Bloomsbury Borough

Borough Clerk Borough of Bloomsbury 91 Brunswick Avenue, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

SIGN UP FOR E-MAIL ALERTS

Sign up for the e-mail alerts, which we use more and more with each passing month (www.blooms-burynewjersey.com). If you are not on the e-mail alert list you are missing out on important information.

BULK RATE U.S. POSTAGE PAID BLOOMSBURY, NJ PERMIT NO. 10

FREE RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, January 22, 2011

TIME: 1:00PM-2:00PM BLOOMSBURY FIREHOUSE

PLEASE USE PET CARRIERS OR LEASHES.
If you have any questions
please call the Borough Hall at 479-4200.



NEW ANIMAL LICENSING PROCEDURES

CHANGES:

All Dogs and Cats MUST be licensed by January 31, 2011 to avoid late fees.

Residents Can Not Obtain Licenses in Person (Drop-off ONLY!)

Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed to Borough Hall at 91 Brunswick Avenue, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804.

Additional applications can be obtained at Borough Hall during normal business hours or online at www.bloomsburynewjersey.com

Fee Schedule (including late fees)

Month	Licensing Fee Per	Licensing Fee Per
	Spayed or Neutered	Non-Spayed or Non-
	Cat/Dog	Neutered Cat/Dog
January	\$8.00	\$11.00
February	\$13.00	\$16.00
March	\$18.00	\$21.00
April	\$23.00	\$26.00
May	\$28.00	\$31.00
June	\$33.00	\$36.00
July	\$38.00	\$41.00
August	\$43.00	\$46.00
September	\$48.00	\$51.00
October	\$53.00	\$56.00
November	\$58.00	\$61.00
December	\$63.00	\$66.00

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.

An additional fine of \$100 per Dog and \$50.00 per Cat will be assessed for unlicensed animals found by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Animal Census Coordinator. Court fees may also apply.

Please detach the lower portion of this sheet and return with your check for the appropriate fees, self addressed stamped envelope and proof of rabies vaccination. Do not mail cash.

Licenses will not be mailed back to you unless a self addressed stamped envelope is included!!

Owner's Nan	ne:							Date:		
Address:								Phone:		
Circle One:	Dog	Cat	SEX:	M	F	Breed:			Age:	
Color/Marki	ngs:					Name:				
Circle One:	Hair;	S M	LS	payed	/Neuter	ed: Yes	No	Rabies Vaccination	Expires:	

"LIGHT UP BLOOMSBURY" Annual Luminary Sale

Price: \$5.00 Per ½ Dozen, \$9.00 Per Dozen

All Proceeds Benefit Bloomsbury Recreation Youth Programs

Deliver Date: Saturday December 18, 2010 – 9 AM to 12 Noon (All Orders Delivered To Your Door!)

In the spirit of the holidays and to recapture the beauty of our town as in years past, please light your luminaries at 6:30 PM on Christmas Eve.

(In the event of inclement weather, lighting will occur at 6:30 PM on Christmas night.)

Drop order form with payment at the school or Boro office, or mail to:

"Light Up Bloomsbury"

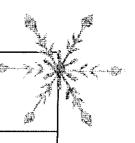
Luminary Sale 91 Brunswick Avenue Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

Make checks payable to "Bloomsbury Recreation Commission"

Call Chris Smith at 479-6808 with any questions

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	1/2 Dozen Luminaries	s @ \$5.00 each	= \$	
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Bloomsbury on the Green



Bloomsbury Environmental Commission

If you truly love Nature, you will find beauty everywhere-Vincent Van Gogh

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Best Buy Recycles Old Electronics

Do you have old TV's, computers, VHS recorders that you are looking to unload? Best Buy in Phillipsburg recycles your old electronics free of charge. They will accept up to 3 items on any day. The hard drive to your computer must be removed and destroyed

Bloomsbury Registers to Become A Sustainable Jersey Community

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY is a certification program for municipalities in NJ that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain thieir quality of life over the long term. Once Bloomsbury becomes certified we will be eligible for state and private financial incentives to help our community become greener. Visit www.sustainablejersey.com for details

Join the Bloomsbury Environmental Commission

The Bloomsbury Environmental Commission is looking for members to join our team. We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining please contact Ilse Goshen at ilsegoshen@earthlink.net

Heads Up Adopt a Tree- Spring 2011

The Bloomsbury Shade Tree Advisory Committee (BSTAC) will be organizing a Adopt A Tree program in the spring of 2011. Our goal is increase our tree canopy along our Borough streets.. We will be ordering trees next month for spring planting. These trees will be planted between your house and the road. This program is funded by a Foresty Stimulus Grant from the NJDEP. More info to follow

Tree Planting Seminar Scheduled For December 18th

The Bloomsbury Shade Tree Advisory Committee is sponsoring a Tree Planting Seminar for Saturday December 18th at 1:00 pm at the Bloomsbury Borough Hall. Bloomsbury resident, Don Korbobo, a NJ Certified Tree Expert, will be speaking on the different planting techniques for trees. This was funded by a Stimulus Grant from the NJ Dept of Environmental Protection.

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We had a contested Council election this year. Congratulations to Vicky Papies for winning another term, and congratulations to Chris James for winning his first term. And thank you to Brian Boyle who stepped up and provided voters with a choice in this election. I hope Brian will remain involved, and I will use this as a shameless plug to encourage you to consider volunteering for our community. Bloomsbury is a very small town. We are dependent on volunteers to keep our community safe, our taxes down and to maintain or quality of life. There a plenty of opportunities out there, no matter your interest level - if you like adrenaline, consider the Fire Department or Rescue Squad (or the Auxiliaries); if you want to be around kids, consider the PTO, recreation or the Celebrations Committee; if land use is your thing, we have the Planning Board, Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Committee. The point being – there are plenty of opportunities. If you are interested in serving - whether in a specific capacity or in a more general one, please let us know (call Borough Hall or send me an e-mail) and we will be sure to find something to match with your interests.

I want to give a special thanks to our "Towne Cryer", Jennifer Rittenhouse (who is also a member of the Planning Board). Jen has maintained our website – which I maintain is one of the finest in Hunterdon County – free of charge for many years. She is also behind our e-mail alerts, which are used with regularity. Jen is an example of the kind of civic minded resident that makes Bloomsbury such a great place to live. Thanks, Jen – we all appreciate your work. With that said, please make it a point to regularly check our website, which is full of useful information; please also sign up for the e-mail alerts, which we use more and more with each passing month (www.bloomsburynewjersey.com). If you are not on the e-mail alert list you are missing out on important information.

Please feel free to attend our monthly Council meetings, which are the fourth Tuesday of each month. Otherwise, have a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

Mark Peck, Mayor

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Beginning on January 1 through January 22, 2011 Christmas Trees will be picked up curbside.

Please make sure to have all decorations & stands removed from your tree and placed curbside for pickup.

No trees will be picked up after January 22nd.

BLOOMSBURY HOSE COMPANY LADIES AUXILIARY

The Bloomsbury Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary is seeking members. If you are interested in fundraising to help the fire company purchase fire equipment or serving refreshments at emergency scenes, please join us. For more information call Alice Davis-Kearney at 908-479-1823.

ALL VEHCILES MUST BE REMOVED FROM BOROUGH STREETS IN THE BOROUGH WHEN MORE THAN TWO INCHES OF FROZEN PRECIPITATION FALL!!!

Borough Winter Ordinances

The Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury announce that in order to comply with Borough ordinances:

- Beginning on November 15 and ending on March 31 there shall be NO PARKING on the Southerly side of Brunswick Avenue from its intersection with Church Street to its intersection with State Highway 173 during and following any period of frozen precipitation (e.g. snow, sleet, etc.) for so long as the roadway is not entirely free of accumulations of frozen precipitation. The Borough is empowered to tow any vehicle from Brunswick Avenue and impound it, which shall be released only upon payment of all fees and charges incurred as a result of towing said vehicle. The fine for any individual or corporation or other entity which violates this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00. (Adopted April 11, 2000)
- All motor vehicles must be removed from all streets in the Borough when more than two inches of frozen precipitation fall and must remain off the street until 12 hours after cessation of frozen precipitation events. If the vehicle is not removed from the streets, the Borough is entitled to tow said vehicle from the streets and impound said vehicle, which shall be released only upon payment of all fees and charges incurred as a result of towing said vehicle. The fine for any individual or corporation or other entity which violates this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00. (Ordinance #113-78, Amended March 13, 2001)
- Every property owner must make sure that the entire sidewalk, both width and length, adjoining, crossing or located on their property is free of snow and ice at all times. Every property owner will be allowed 24 hours following the cessation of snow to comply. The snow or ice cannot be placed on public streets. Failure to comply will result in a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00 for a first offense. Subsequent offenses, regardless of the year in which they occur, shall result in a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000. Every 24-hour period or part thereof during which there is a failure to comply, shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. (Adopted April 11, 1978)

Bloomsbury Borough

DECEMBER 2010

FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents -

Winter is approaching, so that can only mean one thing – SNOW. As in years past I ask residents to follow our snow ordinances. We call out the salt trucks and plow when we have 1.5" of snow on the ground, so if snow is forecast please move your vehicles off the streets. If your vehicle is on the streets and the plows are out your vehicle is subject to being ticketed and towed.

Some residents do not have driveways. If you know someone without a driveway, be a good neighbor and offer them use of yours. If you do not have access to a driveway we are working on extending our arrangement with the owner of the large parking lot off Gardner Avenue (between Main and North); nothing is finalized yet, but we are hoping to have something in place soon. I will let everyone know via e-mail if this is an option.

Also relating to traffic and parking — if you drop your kids off at the school (or pick them up), where the curb is painted yellow is a "no parking" zone. This area is for drop off/pick up only. It is inconsiderate and unsafe to park your vehicle there while others behind you are stacked up and trying to drive around you. Anyone seen parking their car or getting out of there car at this location will be ticketed, with no further warnings. If you feel the need to get out of your car, park elsewhere and walk to the school.

The Route 173 bridge rehab project finally finished in September, after a long spring and summer of heavy traffic through the Borough. Your patience – especially residents of Bethlehem, Brunswick and Main – is greatly appreciated. Our streets took a beating from this (with no assistance from the State, of course), which has prompted us to prepare plans for the reconstruction of Main Street. We have applied for a grant for phase 1 of the Main Street project, which will totally rebuild the street from Church through to Center. If this grant is awarded, and we are hopeful and optimistic that it will, work should begin in the spring. We will then apply for the next phase, which would rebuild between Center and East, and then so on each year. Ultimately we would like to be able to completely re-do all streets in the Borough.

On to the continuing saga of the Mill. A new redeveloper has expressed interest in the Mill. His engineers (structural and civil) have inspected the premises, and found the building to be sound. We are negotiating an agreement with him, and are hopeful that the fourth time is the charm.

Garbage and recycling will take center stage for the next several months. As many of you are aware, Kaspar is no longer our garbage hauler (due to retirement). A new hauler, Premier Disposal, has taken over the remainder of the Kaspar contract. We have all noticed that Premier shows up earlier

than Kaspar did, and also is a little more picky with what they take – as inconvenient as this is, they are acting consistent with State regulations, so we just have to make sure we get our trash up early on garbage day.

Our garbage contract is a five (5) year contract that will expire early next year. We are preparing bid specifications for our next contract. Our garbage rates did not increase the last time we renewed our contract, so it has been ten (10) years since our rates increased. Under any normal circumstance we would expect our rates to increase, to account for inflation over the past ten years if for nothing else. We very much hope to offer the same level of service to residents for garbage and recycling pick up – and I know there are many who wish we could have more frequent recycling pick up – but we will have to see what the responding bidders have to say.

On top of the uncertainty with garbage rates and recycling frequency, we have to deal with the State mandated 2% budget cap, which means that we can only increase spending by 2% (which I support, incidentally). However beneficial this law may be, it may hamstring us with the new garbage contract. We may be faced with a situation where to maintain our same level of service it would cause us to go beyond the 2% cap—which would then force us to reduce services to meet the cap. Reducing services could mean limitations on what we can put our curbside—perhaps bag/can limits or something else. This will prove to be a thorny issue moving forward.

Beyond the uncertainty with rates and service levels, the State is mandating forced compliance with their recycling rules. Borough Council is currently debating a recycling ordinance. This ordinance was provided by Hunterdon County under duress from the State. The ordinance mandates that we have 'garbage police" to foster compliance with the State's recycling goals. Of course, we are subject to a 2% spending cap - so even if we wanted garbage police (which we don't) we have no means to pay for them. I am certain that Council will adopt a recycling ordinance that encourages residents to meet State recycling goals, but that will not have punitive or coercive methods or garbage police. That all said, I encourage residents to recycle as much as they can - it's not only good for the environment, it reduces our solid waste stream and therefore helps lower our garbage bill. Please stay tuned for more on this constantly developing issue.

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