

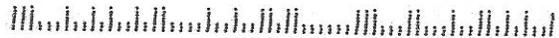
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BRUSH CLEAN UP 2010

(BRUSH ONLY)

The Borough will be picking up brush, curbside, this spring.

**BRUSH WILL BE PICKED UP DURING THE WEEK OF
April 5th - 12th, 2010.**

Brush is to be no longer than 5' in length, butt end to the curb, 3" in diameter or less. Small sticks may be placed in containers for pick up.

BRUSH PLACED OUT AFTER APRIL 12th, WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!!

NOTE TO LANDLORDS – This notice is being sent to all property owners.
It is your responsibility to notify your tenants for brush clean up.

Please help the street department and keep brush in NEAT PILES.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, March 27, 2010

10:00 AM

Edwin Tuxhorn Municipal Park

*The event is open to all Bloomsbury residents
and students of Bloomsbury Elementary School.*

RAIN/SNOW DATE - Sunday, March 28, 1:30 PM

✓ Hunt starts **PROMPTLY** at 10 AM

✓ Bring a basket for collection

DON'T BE LATE, THE HUNT IS OVER IN SECONDS!!!!!!!

**SPONSORED BY:
BLOOMSBURY RECREATION COMMISSION**

THE REC NEWS

Bloomsbury Recreation Commission Needs Your Help!

Open Seats!

Do you have elementary school age children who participate in the municipal recreation sports programs? Do your children attend the annual Easter Egg Hunt or the Summer Rec program? Do you purchase luminaries in December to light up the holidays? Have you ever wondered who manages these programs and how they are made available for our children's enjoyment?

These, and many other programs are the result of the volunteer efforts of the members of the Bloomsbury Recreation Commission. We welcome active involvement from anyone who wants to play a role in keeping Bloomsbury such a wonderful place to live and raise our children. We currently have openings on the commission, as well as an urgent need for volunteers to assist in running specific programs and events.

For more information, contact any of the Recreation Commission Members:

Chris Smith, President • Joe Walen, Vice President • Tom Decker, Secretary
Nicole Walen, Treasurer • Bob Clark, Commissioner • Kathy Kane, Commissioner
Vacant, Commissioner • Vacant, Alt. Commissioner
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Also visit the Bloomsbury Town Web Site for more information and updates:

http://www.bloomsburynewjersey.com/l_recreationcom.htm

Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day

EVENTS ARE HELD RAIN OR SHINE 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

314 State Route 12 Hunterdon County Complex, Flemington, NJ 08822

Saturday, March 13, 2010 • Saturday, July 10, 2010

Saturday, November 13, 2010

NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

NO COMPUTERS, MONITORS OR PROPANE TANKS WILL BE ACCEPTED

WE WILL ACCEPT WITH NO QUANTITY LIMIT:

Used Motor Oil, Automotive and Household Batteries, Anti-Freeze and Fire Extinguishers

WE WILL ACCEPT UP TO 10 GALLONS OR 80 LBS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Latex Paint, Varnish/Stains, Herbicides, Gas/Oil Mix, Mercury, Oil Based Paint, Insecticides, Pool Chemicals, Photographic Chemical, Fuel/Oil Sludge, Paint Thinner, Pesticides, Aerosol Cans, Battery Acid, Diesel Fuel, Asbestos Pipe Wrap, Gasoline, Kerosene, Drain Cleaner, Fluorescent Tubes.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Solid Waste, Empty Containers, Radioactive Materials, Explosives, Pentachlorophenol, Computers and Monitors, Propane or any Compressed Gas Tanks, PCB's or Silvex

Please visit: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/solidwast/cleanup.htm

For further information

Hunterdon County Utilities Authority

DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

PO Box 2900 - Flemington, NJ 08822-2900

908-788-1110 * FAX 908-788-1662

SPECIAL COLLECTION DAY FOR ELECTRONICS

DATES: Saturday, April 10, 2010 and Saturday, October 9, 2010

9:00am to 1:00pm

Route 12 County Complex, Flemington, NJ

WE WILL ACCEPT:

TEN (10) CIRCUIT BOARD CONTAINING ELECTRONICS Such As:
Computers, Monitors, Speakers, Televisions, VCR's, DVD & CD Players, Fax Machines,
Stereo Equipment, Radios, Cellular & Cordless Telephones, etc.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

Refrigerators Air Conditioners, Other Freon Containing Items

Please Visit: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/solidwaste/electronics.htm

for further information

Bloomsbury Borough

Newsletter

March 2010

FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents:

After a very snowy February, it's starting to feel like Spring. Although we all hope Winter is on the way out, we all know that March can see the biggest snowstorms. We've all done a good job keeping vehicles off the streets during storms – please continue to do so whenever it appears we will get an inch (1") of snow or more. Please also do not blow or throw snow into the roadway when clearing your sidewalks and driveways – please put the snow to the side. If you do not have a driveway or other off-street parking for your vehicle you may park at the lot located at 96-98 North Street (entrance from North or Gardner Streets). Finally, these last few storms have burdened our plow crews. We are interested in supplementing our crew. If you have experience plowing snow and operating heavy trucks, please contact Borough Hall for an application.

Accordingly, if you need off-street parking you may use the lot located at 96-98 North Street (the lot across from the rescue squad, accessed via Gardner Street and North Street) during any winter weather event. Parking is at your own risk, so please use caution when using this lot and understand that you are parking there at your own risk. Thank you to ECK for their neighborliness.

The sale of the Borough Water Department has been closed; Aqua is now providing water to the Borough. For the time being Aqua personnel are operating our existing system. Aqua will first replace all water meters – readings will be taken by Aqua from the street and billing will be monthly – and then it will tie our system into Aqua's existing system in Greenwich Township. Longer term our water mains will start being replaced. Rates should be consistent with what we are used to, and we are assured of getting reliable and safe water from an industry-leading company.

In a bit of very good news, the application for the truck depot just across the border in Franklin Township, Warren County, has been withdrawn. The proposed truck depot, if approved, would have been devastating to Bloomsbury. We were ready to protect the Borough's interests, and joined with a broad coalition of grass-roots groups and our neighboring municipalities – as well as Hunterdon County – to oppose the project. I am sure that the large scale, well-informed and prepared opposition played a key role in this outcome.

The Franklin Township property remains zoned in a manner that permits such projects, so we must remain vigilant. We are also cautioned to stay on top of our own zoning; in that

regard we have been engaged in a detailed and thorough planning process that is well underway. Our Master Plan, which by law is the basis for our zoning ordinances, is in the process of its periodic re-examination. Once that is completed the Borough Council can adopt updated zoning ordinances. Our ordinances are also being formally codified, and once this is complete residents will be able to access all ordinances on the Borough website.

On a related matter, the Route 173 bridge deck project has just begun. As I write this the NJDOT has not prepared and enforced detours as set forth in the plans that were presented to us. The State Police have been contacted, as has the DOT, and I am hopeful that the inconvenience suffered by Bethlehem and Brunswick Avenue residents is a very temporary thing and that better detours can be enforced. This project is anticipated to run into mid-summer 2010.

Finally, we are negotiating a contract with a very qualified builder to rehabilitate the Mill. With some luck work could be underway this summer. Let's hope ...

I encourage residents to attend our Council meetings, which occur every 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m., to share their thoughts and opinions. And, as always, please consider volunteering for our many local organizations that enhance our quality of life and keep our taxes low – the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Recreation Commission, Planning Board and all other local groups. Have a great Spring!

RESIDENTS!!

Please help to keep our children, pedestrians, cyclists and pets SAFE! When driving through the borough, please OBEY the 25 MPH speed limit on ALL streets. Please be aware of the DANGER of talking on a cell phone and sending or receiving text messages while driving. The internet has over 200,000 sources of information related to the dangers of talking on cell phones and text messaging while driving.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14th

Borough Offices in the Municipal Building

91 Brunswick Ave.

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www.BloomsburyNewJersey.com

BLOOMSBURY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Your Help Is Needed

The Bloomsbury Celebrations Committee is a small group who works to promote community spirit in our little town. We put flowers on the bridge, advertise for the Town Wide Sale, and supply refreshments for the Halloween Parade and the tree lighting ceremony at Christmas time. We also like to decorate the bridge at Christmas time with garland. The members of the Bloomsbury Fire Co. #1 have stepped up to address the tree in the future; however, they have requested LED lights to be provided. Won't you help be a part of the above endeavors to continue to make our town welcoming to you, and also our visitors? Any donation will be greatly appreciated. We are also seeking new members. If interested please call: Pat Fitzpatrick at 479-4413. Donations can be sent to: Bloomsbury Celebrations Committee, P O Box 355, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804-0355

Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday May 1, 2010

(rain date: May 2nd)

Bloomsbury Point Park

11:00 am

Come join the Bloomsbury Shade
Tree Advisory Committee in
celebrating Arbor Day by helping us
plant trees at the park

Light refreshments will be served

Literature will be provided to the public about the
benefits of trees and how to care for trees.

BLOOMSBURY AWARDED \$7000.00 GRANT TO ADDRESS STREET TREES

It is with great pleasure to announce to Bloomsbury residents that the Bloomsbury Shade Tree Advisory Committee (BSTAC) has been awarded a 2009 Business Stimulus Fund (BSF) in the amount of \$7000.00 from the New Jersey Forest Service. This award has been endorsed by the New Jersey Community Forestry Council.

The purpose of the BSF grant is to provide funds to assist the Borough of Bloomsbury in implementing projects we have identified in our state approved Community Forestry Management Plan while stimulating the economy of New Jersey, with the stipulation that a tree care/forestry business be hired to perform and complete our forestry project. We will be removing hazardous street trees, repopulating our street trees and educating the residents on the benefits of trees and how to care for trees with these funds.

Should you have any questions concerning this grant award, please contact John Ronca, our BSTAC chairperson at 479-1084.

REMINDER

2010 ANIMAL LICENSING

ALL DOGS AND CATS MUST BE REGISTERED

DOGS & CATS ARE TO BE LICENSED IN JANUARY

If you have not registered your pets you may download license applications from the Borough website. www.bloomsburynewjersey.com

All applications must be accompanied by a copy of a valid Rabies Certification showing proof of rabies vaccination with an expiration date after October 31st of the licensing year.

Applicable Fees - including any late charge (5.00 per month per animal) which may apply and a self addressed stamped envelope. Licenses will not be returned without one.

Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling Program

You'd be amazed at what your old refrigerator can save!

The 2010 Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling program is an exciting initiative from *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program*. This program promotes responsible recycling of refrigerators and freezers in New Jersey and offers a \$50 cash incentive.

Recycling your old refrigerator/freezer is easy, and you can earn money too. It's simple. Here's how...

- To arrange for a free pick up of your old refrigerator/freezer call 877-270-3520 or schedule online at JACO Environmental.
- Get \$50 cash back for recycling responsibly once your transaction is processed.
- Save up to \$150 a year on energy costs by recycling an old fridge.

To Participate in this Initiative:

- You must be a New Jersey resident and a customer of Atlantic City Electric, Jersey Central Power & Light, PSE&G, or Rockland Electric Company.
- You must own the refrigerator or freezer being recycled.
- Your refrigerator or freezer must be between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size.
- Refrigerator and freezer must be in working condition.
- Limit two units per residential address.
- Restrictions may apply.
- Incentives are processed within 90-120 days.
- Customers of municipal electric utilities do not qualify.

Energy and Environmental Facts:

- On average a newer refrigerator or freezer consumes 1,000 fewer kilowatt-hours annually than a refrigerator or freezer manufactured before 1990.
- Recycling 20,000 older refrigerators or freezers will result in energy savings equal to the amount of power used in approximately 1,400 homes annually.

Recycling 20,000 older refrigerators or freezers would result in the avoidance of CO2 emissions equal to removing 40,000 cars from the road for one year.