

THE

STRATFORD TIMES

digital edition



From the Desk of Councilwoman Martin, Director of Public Events
dawnmartin@stratfordnj.org



Judges Wanted for the 2024

Miss Stratford and Little Miss Stratford Pageants

Our annual Miss Stratford and Little Miss Stratford pageant will be held on **Friday, April 26th**. If you are interested in applying to be a judge in either pageant, please contact Councilwoman Dawn Martin at dawnmartin@stratfordnj.org. Criteria for being a judge:

- Individuals who are related to contestants through blood relation or by marriage, are ineligible to be a judge.
- Judging a pageant is an exciting and rewarding experience. You get the chance to make a contestant's dream come true while helping choose a positive role model for the community. With such an important role, it is important to follow the highest standards of etiquette and professionalism to ensure the best contestant is chosen.



Independence Day Parade



We want **YOU** to help us plan the best 4th of July parade in our area! Would you like to participate or do you know a group or company that would like to participate in our parade? If you are interested in volunteering to help plan the parade or assist with festivities after the parade, please contact Councilwoman Dawn Martin at dawnmartin@stratfordnj.org. We're looking forward to seeing the wonderful floats and participants from previous years and welcoming new participants.



**Opening Day
is scheduled for
Saturday, April 6, 2024
at 9:00 am**

**** rain date **
Sunday, April 7, 2024
at 9:00 am**

It will take place at the Hagerty Field on the corner of Yale and Central Avenues. Please come out and support the young boys and girls of the community as they begin their baseball and softball season. One of our proud traditions continues!

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Dear Neighbors,

Redevelopment and Business News

At the Stratford Municipal Council Meeting held at the Public Safety Building on Thursday, February 8, 2024, the governing body unanimously adopted Resolution #2024:38 to remove Laurel Mills LLC as the redeveloper for the former Laurel Mills Shopping Center site.

This action was taken after the owner/developer defaulted on a series of mandates, designed to

continually advance the development of the former shopping center. We share in the public's frustration, since this owner has delayed and stalled this project for far too long. With that said, the Borough Solicitor prepared and sent a default notice to Laurel Mills, LLC. Moving forward, the Borough of Stratford will be seeking proposals (RFP's) from qualified developers in order to select a responsible, responsive redevelopment entity to finally develop the site. We look forward to a new developer who will work cooperatively with Stratford and the governing body.

We thank you for your understanding, as we navigate this process.

Ryan Homes is now completing the final building at Stratford Commons on Berlin Road. They will be celebrating their one-year anniversary next month, and we are proud of their commitment to the project, and welcome the new homeowners to Stratford. Many of the new residents purchased due to the close proximity to PATCO Transportation Center. This is the first new home development in Stratford since Woods n Leaves was completed almost 60 years ago.

At Stratford Square development on the White Horse Pike, the Stratford Joint Land Use Board (JLUB) approved the old Bradlees space to be a warehouse, with 10 truck bays. Velocity Partners is the owner of this project. They plan to begin work in order to entice a tenant for this space. Velocity Partners is a large owner of warehouse space in the Philadelphia area.

Also, at Stratford Square the front facade facelift along the strip stores is moving along. The old canopy was removed, and the new front face is beginning to be installed now.

At the new Veterans Village complex on Colby Avenue, interior renovations continue. The new entry doors for each apartment have been installed, along with the new windows on the rear walls of the apartments. They are continuing to complete the interiors. When completed there will be 21 one-bedroom apartments dedicated to US military veterans.

The Stratford senior living facility has been officially named. It will be called "Creekside at Stratford". They have received some long-awaited approvals from the NJ Department of Health, and expects to start ground work in the early part of 2024.

Auto Zone is now open and operating in the retail space once occupied by Pep Boys. Pep Boys still retains their bay service on the Princeton Avenue side of the building. Auto Zone and Pep Boys worked hard to resolve a need in the area and to join efforts in one location.

The prior Friendly's property has been sold, and the new owner is working on updating and renovating the interior space. They have installed new windows, and worked on the parking lot. The new establishment will be Rob's Kitchen – Jamaican and Soul Food.

The old Harris School of Business site next to the TD Bank on the White Horse Pike has sold. The new owner has applied for interior kitchen permits to create a new restaurant space.

The JLUB is holding a special meeting on March 18th to hear the application for a new storage facility on Berlin Road. The property is part of the Berlin Road Phase 2 Redevelopment Area and Plan. The existing site is a car repair business, which originally was a Bell Telephone truck depot. The property is under contract for sale. The new developer made a public presentation to Mayor and Council at their February 8th Meeting where a color rendering was shown, and the developer was present to answer questions. The color rendering is posted in the lobby at the Borough Hall. The new building will be three stories tall, and the project will cost over \$15 million.

Linda Hall
Proud Mayor of Stratford

We would like to know what you think
of our town newspaper.

Please email to info@stratfordnj.org
your thoughts and ideas that can be used
for future issues, this includes information
from any Stratford Civic Organizations.

Next Issue **May 2024**
all submissions must be received by
April 25th to be included in the next issue.



BOROUGH BITS & Helpful Hints



FEES

DOG

Spayed/Neutered \$15.00
Non Spayed/Non Neutered \$20.00

CAT

Spayed/Neutered \$10.00
Non Spayed/Non Neutered \$15.00



DOG AND CAT LICENSING/PET ORDINANCES All licenses should be renewed by the end of January. If you no longer have your pet, please call the Borough at 783-0600 to let us know. If you have called, thank you. A reminder that there is an ordinance for your pet/pets wandering beyond your property without a leash; and for disturbing the peace and quiet, with habitual barks or cries. Please take note to be considerate of your neighbors. Any new dogs or cats 6 months of age or older must be registered, please stop by the Borough Hall.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS

Please remember when walking your dog, there is a "pooper scooper" law in Stratford. Please be considerate of other residents' yards, as well as your own.

BOROUGH CODE - CHAPTER 6.04 – DOGS AND CATS

The Borough of Stratford would like to give a friendly reminder regarding pet regulations.

- Running at large prohibited. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog, cat or other domestic animal shall suffer or permit it to run at large upon the public streets, public sidewalks, public parks or in any public building or in any other public place or on any private property without the consent of the owner.
- Leash requirement. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public streets or in any public places of the borough unless such dog is accompanied by a person over the age of twelve (12) years and is securely controlled and confined by an adequate leash not more than six (6) feet long.



STORM DRAINS

The Borough of Stratford has a Storm Water Management Plan and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to help reduce flood damage and soil erosion, and to minimize pollution

runoff into our water supply. We need your help to ensure the protection of our water through the storm drain system.

Please remember:

- Limit your use of fertilizers/ pesticides
- Properly use and dispose of hazardous products
- Keep pollution out of storm drains
- Clean up after your pet
- Don't feed wildlife
- Don't litter- Don't throw discarded items into woods or ravines
- Dispose of yard waste properly- Use our Green Waste Collection!

For more information about storm water visit:

Borough of Stratford Stormwater Information Center

<http://stratfordnj.org/stormwater-information>

NJ .gov Stormwater In

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/stormwater>



Visit the Borough webpage at www.stratfordnj.org, to sign-up for the "eNews service. There are multiple links throughout Borough's website to sign-up for this service.

Please **NOTE** the eNews Blast service is a **NO-REPLY** service and if you have any questions about a specific eNews Blast, please contact the Borough Hall during normal hours of operation.

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

The Borough of Stratford has a medicine disposal bin located at the Justice Facility

– 315 Union Ave. Accepted items for bin include:

- Prescription
- Prescription patches
- Prescription medication
- Prescription ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Pet Medication



HANDICAPPED EQUIPMENT

If you have used handicapped equipment such as commodes, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc. you may drop them off at Borough Hall. Many residents cannot afford such equipment and depend on the inventory at the Borough Hall. Thank you for your kind donations.

Free Rabies Clinic

**March 9th
12 noon to 3:00 pm**



This year the event will take place March 9th at the Stratford Fire Hall from 12 noon to 3:00 pm.

This is a **FREE** service for dog and/or cat owners in Camden County.

If you are unable to attend that date, check with Borough Hall for other free rabies clinics offered in Camden County.

Please note, we will **NOT** be issuing pet licenses during this event.

To obtain your pet's license, you may stop at the Borough Hall during regular business hours or mail the appropriate payment to Borough of Stratford 307 Union Ave. Stratford, NJ 08084

LATE FEES BEGIN APRIL 1st 2024.

Please be sure your pet has a valid rabies vaccine for this year in order to be eligible for a license.



Borough's Honorary Employees of the Year

Mayor and Council recently honored two local boys as the Borough's Honorary Employees of the Year for their efforts to emulate some of Stratford's hardest workers.

Rori and Zennyn Foxhill are big fans of the Stratford Trash team. For Halloween, the pair decided they wanted to dress up like their favorite municipal employees. The pair even turned their little red wagon into their very own trash truck.

Rori, Zennyn and their truck were a big hit on Halloween, patrolling their neighborhood decked out in their day glow hats and t-shirts. At its February 8 meeting Mayor Hall and Borough Council honored the pair and issued each a Proclamation declaring them an Honorary Employee of the Year!



Help Support Our Troops

For 18 years, the Military Support Group of New Jersey Inc., a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization,

has Collected, Packed and Shipped out Care Packages to U.S. Active Duty Military Troops who are Deployed out of the USA. We also Collect Non-Perishable Food Items for Military Families at Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst and Pomona Air Base.

If you would like to share the Name & APO or FPO address of your deployed Military person (any Branch of the Military) - please Email that info to Karen Jennings at KarenJJennings@aol.com

If you would like to Donate to this worthy cause go to Our website www.themilitarysupportgroupofnj.com to see the ITEMS that we collect (beef Jerky, Sunflower seeds, hard candy, gum, cookies, crackers, etc.) or to make a donation towards Postage Costs. for shipping.

Any questions, please Contact

Marine Mom, Karen Jennings at 856-783-1953, or cell 609-206-2015 Thank you. Serving the Military and their Families since 2004!

Karen Jennings, Marine Mom

Military Support Group of NJ

P.O. Box 118

Stratford, NJ 08084

O: 856-783-1953 C: 609-206-2015

Email: KarenJJennings@aol.com

Website: www.TheMilitarySupportGroupofNJ.com

Spring Forward



Daylight Savings | March 9th @ 2am

**Working
Smoke
Detectors
Save Lives**



STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENTS

Stratford's Annual
**EGG HUNT
& LUNCH**

For Stratford Children up to 3rd Grade



**Meet The Easter Bunny and
participate in an
Egg Hunt.**

**Lunch will be provided
compliments of NutriServe.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024 AT 12:00

EGG HUNT WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 12:15 PM

LOCATION: FIELDS BEHIND PARKVIEW SCHOOL

***PLEASE BRING A BAG OR BASKET
TO GATHER THE EGGS YOU COLLECT.**

**If you have any questions, please contact
Councilwoman Dawn Martin:
dawnmartin@stratfordnj.org**

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENTS...

**67th
Annual
Miss
Stratford
Pageant**



**2023 Miss Stratford
Haley Lucier**

**April
26,
2024
8:00 pm
Yellin School
Auditorium**

Participation Requirements

- ✦ 8th -12th grade student-13 to 19 years of age
- ✦ A Female Resident of Stratford
- ✦ A parent or guardian must accompany contestants 18 years of age or younger when submitting an application and provide a copy of the contestant's birth certificate.

✦ Please submit an application in person at Borough Hall,
307 Union Ave. by Friday, April 5, 2024.

Applications are available at Stratford Borough Hall, Parkview and Yellin School's Main Offices & Sterling High School or at
www.stratfordnj.org/miss-stratford/.

For more information, please contact Stratford Borough Hall at (856) 783-0600 or email Director of Public Events, Councilwoman Dawn Martin:
dawnmartin@stratfordnj.org

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENTS...

**4th Annual
Little
Miss
Stratford
Pageant**



**2023 Little Miss Stratford
Emma Burke**

**April
26,
2024
6:00 pm
Yellin School
Auditorium**

Participation Requirements

- ✦ Kindergarten through 4th grade student (5 to 9 years of age) inclusive of pageant date
- ✦ A Female Resident of Stratford
- ✦ A parent or guardian must accompany the contestant when submitting an application and provide a copy of the contestant's birth certificate.
- ✦ Please submit an application in person at Borough Hall, 307 Union Ave. by Friday, April 5, 2024.

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ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Hours of Operation

Thursday, March 28th: 12 pm. to 9 pm
Friday, March 29th: 12 pm to 9 pm
Saturday, March 30th: 9 am to 9 pm
Sunday, March 31st: 9 am until sold out





Monthly Programs

- 2/1 “Embroidery Workshop with Ylvia Asal” - 5 PM
- 2/8 “STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Activity with Autumn Smith” - 5PM
- 2/29 “Cooking at the Lib” – led by Rebeca Cintrón-Loáisiga from Veggies Mijas
- 3/14 “Folk Concert with R. G. Evans” – 5:30PM
- 4/20 “Annual Poetry Reading at the Whitman Strafford House” – 2pm

STRATFORD LIBRARY EVENTS

Weekly Program

- STORY TIME Mondays at 10:30 AM**
2/5 Miss Betsy
2/12 Miss Lizette
2/26 Guest Reader: Rebeca Cintrón-Loáisiga from Veggies Mijas. Each child will receive a free book.

- CHAIR YOGA with Geoff Caruso**
Tuesdays 12:30 PM
2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27

STRATFORD CRAFTERS CORNER
Thursdays at 5 PM

- Monthly Events**
1st Tuesdays “Book Café” at 1:30PM
2nd Wednesdays “LEGO Club” at 4:30
3rd Wednesdays “Book Club” at 7PM



Stratford Senior Center Events

March 2024



302 Union Ave, Stratford, NJ 08084



MARCH EVENTS

MARCH 6: 1-3 P.M. CATERED LUNCH

Free Catered Lunch

Sponsored by: Trinity Health Life

MARCH 13: 1-2 P.M. PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Join us for a fun time learning the popular game of Pickle Ball! Clinic will still be held indoors at the Community Center, as usual. One lucky participant will win a Pickle Ball set!

Hosted by: Stratford Parks & Recreation

MARCH 20: 1 TO 2 P.M. BINGO

Free Bingo and gift card prizes!

Hosted by: Laurel Manor



MUST R.S.V.P. FOR ALL EVENTS!

by email:

StratfordSeniorCenter@Outlook.com

OR BY PHONE - (856)783-0600

Senior Residents from Stratford, Hi-Nella, Laurel Springs, and Somerdale are welcome to attend!

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

AND **RSVP** for events by email:

StratfordSeniorCenter@Outlook.com

OR BY PHONE - (856)783-0600

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 1 to 3 P.M. Catered Lunch	7	8	9
10	11	12	13  1 to 2 P.M. Pickleball Clinic	14	15	16
17 	18	19	20 1 to 2 P.M. BINGO with Prizes	21	22	23
24 	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



RSVP for Senior Center Events:

BY EMAIL -

StratfordSeniorCenter@Outlook.com

OR BY PHONE -

(856)783-0600





Parks and Recreation

Stratford Parks and Recreation Commission is looking forward to a year filled with enjoyment at our parks in 2024.

Here is the latest of what is happening at Stratford Parks:

- Saratoga Road Park** – We are in the process of installing some new equipment at the park. We will reopen the park in the next month. Once complete, we will host a community event at the park to show it off.
- Coolidge Park** – Still hoping to add a walkway from the gate to the playground equipment areas in 2024. We are in the process of getting quotes.
- Vassar Road Park** – This park continues to be enjoyed by the community. We will refresh the mulch and continue to beautify.
- Laureba Avenue Open Space Park** - This remains an open space area for those to enjoy. We are hoping to someday offer a dog park in that area but nothing is confirmed.
- Quaker Run Trail** - (off Whitman Ave) – This park is our rustic trail park for the community to enjoy hiking and being in nature.
- Yelling School Courts/Vassar Road** - We will be offering more pickleball clinics. Dates TBD Please look out for an eblasts from the Borough for more information and dates.
- Veterans Memorial Park**- Heroic Gardens is once again partnering with Stratford Parks and Recreation Committee for their 2024 volunteer season opener at Veterans Memorial Park. We will be cleaning up and beautifying the park to prepare for Spring. If you would like to join us, please register to volunteer by clicking on this link and sign up for the Saturday, April 6 date in Stratford. <https://heroicgardens.org/volunteer>
- Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. Feel free to join us. Check the borough website for locations. We try to hold our meetings at the different parks during nice weather.
- Also, please reach out to the borough to be added to the eblast list for the latest and greatest activities we offer throughout the year.

STRATFORD SWIM CLUB SOCIAL

MARCH 22ND | 6:30 TO 9:30 PM

814 SOUTH PUB AND KITCHEN

SOMERDALE, NJ



FUNDRAISER
BENEFITING THE
STRATFORD SWIM CLUB



*\$10 DISCOUNTED DRINK
BRACELET
DOOR PRIZES*

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

BRING \$\$\$ FOR
BASKET AUCTION
50/50 RAFFLE

STRATFORD SWIM CLUB PRESENTS

FOOD TRUCK & CRAFT SHOW

MAY 18, 2024 | 11 AM TO 4 PM

KIDS ACTIVITY
TABLE

50/50
RAFFLE



2 WEST VASSAR AVE,
STRATFORD, NJ



Stratford Fire Department "Station 64"

Membership Drive

Residents: The Stratford Fire Department is currently seeking residents 16 years of age and older to volunteer. Young men and women between 16-17 years of age will become a part of our Junior Firefighter program. Applicants 18 years of age and older will be trained as Active Firefighters. Free training and schooling. If interested, please stop by the Firehouse any Tuesday evening at 730 PM for a tour and to pick up an application.

House & Building Numbers

Please ensure your house number is visible from the street. This will assist emergency personnel when responding to assist our residents during times of emergencies. We have observed several homes in town that do not have house numbers properly affixed. Please pass this important information on to your neighbors as well. The boro code is attached for reference

Chapter 15.08 - Building Numbering System 15.08.010

Size of numbers—Acceptable materials.

All house numbers must be at least two and one-half (2½) inches high and made of metal, wood or plastic.

(Prior code § 78-1) 15.08.020 - Color and visibility. Each house number shall be of such a color as to contrast with the immediate background so that said number will be clearly visible from the opposite side of the street.

(Prior code § 78-2) 15.08.030 - Location and maintenance

All house numbers shall be placed on or over the front door, front transom glass or front of window or on either side of the entrance. In those instances when the house is not clearly visible from the opposite side of the street, the assigned numbers shall be clearly displayed on the curb or on a sign placed at the entrance driveway or walkway. After the number has been displayed or affixed to any home or building, it is unlawful to cover or conceal the number or to permit it to be covered or concealed either by natural growth or foliage or otherwise. Said number must be properly maintained so as to be clearly visible at all time.



February 2024

From the Desk of Chief Ronald Morello

After much deliberation, I am proud to return to the Stratford Police Department to serve as Stratford's Chief of Police.

When I retired some 18 months ago, I could not imagine returning to work in law enforcement,

let alone as a Chief of Police. While returning to serve our community as Chief was unforeseen, it has provided me the opportunity to complete some unfinished business.

Professional development, navigating police licensing, acquiring grants and departmental accreditation are just a few of my administrative priorities. Officer recruitment also tops that list. Attracting and retaining the best and brightest police officers to serve is clearly the key to our future success. While policing remains a very noble profession, police staffing remains a very serious challenge.

Looking forward, the residents of Stratford can count on the level of stability and reliability our officers have delivered to the community for so many years.

Respectfully,
Chief Ronald M. Morello



Stratford Police Department *NIXLE ALERT*

PLEASE REGISTER TO JOIN 2100 OTHER STRATFORD RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVE OUR VERY IMPORTANT COMMUNITY TEXT MESSAGES - EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM

This service delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications by web, e-mail, and cellular phone text messaging. For example, this system could be utilized to broadcast a description of a missing child, notify the public of a serious crime or announce major traffic detours or accidents.

UPCOMING ROAD DETOURS AND TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT USING NIXLE

Nixle is a completely free network, simple, and trusted. Stratford residents, school officials and business owners, can register in just minutes at www.nixle.com

Only representatives of the Stratford Police Department are able to issue alerts and messages via the Nixle System, therefore you can be assured that no spam or commercial advertisements will be sent to your inbox. Please take just a moment to register and remind friends and family members to do so as well. WWW.NIXLE.COM



ON-LINE POLICE REPORTING SERVICE

The Stratford Police Department would like to remind our residents of the availability of filing a police report online from your home or office. The online portal to the Stratford Police Department should only be used for matters that require reporting to the Stratford Police Department. Fraud, suspicious activity, or minor offenses that may not necessitate the immediate response by a Stratford Police Officer. The public is invited to follow the below link and file the report online if you so desire. Within 24 hours, an officer will review the submission for validity and make any follow up referral that may be warranted. If accepted for filing, a Stratford Police Department case number will be generated for future reference.

As a reminder, the non-emergency number for the police department is 856-783-8616, but keep in mind the police department offices are only staffed during normal business hours.

A link to the online police report portal may also be found on the Stratford Borough Police Department website.
<https://reports.csitech.com/OnlineReport.aspx>



FROM THE DESK OF Director of Police:

On behalf of the Borough of Stratford, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to view the Stratford Police Department's Annual Report which is published on the borough website. The governing body and the Stratford Police Department recognize the benefits of keeping our citizens informed, especially related to matters of public safety. To this end, the 2023 Annual Police Report has been published. The police administration sees the report is an important resource to help guide police officers and borough officials regarding crime trends and other societal harms that may affect the safety and security of all Stratford residents.



The hyperlink below will take you directly to the 2023 Annual Police Report. Please accept my invitation to learn more about the law enforcement function of Stratford Borough.

Link to Annual Report

<https://stratfordnj.org/pdf/pd/Annual-Report-23.pdf>

What is Emergency Management?

The Stratford Office of Emergency Management is a municipal public safety department that functions under the authority of the Office of the Mayor during times of emergencies, and under the Director of Emergency Services or Public Safety Director on a day-to-day basis. The office of Civil Defense was originally formed under the authority of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, and amended (P.L.81-920) and the New Jersey State of Emergency Management Act of 1942. In 1978, the federal government established the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and in 1986, New Jersey adopted the "emergency management" format by virtue of the NJSP Directive No. 61 when the authority of civilian defense activities was transferred from the New Jersey Department of Defense to the New Jersey State Police by way of executive order. The New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management is charged with providing for the health, safety, welfare of the people of the state of New Jersey and to aid in the prevention of damage to and the destruction of property during emergency. This is essentially the mission and duties of the Stratford Office of Emergency Management.

What does Emergency Management Do?

Emergency Management coordinates resources, response, and recovery activities and provides an orderly plan during emergencies such as bad weather, fire, hazardous material incidents, mass casualty events, and other emergency situations or police incidents to better protect our citizens and their property.



For those who cannot attend the monthly Council Meetings, the Stratford Police Department would like to take this opportunity to provide an overview of the police department’s activity for the year 2023.

For a more detailed crime blotter, the 2023 Annual Police Department Report can be found @ <https://police.stratfordnj.org/annual-reports>



2023 Year End Police Activity Report

321	Adults Arrests	10	Motor Vehicle Thefts
3	Juvenile Arrests	59	Drunk Driving Arrests
0	Homicide	76	Narcotics Arrests
5	Assaults to Police	44371	Traffic Tickets issued
59	Simple Assaults	231	Motor Vehicle Accidents
46	Criminal Mischief Complaints	54	Injuries from Car Accidents 7 Pedestrian Accidents
142	Harassment Complaints	1	Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents
6758	Other Investigations & Complaints	249	Alarm Activations
3	Burglaries, (residential or commercial)	1206	Total Crime Reports taken
2	Robberies by Weapons or Force	8110	Total Calls for Police Service
\$1,165,187.00 Thefts (property stolen)			
\$219,359 Stolen Property was Recovered or cleared by arrest, or otherwise			





Laurel Manor
REHABILITATION & HEALTH CARE CENTER

Hello Spring

DRIVE-THRU FLOWER
GIVEAWAY

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 27
3PM - 5PM

CALL or TEXT | Jenna Hodge
856.298.0118 | 18 W. Laurel Road

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey’s greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that’s why we’re all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it’s dirty.

As part of New Jersey’s initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

As required by NJDEP regulations, the Borough of Stratford would like to give all pet owners a friendly reminder regarding pet regulations. According to Borough Code – Chapter 6:04 – Dogs and Cats:

Removal of feces. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog, cat or other domestic animal shall cause or allow such dog, cat or other domestic *Defecation* animal to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any other nuisance on any public street, public walkway, public park, public building or any other public property, or upon any private property without the consent of the owner. Any persons, excluding a blind person with a guide dog, owning, keeping or harboring any dog, cat or other domestic animal which soils, defiles, defecates on or commits any nuisance on any public street, public walkway, public park, public building or any other public property, or upon any private property without the consent of the owner, shall immediately remove all feces deposited by any such dog, cat or other domestic animal in a sanitary manner.

“Proper disposal” of pet solid waste is placement in a designated waste receptable, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector, or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

Running at large prohibited. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog, cat or other domestic animal shall suffer or permit it to run at large upon the public streets, public sidewalks, public parks or in any public building or in any other public place or on any private property without consent of the owner.

Leash requirement. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog, cat or other domestic animal shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public streets or in any public places of the borough unless such dog is accompanied by a person over the age of twelve (12) years and is securely controlled and confined by an adequate leash not more than six (6) feet long.

Thank you for your consideration of your neighbors and for your care for our public spaces!





Basics of Raising Backyard Hens in the Suburbs

You have decided that you want Backyard Chickens! Good for you. Now, how do you do that so that your birds are safe and healthy, your neighbors are happy, and you are free to enjoy the benefits of owning chickens?

In this class our teacher, Jaclyn Ricci the Vice-Chair of Camden County Chickens, will discuss the benefits of having backyard hens for composting and sustainability, along with the educational knowledge of raising chickens in a suburb setting. Feed, care, health and coop requirements are covered and satisfy local community requirements.

Class Fee can be paid via PAYPAL under jricci505@gmail.com or drop a check off to 27 N Centre St., Merchantville, NJ 08109 with Attn: Chickens – Name of Your Town on the envelope along with contact information. A confirmation email will be sent once payment is received.

When: April 21st, 2024

Where: Stratford

Community Center

Time: 1:30–4:30

Cost: \$20

Contact :

stratfordhens@gmail.com

Limited spots available.

Priority seating for Stratford residents though all towns welcome. No walk-ins.

REGISTER YOUR SPOT TODAY!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2024 COLLECTION EVENTS*

CAMDEN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

NO BUSINESSES OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WILL BE ACCEPTED

HOURS: 8:30AM - 3:00PM - RAIN OR SHINE

- *MARCH 23: **CHERRY HILL** PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 1 PERINA BOULEVARD
- *APRIL 13: **COLLINGSWOOD** PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 713 N. ATLANTIC AVE.
- *MAY 18: **ATCO** PARKING AREA AT THE CORNER OF ATCO AVE. AND RARITAN AVE.
- *JUNE 8: **LINDENWOLD** CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 2311 EGG HARBOR ROAD
- *SEPTEMBER 28: **PENNSAUKEN** SANITARY LANDFILL 9600 N. RIVER ROAD
- *OCTOBER 19: **LINDENWOLD** CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 2311 EGG HARBOR ROAD

WHAT TO BRING

Automotive

Antifreeze
Brake Fluid
Car Batteries
Car Wax and Polish
Carburetor Cleaner
Degreasers
Diesel Fuel
Engine Starting Fluid
Gasoline
Grease
Lead-Acid Batteries
Motor Oil
Power Steering Fluid
Transmission Fluid

Paint-Related Products

Creosote
Driveway Sealer
Epoxies
Linseed Oil
Oil-Based Paint
Paint Strippers
Paint Thinners
Primers
Pruning Paint

Paint-Related Products cont.

Resins
Shellac
Solvent-Based Paint
Spray Paint
Stains
Turpentine
Varnish
Water Sealer

Household Cleaners

Aluminum Cleaners
Bleach
Cesspool Cleaners
Disinfectants
Drain Opener
Dry-Cleaning Solvents
Floor Wax
Furniture Polish
Lye
Metal Polish
Oven Cleaner
Rug & Upholstery Cleaner

Pesticides/Lawn care

Baygon
Chlordane
Diazinon
Dursban
DDT
Fertilizers
Flea Collars/Spray
Fungicides
Herbicides
Insecticides
Lindane
Malathion
Moth Balls/Crystals
Mouse & Rat Poison
Pyrethrins
Strychnine
Stump Killer
Weed Killer
Wood Preservatives

Fuels

Camping Fuel
Gasoline
Kerosene
Lighter Fluid

Personal Care

Fingernail Polish & Remover
Hair Coloring
Hydrogen Peroxide
Iodine
Mercury Thermometers

Home and Hobby

Chemistry Kits
Cutting Oil
Fluorescent Bulbs
Glues and Adhesives
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Mercury Thermostats
Pool Chemicals
Propane Tanks (25 LB & under)

QUESTIONS?

Call (856) 858-5241
for more information

WHAT NOT TO BRING

ACETYLENE/CO₂ TANKS
AIR CONDITIONERS
CEMENT/CEMENT MIX
COOKING OIL
EMPTY CONTAINERS
FIBERGLASS INSULATION
HEATING OIL TANKS
HELIUM/OXYGEN TANKS
JOINT COMPOUND
LANDSCAPE TIMBERS
MEDICATIONS
SCRAP METAL
SMOKE DETECTORS
TIRES

* INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DAY(S) OF EVENT(S):

- All residents must show proof of residency.
- All residents must remain in their vehicles throughout the event.
- All materials to be dropped off should be placed in the rear cargo area of the vehicle (not in the passenger seating area).

Get Connected



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Our Places of Worship

Stratford Presbyterian Church: 41 Warwick Road **Phone:** (856) 435 - 0892 **Website:** stratfordpres.org



Sunday Services
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome.
Pastor Rev. Martin L. Dawson (856) 784-0674

Word Life Center (formerly Word Fellowship Church): 10 West Laurel Road **Phone:** (856) 435-1771 **Website:** wordlifecenter.com



Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Kidz Church (preschool-gr. 6) - Sunday	10:25 a.m.
Mid-Week Service – Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Kid’s Club (gr K-5) – Wednesday	6:30 p.m.
Small Groups – M,T,Th	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Walk – 2nd & 4th Saturdays	9:45 a.m.
Heaven in Business – every 3rd Saturday	8:45 a.m.
Praise & Worship Night	6:00 p.m.
(last Sunday of month	

**Community
Prayer & Worship**
Monday - Saturday
See our website for times.

Healing Room of Camden County ~ Candlelight Prayer House: 2 W Laurel Road **Website:** candlelightph.org



We minister using the power of God to bring about healing in the body and spirit.
Open 1st Friday of the month 7 - 9 pm.
All are welcome!

Web links
Heaven in Business: hibs.org
Prophetic Art: wfcpropheticart.com

St. Luke R.C. Church: 55 Warwick Road **Phone:** (856) 627-2222 **Website:** dioceseofcamden.org



Buddhist Temple Duc Me Hien Mother of Grace Temple: 317 Princeton Avenue **Phone:** (856) 783 - 2327



Pureland Buddhist Society: 122 Union Avenue **Phone:** (856) 344 - 2248 **Website:** amtb.org



IMPORTANT BOROUGH CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY 911
Police/Fire/Ambulance/ Sewerage Problems 784-4900

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

BOROUGH HALL 783-0600
BOROUGH FAX 783-7949
POLICE 783-8616
COURT 547-0712
FIRE 783-1649
AMBULANCE
SEWERAGE 783-0601
LIBRARY 783-0602

SPECIAL SERVICES

Assessor in Thursdays 6:00 pm
Construction Official 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Electrical Inspector in Tuesday & Thursday By Appointment
Plumbing Inspector in Tuesday & Thursday By Appointment



Council Meetings
begin at 6:30 pm

March 7th Council Chambers
March 12th via ZOOM
April 4th Council Chambers
April 9th via ZOOM
May 9th Council Chambers
May 14th via ZOOM

Agenda Meetings will be held in Council Chambers
Regular Meetings will be held via Zoom
Council Chambers is located at the
Public Safety Building 315 Union Avenue

Borough Council Who's Who

- Mayor Linda Hall**
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- Councilman James Kelly**
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Director of Police
- Councilwoman Dawn Martin**
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Director of Public Events

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

March 29th offices will be closed for Good Friday
May 27th offices will be closed for Memorial Day
July 4th offices will be closed for Independence Day

SCHOOLS

Parkview School - 123 Parkview Road 783-2876
Samuel S. Yellin School - 111 Warwick Road 783-1094
John Paul II Regional School - 55 Warwick Road 783-3088
Under the Sun Learning Center - 44 Berlin Avenue 783-9715
Sterling High School (Somerdale) - 501 S. Warwick Road 784-1333
Little Praisers Preschool - 120 Union Avenue 435-5353

ORGANIZATIONS

Get Your Event Featured in the Stratford Times Next Issue scheduled for *May 2024*
Contact the Boro Office at 856 - 783 - 0600
Email - info@stratfordnj.org
all submissions must be received by *April 25th* to be included in the next issue.