

Borough of Rumson Council Connection

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Welcome to the Rumson Borough Council Connection Bulletin.
The goal of this bulletin is to keep you informed of “happenings” in town!

Council News

Great News from the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs!

In January 2014, the Borough Council passed a resolution to request funding for a Strategic Recovery Planning Report (SRPR) to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA). An initial grant was received in January to produce the report, which was prepared by T&M Engineering, the Borough’s engineering firm, in conjunction with the Borough Council and staff. DCA praised the Borough on both the format and extensive and in depth content contained in the SRPR and subsequently approved the report.

The approval of the SRPR allowed the Borough to then apply for additional grant funding to complete the work recommended in that report. On March 25, 2014 the Borough Council passed a resolution to authorize the Borough’s application for a post-Sandy Planning Assistance Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. Less than one month later, on April 16, 2014, the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs awarded the Borough of Rumson an additional grant totaling \$255,000 to be used for the following: Capital Improvement Plan, Community Resiliency Plan and Amendments to the Master Plan, Emergency Operations Plan Update, Floodplain Management Plan, Community Resiliency GIS Development (a database and user interface to catalog and inventory all infrastructure owned by the Borough), Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and Permit Application Process Quality Improvement.

Due to the timely submission and detailed completion of these grant applications, Rumson is one of the first towns in the State to be awarded the Federally funded DCA grants. Look for more progress reports on these awards in the future!

On February 25, 2014 the Borough Council passed a resolution in support of New Jersey State Assembly Bill No. 2108 and Senate Bill No. 1041 prohibiting treatment, discharge, disposal, or storage of wastewater, wastewater solids, sludge, drill cuttings or other byproducts from natural gas exploration or production using hydraulic fracturing. The Borough Council meeting that evening was attended by Rumson residents and environmentalists, who strongly support the State legislation.

Rumson St. Patrick’s Day Parade 2014

Brigadier General Peter “Pete” Dawkins and longtime Rumson resident presided as the Grand Marshal for the March 9, 2014 Rumson St. Patrick’s Day Parade. This year’s parade included over a hundred units of participating groups and attendance along the parade route was estimated at 7,000! Next year’s parade will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2015.



The Rumson-Fair Haven Community Alliance

The RFH Community Alliance provides a resource to all residents regarding drug and alcohol abuse in the community. Councilman Ben Day is the Borough liaison on the RFH Alliance and has been supporting the RFH Alliance efforts on behalf of the Rumson community. To find out more about the workings of this group, go to www.rfhalliance.org

“We are an alliance of the Boroughs of Rumson and Fair Haven, and the RFHRHS, Fair Haven and Rumson School Districts, and we are here to devise and implement strategies to assist the community in solving the issues of abuse of alcohol, and legal and illegal drugs. We hope you will join us. We welcome your participation.”

“Project Medicine Drop is our focus this Spring, and is an important component of the effort to halt the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs. In addition to the twice-yearly Drug-Take-Back events, Project Medicine Drop provides residents with a way to dispose of unused and expired medications anonymously, seven days a week, 365 days a year, at “prescription drug drop boxes” located within the headquarters of participating police departments. “



FAREWELL TO FRED/WELCOME RJ

After twenty-nine years of dedicated service to the Borough, Fred Shea has retired! Fred served in the Borough Police Department and the Sewer Department during his tenure. The Borough would like to thank Fred for his years of service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

As Fred retires, the Borough welcomes RJ Sickler Jr. as the new Assistant Foreman of Wastewater Management, replacing Fred Shea. RJ comes to us with five years experience at the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority, Monmouth Beach, NJ where he was responsible for maintenance on their pump stations. Welcome aboard RJ!



Sea Bright Rising/St. Bernard Project

Sea Bright Rising recently sent out letters to Rumson residents describing their partnership with St. Bernard Project to assist in the general recovery of Sea Bright as a result of the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy.

To donate, volunteer, or learn more, go to www.seabrightrising.org

“St. Bernard Project (SBP) is an award-winning rebuilding, nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure that disaster-impacted communities recover in a prompt, efficient, and predictable way. With its innovative, vertically integrated construction system, SBP is poised to serve as a model for rebuilding and affordable housing.” To learn more about St. Bernard Project, please go to www.sandy.stbernardproject.org



HOT PATCH DUMP BOX HAS ARRIVED!

Mark Wellner, Department of Public Works Superintendent, stands in front of the new Hot Patch Dump Box with Foreman Tim Leonard, that was purchased as part of a Shared Equipment Program between Rumson and Little Silver. You will begin to see this piece of equipment around town filling the many potholes from our extreme winter weather. The “Hot Patch” uses heated asphalt fill and will provide a more substantial and efficient solution to road repair. Look for our DPW friends as they move throughout the borough patching our roads!



Rumson Recreation

Keep up to date with borough seasonal recreational offerings, family program camps and senior fitness classes through the www.rumsonrec.org website! Everything is there that you need to know and when to register!

Volunteer Opportunities

Rumson Volunteer Fire Department and The Rumson First Aid Squad are looking for dedicated volunteers to serve. Our town is dependent on volunteers to maintain these critical services. If you have an interest in becoming a member of this long standing tradition or would like to learn more about what is involved in becoming a member, please call or stop by Borough Hall.

Did you Know: Ivy left to engulf trees on your property will ultimately kill the tree. Keep ivy vines clipped down at the base of the trunk. Try to avoid piling cones of mulch around your tree trunks, as this can also cause damage to your trees. After the many trees lost as a result of Superstorm Sandy, let's try and preserve our remaining trees and keep Rumson green!

Follow “Rumson_Borough” on Twitter!
or **on your phone** by sending: **follow Rumson_Borough** to 40404. (**Note:** Message and data rates may apply.)

Get To Know Borough Hall

Feel free to drop by Borough Hall and introduce yourself to our terrific Borough staff. They are always happy to assist Borough residents!

For those of you who have not been to the Department of Public Works facility since Superstorm Sandy, you should see the improvements that have been made! Our Recycling Center has been completely updated and now operates much more efficiently. Monmouth County has recognized our Recycling Center as one of the best in the County. We are fortunate living in Rumson to have such impressive and well maintained facilities.

Calendars of all Borough meetings can be found on our website www.rumsonnj.gov

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