



MOUNT LAUREL

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JULY 2022



150th Anniversary Celebration • May 15, 2022

On March 7, 1872 Mount Laurel Township was officially incorporated by an act of the New Jersey State Assembly and Senate to create the borders residents know today. Mount Laurel has grown from a small, rural farming community to an area filled with small businesses, outstanding school districts, and plenty of amenities perfect for raising a family.

Mount Laurel is rich with history, with a spot along the Underground Railroad at Jacob's Chapel AME Church, antebellum African American settlements marked by the Colemantown Meeting House, as well as being the birthplace of women's rights activist Alice Paul. Mount Laurel has grown

since then, increasing in population, diversity, and regional significance.

The Township's 150th Anniversary celebration on Sunday May 15 was a fun filled day for residents and visitors to enjoy the history of the town, meet Township departments, support local businesses and food trucks, and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding Mount Laurel residents.

Township Council members discussed what they enjoyed most about the celebration and upcoming events to look forward to.

MAYOR KAREEM PRITCHETT:

Mount Laurel's 150th celebration was the culmination of a lot of planning and hard work from every one of our Township's departments. This event would not have been possible without their dedication to making a memorable event possible. We must thank the Mount Laurel Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Management Services for their tireless efforts at our 150th celebration and more. In addition to keeping our community safe every day, our emergency response generously supports the township's community endeavors every step of the way and I couldn't be more grateful.

One way we can thank our Police, Fire, and EMS is by attending and celebrating National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2. National Night Out is an opportunity in which the community can meet our emergency response personnel personally and thank them for all that they do for Mount Laurel.

DEPUTY MAYOR STEPHEN STEGLIK:

The Township's 150th Anniversary event was a celebration, not only of our town's rich history and incredible people, but of the businesses that help make our community great and South Jersey a great place to live.

Supporting local businesses is a vital part of making our community a premier location to live and work and I am so thankful for the businesses that participated in our event. Whether it was delicious BBQ to gourmet cupcakes or the refreshing beer garden which featured high quality brews from Dr. Brewlittles (Maple Shade), Spellbound Brewing (Mount Holly), and Mount Laurel's own Bout the Hops Brewery, our 150th celebration had an eclectic variety of food and drinks for the whole family.

Thankfully, we do not have to wait long to have great food and drinks at a township event. Our 2nd annual Food Truck Festival on September 18th will feature an incredible lineup of local food trucks and fun activities for all our families.

COUNCILWOMAN KAREN COHEN:

The 150th event celebrated the legacy of our town, including honoring our residents who have made a significant difference in our community. Proclamations to Mount Laurel's outstanding

residents included Jarry Jones and Faye Berlin, whose deep dedication to community service have inspired all of us. To Kole Black, who designed the Township's 150th logo, we wish you the best in your future endeavors. To the women pioneers in EMS: Dorothea Meder, Patricia Halbe, and Janis McManus- you have created the path for women to take on leadership positions in their careers.

To the family of Ethel Lawrence, a woman who reformed affordable housing and made a significant difference for civil rights in the housing sector, not only in Mount Laurel but throughout the nation.

The Ramblewood Garden Center is the longest running business in Mount Laurel, and we wish them many more years of success.

These amazing individuals and organizations highlight the best of Mount Laurel and inspire us all. We look forward to the next 150 years and beyond.

COUNCILWOMAN FOZIA JANJUA:

The 150th celebration was a beautiful way to celebrate the Township's growing diversity and cultures. When we come together and celebrate our cultural differences, we build a better future. I saw families of all kinds sing together, dance together, enjoy our many Township activities, and bond over a love for our Township and history. As we continue to celebrate upcoming Township events, I look forward to meeting families of all different backgrounds and celebrate how far Mount Laurel has come.

COUNCILMAN NIKITAS MOUSTAKAS:

The 150th celebration event brought back many memories of mine growing up and experiencing fun celebration events with my family. To have my family and residents experience all the family friendly activities was something that will be remembered for a long time. Options like face painting, carousel rides, bouncy houses, and s'mores were just a few of the many free activities families could enjoy. I look forward to seeing residents and their families again at upcoming events including our Township summer concerts and movies at Laurel Acres.

Proclamations to Mount Laurel's Outstanding Citizens and Residents



JARRY JONES

Jarry Jones was born and raised in Mount Laurel, and our Township is lucky to have Jarry as a resident. His commitment to service began at the age of 16 when he joined both the Grange and the Fellowship Fire Company as a junior member. Jarry has been

a dedicated member of the Mount Laurel Rotary for over 40 years and has achieved many awards for his community service. Residents would not enjoy Laurel Acres Park the way it is today without Jarry's help, as he was largely involved with the design.



FAYE BERLIN

Faye Berlin has been an active member of the Mount Laurel community for the last 26 years. She is very involved with the Neighborhood Watch Organization in Park Place and works hand in hand with the support of the Mount Laurel Police Department.

Faye has helped keep our Mount Laurel neighbors safe, and has become a friendly face within the police department.

ETHEL LAWRENCE AND FAMILY

Ethel Lawrence, known as the "Rosa Parks of affordable housing" began her battle to help New Jersey's low-income families through the development of affordable housing



in the 1960s. With Ethel's determination and her family's support, her fight led to the creation of the landmark "Mount Laurel Doctrine" which has been called one of the most important civil rights decisions of our time.



RAMBLEWOOD GARDEN CENTER

Ramblewood Garden Center is the longest running business in Mount Laurel Township. Located on South Church Street, they have been doing business in town at the same location since 1963. Les and Jean Coumbe opened their doors on April

11, 1963 and it has been a staple family business in Mount Laurel ever since.



KOLE BLACK

In honor of the 150th anniversary this year, the Township reached out to Lenape High School to ask students in the art and graphic design classes to design and create a logo specific to the anniversary. High school junior Kole Black designed the winning

150th logo for the celebration. He holds a special talent for graphic design, and we wish him much success in future endeavors.

FIRST WOMEN IN EMS

Dorothea "Dot" Meder, Patricia Halbe, and Janis McManus are women pioneers who have paved the way for more women to join the front lines of healthcare. During their time with Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Services Dorothea and Patricia served in the positions of lieutenant and president. Janis became the first female volunteer Deputy Chief in 1995.

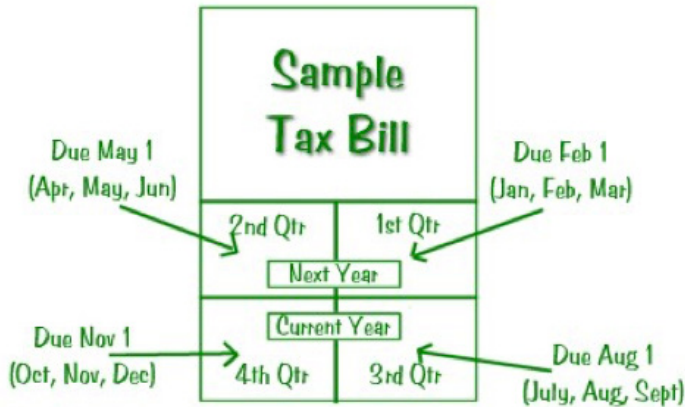


Tax Collector Updates

TAX BILLS COMING SOON!

Property Taxes are billed once a year. The 2022 Final / 2023 Preliminary bills are scheduled to be mailed around July/August of 2022. However, bills cannot be mailed out until the new 2023 tax rate is struck. If bills are mailed late the new date will be printed on the 2022 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. You can use this bill to pay your taxes.



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 including the application.

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 due to be returned to the State of New Jersey no later than October 31, 2022. For more information or to see if you meet the 2021 "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



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 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 at ddeklerk@mountlaurel.com 856-234-0001 x1256 or x1257.

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 www.mountlaurel.com or Township Assessor's Office at 856-234-0001 x1256 or x1257.

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 February and continue through September. The inspector will speak to you at the time of inspection or leave a contact number to verify the work.

Public Works Department Updates

Prevent trip and falls by inspecting sidewalks on your property.

Become proactive instead of reactive in preventing trips and falls. Regular periodic inspections of sidewalks should be conducted, and any substandard conditions corrected as soon as possible. When doing an inspection, consider the following items.

- Large cracks
- Raised sidewalk block
- Deteriorated sidewalk blocks
- Sidewalks that accumulate dirt/mud/gravel
- Tree roots/overgrown landscaping

HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF:

The Township holds a hazardous material drop-off on the first and third Saturday of every month (unless a holiday weekend at which it will move 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 FOLLOWED (MOUNT LAUREL RESIDENTS ONLY)

07/16/22	09/24/22	11/19/22
08/06/22	10/01/22	12/03/22
08/20/22	10/15/22	12/17/22
09/03/22	11/05/22	

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP 2022 EVENT SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Senior Luncheon	Thursday, April 14th	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Mt. Laurel Community Center • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Mount Laurel Shred Event	Saturday, April 23rd	9:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.	Mt. Laurel Police Garage • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Clean Up Day	Saturday, April 23rd	9:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.	Laurel Acres Park - Pavilion • 1045 S. Church Street
150th Year Celebration	Sunday, May 15th	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Mount Laurel Municipal Complex • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Veteran's Luncheon	Thursday, May 19th	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Mt. Laurel Community Center • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Memorial Day Tribute	Thursday, May 26th	6:00 PM	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Summer Camp Begins Summer Camp Ends <i>**start date due to change due to school snow days**</i>	Monday, June 27th Friday, August 19th	8:30 A.M-3:30 P.M.	Springville Elementary School • 520 Hartford Road
Summer Concert Series – Golden Eagle Band – Sponsored by the Mount Laurel Library	Thursday, July 7th	6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Ice Cream & Summer Movie – Space Jam 2	Thursday, July 14th	Movie begins at Dusk	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Summer Concert Series – Sara James Sponsored by Mount Laurel Township	Thursday, July 21st	6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Ice Cream & Summer Movie - Luca	Thursday, July 28th	Movie begins at Dusk	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
National Night Out	Tuesday, August 2nd	5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	Mount Laurel Municipal Complex • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Mount Laurel Shred Event	Saturday, August 13th	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Mt. Laurel Police Garage • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Food Truck Festival	Sunday, September 18th	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Mount Laurel Municipal Complex • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Movie in the Park – Encanto	Friday, September 30th	Movies begins at Dusk	Laurel Acres Park • 1045 S. Church Street
Veteran's Luncheon	Thursday, November 10th	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Mt. Laurel Community Center • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Senior Luncheon	Thursday, November 17th	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Mt. Laurel Community Center • 100 Mount Laurel Rd.
Mount Laurel Tree Lighting	TBD	TBD	TBD

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

Rancocas Woods Farmers Market

The Rancocas Woods Business Association celebrated the opening of Mount Laurel's first Farmers Market on Sunday June 5.

Deputy Mayor Steglik and Councilwoman Cohen attended the ribbon cutting of the market, noting that for the first time Mount Laurel residents can access a sustainable local food system right in their backyards.



FARMERS MARKET VENDORS

The market features a mix of weekly vendors that offer home products, soaps, crafts, candles, and more.

This list includes weekly vendors at the market.

- Watts Organic Farm - assorted produce and bonsai trees
- Pinelands Produce - assorted produce like carrots, greens, and more
- McMushrooms - sustainable mushrooms from Mt. Laurel
- Ford's Nest Farm - flowers: bouquets & wreaths (seasonal)
- Mill Creek Apiary - honey, beeswax skincare, candles
- Bowne Station Rd. Farm - beef, pork, poultry, & eggs
- Dr. Brewlittle's - microbrewery with local hops and grains
- LaLily's Desserts - cookies, breads, cupcakes, brownies
- Dr. Pickle - pickles, olives, pickled veggies & mushrooms
- Hoop House - sourdough bread, pastries, cookies & pies
- Tea-For-All - tea beverages, loose leaf tea, accessories
- Sage Rose Market - macramé plant hangers, vintage pots, home decor
- Boheme Foods - pickled veggies, tomato sauce, hot sauce, and other great jarred items.

Visitors can shop the market every Sunday from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. The market will run for 19 weeks, ending on October 9. The market takes place rain or shine.

The market is located at 118 Creek Road in Mount Laurel.

The market is brought to Mount Laurel by a grant from PSEG and Sustainable Jersey.

FARMERS MARKET ACTIVITIES

The market includes a variety of workshops residents can enjoy while shopping the market.

An upcoming workshop on August 21 features Beehive Tours with Pine Barrens. The free workshop is 30 minutes and takes place at 12 PM, 12:30 PM, 1:00 PM, and 1:30 PM. To stay up to date on the latest workshop offerings visit the Local Market Facebook page and website at <https://rancocaswoodseventsshops.com/farmers-market>.

The market offers yoga every Sunday at 10 AM with Majah of Trunks Up Yoga. Yoga sessions are 1 hour and 15 minutes. The sessions are free but donations are encouraged.

Mount Laurel FARMERS MARKET
EVERY SUNDAY ~ 9AM - 2PM
JUNE 5 - OCT 9
*RAIN OR SHINE!
118 Creek Rd, Mt. Laurel, NJ

THE LOCAL MARKET at Rancocas

Live Music
YOGA @ 10AM
FOOD TRUCKS
Kid's Crafts
WORKSHOPS
+ MORE!

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ALL-LEVEL, OUTDOOR
COMMUNITY YOGA
(including Beginners)

118 Creek Rd, Mt. Laurel, NJ

**SUNDAYS,
JUNE 5 - OCT 9
10AM - 11:15AM**
Donations Encouraged

Simple asanas (postures)
& pranayama
(breathing techniques)

center, stretch, strengthen,
relax, renew & bring us into
greater harmony & unity.

What to bring:
a yoga mat + large towel
to put underneath,
2 yoga blocks,
a small pillow if you need
& a water bottle.

Led by,
Majah

TRUNKS UP!
YOGA & WELLNESS CENTER

Summer Concerts and Movies

The Township is excited to celebrate the summer season with concerts and movies at Laurel Acres Park.

Ice Cream & Movie in the Park

Thursday, July 28th - 6:00 PM—8:00 PM
(last call for ice cream is 7:45 PM)
Movie begins at dusk

Laurel Acres Park
1045 S. Church St.

Luca



Mount Laurel Township presents: 2022 Summer Concert Series



Golden Eagle Band

Thursday, July 7th - 6:30 PM—8:00 PM
Laurel Acres Park—1045 S. Church St.

Sara James Foundation

Thursday, July 21st - 6:30 PM—8:00 PM
Laurel Acres Park—1045 S. Church Street

SnoBalls & Movie in the Park

Thursday, July 14th - 6:00 PM—8:00 PM
(last call for snoballs is 7:45 PM)
Movie begins at dusk

Laurel Acres Park
1045 S. Church St.

Space Jam 2



Second Annual Food Truck Festival: Sunday, September 18

The Township and Township Council are excited to announce our food truck festival event will take place on Sunday September 18. Join the Township for a fun afternoon with live music, food trucks, breweries, wineries, face painting, balloon animals, rides, Township departments, and more.

The Food Truck Festival will take place from 12:00 -5:00 PM at the Mount Laurel Municipal Complex on 100 Mount Laurel Road.

More information to come. Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for the latest updates.

Mount Laurel Township's Food Truck Festival

Sunday, September 18, 2022
12:00 PM—5:00 PM

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

Free Kid Activities!
Face Painting, Bounce Houses,
Balloon Animals and more!

**Beer & Wine
Food Trucks
Community Organizations**

LIVE MUSIC BY:



**Check our website for a
list of food trucks, win-
eries and breweries.
www.mountlaurel.com**



Township Shred Event

The Township offers shred events for residents to declutter and confidently shred documents in our highly secure mobile shredding unit.

The shred event will take place on Saturday August 13.

Event takes place at 100 Mount Laurel Road, Police Garage.

Event is from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

New Businesses

RADIANT WAXING

Lunchbox Wax is now Radiant Waxing. The full service waxing salon offers a variety of services in a chic, modern boutique. The salon uses refined, effective waxing techniques to give clients smooth skin and a boldly confident look in no time.

The salon is located at 30 Centerton Road. To learn more or book an appointment call 856-360-2727



VALET AUTO CAR WASH

The Township would like to give a warm welcome to Valet Auto Car Wash! Valet Auto Wash is reinventing the standard car wash using innovative anti-collision technology, biodegradable soap, and water collection methods to increase speed and reduce environmental waste.



Every car wash comes with free use of vacuums and towels. Customers can choose from one of five Wash Clubs memberships for the perfect mix of exterior and interior services.

Valet Auto Wash is located at 1315 NJ-73, Mt Laurel Township. Hours are Monday-Sunday, 8:00am – 7:00pm.

DORIS HAIR SALON

Doris' Hair and Beauty Boutique is a women owned business focused on making clients look and feel their best. They offer a wide variety of salon services, including process color, conditioning treatments, and more.

The salon is located at 4201 Church Road.



The Future of Paws Farm

Volunteers for Paws Farm, Inc., a not-for-profit organization founded by Dr. Charles and Kate Tweedy, the original founders of Paws Farm, and an enthusiastic Board of Directors, which includes the next generation of other original founders, have worked tirelessly over the last year preparing Paws Farm for a re-opening to the public.

When Discovery Museum defaulted on its operating agreement with the Township, PAWS closed in January 2020. Two months later Covid-19 began to spread across the United States creating shutdowns and making it difficult for any organization to step in and become the new operator of the Township's hidden gem.

After several unsuccessful proposal rounds, Volunteers came to the Township and asked for a lease to gain access to the property for maintenance and repairs of the site and to prep the facility for a new operator. The Township granted that request and the Volunteers did not disappoint. The organization poured more than a quarter million dollars into the facility cleaning, repairing and restoring the property. The site is ready for a new era of operation thanks to these volunteer efforts. The historic Darnell homestead and out buildings and the dairy barn are cleaned and prepared for visitors. The fields, stalls, pens and cages are ready to reintroduce animals.

In May, with the facility physically ready, the Township entered into a new lease with Volunteers. This Second Phase of re-opening will allow the Volunteers to open on a limited basis for special events and fundraisers to generate the needed financial capital to operate the facility. The new lease will also allow the Volunteers and the Township time to attract and retain a corporate partner committed to the long-term operation of the facility.

Take advantage of the special event days at Paws. If you cannot make the special event days, consider helping the future of Paws through a financial donation to the not-for-profit organization. Donate at www.pawsfarm.org. When Paws Farm closed in 2020, there was a public support to save Paws Farm. The Volunteers, working in conjunction with Township officials, have returned the property to a condition that will allow for the re-opening of Paws. They now need the help of individuals and business to financially support Paws to reach Phase 3 to allow for full reopening. Please consider supporting this organization to bring Paws back to life.

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.

The Institute will be collaborating with Forgotten Boardwalk Brewing to host a pop-up beer garden to celebrate the passing of the 19th amendment on Women's Equality Day!

The event will take place on Saturday August 27 from 12:00-5:00 PM at Paulsdale, located at 128 Hooton Road in Mount Laurel.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ALICE PAUL INSTITUTE

JULY 2022

7/12-15 Alice Paul Professional Leadership Institute (APPLI): Colleges 8:30-4:30 EDT @ Paulsdale: APPLI is a leadership-focused day camp that helps teen girls identify and develop the skills that lead to academic and professional success. (Please register at alicepaul.org)

AUGUST 2022

8/13 Feminist Film Series Outdoor Film Screening @ Paulsdale of RBG @ 8:30PM

8/27 Women's Equality Day Summer Festival + Beer Garden @ Paulsdale from 12-5PM featuring Forgotten Boardwalk Brewery, Family games & activities and local women-owned vendors (FREE! Visit alicepaul.org for more details)

SEPTEMBER 2022

9/17 API Community Program | Marketing the Movement: A look at suffragist marketing strategies (FREE! Please register at alicepaul.org)

9/24 15th Annual Fine Wine Food Tasting Fundraiser @ Paulsdale from 5-8PM fine wine and food sampling, supporting the work of the Alice Paul Institute in its pursuit of gender equity for all. (Visit alicepaul.org for more details)

Mount Laurel Night at the Phillies game

Township Council is excited to hold our first Mount Laurel Night at the Phillies game!

Game night is Tuesday July 26. The game is at 7:05pm

Residents can buy tickets in 3 different levels at different price points.

Please see link here <https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/mount-laurel>

Use code MLT to get the special discount rate.

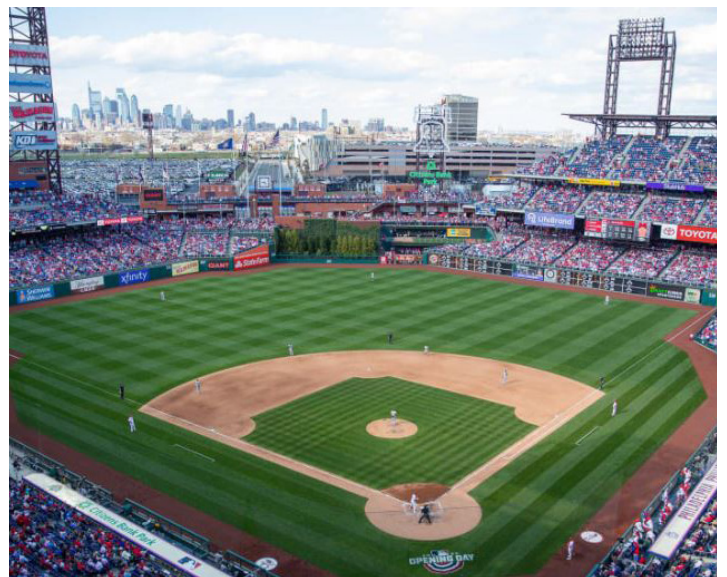
Note the Township will not provide transportation for this event.

Alternatively use QR code below to purchase tickets.



Mount Laurel Township | Philadelphia Phillies

www.mlb.com



Mount Laurel Police Department

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.

Activities include Free Face Painting, Free Pretzels, & Free Pelican's Snoballs, DJ, Food Trucks, Police Cars, Fire Trucks, K9s, and more.

The event will take place on Tuesday August 2 from 5:30 -8:00 PM.

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



Mount Laurel Police Department Welcomes K-9 Jersey

Mount Laurel Police Department has a new hire!

Mount Laurel Police Department is excited to announce K-9 Jersey has graduated from the New Jersey State Police Scent Class #37.

On Saturday, June 11th K-9 Jersey graduated with his handler and is now ready to serve the Mount Laurel Community as a narcotics detection K-9.

K-9 Jersey is partnered up with Officer Cremer, together they spent the last 12 weeks training to successfully meet the requirements set forth by the office of the Attorney General.

Officer Cremer has been an officer with the Mount Laurel Police Department for approximately 8 years and was enlisted in the Marines prior, serving 4 years active duty. Officer Cremer has a lot of experience and an outgoing personality that paired up with his new partner makes a great team.

K-9 Jersey is a yellow Labrador Retriever who came to us from Europe and just turned a year old. With a generous grant from AKC Reunite Adopt a K9 Cop Program Mount Laurel Police Department was able to purchase K-9 Jersey. K-9 Jersey loves to spend time with his partner and family. When K-9 Jersey is not at work you can find him taking walks, snacking away on dog treats, and playing with Officer Cremer's children.

We look forward to having K-9 Jersey keep us safe and interact with the residents and visitors of the Mount Laurel community.



Mount Laurel Library

The Library is the perfect place to spend time this summer with plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy.

For a full list of events please visit <https://mtlaurel.evanced.info/signup>

JULY

TUESDAY MAHJONG

Tuesdays, July, August, September at 1:00 PM

Mahjong is a fun and popular tile-based game of strategy, skill, and lots of luck. All levels of experience welcome. Bring your National Mahjong League 2022 card and a mahjong set (if you have one). No registration required.

SUNDAY CONCERT: BANJO RASCALS

Sunday, July 10 2:00 PM

Since 1968, the Rascals have been playing a wide range of music for audiences all over, from ragtime to Dixieland, 50s rock to Big Band hits. With Jim Rheel, Geri Rheel, and Brian Nalepka. No registration required.

MAD SCIENCE PRESENTS: WACKY SCIENCE!

Sunday, July 31 2:00 PM

This show is a crowd favorite! It tackles several science concepts including super absorbents, polymers, static electricity and Dry Ice. A fantastic show for all ages. Please register at <https://mtlaurel.evanced.info/signup>

AUGUST

PEACEABLE KINGDOM PETTING ZOO

Saturday, August 13 11-3:00 PM

A petting zoo at the library! Charis Matey, 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. No registration needed. Charis will be set up outside on the library lawn, so be sure to pack snacks and picnic under our new pavilion while you're here!

TALK: THE NEW JERSEY TOMATO

Tuesday, August 16 1:00 PM

Everyone loves the Jersey tomato. Discover where the tomato originated and why it became one of New Jersey's favorite crops. Learn about heirloom varieties, modern hybrids, and the folklore attached to this fruit. Hosted by Judith Krall-Russo. No registration required.

FOREIGN FILM: BELLE EPOQUE

Sunday, August 21 1:00 PM

In 1931 Spain, a soldier abandons his troop and seeks refuge at a farm. He befriends the boisterous farmer and discovers that his new host has four beautiful daughters, all with their own distinctive whims and fancies, and all of whom have an interest in him. In Spanish with English subtitles. 109 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY CONCERT: BRIAN BETZ JAZZ QUARTET

Sunday, September 11 2:00 PM

An afternoon of jazz with Brian Betz on guitar, Madison Rast on bass, Dan Monaghan on drums, and Denis Diblasio on saxophone. No registration required.

FOREIGN FILM: WADJDA

Sunday, September 25 1:00 PM

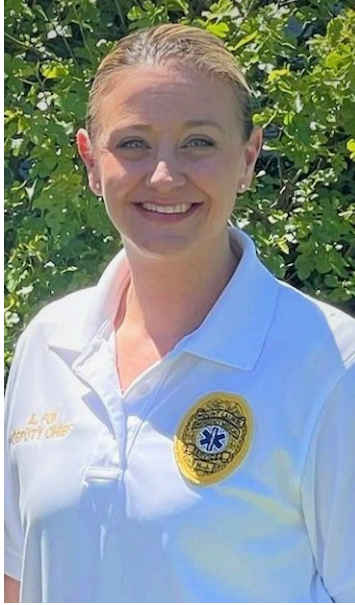
Wadjda is a 10-year-old girl in Riyadh who dreams of getting enough money to buy a bike by entering a contest in which she recites passages from the Koran. This bittersweet film from Haifaa Al-Mansour is the first film to be released from Saudi Arabia by a woman. In Arabic with English subtitles. 98 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



Mount Laurel EMS Update

PROMOTION

In March 2022, Apryle Fox was promoted from training division supervisor to deputy chief. Deputy Chief Fox has been with Mount Laurel Township Emergency Medical Services for 21 years and is the first female to achieve the career rank of deputy chief. Deputy Chief Fox has a strong track record with a number of contributions toward enhancing EMS services in Mount Laurel. We wish her well on her recent promotion.



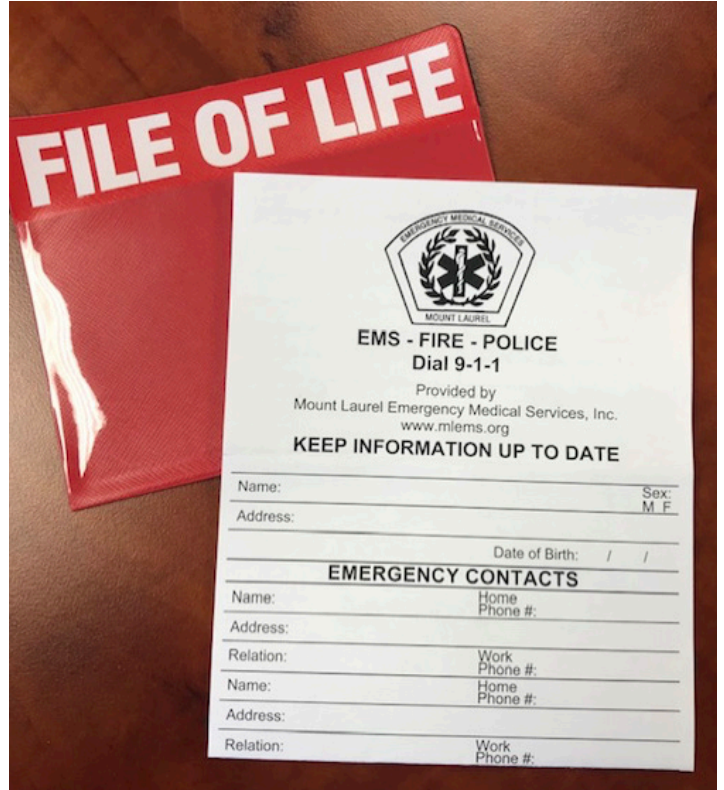
NEW AMBULANCE

Town Council continues to invest in emergency services with the recent acquisition of a new ambulance in April of 2022. The median age of our fleet of ambulances is 6 years old, which provides reliable equipment to better serve our community.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Did you know that Mount Laurel EMS responds to over 6,000 calls annually and that the top three types of responses are medical emergencies, falls, & accidents. Falls are the second highest call type and account for over 800 incidents in 2021. There are a number of things that you can do to safeguard your home to prevent falls. We have developed a fall prevention program that we will be rolling out to residential communities where we see the highest concentration of falls. An additional resource is CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/falls/facts.html>, which provides important information, and guidance on how best to prevent falls in your home.



FILE OF LIFE

Keep your information up to date and readily available for emergency responders by requesting a File of Life magnet. This valuable resource will provide emergency responders with vital information during an emergency response to your home. Send requests to communityoutreach@mlems.org.

EMS EDUCATION

The Mount Laurel EMS Training Division had 8 people graduate from their initial EMT course. These individuals attended over 200 hours of in-person lectures and skills to prepare them to take the National Registry EMT Exam to become NJ State certified EMTs. Mount Laurel EMS conducts an initial EMT course annually and is one of the top-rated EMS Training Centers in the state.



Mount Laurel Fire Department Update:

PROMOTIONS

In June 2022, Christopher Burnett was officially sworn in as the fourth career fire chief in the department's history. Chief Burnett has been the acting chief since May 2021 and has been serving the department since 1991. C. Mark Vanselous was also promoted from lieutenant to captain and has been assigned to the department's training division. Captain Vanselous has been serving the department since 1998. We wish both members well in their new positions.



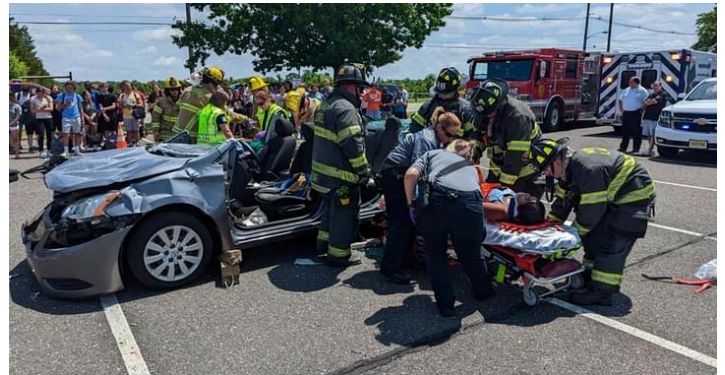
NEW EVS

The department acquired three new electric vehicles to serve in a non-emergency support services role used by our fire prevention bureau while conducting life safety inspections. We were able to apply for grants that will result in a lower cost of operation. The electric vehicles operate at zero emissions. Our fire prevention bureau conducts over 6,000 inspection tasks annually. We are always searching for innovative ways and opportunities to better serve our community.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Both the Mount Laurel Fire Department and Mount Laurel EMS were honored to take part in 'Operation Prom' at Lenape High School on June 2nd. The Medford Police Department, Medford Fire and EMS, and Lenape High School organized a demonstration showing some of the consequences of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol for the seniors as they enter prom weekend. The message stressed was: Do Not Drink and Drive Under the Influence of Drugs and/or Alcohol! Call a Ride to Arrive Alive!



FIRE SAFETY - OUTDOOR FIRES

With summer 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's 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.
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 are 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.

RANCOCAS WOODS
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

BOOS & BREWS

FRIDAY,
OCT 14TH
6-9pm

It's a gourd evening
for chills and thrills.

+ A COSTUME CONTEST
& ENTERTAINMENT

Rain Date
TBA

YOU MUST BE
21+ TO DRINK

118 CREEK ROAD,
MT. LAUREL, NJ

PROCEEDS FROM
THE EVENT WILL
GO TOWARDS OUR RWBA,
A 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT.

SAVE THE DATE!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Dinner in The Woods

Saturday, September 10, 2022
4 pm - 9 pm
118 Creek Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ

A fundraiser for the Rancocas Woods Business Association

\$100/TICKET

STAY TUNED
FOR MORE INFO

RANCOCAS WOODS

UPCOMING OUTDOOR EVENTS

118 CREEK RD, MT. LAUREL, NJ || EXIT 43 OFF RT. 295

CRAFT & ANTIQUE SHOWS
10AM - 3PM RAIN OR SHINE
JULY 23, AUGUST 27,
SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 22,
NOVEMBER 26 ~ SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

SCAN FOR
EVENT INFO

JULY 9 - "BEST IN SHOW" + PET PARTY
AUGUST 13 - PLANT SWAP + SHOP
SEPTEMBER 10 - DINNER IN THE WOODS**
OCTOBER 9 - FALL HARVEST + PLANT SWAP
OCTOBER 14 - BOOS + BREWS BEER GARDEN**
NOVEMBER 5 - KID'S CRAFT + FLEA HOLIDAY MARKET

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THE WOODS
WITH US!

EVENTS HOSTED BY OUR RANCOCAS WOODS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Walk to Fight Suicide

Burlington County
Out of the Darkness Community Walk
Saturday, October 15, 2022

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

Register at
afsp.org/burlingtonco



Churros & Empanadas & Movie in the Park

Friday, September 30th - 6:00 PM—8:00 PM
(last call for churros is 7:45 PM)
Movie begins at dusk

Laurel Acres Park
1045 S. Church St.

Encanto



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

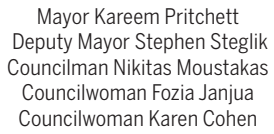
100 Mount Laurel Road 856-234-9686

Clerk's Office

100 Mount Laurel Road 856-234-0001

Marriage Application Appointments Ext 1236

Dog/Cat licensing Ext 1235



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Residential Customer
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

