

Buena Vista Township



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Community*

The Western Atlantic Parent-Family Support Network

The purpose of this group is to improve parents' abilities to effectively raise their children and be self-sufficient. This community-involved, social service program provides support to parents and children in families living in Western Atlantic County New Jersey. Their new location is at the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center, 661 Jackson Road, Newtonville, NJ. For more information call Jerome Johnson at 609-561-1149 or visit www.fsasj.org. See page 3 for upcoming programs.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Buena Vista Township Reorganization 2012

Buena - On Tuesday, January 3, 2012 Buena Vista Township held their Annual Reorganization Meeting. The evening began with the Flag Salute led by VFW Post #158. The Invocation was given by Pastor Ken Albert of the Abundant Living Church. Special



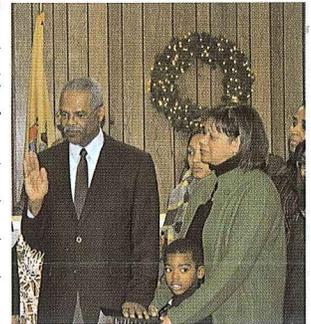
Peter Bylone being sworn in as Mayor as his wife Mannelta and family look on.

music selections were performed by the Bud Dennis Duo. Deputy Township Clerk Linda Gonzales called the meeting to order.

Re-Elected Township Committeewoman Sue Barber was sworn into her fifth

term as a Township Committeewoman (12th year of service) by Township Solicitor Mark Stein.

Peter Bylone was selected for his first term as Mayor (25th year in service) and Richard Harlan (2nd year in service) was sworn in as Deputy Mayor to his first year



Richard Harlan being sworn in as Deputy Mayor as his wife Loretta and family look on.

by Township Solicitor Mark Stein. Over 100 appointments to various boards and committees were made to professionals and local citizens.

The meeting ended with a benediction by Reverend David Mallory of the First Baptist Church of Richland.



Buena Vista Forecast for 2012

By Mayor Peter Bylone

Welcome to 2012! With the beginning of a new year comes annual planning and budgeting. Let's start with what everyone already knows: times are tough. The increasing cost of health care, insurance, fuel, and general repairs to our aging buildings, equipment and roads can make it very challenging to put together a balanced budget. Rest assured that your township committee is up to the task. We will be scrutinizing the list of any equipment and projects that may be requested in 2012. We are committed to staying within the state mandated 2% budget cap, which was placed on us beginning last year, also we must always take into consideration the possibility of further state aid cuts.

We are working on grants from several sources that will allow us to enhance several different areas of Buena Vistas Township. One of these grants is a department of transportation grant for

\$148,000 for a bike path in the Village of Richland. This path will connect the existing bike path on Cedar Avenue with the train station and Main Avenue. We already have two grants from Atlantic County: First, an \$180,000 grant from the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for roof repairs on the Martin Luther King, Jr. building. The second is a \$265,000 Open Space and Recreation grant from Atlantic County which can be used for purchase of property or recreation improvements at any of our numerous parks within the township, including Michael Debbi and Saw Mill Parks in Richland, Wilder Hines Park in Newtonville, and John Quigley Park in Collings Lakes. We are still considering the best plan of action on this grant. Also at John Quigley Park, we are applying for a \$25,000 grant to construct a three mile long nature trail which would run behind

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the current park location. The grant will also allow signs to be installed that will identify the different trees, shrubs and plants that make up our scenic New Jersey woodlands. An application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation has begun for an additional grant in the amount of \$265,000 to reconstruct a portion of Weymouth Road. Rounding out our requests, we are applying for a \$175,000 Safe to School grant to extend the sidewalks around Collings Lakes Elementary School. This will give the walking students a safe commuting pathway extending the current sidewalks 2,400 feet to the Collings Lakes firehouse area.

There have been many positive things happening in our community. We are always pleased to welcome a new member to our business community. Waste Management recently purchased the waste transfer station on Route 54 from the Cifaloglio family. Waste Management is a national operation which will result in the township receiving increased hosting fees for the trash that will be going through this facility from throughout the region. We would like to welcome them and we wish them much success. Some of our other local businesses are conducting their own improvement projects. Also located on Route 54, American Galvanizing is looking to increase their storage capabilities through their recent purchase of an additional 40 acres of ground previously owned by Buena Vista Township. In the East Vineland section of the township, DeThomasi's Five Points Inn recently made improvements to their main entrance and made decorative changes in the main dining area. Merighi's Savoy Inn is adding an additional dining area with an expansive outdoor deck. This comes on the heels of their recent banquet facility renovations, and new solar field. Richland Volunteer Fire Company is enjoying their new facilities and East Vineland Volunteer Fire Company's new station is currently under construction.

Buena Vista Township is also proud to announce, through the efforts of Rev. David Mallory, Richard Harlan and John Lloyd, the addition of Family Services, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. Big Brothers and Big Sisters, literacy programs, computer classes, mentoring and tutoring are just some of the services that will be provided thanks to a grant from the Pascal Sykes Foundation. There will be many future services available to our residents and all those residing in Western Atlantic County. These same dedicated gentlemen are working to complete an agreement to make more public transportation available to this area as well. We are excited for the expansion of services being made available to our community.

The township committee is always looking for ways to provide services that better the lives of those who live in Buena Vista Township. If you are a resident and are interested in serving or have any ideas you would like to share, please contact us at the municipal building at (856)-697-2100 or (609) 561-5650. Or you can email us at buenavistatwp@comcast.net. Everyone on the committee is looking forward to serving the people of Buena Vista Township in 2012.

Buena Regional High School Video Wins \$10,000



Buena Regional High School Choir Director Mike McCausland and his Performing Arts Students receive "Making Buena Vista Proud Awards" by Committeewoman Sue Barber at the Township's January 23rd televised meeting. Mr. McCausland and his students made a two-minute music video for the "Glee Give a Note" campaign and thanks to community support they were a finalist and won \$10,000 for the Buena Regional High School.



Superintendent Walt Whitaker introduces **Jann Bohlen** as the new **Business Administrator/Board Secretary** for the Buena School District at the January 23rd televised meeting.

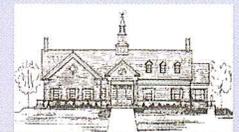


Atlantic County Freeholders John Risley (l) and Alex Marino (r) visits the Township Committee in January. Buena Vista Township is now in the 2nd Legislative District (instead of the 1st).



BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Mayor Peter Bylone • Deputy Mayor Richard Harlan
 Committee Members Sue Barber, Chuck Chiarello & Teresa Kelly
 Administrator/Chief Financial Officer - Dawn Gorman
 Township Clerk - Dawn Gorman
 Tax Collector - Dawn Gorman • Tax Assessor - Bernadette Leonardi
 Director of Public Works - Richard Calareso • Court Administrator - Mannelta Bylone



Western Atlantic Parent-Family Support Network

Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center
661 Jackson Road
Newtonville, NJ
609-561-1149

All programs, events and activities are FREE of charge.

Workshop on "Study Skills & Homework Tips" for Parents and Teenagers

Cathleen Morris, LCSW from AtlantiCare School Base Program in Buena Regional High School is presenting this workshop on Wednesday, February 23, 2012 at 5:00 pm. Both parents and children are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

Diabetes Self Management Community Workshop

A six week workshop starting on Thursday, February, 23, 2012 at 2:00 pm. To REGISTER, please call 609-561-1149. Feel better. Be in Control. Do the things you want to do.

Wrap with your kids!

Statistics show, children who have meals with adults at home are less likely to use drugs. In fact, by having just one meal a day with your child, you could decrease the likelihood that she'll try marijuana by up to two-thirds.

Join the 15-Minute Child Break Parent Presentation and spend an hour learning how to talk to your kids about drugs and alcohol. A presentation will be held on Tuesday, February, 28, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

FREE Training Adult Basic Education/GED Program

*Money-Smart and Work-Ready Adult Basic Education Program**

During this program you will work to improve your knowledge and scores in mathematics and reading. It will help prepare you to meet your education and employment goals. Join us for the next class. Monday and Wednesdays 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Seating is limited. Contact Jerome Johnson, Program Manager for registration. *Funded by AtlanticCape Community College.

Parenting Support Groups

Parenting Support Groups meet once a month. Call 609-561-1149 for the next date and time.

Breast Health Awareness Workshop

Early detection is the foundation to well-being. Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 5:00 pm. Presented by Puerto Rican Action Committee in collaboration with Western Atlantic Parent-Family Support Network.

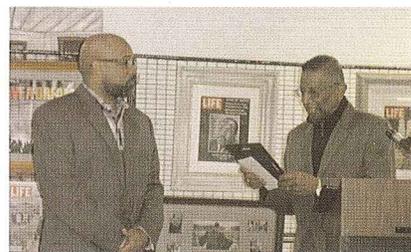
Seniors of Newtonville Area

by Roberta Corbitt

The Seniors of Newtonville Area started the New Year 2012 with their meeting and food distribution on January 4th. Approximately 50 families received bags from the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is open every other Wednesday 12:00 PM-5:00 PM. Anyone in need of food is welcome.

On January 6, 2012 the Seniors traveled to Longwood Gardens to view the Christmas Display. The gardens were beautiful with gorgeous poinsettias in a variety of arrangements. The Seniors were eager to observe the lights at night so they were able to see them early evening before leaving the gardens.

Monday, January 16, 2012, the annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, sponsored by the



Darwyn Minor (l) being recognized by Reverend David Mallory (r) for being an outstanding educator.

Seniors of Newtonville Area, was held at the MLK Center, 661 Jackson Rd. Newtonville, BVT, NJ. Every year there is a program with a variety of participants and speakers reviewing the legacy and memories left by Martin Luther King Jr. This year as part of the legacy to move forward, three outstanding educators, Darwyn Denard Minor, Derrick Anthony Minor, and Sharette Pierce were recognized for their service to the community and establishing opportunities for youth to achieve. The well attended affair was enjoyed by all.

The rest of the month will be spent on food distribution, celebrating all birthdays for the month, on January 25, 2012 knitting, crocheting and brain exercises by doing word finds. Every Wednesday a complete lunch is served for a donation of a dollar. All seniors are welcome.

Deputy Mayor Richard Harlan presented the **Seniors of the Newtonville Area** a "Certificate of Appreciation" for their continued contributions to our community and seniors.

Mr. Alexander Pierce was also recognized with an "Exceptional Service Award" for his outstanding service at the Martin Luther King Community FoodBank and his dedication to the residents of Newtonville.

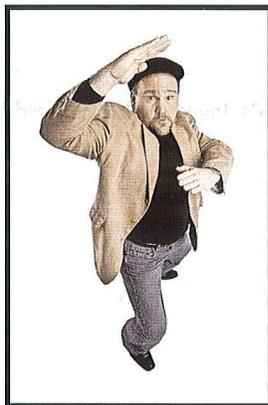


COMEDY TONIGHT!

Buena Vista Township Special Events Committee presents our

11th Comedy Relief Gala

Saturday, March 17, 2012



**Roundboy
Jimmy Graham**

Jimmy has made many television and radio appearances such as The Ricki Lake Show, The Manhouse(Comedy Central), The Keeler Show(FOX), Opie & Anthony(XM), Kid Kris(WYSP), Scotty & Alex(WYSP), Angelo Cattaldi(WIP) and Steve Trevelise(WIP). Filmed dozens of commercials. Movies were the inevitable next step with Disney's "Invincible" being The Roundboy's first of six motion pictures.

Tickets are

\$25 per person

The event will be held at the

Collings Lakes Fire Hall

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Show Begins at 8:30 pm

Price includes a Comedy Show featuring 3 comedians plus...

There will be a Buffet Dinner featuring:

Roast beef, chicken marsala, meatballs, string beans, a potato dish, tossed salad, macaroni salad, rolls, and desserts.

Cash Bar
Music by DJ



Collings Lakes Fire Hall
600 Cains Mill Road
Collings Lakes, NJ 08094

For tickets stop by the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building, Mayor's Office, 890 Harding Highway or mail check or money order to Buena Vista Township Special Events, PO Box 605, Buena, NJ 08310.

Please include the name of guests that you are paying for.

We welcome full table reservations of 8 and 10

Reserve early -- last year's show was a sell out!

For more information call Joan is the Mayor's Office at 856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650 extension 8 or Dolores Comparri at 856-697-1482.

Benefits the Buena Vista Township Special Events Committee

REGISTER YOUR DOGS AND CATS NOW! Clip Below

FREE Rabies Clinics Scheduled for BVT

2 DATES, 4 LOCATIONS

Mark your calendar!!



Saturday, March 10, 2012

- **Newtonville Fire Hall**
10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- **Richland Fire Hall**
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 24, 2012

- **East Vineland Fire Hall**
10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- **Collings Lakes Fire Hall**
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

If your dog or cat is not currently protected against rabies, please take advantage of this opportunity. Vicious dogs must be muzzled and an adult must accompany the dog.

Cat licenses of \$4.00 (spay/neuter) or \$6.00 (non-spay/neuter) and Dog licenses will be sold at the Rabies Clinics and at the Township Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Tuesday evening until 7:30 pm). **You can also obtain a license through the mail by sending a valid rabies certificate and proof of spaying/neutering with application shown below to: Buena Vista Township, Clerk's Office, PO Box 605, 890 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ 08310**

2012 N.J. DOG LICENSE

TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA

ATLANTIC COUNTY

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

SEX M F BREED _____ AGE _____ SIZE: S M L
(circle one) (circle one)

COLOR & MARKINGS _____ NAME _____

	Spayed Neutered	Non-Spayed Non-Neutered	Rabies Vaccination Compulsory Vaccination Expires _____
License Fee	\$ 7.80	\$ 7.80	Spayed/Neutered Yes No
N.J. Registration Fee	1.00	1.00	Spayed/Neutered by _____
N.J. Pilot Clinic Fund	.20	.20	Date _____
N.J. Pet Population Control		3.00	
Total	<u>\$ 9.00</u>	<u>\$ 12.00</u>	
(Late Fee if applicable)	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	

Licensing Official _____

THIS LICENSE EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND IS SUBJECT TO RENEWAL DURING JANUARY, 2013

2012 N.J. CAT LICENSE

TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA

ATLANTIC COUNTY

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

SEX M F BREED _____ AGE _____ SIZE: S M L
(circle one) (circle one)

COLOR & MARKINGS _____ NAME _____

	Spayed Neutered	Non-Spayed Non-Neutered	Rabies Vaccination Compulsory Vaccination Expires _____
Cat License Fee	<u>\$4.00</u>	<u>\$6.00</u>	Spayed/Neutered Yes No
			Spayed/Neutered by _____
			Date: _____
(Late Fee if applicable)	\$7.00	\$7.00	

Licensing Official _____

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SPECIAL ATTENTION

There will be a late fee of \$7.00 charged after March 31, 2012. Dog and Cat owners found without licenses after March 31st will be subject to a fine according to our local ordinance.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.2A, animal rabies vaccination immunization must extend thru at least the first ten months of the twelve month licensing period in order to purchase a current license.



Buena Vista Township



buonavistatownship.org

890 Harding Highway
Post Office Box 605
Buena, NJ 08310

**Events In This Issue
and Coming Attractions**

- * **BVT Comedy Night** - Only \$25 per person
Saturday, March 17th -
Collings Lakes Volunteer Fire Company
- * **Free Rabies Clinics - 4 Locations**
Saturday, March 10th - See Details Inside
Saturday, March 24th - See Details Inside
- * **18th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
and Coloring Contest**
Saturday, March 31st - Michael Debbi Park
- * **Community Health Fair & Awareness Day**
Wednesday, April 4th at Buena Vista
Township Municipal Building

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18th Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Coloring Contest March 31st

Richland - On Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 12:00 noon the Buena Vista Township Special Events Committee invites all Township children ages 1 -12 to the 18th Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Coloring Contest at the Michael Debbi Park, Richland. Your children can help find over 2,000 prize filled eggs and special bonus eggs with super prizes. Buena Vista children are encouraged to bring their



Easter Coloring Contest pictures to the park for judging. Entries should be received no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the hunt. Entry forms will be distributed to all Buena Regional District Elementary Schools, St. Mary's Regional School, and will also be available at the Township Municipal Building on Route 40. Coloring Contest prizes will be given in three age groups: 5 to 6; 7 to 9; and 10 to 12 years old.

Rain date for the event is Saturday, April 7th at 12:00 noon. Kids must bring their own baskets or bags. Refreshments will be available for sale. Family fun for all.

**Buena Vista Township's Eleventh
COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR & AWARENESS DAY**

featuring valuable information for Residents, Seniors, & Veterans

Hosted by: Committeewoman Sue Barber

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

at the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building

890 Harding Highway(Rt. 40), Buena



FREE
Breakfast
and Lunch



- Absecon Manor*
- Alzheimer's Association
- American Red Cross*
- Atlantic County Department of Family & Community Development
- Atlantic County Library System*
- Atlantic County Office of Veterans Center
- Atlantic County Surrogate*
- Buena Historical Society
- Cooper Wellness- Stress Screening*
- Griswold Special Care
- Juniper Village*

- Right at Home Health Care
 - Senator Jim Whelan*
 - Senior Care Center of Vineland
 - South Jersey Gas*
 - South Jersey Healthcare
 - Sun National Bank*
 - Susquehanna Bank
 - The Heritage Assisted Living & Adult Day Care*
 - Western Atlantic Parent-Family Support Network
 - Woodview Estates*
- (Partial listing only, many more agencies expected)

For more information contact Joan Stahl in the Mayor's Office at Buena Vista Township
856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650 extension 8.Fax: 856-697-0173
Email: buonavistatwp@comcast.net