



MOUNT LAUREL

750 CENTERTON ROAD, MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

NOVEMBER 2024



MAYOR FOZIA JANJUA

DEPUTY MAYOR NIKITAS MOUSTAKAS

COUNCILMAN STEPHEN STEGLIK

COUNCILMAN KAREEM PRITCHETT

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Save The Date:

MOUNT LAUREL TREE LIGHTING EVENT

Mount Laurel's fourth annual tree lighting event will take place on Saturday, December 7th.

The event will take place at 118 Creek Road from 3:00 – 6:00 PM.

Join the Township and the Rancocas Woods Business Association for a festive night with plenty of activities including face painting for kids, winter themed bounce houses, holiday gift shopping at the shops along Creek Road, and more. Please stay tuned for further announcements on the Township's Facebook page and website.



Mount Laurel Township & Rancocas Woods
Annual Tree Lighting

JOIN US ON

Saturday, December 7th
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

THE SHOPS AT RANCOCAS WOODS
118 Creek Road
MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

Mount Laurel Fire Department
will bring Santa on the fire truck
at 6:00 PM

Free Activities at
Fleetwood Elementary School -
Face Painting, Bounce Houses,
Mechanical Rides & More

Scan QR Code for
Updates &
Parking Information

Welcome to Mount Laurel, NJ
www.mountainlaurel.com

Don't forget to visit the
Shops for your holiday gifts

A large green Christmas tree with yellow lights and white clouds is on the right side of the poster. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

MENORAH LIGHTING EVENT

Mount Laurel's third annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 26th. Join the Township and Township Council for a public menorah lighting to mark the first night of Hanukkah. Rabbi Amy Memis-Foler from Congregation Adath Emanu-El will join us. The lighting will take place at 7:00 PM at 118 Creek Road.

MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY

Thursday, December 26th
7:00 PM
Rancocas Woods



Mayor Fozia Janjua and Township Council Celebrate Mount Laurel's Fourth Annual Food Truck Festival

Mount Laurel Township's fourth annual Food Truck Festival was held on Sunday, September 29th. This event is a wonderful celebration of food, fun, and community. Thank you to Assemblywoman Carol Murphy for attending.

Residents enjoyed a variety of food trucks, breweries, family friendly activities, live music from FM Band, car show by Return Kindness, and information from Mount Laurel's organizations. Thank you to the Mount Laurel Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Management Services for keeping

our residents and community safe every single day. Thank you to our Public Works department and Township employees for keeping the event organized and all the work they do for residents day in and out. Thank you to all the community organizations that highlight the best of Mount Laurel.

A big thank you to all Mount Laurel residents. The true sense of our community residents makes Mount Laurel one of the best places to live.



Township Luncheon



Mount Laurel Township's Senior Holiday Luncheon

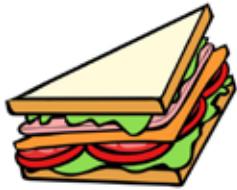
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Mount Laurel Community Center

100 Mount Laurel Rd

Mount Laurel, NJ 08054



RSVP by Monday, December 2, 2024 at the Clerk's Office in the Township Building or contact Samantha at (856)234-0001 ext. 1241

Construction Department Updates

Please be aware that all inspection requests shall be in writing and emailed due to the new State regulations.

Please email inspection requests to: INSPECTIONS@MOUNTLAUREL.COM

Please include the following information for the inspection requests:

- Permit number
- Site address

- Phone number
- 3 available dates
- Type of inspection

If you have any questions, please contact the Construction Department at (856) 234-9686

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 x1255 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 or 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 can be excluded. Government pensions can be excluded only up to the annual Social Security maximum. 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 Assessor's Office.

ANNUAL NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

Property owners are reminded that the annual Notice of Assessments will be mailed to you on or about November 5, 2024. The card includes your property assessment for 2024 and 2025, taxes billed in 2024, Block and Lot number and the web site for assessment appeal. If a card is not received or misplaced please contact the Tax Assessor's Office at 856-234-0001 x1255 or x1257.

Tax Collector

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.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES!

- 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 2024 income information. Please remember to return both forms completed and signed to the Tax Collectors office no later than March 1, 2025. 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 2024 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: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml>.
- Please note the 2025 1st quarter property taxes are due on February 1, 2025. All tax payments received after Monday, February 10, 2025 will accrue interest back to February 1, 2025.



Business Spotlight

Mayor Janjua, Deputy Mayor Moustakas, and Township Council would like to extend a warm welcome to the following businesses:

MOCHIATSU MOCHI DONUTS

Mayor Janjua and officers from the Mount Laurel Police Department celebrated the grand opening of Mochiatsu Mochi Donuts on May 28th.

The new mochi doughnut shop is located in the Bank of America plaza complex located off Route 38. The shop features mochi donuts, known for their chewy and crispy texture in flavors like brown sugar, strawberry shortcake, Oreo, and many more. The shop also features a large variety of bubble tea drinks and Korean fried hot dogs.

The address is 3131 NJ-38 Suite 11B.



BOAGGIO'S BREAD

Boaggio's Bread, a Mount Laurel favorite, celebrated the grand opening of their new location this past June. Deputy Mayor Moustakas helped cut the ribbon with owners Donna and Rich Boaggio.

The new location is 4201 Church Road.

Boaggio's Bread is a family owned artisan specialty wholesale and retail bakery offering delicious breads, pizzas, pastries and more. Their Italian Market offers daily specials, such as meatballs, sausage & peppers, chicken cutlets, and homemade sandwiches. Their bakery features all varieties of Italian sweets, including cannoli's, sprinkle and pignoli cookies, and much more. The market features imported pasta, sauces, fresh cheeses, meats, and more.

The new location features a dine in area and expanded market. Be sure to visit to get all your Italian food favorites.

CHIPOTLE

Chipotle celebrated their grand opening in May and were joined by Deputy Mayor Moustakas and officers from the Mount Laurel Police Department. Chipotle is a fast-casual Mexican restaurant chain known for their burrito bowls, tacos, salads, and wide variety of toppings.

Chipotle is located in the busy shopping complex that features an Aldi, Starbucks, Planet Fitness, and other retail stores.

They are located at 3109 Route 38, Mount Laurel.



BB.Q CHICKEN

BB.Q Chicken celebrated their grand opening this past June. bb.q Chicken (standing for “Best of the Best Quality”) is known for their Korean-inspired fried chicken as well as other Korean dishes, such as kimchi fried rice. In addition, they serve a variety of boba milk teas, fruit teas, yogurt drinks, smoothies, and rolled ice cream.

They are located at 127 Ark Road.



TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE

Deputy Mayor Moustakas helped celebrate the ribbon cutting of Tropical Smoothie Cafe along with officers from the Mount Laurel Police Department and the Mount Laurel Fire Department.

Tropical Smoothie Cafe is located in the Larchmont Commons Shopping Center at 3115 NJ-38.

Tropical Smoothie Cafe is known for their staple smoothies, including fan favorite Bahama mama which includes strawberries, pineapple, coconut and white chocolate. They also offer super veggie smoothies and other delicious combinations.

Additionally, the cafe features flatbreads, wraps, quesadillas, sandwiches, salads and sides. To learn more please visit <https://www.tropicalsmoothiecafe.com/>



PROJECT WALK

Project Walk New Jersey is an internationally recognized organization that provides an improved quality of life for people affected by paralysis or mobility-related disorders through activity-based recovery programs.

Project Walk opened 8 years ago in Mount Laurel and has helped hundreds of patients in their recovery journeys. Project Walk's highly trained specialists have helped patients with conditions like spinal cord injury, stroke, ALS, brain injuries, Parkinson's, and more. The mission of Project Walk is to ensure clients are given a chance to thrive beyond a life limited by paralysis.

Project Walk recently secured a life changing piece of technology for those affected by paralysis. The Rise&Walk full-spectrum gait trainer is a revolutionary device that combines the power of three machines into one, providing a comprehensive and dynamic treatment approach. The trainer provides a comprehensive solution to help patients get back on their feet, which is no easy task.

Project Walk is located at 521 Fellowship Road Suite 155. For more information please call 856-439-6772.



DRYBAR SHOPS

Drybar Shops celebrated their grand opening on August 28th and were joined by Deputy Mayor Moustakas and Township officials. Conveniently located in Centerton Square, owner Niki Kahn is proud to offer hair services in a clean, sleek, modern salon.

Drybar is a hair salon specializing in blowouts, with 8 unique styles to choose from, as well as up-dos and dry styling. They offer a number of add-on hair care services such as scalp cleanses, hair masks, and scalp massages. In addition, they sell hair styling tools and products, so you can recreate your favorite looks at home.

Drybar is located at 52 Centerton Road and is open daily. To learn more or book an appointment, please visit <https://www.drybar.com/>



CHAAVA

Chaava celebrated their grand opening this past September and were joined by Deputy Mayor Moustakas and Councilwoman Cohen.

From the owners of the Mount Laurel resident favorite restaurant Bhan Thai, Chaava is a new dessert shop that serves boba tea, bubble tea, smoothies, and many other sweet options. Bubble tea is a popular Taiwanese drink made with milk, tea, and chewy tapioca pearls.

Chaava has a wide variety of drink options, including fruit teas like honey lemonade, milk teas like brown sugar, lattes, hot teas, and mixed berry smoothies. They also serve a variety of cakes, Hong Kong egg waffles, and Korean shaved ice. If you want a savory snack, they also offer salads.

Chaava is located in the Village at Cambridge Crossing shopping center, located at 4310 Dearborn Circle. They are open Monday-Saturday 10:00 AM- 9:00 PM and Sunday 11:00 AM- 8:00 PM.

AMAZING BRACE ORTHODONTICS

Amazing Brace Orthodontics celebrated their grand opening this past September.

Dr. Tish Henderson is a board-certified orthodontist with over 7 years' experience and board certification. Her mission at Amazing Brace Orthodontics is to transform lives by creating beautiful smiles through her expertise and commitment to exceptional oral health.

Amazing Brace offers Invisalign, braces, and Phase 1 ortho for children between the ages of 6 and 10. The clean, modern office offers comfort and high quality effective care. Therapy dog Chester is also on hand to remind patients everything will be all right.

Current promotion for new patients: \$1000 off treatment*, complimentary exam/ customized treatment plan and swag bag. (*some restrictions apply).

Amazing Brace Orthodontics is located at 4200 Dearborn Circle. To learn more please visit <https://www.amazingbraceortho.com/>



ABA CENTERS OF NEW JERSEY

ABA Centers of New Jersey celebrated their grand opening this past September.

Councilman Stegliak, officers from the Mount Laurel Police Department, Mount Laurel Fire Department, and Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Services were on sight to celebrate the opening.

ABA Centers of New Jersey provides applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy services to children with autism spectrum disorder through a play-based approach rooted in positive reinforcement. ABA was designed to disrupt the autism care industry by demolishing wait times traditionally experienced by those in search of a diagnosis or treatment. The center has a variety of thoughtful rooms, including a chill room, reading room, and an open floor area designed to help with social skills.

ABA Centers is located at 15000 Commerce Parkway. To learn more information please visit <https://www.abacentersnj.com/>



BAGELS & MARKET

Bagels & Market celebrated their grand opening this past September and were joined by Councilwoman Cohen.

The store offers fresh bagels, fresh made cream cheeses, pastry treats, fresh brewed coffee, and more. They also offer lunch specials like wraps and burgers. The store offers easy to use kiosks to quickly take orders. In addition to fresh food offerings, the store offers a convenience market filled with snacks, drinks, and quick on the go items.

Bagels & Market is located at 720 S Church St.



HADDON POINT

Mayor Janjua, Deputy Mayor Moustakas, and Councilman Stegliak celebrated the grand opening of the new Haddon Point luxury apartments.

Haddon Point apartments offers one and two bedroom apartments with modern amenities perfect for the young professional, families, and anyone looking for main access to shopping, dining, and more that Mount Laurel has to offer. The 8,500 SF clubhouse is a place to gather with neighbors and friends, and features a gym and yoga room, meeting spaces, lounge spaces, and more. In the summer months residents can enjoy an expansive pool area. The apartments are also pet friendly.

Haddon Point is located at 1 Haddon Boulevard. To learn more information please visit <https://haddonpointmountlaurel.com/>

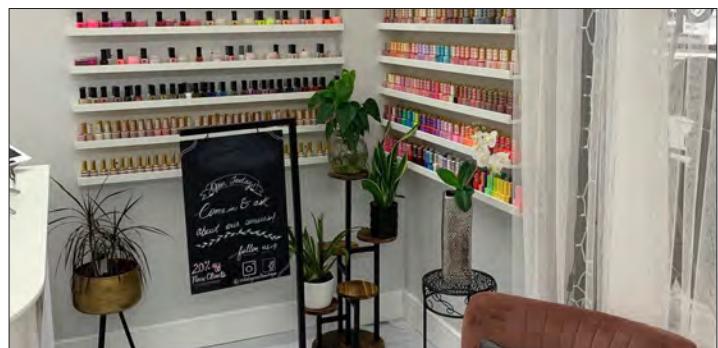


INDULGE NAIL BOUTIQUE

Mayor Janjua helped celebrate the grand opening of Indulge Nail Boutique earlier this month.

Indulge Nail Boutique offers a wide range of high-quality nail care services. They offer a luxurious nail experience, and feature services like manicures, pedicures, gels, acrylics, waxing, and more. Owner Gloryann Sanabria makes her clients feel at home by offering a cozy, chic environment.

Indulge Nail Boutique is located at 1200 S Church St. They are open Monday- Saturday and can be reached at (856) 234-4242.



SOUTH JERSEY RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES

Township Council would like to welcome South Jersey Radiology Associates to their new headquarters location!

South Jersey Radiology Associates is the region's premier, physician-led medical imaging provider, proudly serving the community since 1938. With 16 convenient locations throughout the South Jersey area, they offer state-of-the-art imaging including Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Computed Tomography (CT), Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, PET/CT, Amyloid PET/CT, Pylarify PSMA PET/CT, Angiography, Bone Density (DEXA), Breast MRI, Digital X-Ray, and Low-Dose CT Lung Screening, at costs up to 60% less than hospital-based imaging.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and South Jersey Radiology provides a variety of mammogram services. To book an appointment or learn more please visit <https://sjra.com/>

The South Jersey Radiology location in Mount Laurel is located at 210 Ark Road in Suite 106, 108, 110, & 212 in the Larchmont Medical Center.



THE TENDER

The Tender is a non-profit dedicated to providing exceptional care and support to those affected by Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Their day center offers personalized care, nutritious meals, and engaging activities to frail persons with dementia, while also providing respite to their caregivers. The Tender's CARES program empowers caregivers through support groups, educational resources, and referrals.

The Tender Adult Day Center provides older adults with mental and social stimulation, while also giving caregivers a much needed break and access to a supportive community. They offer tailored activities such as arts and crafts, games, exercise, and celebrations, alongside nutritious meals and snacks.

The Tender is located at 4501 Church Road. To learn more call 856-234-5999 or visit www.TheTender.org

STRETCH ZONE

Stretch Zone celebrated their grand opening earlier this month and were joined by Township officials.

Stretch Zone offers practitioner-assisted stretching. Using their patented strapping system and proprietary tables to position, stabilize, and isolate muscles, their certified staff delivers a life-changing stretch experience to help you move efficiently and effortlessly. The goal is to increase your active range of motion.

Stretch Zone offers your first stretch completely free. To book a stretch please visit <https://www.stretchzone.com/locations/mt-laurel-nj>

Stretch Zone is located at 30 Centerton Road. They are open Monday- Sunday and can be reached at mtlaurel@stretchzone.com



Mount Laurel Police Department

On July 1, 2024 Deputy Chief Timothy Hudnall was sworn in as Chief of Police. Chief Hudnall graduated from Trenton State College with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and was hired by the Mount Laurel Police Department in August 2000.

Throughout his career, Chief Hudnall has served in various roles, including the Community Policing Bureau, Background Investigator, Training Officer, and School Resource Officer. He was a Patrolman and Corporal, assigned to the Patrol Division and was a member of the Mount Laurel Police Department's Tactical Team.

On July 1, 2024 Captain Ryan Orange was promoted to Deputy Chief. A Millville Senior High School graduate and United States Army Veteran, Deputy Chief Orange joined the Department in October 2002.

We wish them well as they embark on their new duties and leadership roles within the department!



NEW



File police reports online through any internet capable device (i.e. cellphone, computer).

MOUNT LAUREL POLICE

ONLINE REPORTING

This will allow the Mount Laurel Township's citizens, customers or any victim of crime that occurred within the Township limits, to file police reports online through any internet capable device (i.e. cellphone, computer).

If the incident you wish to report is an emergency, a crime in progress, or involves any type of injury please do not submit the report online and dial 9-1-1. The loss or theft of prescription medication, narcotic or otherwise cannot be reported online. For any incident that requires a police officer to respond dial the police non-emergency number 856-234-8300.

Upon completion of this report process you will:

- Receive an email confirming the report was submitted.
- That email can be used to show that you submitted a report, but it is not considered an official police report.

Your submission will be reviewed by a police officer and an incident number will be assigned.

If you need a copy of a police report please contact our records bureau at records@mountlaurelpd.org.

Please Note:

- Upon review of the report, if further investigation of your case is needed, you may be contacted.

CITIZEN REPORTING

Before proceeding, please confirm that your incident fits into one of the categories listed online.

Go to our site at mountlaurelpd.org and click on the Community tab to see what crimes can be reported online.

MOUNT LAUREL POLICE

Holiday COOKIE DECORATING WITH THE POLICE



WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 11TH | 5PM-7PM

STAY TUNED SIGN-UPS WILL BE POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA IN NOVEMBER.

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR MOUNT LAUREL RESIDENTS 3-13 YEARS OF AGE

Mount Laurel Library

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

NOVEMBER

CONCERT: ELDERLY BROTHERS

Sunday, November 10 2:00 PM

Stan Sheckman, Jimmie Scanlin, and Steve Galanter, veteran musicians and singers, recreate the sound and feeling of the folk era that powered the music charts during the 50s, 60s, and 70s. No registration required.

LA HORA DEL CUENTO EN ESPAÑOL (STORYTIME IN SPANISH)

Friday November 15 11:30 AM

Ven y disfruta de la Hora del Cuento en Español, un espacio para aprender a través de la imitación de canciones, versos y juegos mientras nos sumergimos en una nueva cultura y lengua. Este programa contribuirá al desarrollo integral de los niños, cultivando el crecimiento de la imaginación y la exploración significativa. Ideal para niños de 2 a 5 años. ¡Esperamos verte pronto!

(Join us to enjoy Spanish Storytime and learn through the imitation of songs, verses, and games while we immerse ourselves in a new culture and language. This program will contribute to the integral development of children, cultivating the growth of imagination and meaningful exploration. Best for children 2 to 5 years old. We look forward to seeing you!)

CENTER FOR AQUATIC SCIENCES: CONSERVE AND RE-ESTABLISH SPECIES

Thursday, November 7 10:30 AM

For better or worse, people have an impact on endangered species. Meet animal ambassadors for change, hear success stories, and learn how you can help save the next species. Program includes live animals. All ages welcome.

Please register ALL participants including accompanying adults.



DECEMBER

CONCERT: HARMONY SHOW CHOIR

Sunday, December 8 2:00 PM

The Show Choir is a group of high-energy, high-school-age singers. They'll be performing a fun, family-oriented holiday musical revue. No registration required.

FILM FORUM

Tuesday, December 17 7:00 PM

A virtual discussion about seasonal favorite It's A Wonderful Life. We'll examine how writer/director Frank Capra shaped the project and how star Jimmy Stewart gave his iconic performance. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link before the event.

BABY AND ME MEET-UP

Friday, December 20 10:30 AM

Join us for an informal, unstructured meetup for caregivers of babies aged 0-18 months. Bring your coffee and snacks and chat with other caregivers about the joys and challenges of raising babies -- or about whatever you'd like! We will provide developmentally appropriate toys and books to play with. Older siblings are welcome, however, we ask that you only attend this program if you have a baby between the ages of 0 and 18 months. No registration required.

TUMBLIN' TOTS

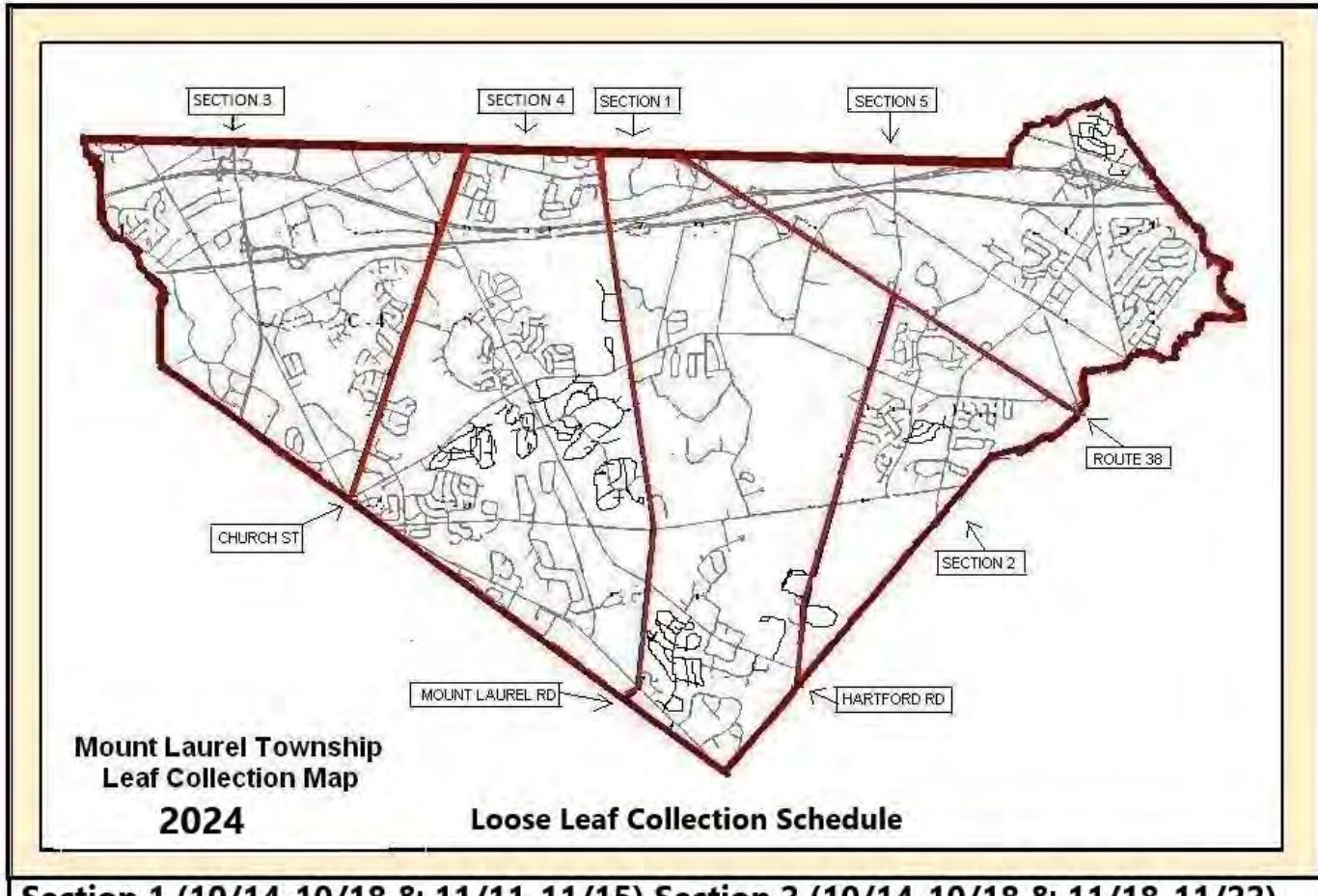
Thursday, December 12 10:30 AM

Join Miss Amy of Tumblin' Tots for a fun and energetic movement class designed especially for ages 2.5 - 5 years. Registration with a current Mount Laurel Library card is required.



Leaf Collection

Scheduled leaf collection is done between October and January. Below is a map of the section dates. If you visit www.mountlaurel.com and click on the Leaf Collection page, there is a street index as well listing the section you are in along with a bagged leaf schedule. If you see a leaf truck in your section before your scheduled week, Public Works will often start in the next section when finished the current section early. We will be back in the scheduled section during the scheduled timeframe. We will also go back over sections from the beginning of the leaf season as well. Please keep the leaf pile clear of cars, portable basketball nets, and trash cans. Do not put branches, brush, or anything other than leaves in the leaf pile



Section 1 (10/14-10/18 & 11/11-11/15) Section 2 (10/14-10/18 & 11/18-11/22)

Section 3 (10/21-10-25 & 12/2-12-12/6) Section 4 (10/28-11/1 & 12/9-12/13)

Section 5 (11/4-11/8 & 12/16-12/20)

Toys For Tots

The Toys for Tots drive supports local families this holiday season. Please bring new and unwrapped toys to be dropped off starting October 13th through December 15th. Drop off locations include all three Mount Laurel Fire Department firehouses (Elbo Lane, Masonville Rd, and Church Road), Mount Laurel Municipal Building, Mount Laurel Library, EMS buildings, and the Mount Laurel Police Department lobby.



Rancocas Woods Shop Small Saturday

The holidays are right around the corner, and the Rancocas Woods shops on Creek Road is the perfect destination for all your holiday gifts!

Shop Small Business Saturday and shop over 100 local vendors selling homemade goods like skin care products, home décor, pet products, delicious food and snacks, and more.

This event takes place on Saturday, November 30th from 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM at 118 Creek Road.



Mount Laurel Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board

Did You Know Mount Laurel Township has a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board?

At Mount Laurel Township, we believe that a strong, vibrant community is one that embraces diversity, champions equity, and fosters inclusion. That's why we established a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board, dedicated to ensuring that everyone belongs, is respected, and valued.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board hosts events throughout the year to foster discussions, including a new book club. The board will be reading "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo. Community engagement through reading books involves creating opportunities for

people to connect, learn, and share experiences. Engaging a community through reading not only promotes literacy and education but also strengthens social bonds, encourages empathy, and fosters a culture of continuous learning.

To learn more about the book club please email agrisetti@mountlaurel.com

Be sure to join the Board for their special edition of Discussions & Desserts this month. Bring your favorite holiday dish and try things from different cultures.

This event takes place on Thursday, November 21st from 6:30- 8:00 PM at the Laurel House. The Laurel House is located at 562 Walton Avenue.



Mount Laurel Living Nativity

The Mount Laurel Living Nativity is a live production with 13 walk-through, outdoor scenes and 200 cast and crew each night. It is a completely free gift to the community that has run for over 25 years at Fellowship Community Church. You'll walk through scenes depicting the full story of Christmas and beyond, ending with homemade cookies and hot chocolate inside.

For details including weather updates please visit the website www.LivingNativity.org

This year's dates are Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22. Doors are open from 5-8pm each night.

Fellowship Community Church is located at 1520 Hainesport Rd., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. There is no cost or donations.



Spring Sport Registration

Mount Laurel Girls Softball registration for recreational T-ball, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, and 16U softball opens in early December. Leagues run from the end of March to the end of May or early June.

For more information please visit <https://www.mtlaurelgirlssoftball.com/> or email mtlaurelgirlssoftball@gmail.com



MT. LAUREL GIRLS SOFTBALL SPRING 2025 RECREATIONAL INFO

DID YOU KNOW?

After playing in our recreational leagues, our athletes often begin playing for the organization's highly-competitive travel teams, the Mt. Laurel Storm and Jersey Storm.

SCAN ME

For more information, visit <http://www.mtlaurelgirlssoftball.com> or email mtlaurelgirlssoftball@gmail.com.

TD Bank Tree Lighting & Winter Festival

Join TD Bank for the magic of the holiday season at their 35th annual Tree Lighting and Winter Festival on Friday, December 6, 4:00 PM- 9:00 PM. Taking place at TD University, 4140 Church Road, Mt. Laurel.

New location, same great event that will include free photos with Santa, holiday crafts, tasty treats, festive photo ops, DJ, games, prizes and more!



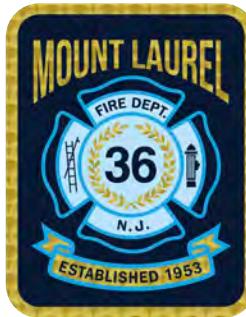
Mount Laurel Fire Department

MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Mount Laurel Fire Department is renewing our strategic plan and charting the organization's course for the next five years. We plan to set organizational goals, improve our operations, and anticipate changes in the emergency services landscape.

We need you! We're seeking community-minded residents willing to lend their time and opinion to participate in our community stakeholder workshop on Monday, December 9, 2024. The workshop will be held at MLFD Headquarters, located at 69 Elbo Lane. It will last a couple of hours during the business day.

If you would like to register for the workshop, visit www.mlfd.org/strategic-planning.



MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES SIX NEW FIREFIGHTERS AND PROMOTES TWO NEW OFFICERS

On September 16th the Mount Laurel Fire Department held a swearing-in ceremony for six new firefighters and two firefighters being promoted to lieutenant. These six new firefighters will be assigned to the three firehouses in Mount Laurel and will fill vacancies due to upcoming retirements. All six new hires bring fire service experience and several have advanced training in emergency medical services, technical rescue, and code enforcement.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

NFPA

Gift Giving: Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Purchase devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.

Only use battery and charging cord designed for the device. Remove charger once device is fully charged.

Always follow the manufacturer instructions.

Charge in a flat, dry area away from children, sunlight, and exits.

Keep batteries at room temperature and store them away from anything can catch fire.

nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety

**Change your clocks.
Check your batteries.**

NFPA

Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Services

JOIN OUR WINNING TEAM!

Mount Laurel Emergency Medical Services is looking for residents to serve the community of Mount Laurel in emergency medical services. No previous training or experience is required for volunteer positions. Furthermore, we are also hiring per diem and part-time EMTs who have a minimum of two years of experience in EMS. We will provide you with a comprehensive roadmap and support you towards accomplishing your goals. Visit Mount Laurel EMS at mlems.org for additional information or email info@mlems.org



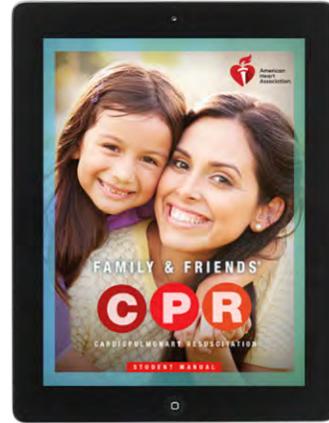
FILE OF LIFE

Keep your medical 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

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FAMILY & FRIENDS® CPR

The MLEMS community outreach provides training to our residents to make Mount Laurel a more resilient community. If you are interested in learning CPR, email training@mlems.org

Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment using the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible.



THE STORY BEHIND CHARLIE'S KITCHEN

Charlie's Kitchen is a tribute to the legacy of Charles and Marie Kritz's son Charlie Jr., a Mount Laurel Township volunteer firefighter who died in 1998 after a brave fight with cancer. Charlie Jr. was known for his work preparing holiday meals in his own kitchen for families in need.

After the 37-year-old's death, his parents, Charlie and Marie Kritz, both members of the Mount Laurel Fire Department/Fellowship Fire Company #2 and Mount Laurel EMS, continued this annual tradition, supported by Mount Laurel EMS, Burlington County Professional Fire Fighters IAFF Local 3091, and Mount Laurel Professional Fire Fighters IAFF Local 4408.

To carry on this tradition and in memory of Charlie, Marie, and Charlie, Jr., we continue to join efforts to provide assistance by collecting and donating non-perishable food and personal items, to families in Burlington County. Our Local has proudly supported this cause for the past 18 years and has collected over \$45,000 worth of food.

We hope you will continue to assist us in this charitable endeavor. We will be collecting and donating for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Donations will be accepted through December 16th by dropping them off during normal business hours at any Mount Laurel EMS or Mount Laurel Fire Department location.

Monetary donations shall be made payable to: I.A.F.F. Local #3091. All monies collected will be used to purchase food that will be delivered to Catholic Charities and the Masonville - Rancocas United Methodist Church food pantry.

For additional donation information or questions, please call Joe Brunges - (856) 778-1274 / joe.brunges@mlems.org

ALICE PAUL CENTER FOR GENDER JUSTICE MAKES ITS DEBUT

On Thursday, September 26th the Alice Paul Institute held their 40th Anniversary Gala at the National Constitution Center. The Institute celebrated 40 years of equality, education, and empowerment.

During the event the Institute announced they will now be known as the Alice Paul Center for Gender Justice. The new name reflects a major shift in identity for the organization, signaling that APC's 40-year commitment to advocating for women's rights is now a much broader mission, clearly embracing the intersectionality of the people they fight for. The Alice Paul Center's work has many facets. From a wide range of public events, to advocacy efforts focused on the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), to youth education initiatives including the transformative Girls' Leadership Council for New Jersey high school students, APC is a constant hive of activity, all rooted in history.

Paulsdale, Alice Paul's family home, is the first national historic landmark dedicated to a woman that is open to the public in the state of New Jersey. Today the home offers the public educational materials and programs on Alice Paul's life and the struggle to secure women's suffrage.

You can visit Paulsdale at 128 Hooton Rd, Mt Laurel Township, NJ. To get involved with APC education and advocacy efforts, contact info@alicepaul.org or call (856) 231-1885



MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Veteran Luncheon	Thursday, November 7th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Mt. Laurel Community Center 100 Mount Laurel Road
Mount Laurel Tree Lighting	Saturday, December 7th	3:00 PM – 6:00PM	Rancocas Woods 118 Creek Road
Senior Luncheon	Tuesday, December 10th	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Mt. Laurel Community Center 100 Mount Laurel Road
Menorah Lighting Ceremony	Thursday, December 26th	7:00 PM	Rancocas Woods 118 Creek Road

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



NOVEMBER 2024

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

DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Council Meeting 6:00 PM—7:50 Centerton Road	3 Diversity & Inclusion Board Meeting 7:00 PM – Zoom	4 Zoning Board Meeting 6:00 PM Court Room	5	6	7 Tree Lighting Ceremony 3:00 – 6:00 PM Rancocas Woods 118 Creek Road
8	9 Fire Department Special Meeting – 7:00 PM 69 Elbo Lane	10 Environmental Commission Meeting 7:00 PM –Zoom	11 Recycling Day Senior Luncheon 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Mount Laurel Community Center	12	13	14 Hazardous Waste Drop – off 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Recycling Center
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22	23 Recycling Day Municipal Offices Closed	24 Municipal Offices Closed No trash pick up, delayed 1 day all week	25 Menorah Lighting Ceremony 7:00 PM Rancocas Woods	26	27	28
29	30 Municipal Offices Closed					



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

750 Centerton Road 856-234-0001 Ext 1256

Municipal Court Office

750 Centerton Road 856-234-2003

Public Works

750 Centerton 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

750 Centerton Road 856-234-0001 Ext 1224

Tax Collector's Office

750 Centerton Road 856-234-0001 Ext 1283

Community Development/ Construction/ Inspections

750 Centerton Road 856-234-9686

Clerk's Office

750 Centerton Road 856-234-0001

Marriage Application Appointments Ext 1236

Dog/Cat licensing Ext 1235



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