlaurel.com/community/our_community/community_solar.php)

JOIN THE MOUNT LAUREL  
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION BOARD FOR

# TRIVIA NIGHT

<b>Saturday</b> <b>March 4th</b> <b>1PM - 6PM</b>	<b>MOUNT LAUREL COMMUNITY CENTER</b>  100 Mount Laurel Road, Mount Laurel NJ
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PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!  
Register by emailing  
[diversityboard@mountlaurel.com](mailto:diversityboard@mountlaurel.com)

# Alice Paul Institute

The mission of the Alice Paul Institute is to honor the legacy of Alice Paul's work for gender equality through education and leadership development.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: JANUARY

**Saturday, January 21**, Alice Paul's Birthday & Susan B. Anthony Desk Exhibit Unveiling, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Paulsdale

## FEBRUARY

**Thursday, February 16**, ERA Postcard Writing Gathering, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Paulsdale

**Thursday, February 23**, Roundtable Discussion, "What's Complicated About Alice's Legacy?"

## MARCH

**Thursday, March 9, 2023** - Women's History Month Corporate Luncheon

**Friday, March 24**, ERA New Jersey History Symposium, Forward Together, Backward Never! 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

For more information about these events and more, please visit our website at [www.alicepaul.org](http://www.alicepaul.org)



# ALICE PAUL INSTITUTE

# Construction Department Updates

The Construction office launched a new FastTrackGov (FTG) portal.

Features include:

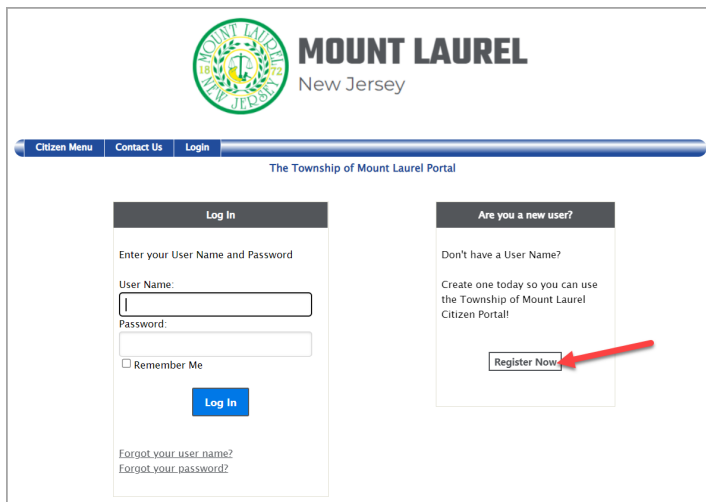
- Apply, pay, renew, and schedule services online
- any type of permit, license, registration, and certificate can be filled out online
- employees and citizens can exchange emails and share additional information as needed
- information is updated in real-time
- flexibility to customize the settings

## CREATING A LOGIN ID

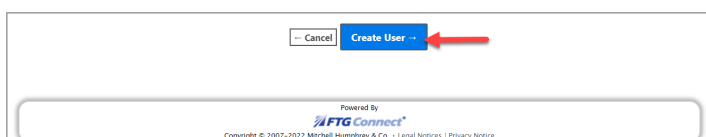
1. In the Portal, on the menu bar, click Login.



2. In the Are you a new user? (box on the right), click Register Now.



3. In the Sign Up for Your New Account screen complete the red asterisk (\*) required fields
4. Click Create User.



5. Using the email address that you entered when creating your Account, go to that email inbox and look for an email to verify your email address. NOTE, you may need to check your Junk or Spam folder. Open the email and click the link to verify your email address.

# Chief of Police Stephen Riedener Retires



Chief of Police Stephen Riedener will retire on January 1, 2023 after 26 years of service to Mount Laurel Township.

Chief Riedener was promoted in 2017 and has served with integrity and excellence his entire career. His dedication and commitment to the Mount Laurel Police Department is commendable. His contagious laughter will be missed.

The members of the Mount Laurel Police Department wish him a happy and healthy retirement. Congratulations Chief!





# Deputy Chief Judy Lynn Schiavone Appointed to Chief of Police

On January 2, 2023, Deputy Chief Judy Lynn Schiavone was sworn in to be the first female Chief of Police in Mount Laurel Police Department history.

Chief of Police Judy Lynn Schiavone began her career in law enforcement at the Mount Laurel Police Department. She grew up in Lyndhurst, NJ and attended Montclair State University, where she graduated with a Bachelors in Sociology. She moved to Mount Laurel when she was hired by the Mount Laurel Police Department in 1999. Deputy Chief Schiavone was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police on September 11, 2017.



## A Message From Chief of Police Schiavone

I am extremely proud to be appointed to the position of Chief of Police. I consider myself extremely fortunate to lead such a great police department. As a female leader, I feel this should be a moment for other women that are considering a career in law enforcement to recognize that anything is possible if you remain dedicated and committed to the profession.

It was not always easy. I had many moments over the years that I would find myself being challenged by a coworker about an issue based solely on the fact that I was female.

I did not let those moments distract me. I continued to focus on my goal of moving up through the ranks. I tried to be proactive in order to gain job knowledge and learned from other senior officers that I trusted. Once I identified those individuals, I did all I could to learn from them.

Being sworn in as the first female chief of the department is humbling as well as exciting. I was hired in 1999 and at that time, there were almost no other female police officers. Now there are females working in almost every agency. I hope to see this trend continue.

It is important to me as I look back on my career to see these changes. I hope I can be a mentor to other female officers and leaders.

I look forward to working with all of the men and women of this agency to make our department one of the leading agencies in South Jersey.

*Judy Lynn Schiavone*

# 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: [mtlaurel.evanced.info/signup](http://mtlaurel.evanced.info/signup)

## JANUARY

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS—ADULT GROUP

**Thursday, January 12 & 26 – 6PM**

D&D has grown into two groups! Come and join one of the adventures in the original role playing game. 5E rule set. New and experienced players welcome. Registration required.

### TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

**Wednesdays, Jan—March – 4PM**

Certified instructor Bob Stanton teaches tai chi, a gentle exercise that can improve muscle tone, flexibility, and coordination. It can be done seated or standing. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

### TUMBLIN' TOTS

**Thursday, January 5 & 19 – 10:30 & 11:15AM**

This fun fitness class for toddlers is sure to be a great time! Please register. Designed for ages 2.5–5 years old.

## FEBRUARY

### LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

Help us create a LOVEly Valentine display! What do YOU love about your library? Do tell! Stop by and decorate a heart, and we will add it to a collage of Valentines all month long.

### SUNDAY CONCERT: LEW LEABMAN

**Sunday, February 5 – 2PM**

Lew Leabman and his band provide an afternoon of exciting jazz. No registration required.

### MINDFUL MEDITATIONS

**Wednesday, February 1 & 15 – 10AM**

Join an experienced meditation instructor and relax your mind and body. This program will be conducted on Zoom. Registration Required. You will receive a link to the meeting a day prior to the event.

## MARCH

### NEW JERSEY MAKERS DAY

**Saturday, March 25**

New Jersey Makers Day inspires libraries across the state to showcase and highlight STEM and maker culture. Celebrate with us all day with a variety of fun crafts and activities for all ages.

### SUNDAY CONCERT: MINAS

**Sunday March 12 – 2PM**

This husband/wife duo, Orlando and Patricia Haddad, perform Bossa Nova classics, as well as original songs they've written. No registration required.

### FOREIGN FILM: MONSOON WEDDING

**Sunday, March 19 – 1PM**

A huge wedding in Delhi celebrating an arranged marriage is the backdrop for drama, laughs and more. In Hindi and English with English subtitles. 113 minutes. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



## Mount Laurel Night at the 76ers

Township Council is excited to hold our second Mount Laurel Night, this time at the 76ers game.

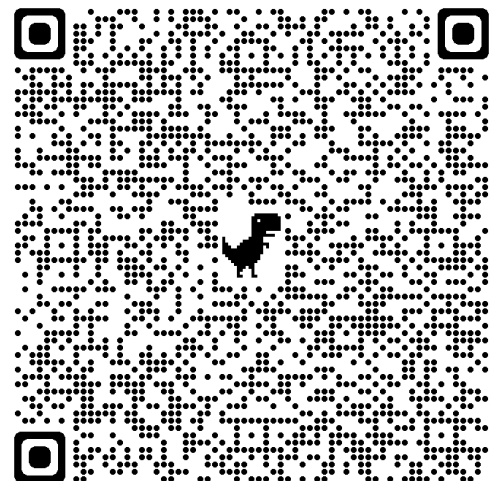
Game night is Friday March 10. The game is at 7:00 PM

Residents can buy tickets using this link:

<https://fevo.me/mountlaurelnightout>

Or by scanning the QR code to the right.

Note the Township will not provide transportation for this event.





# LET'S DO LUNCH

## Mount Laurel Township's Senior Luncheon

Thursday, April 20, 2023  
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Mount Laurel Community Center  
100 Mount Laurel Rd  
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054



RSVP by Monday, April 10, 2023 at the Clerk's Office in the Township Building or contact Samantha at (856)234-0001 ext. 1241

## Mount Laurel Township Shred Event

Saturday, April 29, 2023  
9:00 AM—12:00 PM  
Mount Laurel Police Garage  
100 Mount Laurel Road

### Protect yourself & your family from Identity Theft while going GREEN!

- Bring your bags and/or boxes of paper to be shredded. An experienced operator will move bins to a highly secure, mobile shredding unit where your confidential material will be destroyed in front of you.
- Only paper is accepted. No plastic bags or metal - paper clips & staples are OK.
- 100% of the shredded paper is recycled!
- MOUNT LAUREL RESIDENTS ONLY
- NO COMMERCIAL RECYCLING ACCEPTED

#### Questions?

Call—(856)234-0001, ext. 1241

Email—info@mountlaurel.com



## Mount Laurel Township Community Clean Up Day



Join the Mount Laurel Township as we beautify our Community by cleaning up litter!

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Place: Laurel Acres Park (Pavilion)  
1045 S. Church Street



Please register with Samantha Higareda—  
events@mountlaurel.com or  
(856)234-0001 ext. 1241

**Volunteers of all ages are welcome.  
Gloves & bags will be provided.**



## HAPPY 2023

#### Stay Tuned:



Senior Luncheon



Coffee With A Cop



Town Watch



Mount Laurel Police Department



Mountlaurelpd

## MOUNT LAUREL POLICE



#### Reminder:

Please continue to check  
Instagram & Facebook for  
upcoming events and  
sign-ups!



## Deputy Chief Todd C. Evans Retires

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After 25 years of dedicated service to the community of Mount Laurel, Deputy Chief Todd C. Evans has retired effective 1/1/2023. He joined the department as a volunteer in 1990 and was hired as a career firefighter in 1997, where he rose through the ranks. In 2017, he was promoted to deputy chief, where he served until his retirement. Throughout his career, Deputy Chief Evans served with honor and dedication. He was tasked with overseeing fire department operations. Chief Evans was also instrumental in the planning, coordination, and construction of the department's 9/11 Memorial. His presence will be missed and his leadership will have lasting impacts. Battalion Chief Lawrence Fox has been named his successor and will be promoted to deputy chief. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

## Fall Hazards in the Home

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Falls account for approximately 13% or 800 calls annually and are the second highest call type for MLEMS. We encourage you to assess your home and review the following tips for fall prevention:

1. Exercise regularly
2. Take your time
3. Keep stairs and walking areas clear
4. Improve the lighting inside and outside your home
5. Use non-slip mats
6. Be aware of uneven surfaces
7. Stairways should be well lit
8. Wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes
9. Install grab bars in bathrooms
10. Have your medications reviewed
11. Have your eyes checked

Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/falls/facts.html> for additional information.



## Today's Fires Modern Fire Dynamics

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UL Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI) has studied today's fires and the dangers associated with rapid fire, heat, and smoke generation. "The fire service responds to a fire every 23 seconds in the U.S. and the number of home fire deaths is going up," said Steve Kerber, vice president and executive director of FSRI. "In just three minutes or less, a room could be more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit and filled with deadly levels of toxic gas from the smoke. Knowing your escape route and having multiple routes for escape can mean the difference between life and death."

Fire is getting faster. Because of synthetic materials, furniture, and construction, fire spreads faster than ever before. Having smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home is vitally important. Furthermore, closing bedroom doors while sleeping helps stop the spread of smoke and fire. Forty years ago, you had seventeen minutes to escape a fire whereas today you have only three minutes. For these reasons, we recommend that you sleep with your bedroom doors closed.

Visit [closeyourdoor.org](https://closeyourdoor.org) for additional information.





# EMS Standard of Coverage

Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Services (MLEMS) is a licensed EMS provider through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services. State statutes determine Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance provider requirements and further defines the scope of practice for emergency medical technicians. Advance Life Support (ALS) in New Jersey is hospital based and in Mount Laurel Township is provided by Virtua Hospital. Out of the approximate 6,300 calls for service in 2021 with transports to area hospitals, roughly 36% were BLS treats and 17% ALS treats. The balance of incidents were treats only or events where MLEMS services were canceled. Most transports are to the closest hospital, which are either Virtua Mt. Holly and/or Virtua Marlton.

MLEMS staffs two primary ambulances 24/7, which are located out of Station 369, at 201 Masonville Road and Station 368, at 1051 South Church Street. Additionally, a third ambulance is staffed between the hours of 9 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday, to assist in increases of call volume. This ambulance currently is located out of Station 367, at 3824 Church Road. This is the Church Road firehouse. It is our goal to provide quality EMS to our community.

To this end, we monitor call volume vs. resource requirements to maintain adequate EMS units to meet demands placed on our system. We continually assess those units' hour utilization compared to industry standards. While this is the most cost responsible model, there are times when a surge of calls prevents MLEMS resources from handling all calls. This happens when our units are on previous calls or the number of calls exceeds available units. In these instances, MLEMS has mutual aid agreements with surrounding communities which allows for sharing of EMS resources to assist when units may not be available to respond.



# Lithium Ion Battery Safety (NFPA)



Lithium ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices, including smart phones, laptops, scooters, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. Take care when using them. In rare cases, they can cause a fire or explosion.

## THE PROBLEM

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

## SAFETY TIPS

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Keep batteries at room temperature.
- Do not place batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot vehicles.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

## SIGNS OF A PROBLEM

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

## BATTERY DISPOSAL

- Do not put lithium ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.



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### 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