

*Borough of Westville ~ Spring 2008*

# Newsletter *from the Mayor...*



Dear Residents,

The year 2007 was a busy year with a lot of projects that the Borough completed. At the top of the list was the completion of the new Borough Park on River Drive. The original estimates for the scope of work were in excess of \$350,000. Borough employees were able to complete much of the work, resulting in a reduction in cost of over \$200,000. The Borough employees, in conjunction with the contractors, did an excellent job. The Park is about 90 % complete. We hope everyone stops by to see the Park and enjoy the amenities. Sometime this Spring we hope to have a contest in conjunction with Parkview School to name the new Park.

The Borough of Westville entered into a new recycling program in December of 2006 with RecycleBank for the year 2007. Our recycling tonnage has increased by of 178.58. This has saved the Borough \$13,723 in tipping fees to the Incinerator. We also received compensation of approximately \$3,571. Residents participating receive coupons for dollar amounts at local stores, shops and businesses. This is a great program! Residents can earn coupons (dollars) off local stores and at the same time, improve our environment. Surcharges will be implemented at \$3.00 per ton for towns that do not recycle at 50% or greater. **So please, recycle.**

Paving projects in the Borough were completed along River Drive. The town received a grant of \$300,000 from the State to reconstruct and pave River Drive. We bonded the funds to mill and repave Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Streets and Delaware View Drive. Also, the walking path at the Thomas West Park, on Delsea Drive, was repaved in August of 2007. The cost was \$11,950, this was an excellent price. This path is used by residents year round.

Another project that we are currently working on is the Sewer Rehabilitation and Re-lining program. We have had a serious infiltration problem for years. We have been paying to send rainwater to the Gloucester County Utilities Authority, which is infiltrating our sanitary sewer system. After studying the problem, we have identified the most serious areas. The Borough has bonded funds to start a project which will re-line the sanitary sewer lines. Re-lining these pipes in place is new technology, which offers a tremendous savings. We will start the project in the very near future. The first streets to be done will be Broadway, Willow, High, New and Woodbine.

In closing, I would like to remind you that our Independence Day Celebrations will be coming up on June 28 and I would like to remind you that **Volunteers make things happen!** If you are interested, please call the Borough Offices at 456-0030 at let them know. Secondly, we will again hold a MOVIE IN THE PARK, along Delaware View & River Drive, on Friday evening, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The movie this year is "RATATOUILLE." I look forward to seeing you at these events. [Details will be available at the Borough Municipal Building.]

*Mayor Michael K. Galbraith*

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***F**rom the Office of the Chief of Police, Fred Lederer:*



***R**esidents are asked to call the police*

*when suspicious activity is occurring at 456-0028 (Police Dispatch). Call 456-9444 for everyday questions, fingerprint appointments and requests for police reports. Some things you can do to help from becoming a victim:*

- Lock your vehicle up and set the alarm if you have one. We still investigate many vehicle burglaries where the car was left open.
- Lock you shed or storage containers to help prevent the theft of lawn mowers, bikes & garden tools.
- Trim bushes from ground level windows and doors.
- Consider leaving some outside lights on at night. Lighting a dark and doorway area is a great deterrent to crime.
- Be aware of your surroundings and look for things that seem to be out of place. Cars parked with people sitting in them for extended amounts of time, people you don't recognize aimlessly walking around and seem to be looking at houses or into vehicles.
- If you go on vacation, have a family member pick up your mail and stop the newspaper delivery. You can also have your house put on a vacation checklist with the police department.

*Westville is a great town and by watching out for each other and partnering with the Police Department, we can work together to keep it that way.*



*From the Desk of Library Director Gwen Carotenuto.....[456-0357]*

*The Westville Public Library Board of Trustees along with Borough council and Administration are moving forward with plans to expand the existing library. The library has been fortunate to receive two grants that will enable us to expand the children's area and update our ADA access and restroom facilities. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring. Drawings of the new addition are available for viewing in the library. Come in and see the plans. Check our website at [www.westvillelibrary.com](http://www.westvillelibrary.com) for updates and for our listing of new books, DVD's and information about Story Hour sessions.*

*Library Hours are: Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday & Monday CLOSED. Don't forget! Tax Forms are available at the Library*



*From the desk of Public Works Manager Donna Domico [456-7785]*

**Trash & recycling containers should NOT be placed at the curb line earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before your scheduled trash collection day. All receptacles should be removed from the curb line by 7:00 p.m. the day of collection.**

**Recycling "It Pays To Recycle in Westville!"** Recycling reduces the amount of trash taken to the incinerator or landfill and is mandated in the State. **Recycle Bank** provides Blue recycling containers. **Place all of your recyclables including newspapers, paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and tin into your BLUE recycling container.** Your bin has an I.D. code that is recorded by the recycling truck. **REWARD:** The amount you recycle is translated into RecycleBank Dollars that you can use to shop for rewards and discounts at local stores. **REDEEM:** call 1-888-727-2978 or log into your personal account at [www.RecycleBank.com](http://www.RecycleBank.com) to view your rewards! (Over 40 stores)

All metal items such as ranges, refrigerators (door removed), washers, dryers, hot water heaters, etc. Place at curb line. **Collected 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. (Large Articles) If a holiday falls on either day, trash will be collected the following Monday.**

*Please recycle computers, monitors, any electronics & Place at curb line.*

**Public Works (Continued)** Motor oil ~ Bring to Public Works Highway Garage between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Mondays ONLY.

Tires, batteries (cars & trucks only) concrete, bricks, cinder blocks, etc. ~ Place large chunks at curb or in containers not heavier than 50 pounds on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

RESIDENTS HAVING HOME REMODELING DONE SHOULD MAKE SURE THE CONTRACTOR PROVIDES A **PRIVATE** TRASH CONTAINER. The Public Works Department **WILL NOT** collect trash from private contractors doing home remodeling work.

**NOTE:** Grass clippings are not permitted to be dumped or incinerated. Homeowners should recycle their grass clippings by using them around trees, plants and bushes for mulch or leave on lawn.

**Household Special Waste Collection**

Materials accepted for disposal: Paints, stains, motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid and/or/ni-cad batteries, fluorescent tubes and ballasts, solvents, pesticides, cleaners, kerosene, herbicides, gasoline, turpentine, varnish, fertilizers, rat poisons, auto & floor care products, weed killers, lighter fluid, propane tanks, photographic and pool chemicals.

**Location:** Gloucester County Solid Waste Complex/Monroeville Road (Rt. 694), S. Harrison  
Gloucester County Roads Department/N. Delsea Drive, Clayton (8:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m.)  
**Call Office of Recycling at 856-478-6045, ext. 13 for DATES**

*All residents are urged to recycle.* The NJDEP has adopted a new solid waste management plan and is mandating a surcharge of \$3.00/ton on trash disposal for all towns not recycling at a rate of 50%. Westville recycles glass, plastic, cans, paper and cardboard. All can be placed in the blue recycling can (carts). Junk mail, phone books, magazines, cereal boxes and all “clean” paper can also be put into the can. [Any questions, please call the Public Works Department @456-7785.]

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**VEGETATION, LEAVES, UNPAINTED WOOD, CONCRETE AND METAL ITEMS ARE PICKED UP ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAYS ONLY. THEY WILL NOT BE THROWN IN WITH TRASH IF PUT OUT ON WRONG DAY. WE PAY \$ 78.00/TON FOR TRASH DISPOSAL AND ARE PRESENTLY RECEIVING APPROX. \$ 20.00/TON FOR OUR PAPER, CANS AND GLASS RECYCLING. SO IT MAKES SENSE TO RECYCLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO SAVE MONEY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. ANYTHING ELSE SUCH AS FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, PRESSURE TREATED OR PAINTED WOOD IS REGULAR TRASH.**

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*From May to September we will pick up vegetation ONLY on MONDAYS. Please tie up branches in six (6) feet or shorter lengths and bag/can all other vegetation. Please do NOT put loosely in the street.*

*GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE NOT TO BE BLOWN INTO ANY BOROUGH STREET. THIS VIOLATES THE NJDEP STORMWATER REGULATIONS. PLEASE MAKE ANY LAWN SERVICE PERSONNEL AWARE OF THIS RULE. Please do NOT mix trash with recyclables or they will be left at the curb.*

The DEP has also implemented new Stormwater Regulations. There are many new rules that must be followed including illegal dumping to all water ways. This includes but is not limited to dumping of paints, solvents, trash, grass clippings, motor oil, etc. in any street in the Borough. **CHECK OUT THE STORMWATER WEBSITE [www.nj.gov/dep/stormwater](http://www.nj.gov/dep/stormwater).**

Latex paint is no longer accepted at the County. To dispose of it you should remove the lid and let the paint harden. If there is paint in the can, add kitty litter or Speedy Dry until it is no longer pourable, then throw it in the trash. *As it is getting warmer, more water usage occurs. Please water lawns on an odd/even basis. It is best to water very early in the AM or later in the evening. If your house number is odd, you may water on odd calendar days, even numbers on even calendar days. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONSERVE.*



*A Reminder from our Housing Code Enforcement Officer, Bruce Wasson:*

*If your pool has 300 gallons or more of water and has an electric filter, YOU MUST obtain a permit, before the pool is installed. [The regulation is strictly enforced!]*

***Did you know?*** *The Borough offers the following deductions to those who qualify: Veteran Deduction in the amount of \$250 on your property taxes. Senior Citizen/Disabled Person or Surviving Spouse Deduction of \$250 on your property taxes & a credit on your water & sewer bill if you qualify and are a Senior Citizen, Disabled Person or Surviving Spouse. Apply for the deduction(s) today to find out if you qualify.*

**WATER/SEWER/TAX PAYMENTS/RECEIPTS** We receive payments with incorrect account numbers, wrong block & lot numbers or checks with nothing at all. In order to insure that your check goes to the correct account, your help in making sure you note TAXES, WATER and/or SEWER, along with your Account/Block & Lot, would be appreciated. If you make payments “on-line,” PLEASE make sure you specify which Utility you want your payment applied to, along with your Block & Lot/Account Number. REMEMBER, if you would like a receipt, bring in your original bill with you, so that we may stamp your payment “PAID.”

➤ **“Economic Stimulus Payment” 2007 Rebates** *Even if you didn’t or won’t pay any federal income tax for 2007, you could still qualify for a tax rebate. This includes people who have low earnings, receive pensions from Social Security and railroad retirement, and/or are receiving certain veterans’ benefits. YOU MUST FILE A 2007 TAX RETURN TO GET A REBATE. To qualify you had to have at least \$3,000 income from your work, your social security, railroad retirement or veterans’ benefits, or a combination of these. If you are single and had at least that much in income, you are eligible for a rebate of at least \$300. If you or your spouse, together had at least \$3,000 income, you would be eligible for a rebate of at least \$600. If you had children under age 17 who qualified, you would get \$300 for each one. The IRS says that people who file their tax returns by April 15 will begin to receive them in May.*

➤ *If you are a NEW RESIDENT, (or have been around for many years) please stop in or call the Borough Offices for a packet of information on all services, important phone numbers, map of the Borough, trash schedule, voter registration, etc. Check out our Website @ [www.westville-nj.com](http://www.westville-nj.com) to learn more about your town. If you have any suggestions or comments, would like to volunteer, e-mail and tell us. Your comments are important to us.*

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