



MOUNT LAUREL

100 MOUNT LAUREL ROAD, MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

JULY 2023

MOUNT LAUREL POLICE



Save The Date

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Mount Laurel's 3rd Annual Food Truck Festival will take place on Sunday, October 1st, between 12:00 – 5:00 PM.

Join the Township for a fun afternoon with live music, food trucks, beer and wine at the Mount Laurel Municipal Complex at 100 Mount Laurel Road.

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

MOUNT LAUREL
TOWNSHIP'S

FOOD TRUCK • F E S T I V A L •

Sunday, October 1, 2023
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Municipal Complex
100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Free Kid Activities!

Face Painting, Bounce Houses,
and more!

Giveaways

Beer & Wine

Food Trucks

Community Organizations

LIVE MUSIC BY:



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

Agenda

Parking

List of Food Trucks

Map of the Event

List of Activities for Kids



Welcome to Mount Laurel, NJ

www.mountlaurel.com

Tax Assessor

TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS (100% PERMANENT AND TOTAL)

If you are a 100% permanently and totally disabled veteran (or surviving spouse) and have a 100% rating issued by the Office of Veteran's Affairs (VA), 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 the property you seek exemption for must be your primary residence. Along with the application form, applicants must supply a copy of the DD Form 214 or discharge papers, a deed to the property showing the applicant as owner, proof of residency in the home, and a copy of a current NJ Driver's License. The application is available online at www.mountlaurel.com or you may contact Dennis DeKlerk, Tax Assessor, at 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 DD Form 214 or discharge papers. Applications are available online at www.mountlaurel.com or at the Township Tax 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 they are a Senior Citizen (65 or over) or Disabled Person. A \$250.00 per year deduction is applied to the property tax bill for approved applicants. 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 online at www.mountlaurel.com or at the Township Tax 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 taxable improvement is added to the township tax system by an added assessment. Added assessments are issued in October and are retroactive to the completion date. Tax bills for that period are issued in October as well. Before 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 your inspection or will leave a contact number to verify the work.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Mount Laurel Township Tax Assessor's Office at ddeklerk@mountlaurel.com or 856-234-6272.

Tax Collector

TAX BILLS COMING SOON!

- Property Taxes are billed once a year. The 2023 Final / 2024 Preliminary bills are scheduled to be mailed around July/August of 2023. The due date for 3rd quarter taxes is normally August 1st. However, bills cannot be mailed out until the new 2023 tax rate is struck by Burlington County. If bills are mailed late, the new due date will be printed on the 2023 3rd quarter stub, which will be 25 days from the date the bill was mailed.
- If you receive an "Advice Only" tax bill but do not have a mortgage company, please notify the tax office and use this bill you received to pay your taxes.
- **We will update our website with any information as soon as it becomes available.

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, www.mountlaurel.com, for more information.

SENIOR FREEZE APPLICATIONS

- Residents currently enrolled in the "Senior Freeze" Property Tax Reimbursement program who received their booklet in the mail may stop by our office during business hours to complete their application. They are due to be returned to the State of New Jersey no later than October 31st, 2023. We will be completing the booklets in the Mount Laurel Community Center on Thursday, October 19 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. For more information or to see if you meet the 2022 "Eligibility Requirements," please visit: njtaxation.org, select Property Tax Relief and then Senior Freeze Program, or call the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1 (800)882-6597 "Eligibility Requirements" please visit: njtaxation.org, select Property Tax Relief and then Senior Freeze Program or call the Senior Freeze Hotline: 1 (800) 882-6597



Township of Mount Laurel Board Positions

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL BOARD POSITIONS

Boards and Commissions have the power to make a substantial difference in our community, whether it's developing new environmentally friendly initiatives or implementing programs to showcase Mount Laurel's diversity. The Township currently has seven boards and commissions.

To apply for a board position please visit www.mountlaurel.com and click on "Board Positions" under the Government tab on the website. Board positions are appointed at reorganization unless a vacancy occurs during the year.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is a nine member board with six citizen members who are appointed to staggered four year terms. There are also two alternate members appointed to staggered two year terms. The Planning Board is responsible for overseeing development applications for subdivision, site plans and for the preparation of the Township's Master Plan. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a seven member board comprised of all citizen appointees of the Township Council. They are appointed to staggered four year terms. There are also two alternate positions appointed to staggered two year terms. The Zoning Board is responsible for development applications that do not conform to the Township Zoning standard as it exists in Chapter 154 of the Municipal Code. The Board has the authority to grant a variance from the strict application of the zoning ordinance. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

LIBRARY BOARD

The Library Board of Trustees is a nine member board with seven citizen members who are appointed to staggered five year terms. The Trustees are charged with the long term oversight, management and policy directives of the Library. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Environmental Commission is a seven member commission comprised of 6 citizen appointees of the Township Council. The Commission will provide guidance regarding environmental considerations for local projects. The board will make recommendations and provide advice concerning open space preservation, storm water

management, sustainability practices, recycling and landscape protection, and the protection and improvement of recreation sites. The Environmental Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Municipal Utilities Authority Board of Trustees is a five member board comprised of all citizen appointees of the Township Council. Members are appointed to staggered five year terms. The MUA Board of Trustees oversees all management and oversight of the township water and sewer infrastructures. This includes long term policy and planning development, water purchasing and allocation, water and sewer rate determination, infrastructure repair and replacement and system expansion. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION BOARD

The Diversity and Inclusion Board is comprised of six members of the general public appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Township Council. The board advises the Mayor, Township Administration, the Township Council, and residents of the Mount Laurel community on exploring their differences, embracing and understanding challenges, and capitalizing on the true strength of Mount Laurel's diverse community. The board will develop public education programs, hold community discussions, and provide trainings designed to develop mutual respect and inclusion. The Diversity & Inclusion Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

GREEN TEAM BOARD

The Green Team Board is a four member board comprised of citizen appointees of the Township Council and five standing members from various Township interest groups. They are appointed to a one year term. There is also one alternate position appointed to one year term. The Green Team Board is responsible for development of policies and procedure recommendations to Council to improve and foster a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially.

Former NBA Player Jason Thompson Gives Back To The Mount Laurel Community

The first basketball court is coming to Laurel Acres Park, courtesy of former basketball star Jason Thompson and The Jason Thompson Foundation. Laurel Acres Park, located at 1045 S Church Street, provides families with pedestrian hiking and nature trails, a dog run, picnic tables, and play areas for children. As a Mount Laurel native, opening the new basketball court will allow Thompson to further his community efforts in his hometown. Construction is underway and expected to finish in July.

"I grew up playing sports on the fields of Laurel Acres Park. It is popular with Mount Laurel residents, and residents from surrounding towns come to enjoy the park's many amenities," said Jason Thompson, President & CEO of the Jason Thompson Foundation. "The addition of a full-sized basketball court will allow both children and adults the opportunity to practice and host games on an NBA-style court."

To learn more about the Jason Thompson Foundation and its upcoming programs, please visit them online at www.thejasonthompsonfoundation.com or follow them on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.



Mount Laurel Night at the Phillies game

Township Council is excited to hold our 2nd Mount Laurel Night at the Philadelphia Phillies game!

Game night is Thursday, September 21st, at 7:05 PM.

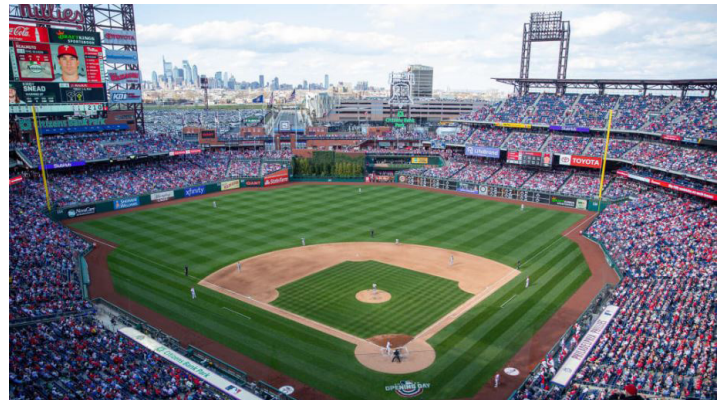
Residents can buy tickets by scanning the QR code below. Use code **MLT** to get the special discount rate.

Please note the Township will not provide transportation for this event.



Mets at Phillies - MyProVenue™

mlb.tickets.com



Rancocas Woods Farmers Market

The Mount Laurel seasonal Farmer's Market is back for its second year.

This year the market will accept SNAP/EBT.

Some exciting things you can expect at the market this year include:

- Local farmers sharing produce, flowers, meats, and cheese
- Food vendors serving up sweets, hot meals, and food to-go
- Beer, hard cider, mead, and liquor
- Talented local crafters
- Kid's Day at the Market and crafts
- Weekly community yoga class



The market will take place every Sunday from June 4th - October 15th . Hours are 10 AM - 2 PM.

The market is located at 200 Creek Road Unit C.

Rancocas Woods Boos & Brews

The popular Boos and Brews event is back this October!

Join Rancocas Woods Events and Shops for their 3rd Annual Boos & Brews fundraiser Friday, October 13th, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at 118 Creek Road.

There will be live music, a beer garden, and a costume contest, with winners announced around 8:15 pm. Rancocas Woods Events will be bringing back our Witches' Market, offering a variety of witchy-vibed and occult-themed vendors and activities. Enjoy Tarot Readers and creations from local witches and warlocks, DIY spell jars, wands, and glow-in-the-dark henna.

All ages are welcome; however, activities are geared toward those ages 21+.



Public Works

HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

The Township holds a hazardous material drop-off on **the first and third Saturday of every month (unless it's a holiday weekend, then it will be moved to the following weekend)**. Drop-off is at the Recycling Center on Midlantic Drive. Hours of operation for the drop-off are **8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. Residents are required to show proof of residency at the drop-off. Allowable items: Paint(latex and oil-based 10 cans per resident), solvents, driveway sealers, aerosols, antifreeze, oil, batteries, fluorescent tubes and ballasts, pesticides, pool chemicals, and gasoline (which should be brought in a clearly marked container).

*Paint that is dried out can go out with your regular trash.

*Oil must be dropped off in standard oil containers only. It will not be taken in buckets or other chemical containers.

Hazardous collection dates are as follows (Mount Laurel Residents Only):

7/1, 7/15, 8/5, 8/19, **9/9 (2nd Saturday due to holiday)**, 9/16, **10/14 (2nd Saturday due to holiday)**, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16

Need to dispose of your Appliances, TV, Computer, or Tires?

APPLIANCES

Any appliance or air conditioner will be picked up Wednesdays. Residents must call or email Public Works at info@mountlaurel.com to schedule the pick-up. We also pick up basketball hoops, certain sized equipment, and grills.

TELEVISIONS AND COMPUTERS

These will be picked up on Wednesdays. Residents must call to schedule a pick-up or email info@mountlaurel.com

TIRE COLLECTION

Car and truck tires (excluding tractor-trailer tires) must be removed from the rims. Tires are picked up on the third Friday of each month except for the months between Memorial Day and Labor Day, where they will be picked up on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Residents must call Public Works to schedule the pick-up. Burlington County residents can also take tires, on or off the rim, to the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex.



Business Spotlight

The Township and Township Council would like to extend a warm welcome to the following businesses:

DEKA LASH

Deka Lash celebrated their grand opening on June 3rd. Located in the popular Centerton Square shopping complex, Deka Lash is a women-owned and operated beauty company specializing in lash extension services and brow lamination. They offer a wide variety of lash services, including their popular TrueVolume signature service, which involves attaching multiple ultra-fine extensions to a single natural lash, creating a “fan” effect. The result is a fuller, more voluminous look that can be customized to suit personal preferences and eye shape.

Deka Lash is located at 10 Centerton Road. To learn more visit <https://dekalash.com/> or call (856) 403-7396.



Mayor Steglik meets with franchise owner Jenna Class and employees at their grand opening this past June



WACHTER

Mayor Steglik attended the grand opening of Wachter on May 4th. Wachter is an invaluable ally in fusing traditional electrical systems with modern, customer-centric experiences. By bringing together a team of engineers, project managers, and a nationwide workforce of highly experienced technicians, they provide solutions for retailers seeking to transform their stores through data security deployment, frictionless shopping capabilities, and personalized connections.

The new location at 9000 Commerce Pkwy is outfitted with energy and green efficient technology, and provides a clean, modern open floor plan for employees. Currently 200 employees are housed in Mount Laurel with plans to keep growing. To learn more about Wachter please visit

<https://www.wachter.com/>



Mayor Steglik with Wachter employees at ribbon cutting ceremony

LAUREL HEALING CENTER

Laurel Healing Center is South New Jersey's premier women's intensive outpatient and traditional outpatient program. Their mission is to provide a safe and caring clinical environment for women to work through their trauma and pain while attaining and maintaining a substance-free, independent, and purpose-driven life. The treatment facility is designed to provide a comfortable setting to foster healing, growth, and achievement. Founders Michael Zornberg, Michael Rodgers, and Michelle Rodgers lead a team with a combined 25 years of personal recovery and substance use disorder treatment experience to help propel women into a life of self fulfillment and gratitude.

The center is located at 801 Birchfield Dr. To learn more about the Laurel Healing Center please visit

<https://laurelcenter.com>



Mayor Steglik, Councilwoman Cohen, and Assemblywoman Murphy meet with owners Michael Zornberg, Michael Rodgers, and Michelle Rodgers

THYME TRAVELERS CONSERVATORY

Thyme Travelers Conservatory celebrated their grand opening on Saturday May 20th.

Located in the heart of Rancocas Woods, you will find your 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 features houseplants, plant care products, homemade accessories, botanical body care, and apothecary items.

The shop is located at 200C Creek Road and is open 12:00-6:00 PM Thursday-Sunday.



Mayor Steglik meets with owners Janeen Hovnanian, Allison Coulter, and Joshua Wells

VILLAGE SQUARE

Village Square celebrated their grand opening on Saturday May 6th.

Owner Tiffani Rosenbleeth created Village Square out of a need for a multi-age activity and event destination for children of all ages, interests and abilities. The center serves as the perfect spot to hold birthday parties and special events.

Village Square is located at 200 Larchmont Boulevard, Suite 5, Mt. Laurel.

To learn more and book your experience visit

<https://www.villagesquare.center/>



Deputy Mayor Janjua and Kristi Howell from the Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce and owner Tiffani Rosenbleeth

Coming Soon

BATH & BODY WORKS

Bath & Body Works will replace the former Justice clothing store building in the popular Centerton Square shopping complex.

Bath and Body Works is a retailer specializing in personal care and home fragrances, including the number one selling collections for fine fragrance mist, body lotion and body cream, three-wick candles, home fragrance diffusers, and liquid hand soap.

Located at 12 Centerton Road.



CRUMBL COOKIES

Crumbl Cookies will open later this year in the Centerton Square shopping complex. Crumbl uses a unique marketing strategy that keeps customers coming back every week. Every Monday, six new cookie flavors are announced on their website and social media pages. Cookies like buttermilk pancake, lemon bar, classic pink sugar, and strawberry cupcake are just a few flavors customers can look forward to.



LA QUINTA & HAWTHORN EXTENDED STAY

Opening this July will be the new dual branded Wyndham hotel at The Funplex- the La Quinta and Hawthorn Extended Stay Mount Laurel.

Guests can enjoy the convenience of having two distinct hotel accommodation options under one roof, whether you're planning a weekend escape or an extended stay. The hotel will offer 125 pet-friendly guestrooms, complimentary breakfast, meeting space, indoor pool, fitness center and an on-site bar.



Alice Paul Institute

YOGA AT PAULSDALE

Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM join Yoga Instructor Alison Griffin.

Taking place at 128 Hooton Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ.

Stay tuned on our social media platforms as dates are subject to change.

This is a donation-based 60-minute yoga class at Alice Paul's childhood home



A flyer for 'YOGA AT PAULSDALE' featuring a photograph of a large, historic house with a porch, surrounded by greenery and purple flowers. The text is arranged in a circular layout around the photo. At the top, it says 'YOGA AT PAULSDALE' in a serif font. Below that, it says 'enjoy a 60-minute donation-based yoga class at Alice Paul's childhood home'. To the left, a yellow circle contains the text: 'Stay tuned to our social media as dates are subject to change!'. To the right, it says 'Led by Yoga Instructor Alison Griffin 200 RYT Certified, Yoga Alliance'. At the bottom, it says 'Every Wed., 6pm starting 4/26'. A small note at the bottom left says: 'Please bring your own mat, water and any assistance such as blocks or straps. Register for this event under the Community Events tab at alicepaul.org or our Eventbrite link in the caption. Donations will support the Alice Paul Institute.'

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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting the right to vote to women.

The event will take place on Saturday August 26th from 12:00-5:00 PM at Paulsdale, located at 128 Hooton Road in Mount Laurel.



A flyer for the 'Women's Equality Day Festival' at the Alice Paul Institute. The title is in a large, stylized font. Below it, it lists 'LOCAL VENDORS - MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS' and 'KID'S ACTIVITIES - BEER GARDEN'. A section titled 'ABOUT THE EVENT' contains the text: 'JOIN US IN CELEBRATING WOMEN AT THE HISTORIC ALICE PAUL INSTITUTE. THIS OUTDOOR EVENT IS TO NOT ONLY HONOR THE SUCCESSES OF WOMEN, BUT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LONG ROAD AHEAD TO TRUE GENDER EQUALITY FOR ALL.' At the bottom, it says 'PAULSDALE 128 HOOTON ROAD MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054' and 'EVENT RUNS 12-5PM'. A banner at the very bottom says '26 AUGUST 2023 | FREE ENTRY'.

Women's Equality Day Festival

ALICE PAUL INSTITUTE

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KID'S ACTIVITIES - BEER GARDEN

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SAVE THE DATE- EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



SAVE THE DATE

ERA CENTENNIAL EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
WITH THE ALICE PAUL INSTITUTE!

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**



Featuring a bespoke walking tour with the National Park Service, special visit to the Library of Congress, and behind the scenes visit to the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument.

More Info
hminty@alicepaul.org

Contact Us
856-231-1885

Mount Laurel Library

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

JULY

PEACEABLE KINGDOM PETTING ZOO

Sunday, July 30th, 12–3 PM

A petting zoo at the Library! The best petting zoo around! Charis Matey, the owner of Peaceable Kingdom Petting Zoo, is visiting us with her adorable friends, including baby goats, lambs, ducks, chickens, bunnies, and more! They would love to meet you... you can feed them, pet them, and talk to Charis all about how she takes care of them, what it's like to live with them, and each of their unique and fun personalities. It is sure to be a great day! No registration needed.



CHAIR YOGA & MINDFUL MEDITATION

Wednesdays in July, 10 AM

These classes will teach the basics of guided breathing, simple physical stretches, and meditation. The exercises are safe and accessible for all levels. Registration required. You will receive a meeting link a day before the event.

TALK: EATING CUSTOMS DURING THE CIVIL WAR

Thursday, July 27th, 1 PM

The Civil War life was tough for soldiers and civilians alike. As the war progressed, everyday food items became scarce. Learn what alternatives soldiers and civilians used to meet everyday needs. Discover how the South depended on the North before the Civil War for many of its major food essentials. Hosted by Judith Krall-Russo. No registration is required.

AUGUST

CONCERT: FLUTE AND FRIENDS

Sunday, August 13th, 2 PM

Flutist Marjorie Koharski and Guitarist Keith Calmes have been playing as a duo since 2006. Keith Calmes earned graduate degrees in Classical Performance at The Juilliard School. Mrs. Koharski is a retired flutist and piccoloist with The Monmouth Symphony. No registration is required.

THE REAL LOUISA: A ONE-WOMAN PLAY

Friday, August 25th, 2 PM

Broadway and Hollywood actress Prudence Wright Holmes presents her one-woman play about Louisa May Alcott, author of *Little Women*. The play is a fascinating examination of Alcott's life and her complicated relationship with her father. No registration is required.



THROWBACK PARTY

Saturday, August 19th, 12–3 PM

Join us for an 80s-and-90s-themed throwback party to celebrate the end of summer reading! Parents, come relive your childhood! Kids, come check out the toys, snacks, and music that were popular when your parents were your age! Inside and outside the Library will be games, crafts, and fun for everyone. 80s and 90s attire is encouraged. All ages are welcome. No registration is required.

SEPTEMBER



CONCERT: HOMEGROWN STRING BAND

Sunday, September 10th, 2 PM

The Homegrown String Band is a dynamic family trio that brings American folk traditions into the twenty-first century. No registration is required.

FOREIGN FILM: ENTRE NOUS

Sunday, September 17th, 1 PM

Diane Kurys' acclaimed drama focuses on the relationship between two women in France during the 1940s. 1982. PG. In French with English subtitles. 110 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration is required.

Mount Laurel Police Department

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Mount Laurel Police Department and Mount Laurel Township are excited to hold National Night Out!

National Night Out is a community event that enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement. The free event allows residents to interact with officers through a fun filled evening of activities.

The event will take place on Tuesday, August 1st from 5:30-8:00 PM at the Mount Laurel Municipal Complex at 100 Mount Laurel Road.

For the latest updates and more information, follow the Township and Mount Laurel Police Department Facebook pages.



MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES K-9 FLASH

The Mount Laurel Police Department is excited to introduce our newest four-legged officer to the community.

K-9 Flash is a 7 month old bloodhound from Bluegrass Bloodhounds in Kentucky. The department purchased K-9 Flash with a grant from the AKC Reunite Program, which works with police departments from around the United States to purchase police K-9s.

Mount Laurel 2nd graders helped select Flash's name. Congratulations to Mrs. Waddell's class, from Hillside Elementary School, for selecting K-9 Flash's name.

In addition to the extensive in-house training before being deployed on our streets, K-9 Flash will attend tracking school in the fall but don't worry, you can expect to meet K-9 Flash at our future community events.



MOUNT LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

The Mount Laurel Police Department welcomes three new police recruits. Officers Rankel, Rossi, Cantwell will be on patrol after completing the Camden County Police Academy in September.



EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER/RED FLAG LAWS

When a person is in crisis and considering harming themselves or others, they often exhibit clear warning signs. Family members and law enforcement are usually the first people to see these signs.

But there is one thing you can do: you can request an extreme risk protective order to temporarily remove guns from the situation and help keep your loved one safe.

NJ is fortunate to be one of 19 states nationwide with an Extreme Risk Protective Order law in place. This law empowers loved ones or law enforcement to intervene and temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing firearms. These laws, sometimes referred to as “red flag” laws, can help de-escalate emergency situations. They are a proven way to intervene before an incident of gun violence—such as a firearm suicide or mass shooting—occurs and takes more lives.

To seek an extreme risk protective order, a family or household member can fill out and file the application directly with the court. Family or household members can also contact a member of law enforcement, such as a police officer or District Attorney to discuss any concerns. Law enforcement can then investigate these concerns and request the extreme risk protective order from the court. Please contact the Mount Laurel Police Department at (856) 234-8300 with any questions.

The federal government offers 24/7 call, text, and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Dial 988 to receive immediate support. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

Mount Laurel Fire Department

PROMOTIONS

We would like to recognize the following members for their promotions and wish them well in their new positions.

- Lieutenant Daniel Butkovic promoted to Captain on December 5th , 2022, assigned to the A Platoon, Station 363. Serving since December 27th , 2000.
- Battalion Chief Lawrence Fox promoted to Deputy Chief on December 5th , 2022, assigned to Office of the Fire Chief - Operations, Fire Headquarters. Serving since December 21st , 1999.
- Captain Joseph Maschke promoted to Battalion Chief on December 5th , 2022, assigned to the B Platoon. Serving since April 11th , 2000.
- Firefighter John Presner promoted to Lieutenant on December 5th , 2022, assigned to the B Platoon. Serving since October 17th , 2004.
- Firefighter Kevin Tirotta promoted to Lieutenant on May 15th , 2023, assigned to the C Platoon, Station 363. Serving since February 23rd , 2015.
- Firefighter Gregory Walczak promoted to Lieutenant on November 7th , 2022, assigned to the C Platoon, Station 362. Serving since March 19th , 2012.



Member Spotlight



Robert Shestack was elected as a Fire Commissioner in February 1999 with the Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 with his first term beginning 03/02/1999. Since then, he has served in the following capacities: Chairperson (9 years), Vice Chairperson (11 years), Treasurer (3 years), and Clerk of the Board (1 year). His service, dedication, and leadership have been responsible for the betterment of the Mount Laurel Fire Department throughout the years. The department has become well known as one of the most progressive public safety organizations in the state of New Jersey and the region. Commissioner Shestack is the longest-elected commissioner in the history of the department with his total service time approaching 25 years. Commissioner Shestack brings his experience and knowledge from the insurance and risk management industry. He has also served as the President of the New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts, served on the New Jersey State EMS Council, and served as Vice Chairperson of the New Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance fund. In his free time, Rob enjoys spending time with his wife Debbie, son Kyle and daughter Brianna along with their fiancées Toni and Basie as enjoys watching his favorite English Football Team the Dorking Wanderers.

OUTSIDE FIRES (BARBEQUES AND FIRE PITS)

With summer soon upon us, many residents choose to have different types of outdoor fires for warmth, cooking, or other uses. Please see the rules governing outdoor fires from the township fire prevention ordinance below.

For further information on outdoor fires,

you can reference Chapter 81,

Fire Prevention of the Township

Code <https://ecode360.com/10362507> or call our fire prevention bureau.

1. Fuel for outdoor fires shall be limited to seasoned firewood, natural gas or propane. Do not use accelerants, such as flammable fuels.
2. Fire pits shall not exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height total fuel area.
 - a. Fire pits shall not be located within 25 feet of a structure, combustible materials, combustible vegetation and/or property lines.
3. Fire in approved containers is defined as chimineas and/or other commercially manufactured containers designed and built for its specific use for seasoned firewood, natural gas, or propane.
 - a. Approved containers shall not be located within 15 feet of a structure, combustible materials, combustible vegetation and property lines.
 - b. Approved containers shall not be located in or on any residential/apartment unit; porch, balcony, covered patio area or any other private area of an apartment or multifamily dwelling unit.

Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Services EMS System and Mutual Aid - How it Works

Recently, we have had several residents ask why an ambulance from another township may be responding in Mount Laurel. The following will provide you with an overview of how our emergency medical services (EMS) system is staffed and how mutual aid works. This pertains to basic life support (BLS) services. Advanced life support (ALS) is hospital based, managed by the Virtua Hospital System in coordination with the Burlington County Communication Center.



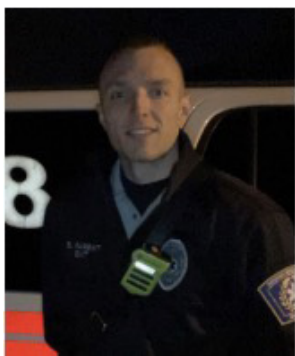
- Current demands on EMS for our community require two 24/7/365 ambulances, with an additional ambulance staffed during peak hours Monday through Friday, 9am to 7pm.
- This standard of coverage model has evolved over the years and is continually monitored to ensure that our call data continues to support this model.
- While the standard of coverage is modeled off historical call data, there are times when we are confronted with several calls simultaneously that exceed our capabilities, also known as a surge. Surge activity is difficult to forecast or handle. This presents a unique challenge where calls are triaged, with life threatening calls placed at a higher priority. During these instances, Mount Laurel

EMS (MLEMS) has “Mutual Aid Agreements” in place with surrounding EMS agencies to respond. As a participant in the mutual aid system, we receive support and we also provide support to other towns who may be in a similar situation.

□ In March of 2023, for example, Mount Laurel Township received mutual aid assistance 25 times and provided mutual aid assistance 20 times.

- While we prefer to respond to 100% of our incidents, we know that this is not realistic. Another tier built into our EMS system is the Mount Laurel Fire Department’s (MLFD) first responder program. The majority of MLFD’s firefighters are cross trained as emergency medical technicians. The MLFD is dispatched along with MLEMS to all serious life threatening calls, e.g. cardiac arrest, unconscious persons, etc. In addition, the MLFD is dispatched to any medical calls when an MLEMS ambulance is not available to respond in town and where a mutual aid ambulance has been dispatched. This provides our community with timely access to emergency medical care, while waiting for an ambulance to become available. This service delivery model provides for timely access and the highest level of quality care offered to those in need in our community.

Member Spotlight



Steve Parent joined Mount Laurel EMS in September 2020 as a volunteer emergency medical technician (EMT). He is an integral part of the MLEMS’ volunteer duty crew program and consistently has become a top contributor to MLEMS by volunteering hundreds of hours annually. EMT Parent also serves our nation as a member of the United States Air Force (Active

Duty), rank of Major, with 12 years of service. He is currently assigned to the 305th Air Mobility Wing (Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst) as an airfield operations flight commander. We thank EMT Parent for his service, dedication, and leadership and we wish him well on his new assignment in July 2023 in Madrid, Spain.

POOL SAFETY AND DROWNINGS

It only takes a moment. A child or weak swimmer can drown in the time it takes to reply to a text, check a fishing line, or apply sunscreen. Death and injury from drownings happen every day in home pools, hot tubs, at the beach, in oceans, lakes, rivers and streams, bathtubs, and even buckets. Visit www.redcross.org for more information.

Things to Know About Water Safety



Ensure every member of your family learns to swim so they at least **achieve skills of water competency**: able to enter the water, get a breath, stay afloat, change position, swim a distance then get out of the water safely.



Employ **layers of protection** including barriers to prevent access to water, life jackets, and close supervision of children to prevent drowning.



Know **what to do in a water emergency** – including how to help someone in trouble in the water safely, call for emergency help and CPR.

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 as Emergency Medical Technicians or Firefighters. 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 or 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.

For additional information visit us at:

Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Service - www.mlems.org or email us at opportunities@mlems.org

Mount Laurel Fire Department - www.mlfd.org or email us at volunteer@mlfd.org



Township Council Updates

After receiving over 100 letters from Harrington Middle School's 7th grade class, Mayor Steglik went to Mr. Sides' classroom and participated in a Q&A session with the students. Mayor Steglik answered questions that were mailed to him, as well as more questions that were asked in the classroom.

No matter how old or young you are, participating in government and asking questions is always important! Thank you to Harrington Middle School and its students for putting this Q&A together.



Juneteenth Event June 17, 2023



On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston Bay Texas with news that the Civil War had ended. A federal order was issued to abolish slavery in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, and this day became known as Juneteenth. The day serves to commemorate the freedom of those who had been enslaved in the United States.

Juneteenth officially became a federal holiday in 2021 and marks the United States' second Independence Day.

The Township held our first Juneteenth Event on Saturday June 17, 2023. Mount Laurel Township and Township Council are committed to our diverse communities and encourage all residents to recognize the significance of Juneteenth in our nation's history.

The event featured special educational sessions like the Timbuctoo Historical Society, which presented information on the settlement of Timbuctoo, which was formed by formerly enslaved and free African Americans. Jacob's Chapel also performed "If These Stones Could Talk", a historical reenactment play based on the life and family of William Still. Jacobs Chapel played a significant part in the Underground Railroad, and served as the landmark for the historic Mount Laurel Doctrine.

Residents also enjoyed local vendors, live music, food trucks, and activities like henna, rock painting, bounce houses and more.

Thank you to Senator Troy Singleton, Assemblywoman Carol Murphy, and Burlington County Commissioner Allison Eckel for joining us. Thank you to all the local vendors and organizations who participated, the Diversity and Inclusion Board, Mount Laurel Police Department, Mount Laurel Fire Department, Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Services, Public Works, and Township employees.

Burlington County Out of the Darkness Walk

The 8th annual Burlington County Out of the Darkness Walk for suicide prevention will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

This event will be held at Laurel Acres Park, located at 1045 S Church St. This powerful event brings our community together in hope and healing to end the stigma surrounding suicide and mental illness. Register to walk or donate at www.afsp.org/burlingtonco.



**Burlington County
Out of the Darkness Walk**
Saturday, October 21

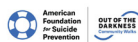
Laurel Acres Park
Walk Day Activities begin at 9:00AM

Register at
afsp.org/Burlingtonco

If you are in crisis, please call or text the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988



Scan the QR code
to register today!



JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Hazardous Waste Drop-off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
2 Ranccocas Woods Farmers Market 10:00 – 2:00 PM 200 Creek Road Unit C *every Sunday June 4-October 15*	3 Mount Laurel Fire Department Special Meeting 7:00 PM 69 Elbo Lane	4 Municipal Offices Closed No trash pick up, delayed a day	5	6 Summer Concert Series Golden Eagle Band 6:30 pm–8:00 pm Mt. Laurel Community Center	7	8
9 Farmers Market 10:00 – 2:00 PM 200 Creek Road Unit C	10	11 Recycling Day Council Meeting 7:00 PM—Court Room Environmental Commission Meeting 7:00 PM — Zoom	12 Diversity & Inclusion Board Meeting 7:00 PM — Zoom	13 Ice Cream with a Cop & Summer Movie- Kindergarten Cop Laurel Acres Park	14	15 Hazardous Waste Drop-off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
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23 Farmers Market 10:00 – 2:00 PM 200 Creek Road Unit C	24	25 Recycling Day	26	27	28	29
30 Farmers Market 10:00 – 2:00 PM 200 Creek Road Unit C	31					

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 National Night Out 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm Mt Laurel Municipal Complex	2 Zoning Board Meeting 7:00 PM—Court Room	3	4	5 Hazardous Waste Drop-off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
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SEPTEMBER 2023

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MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
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	Friday, December 1st	TBD	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**





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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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