

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Spring has arrived which means many residents will be cleaning up their properties. This is a reminder that the Borough will pick up yard waste curbside starting on 4/5/17. This service is for yard waste paper bags, barreled or bundled material; NO loose yard waste will be collected. All branches must be bound in four foot length bundles. Leaves or grass can be placed in barrels or yard waste paper bags only, no plastic. Also, any tree parts larger than five inches in diameter will not be picked up at the curb. These items can be brought to the Midland Park Recycling Center located at 20 Greenwood Ave. Please check website for hours of operation. To assure your yard waste is picked up, place it curbside the night before the scheduled pick up. This program runs from 4/5/17 to 10/18/17.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

As the warmer weather finally draws near, the Property Maintenance Official would like you to remember the following:

- Lawns must be kept trimmed and maintained.
- Make a visual inspection of trees to see if any limbs became loose during the high winds this past winter.
- Vehicles may be parked on paved or graveled surfaces that have been approved by the Zoning Official.
- Boats, RV's and trailers etc. must be parked out of view and comply with the Zoning Ordinance.

PLEASE REVIEW THE TOWN ORDINANCE BELOW REGARDING PET SOLID WASTE

1.8 REGULATIONS.

c. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer or allow such dog to:

1. Soil, defile, defecate on, or commit any nuisance on any common driveway, sidewalk, passageway, bypass, play area, or upon any public property or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of the property. In the event of a violation occurring on private property, only the owner of the property shall have standing to file a complaint alleging a violation of this section. The restriction in this section shall not apply to that portion of the street lying between the curb lines which shall be used to curb such dog under the conditions that the person or occupant who so curbs such dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog by any sanitary method approved by the Local Board of Health. The feces removed from the aforementioned designated area shall be disposed of by the person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any dog curbed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter by placing the feces in a waterproof container, properly sealed, and placed in a garbage container, or disposed of in any other sanitary manner. A seeing eye dog which is owned by a person who has been declared to be legally blind shall be exempt from the terms and conditions of this subsection.
2. Soil or defile or do any injury or damage to any lawn, vegetable garden, shrubbery, trees, flowers, driveway, ground or any property of persons other than that of the owner or person having the care, custody or control of such dog.

WHO IS THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE?

We are small group of residents who volunteer our time to coordinate drug prevention awareness and education. Our work is primarily funded by a grant through the NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Some of the programs that we offer are: "Footprints for Life," an Elementary school program; A Peer Leaders Group and an After School Club at the High School; we also provide the buses at Prom time. Throughout the year we invite guest speakers to present to the community on different drug prevention topics. The Municipal Alliance meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Borough Hall at 8pm. For more information contact jayneburke@gmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out some fun programs at the library this spring. There will be an Earth Day planting on Friday, April 21st at 3:00pm. On Thursday, May 4th at 3:00pm, be a part of our May the 4th Star Wars celebration with games and activities. Sign up on our website to be on our email list to find out the latest www.midlandpark.bccls.org or like us on Facebook @midlandparklibrary.

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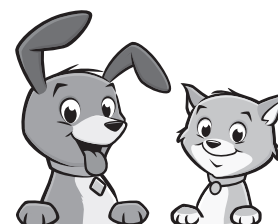
BOARD OF HEALTH

As we welcome spring, the Board of Health requests everyone to help protect our neighbors and community.

- Please – avoid the ground feeding of birds and other wildlife, as it will attract unwanted rodents and pests.
- Keep dogs on leashes when walking or in fenced yards to prevent dog bites, and do clean-up after them (and be sure to obtain their free rabies vaccination, see below).
- Protect yourselves from Lyme disease – wear proper clothing when working outdoors and check your body for ticks. Don't forget wellness – walk regularly!

FREE RABIES VACCINATION PROGRAM IN MIDLAND PARK

The Midland Park Board of Health will be holding its annual Rabies Program to give FREE RABIES VACCINATIONS on Monday, May 8th, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. The program will take place at the Municipal Building, 280 Godwin Avenue in Midland Park, NJ. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers; both dogs and cats are welcome at any time. No retractable leashes can be used. Residents from other municipalities are welcome to bring their pets to the program. Animal bites have increased in occurrence and remember all animals must be licensed. For more information, please call Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission at 201-445-7217.



BUILDING/ZONING DEPT.

DRIVEWAYS:

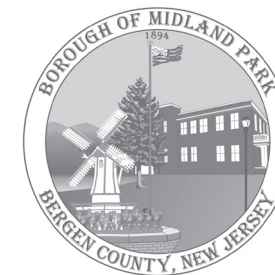
Please be aware that all driveways, whether new, expanded, or replacements, require a zoning permit. Coverage calculations will be requested on the application form.

FENCES:

A permit is required for new and replacement fences. The maximum height allowed for a fence is 5ft (from the rear of the home to the rear property line) 4ft is allowed in all other areas.

POOLS:

A permit is required for all pool installations (including above ground "temporary styles" above 24" in height).



MIDLAND PARK Review

News from the Borough of Midland Park

Spring, 2017



The Borough of Midland Park would like to introduce you to our new website coming in May – midlandparknj.org, and remind residents to register for the various notification services.

We hope you find our new site user friendly, informative and easy to navigate. The new and improved website will keep everyone up-to-date with Borough information. Our goal is to have every resident proud of the Borough's new website as well as better communication in a timely manner. The new site is also where you can register to receive Emergency Notifications via SwiftReach from the Office of Emergency Management and Nixle alerts from the Midland Park Police Department.

In addition to emergency notifications, residents should register for the new Borough Notification System. This System will replace the old Midland Park Enotice System. Borough residents can select the type of communications they would like to receive. Some options would be:

- **Borough News and Announcements:** include recycling/solid waste collection, pet licensing, calendar updates, shredding events, library events
- **Sports and Recreation:** include sports registrations/meetings, exercise programs, community events
- **Community Resources:** include Love Fund, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Girl/Boy Scouts, PTA

When you register for SwiftReach and Nixle you are signing up for Emergency notifications only.

Our website is a work in progress, however registration will be available for these notification services in May. Please take the time to register and be informed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Borough Hall, 201-445-5720.

AMBULANCE CORPS

The Midland Park Ambulance Corps has been serving our community for 75 years. This year we will be having a 75th anniversary party. The entire community is invited to our building at 471 Godwin Avenue on May 20th. Additional details will be advertised in the near future.



The building has a beautiful 80 seat community center which is available for rental. For reservations and information email MPACReservations@gmail.com.

The Corps has 2 ambulances and a mass casualty trailer unit. We are ready to respond to emergencies in Midland Park and provide mutual aid to surrounding towns. In 2016 our volunteers responded to 644 emergencies.

Members make an ambulance corps. They come from local people who wish to help out their neighbors. Volunteers who live in Midland Park and in other towns within a 1.5 mile driving distance from the building are needed. Previous New Jersey EMT's, even with an expired card, as well as people who want to take the EMT course, are welcomed. Training will be provided at several local facilities. If interested, please email a request for an application to heathermeyervulpone@hotmail.com.

Welcome to new MPAC EMT member Peggy Warnet, Driver Lifter Glen Biswurm and Congratulations to new EMT school graduate John Lazarri!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2017 SPRING PROGRAMS

Recreation program information and registration forms are posted on the Recreation Website at midlandparknj.org, under Recreation.

The DePhillips Community Center is open to Midland Park residents year round from 10:00am – 10:00pm, Monday – Friday, weekend hours to be announced. *Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.* Supervised activities include pickup basketball, volleyball, ping pong, billiards and board games are available for use.

Summer Camp Registration will be accepted by mail postmarked no earlier than March 31st. Registration forms are available at midlandparknj.org, at the DePhillips Community Center or Borough Hall. The summer camp is for children entering Grades 1-8, and is filled with lots of fun and exciting activities. Camp runs from 9:00am to 1:00pm with the option of extending the day until 4:00pm. Camp runs from June 26 to Aug. 4. Cost per week is \$65 for the first child, second child \$50, third child \$40, \$155 a week max per family. The fee for the extended day option is \$50 per child, per week. Mail all registration forms to: Midland Park Recreation, DePhillips Community Center, Attention: Kathy LaMonte, 50 Dairy Street, Midland Park NJ 07432. Any questions email recdept@midlandpark-nj.org or call 201-652-2747.

Weekly Yoga is held at the DePhillips Center, every Wednesday & Friday at 10:30am. The fee for the weekly class is \$7 per class. Please bring a yoga mat, a large beach towel, comfortable clothing and a water bottle.

Care packages for the Troops Donations for care packages will be accepted at the DePhillips Center, 50 Dairy Street throughout the year. Items we will be collecting include powdered drink mix, condiments, energy bars, tuna fish, snacks (chips, pretzels, nuts), candy, gum, toiletries, foot care, hand warmers, socks, reading material, batteries and crossword puzzles. Donations are accepted Monday – Friday, 10:00am – 10:00pm and on Saturdays, 6:00pm – 10:00pm.

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

The 5th annual town wide yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 22nd. All information is available on the Borough Website, www.midlandparknj.org

COMMUNITY DAY
Midland Park Community Day will be held on Saturday September 9, 2017.

News from the Borough Clerk

PASSPORTS

To obtain information regarding a new passport or if you would like to renew one visit waldwick.bccls.org.

VOTER REGISTRATION

The last day to register to vote in the 2017 Primary Election is MAY 16, 2017. The last day to register to vote in the 2017 General Election will be OCTOBER 17, 2017. The Borough Clerk's office will be open until 9:00pm. these evenings for your convenience in registering. The Clerk's office is located in the Borough Hall, 280 Godwin Ave.

ELECTION DAYS

PRIMARY ELECTION

JUNE 6, 2017 – the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00am and 8:00pm.

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2017 – the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00am. and 8:00pm. Check the sample ballot you receive in the mail for your polling location. **MAIL IN BALLOT APPLICATIONS:**

These applications may be obtained in the Borough Hall. However, applications must be received at the County no later than 7 (seven) days prior to the election –

PRIMARY ELECTION

May 30, 2017

GENERAL ELECTION

October 31, 2017

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Be aware that phone scams continue to be reported. Under no circumstances should credit card numbers, social security numbers, or other financial information be given to anyone calling: either about a prize or contests you may have won, taxes you may have inaccurately filed, or that your grandchild has been arrested.

Police would like to remind residents that New Jersey law requires drivers to yield the right of way to pedestrians using crosswalks. We still continue to experience problems at crosswalks, where pedestrians find it difficult to cross safely. Please be aware of this problem when driving through town.

Safeguard your home! Do not leave keys under a doormat, or flower pot, or on a window ledge. Keep garage doors closed and locked; windows and doors should be kept locked; consider buying an alarm system.

Clearing the house of old "stuff?" Having a Garage Sale?...Remember! It is illegal to place garage sale signs, or any other unauthorized materials, on utility poles. Any signs found on the poles will be removed.

Vacation Bound? Ideas to prevent a burglary: connect a radio or a TV to a timer; have a neighbor use your garbage can and driveway; stop mail and newspaper deliveries; do not keep jewelry or important documents at home; be sure you have good locks.

LICENSING YOUR PET

The Borough of Midland Park will begin issuing Dog/Cat licenses on May 8, 2017. The cost of the license will be \$10.00 for Dogs, and \$10.00 for Cats, with an additional charge of \$3.00 added to the cost if your animal is not neutered or spayed. All pet licenses must be obtained by the resident before July 31, 2017, or a late charge of \$10.00 per pet will be added to the cost of the license. You can obtain the license at the Borough Hall, 280 Godwin Avenue, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm. Please notify the Borough if you no longer have a pet to be licensed, or your pet will remain on the active list.

If you prefer to mail in your request for your pet license, please send a check made payable to the Borough of Midland Park, along with proof of rabies shots, proof of spaying or neutering, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

GETTING MARRIED?

If the bride-to-be is a Midland Park resident, then you should contact the Registrar at the Northwest Regional Health Commission, 22 West Prospect Street, Waldwick, N.J. at 201-445-7217, to obtain your marriage license.

POISON CONTROL

In case of accidental poisoning at home call 1-800-764-7661

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

9:00am Flag raising and placing of a wreath at Veteran's Monument on Dairy Street.

10:00am Parade begins at Borough Hall.

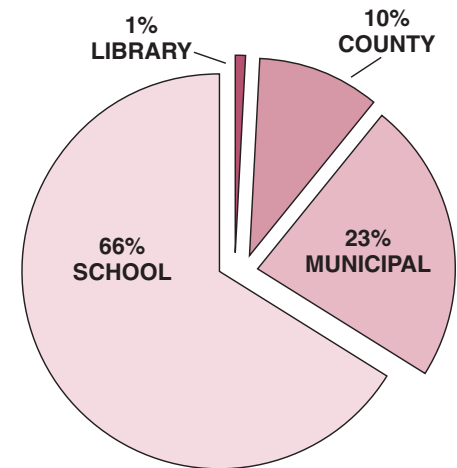
11:00am Memorial Service at Veteran's Plaza, Wortendyke. In the event of rain, services will be held at the Fire House. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

SHREDDING EVENT

The Borough of Midland Park is pleased to offer an additional shredding event to our residents. This is an on-site residential document shredding program set up for Saturday, May 20, 2017. It will be held behind the Municipal building from 9am to 1pm. All personal documents with or without paper clips, staples and paperboard binder covers will be shredded on site. Hardcover books, magazines, newspapers, photographs, plastic binder covers and x-rays are not acceptable for shredding. Hope to see you there!

PROPERTY TAX DETAIL – HOW FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED AND AT WHAT PERCENT.

Each year the Mayor and Council give thought as to how best present municipal tax information to you, the taxpayer. This pie chart provides a visual picture of what percent and where your property tax dollars are going. We are using 2016 numbers as the 2017 tax rate was not available at this time.



VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Midland Park Fire Department is currently looking for new members. The applicants must be 18 years of age and reside in Midland Park or a contiguous town. Prospective applicants are welcome to visit Midland Park Fire Headquarters any Wednesday evening at 7pm to pick up an application.

The Fire Department would also like to remind all residents to check the manufacture date on the back of their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they change the batteries for daylight savings to ensure that you are replacing the units as per the manufacturer guidelines. All detectors have a limited life expectancy.

FIRE PREVENTION

With spring upon us, please remember the following:

- Open burning is not permitted in the Borough.
- Proper waste disposal at the DPW should be followed at all times.
- Remember to keep grills a safe distance from structures.
- Check outside gas grill connections and grease trays.
- Make sure gas containers are stored properly.
- Fill gas operated tools in a well vented area.

Spring is a great time to check smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers, *the life they save, may be your own.*

