

Westville Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2015/2016

New Items

- Rental of Community Center
- Contact Phone Numbers
- New Businesses
- New Ordinances
- Discount Tickets

UPCOMING

BOROUGH EVENTS

October 10

October 17

October 31

November 6

November 14

November 24

FLU SHOTS

@ Community Center

Westville Fire

Department

Hoagie Sales

2ND Saturday of

Each month

Contact the Mayor directly by email at rwelsh@westville-nj.com
856-456-0030, Ext. 38

Message from the Mayor

As you are aware, this past June, prior to the Primary Election sample ballots were mailed to Westville residents. Unfortunately, they were lost at the Post Office and never received by our residents. In years past, our Newsletters have been printed and mailed to every resident in the Borough; with costs associated with the mailings, As Mayor, I felt it would be more cost effective to publish our Newsletter on our website. (Copies will be available at the Borough Hall.)

As you know, the Borough operates under an elected Mayor and six member Council form of government. As Mayor, now serving my third term in office, have four longstanding goals:

- 1.) Provide excellent daily public services;
- 2.) Make capital improvements to rebuild, repair and improve the Borough's physical infrastructure;
- 3.) Meet statutory financial obligations such as debt and employee pension, healthcare insurance obligations.
- 4.) Keep the Tax Rate as stable as we can.

In a few months, members of Council, myself and Department Heads will begin to prepare our 2016 Budget.

We listen and address concerns from residents about tax increases and ask you to keep in

mind that while trying to keep our tax rate as low as possible, Mayor & Council can only control the Municipal portion of the tax rate - our tax rate includes distinct rates for local and regional schools, Fire District, Library, Open Space, and the County, for which we have no control. Please know that the Borough Administration's goal is to stabilize the property taxes that you pay to finance Borough operations and capital improvements.

In ending, I would like to welcome a new business coming to Westville in the very near future at 154-156 Broadway, Lola's Menagerie!

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns, comments or questions you may have, at any time. Also suggestions are always welcome!

Sincerely,

Russell W. Welsh, Jr.

Events & Happenings in Westville

October Events

OCTOBER FLU SHOTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY:

<http://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/documents/FluSchedule2015.pdf>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB will sponsor a Community Yard Sale at the Thomas West

Park on Delsea Drive, from 8:00 am -2:00 pm/\$10 to rent a space. Call to reserve space (856-742-1132.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 [Rain date will be October 24.]

5TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Broadway from Delsea Drive to Duncan Avenue ~ 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Live Music by the Rockets, Dances by Diane, Crafters, Vendors, Food, Free Hay Rides, Classic Car/Motorcycle Show/ Free Pumpkin Painting/Free Amusement Rides, Beer Garden, followed by

FIREWORKS AT DUST ALONG RIVER DRIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

HALLOWEEN.....Trick or treating will begin at 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Curfew in effect Monday, October 26th through Monday, November 2nd

NOVEMBER EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

ELECTION DAY ~ Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Voting will take place at the Community Center, located at 1035 Broadway from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. (MUNICIPAL OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON ELECTION DAY.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

VETERAN'S DAY ~ the Borough will be closed in remembrance of all Veterans.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER ~ from 2-4pm @ Xavier Hall

Paint & Sip ~ Tickets are \$40 (includes coffee/dessert). Contact Linda Sims 856-456-0030 or lsims@westville-nj.com

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

FREE FLU SHOTS ~ from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Community Center 1035 Broadway, Westville, NJ.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

DECEMBER 4TH ~ Thomas West Park 6:00 p.m.

Santa's Schedule will be available on line @ www.westville-nj.com, in Borough Offices and sent home with students.

TOWN WATCH MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY of each month at the Community Center at 1035 Broadway, behind the Library @ 7:00 p.m. Help keep our Town Safe. Join Us!

DISCOUNT AMUSEMENT TICKETS for Winter are coming!

The Borough is currently checking to see what types of events are available ~ (Zoo, Sesame Place, Sahara Sam's Oasis, Adventure Aquarium, and possibly Diggerland). Information will follow.

Rental of Community Center @ 1035 Broadway

1035 Broadway (Old Municipal Building, located behind the Library) is available for residents to hold baby showers, birthday parties, retirement parties, business meetings, wedding showers, etc.

There is a \$100 refundable fee, upon inspection of the premises and return of key card. An application is required, along with proof of insurance for the day of the event and a Hold Harmless Form must be also completed. Call Borough Hall for more information or to request an application packet. Packets can also be emailed. Call the Borough first to verify available dates.



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 to view your rewards! Free Magazines, Free Money Saving Coupons, much more!**

CONTACT INFORMATION

WHEN CALLING THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES, AFTER THE GREETING BEGINS, DIAL (STAR) *8 AND THE EXTENSION you wish listed below - rather than waiting for the complete message to end.

| MUNICIPAL OFFICES | 856-456-0030 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Housing | 40 | Dial *840 |
| Vital Statistics/Finance Dept. | 10 | |
| Administrator | 11 | |
| CFO | 12 | |
| Borough Clerk/Tax Collector | 13 | |
| Construction Office | 14 | |
| Tax Office | 16 | |
| Receptionist/Water/Sewer/Tax | 17 | |
| Deputy Court Administrator | 24 | |
| Court Administrator | 26 | |
| Police Secretary | 29 | |
| Mayor | 38 | |

Public Works Department **856-456-7785**

Municipal Offices **856-456-0066**

RECENTLY ENACTED LOCAL ORDINANCES:

Detailed Information will be available Under CODE online very soon. If you would like a copy of these Ordinances, please call Borough Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 3 AMENDING CHAPTER 373, SECTION 32, SCHEDULE IV, TIME LIMIT PARKING, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) (*Parking along Broadway in the Business Section*)

Introduced: May 11, 2015

Adopted: June 15, 2015

ORDINANCE NO. 4 AMENDING WESTVILLE CODE TO ADD A REQUIREMENT THAT A BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR ANY PERSON CONDUCTING, OPERATING OR ENGAGING IN ANY BUSINESS LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE

Introduced: July 20, 2015

Adopted: August 17, 2015

ABANDONED/VACANT PROPERTIES ORDINANCE

Our Housing Official/Code Enforcement Official has been working diligently on property maintenance issues with vacant and abandoned properties.

Our Public Works Department, upon receiving a property maintenance complaint, will send notice to the property owner in violation, giving 10 days' notice to clean up the property or be subjected to a Borough lien, being placed upon the property.

Properties to be considered abandoned/vacant must meet certain criteria.

Example, see below:

ABANDONED PROPERTY CERTIFICATION

I, _____ of full age, hereby certifies as follows:

1. I am the _____ for _____, NJ.
2. I am familiar with the facts contained herein concerning the Property located at _____ (the "Property").

3. The Property is abandoned pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:19-81 because the Property has not been legally occupied for at least six (6) months preceding the date of this Certification; and **(please initial or check off all that apply)**

_____ The Property is in need of rehabilitation and no rehabilitation has taken place during the last six months.

_____ At least one installment of property tax remains unpaid and delinquent on the Property.

_____ The Property has been found to be unfit for human habitation, occupancy or use.

_____ The condition and vacancy of the Property materially increases the risk of fire to the property and adjacent properties.

_____ The property is subject to unauthorized entry leading to potential health and safety hazards; the owner has failed to take reasonable and necessary measures to secure the property; or the municipality has secured the property in order to prevent such hazards after the owner has failed to do so.

_____ The presence of vermin or the accumulation of debris, uncut vegetation or physical deterioration of the structure or grounds have created potential health and safety hazards and the owner has failed to take reasonable and necessary measures to remove the hazards.

_____ The dilapidated appearance or other condition of the property materially affects the welfare, including the economic welfare, of the residents of the area in close proximity to the property, and the owner has failed to take reasonable and necessary measures to remedy the conditions.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signature and Date
