

# Buena Vista Township



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**BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

*Mayor Sue A. Barber  
Deputy Mayor Richard Harlan*

**Committee Members:**  
*Peter Bylone  
Chuck Chiarello  
Teresa Kelly*

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Chief Financial Officer -**  
*Dawn Gorman*

**Township Clerk -** *Dawn Gorman*

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**Tax Assessor -** *Bernadette Leonardi*

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Buena Vista Township Reorganization 2013

On Monday, January 7, 2013 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 music selections were performed by the Bud Dennis Duo. Deputy Township Clerk Linda Gonzales called the meeting to order.

Re-Elected Township Committeeman Chuck Chiarello and Committeewoman Teresa Kelly were sworn into their 22nd year of service to the Township Committee by Freeholder Colin Bell.



Sue Barber was selected for her first term as Mayor (13th year in service) and Richard Harlan (3rd year in service) was sworn in as Deputy Mayor to his second year by Assemblyman Nelson Albano.



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.

## Congratulations! Buena Regional Varsity Football Team



Buena Regional Varsity Football Team, coaches and cheerleaders were recognized at the February 25th Township Meeting for winning the Atlantic County Junior Football League Championship.



Committeeman Peter Bylone presents Coach Aldo Falasca, Coach Bill Sneathen and players with "Making Buena Vista Proud Awards".

## Two New Exhibits on Display at AAHMSNJ

There are two new exhibits at the African American Heritage Museum. Works by Glynnis Reed with her mixed media collages explore issues of race, identity, sexuality and power. Paul Gibson's exhibit features an extensive collection of newspapers from the 1700, 1800 and 1900s. These exhibits will be on display at the museum until May 1, 2013. Admission is free, however, donations are always accepted and appreciated. The museum is located at the Martin Luther King Center at 661 Jackson Road in Newtonville. For more information call (609) 704-5495.

## BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP FORECAST

*by Mayor Sue A. Barber*

Buena Vista Township is moving into a new calendar year and direction for 2013. We also started the year with a new Mayor and new professionals.

I have over thirteen years municipal experience and serve on the Board of Atlantic Human Resources, The Governor's Multiple Sclerosis Task Force and Greater Delaware Valley Multiple Sclerosis Government Relations Board. I live in Richland with my two sons and husband John.

We have hired a top engineering firm, Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers with over 100 years of experience. They have services and resources that cannot be obtained by smaller firms. Our principal engineer, Robert J. Smith III, PE, PP, lives in Mays Landing.

Our auditor, Ray Colavita, of Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpe, has almost forty years experience. He is a properly licensed certified public accountant, a registered municipal accountant and a certified municipal finance officer. He is familiar with New Jersey statutes, rules and requirements in the operations of New Jersey governmental entities.

Attorney Joseph Gindhart is familiar with Buena Vista Township having lived and served as Solicitor for 29 years. He is well known in Atlantic County, also serving as Solicitor in Egg Harbor City and Egg Harbor Township.

We recently hired a new tax collector, Kacey Johnson. Kacey previously worked in the Atlantic City tax office and formally joined our team of dedicated Township professionals at our Reorganization meeting.

We are in the process of reviewing our 2013 budget. Our road program started with repaving of

Weymouth Road from the Hamilton Township line to the railroad tracks. Discussions and budget reviews with the new engineer are necessary before any additional paving is done. We are also asking the Department of Transportation for assistance redirecting congestion and traffic at the Route 54 and Weymouth Road light. Safety is our main concern.

The Pasquale Sykes Foundation has given a grant to supply Western Atlantic County with employment/transportation opportunities. This review is being done through Deputy Mayor Richard Harlan, Reverend David Mallory and Planning Board Member John Lloyd.

In Newtonville, the King Center roof is being replaced and a generator purchased in the event of another natural disaster. Playground equipment has been installed and tennis courts are coming. Lake Anne Park will be refurbished and upgraded.

New fencing and playground equipment has been obtained for the John Quigley Park in Collings Lakes. Also, the Civic Association is looking into replacing the Dam.

Richland's Michael Debbi Park is getting new playground equipment and possibly improved playing fields.

Work Employment vans will continue to serve Buena Vista, alternating their services on Wednesdays in Newtonville and Collings Lakes. Representatives will direct and support residents with interview skills.

The leadership of Buena Vista Township is taking these steps to ensure that safety and future prosperity will be provided in the most cost effective and professional way possible for all of our residents.



### **BVT EMS Installation Dinner**

Buena Vista Township Emergency Medical Services held their Annual Dinner on Saturday, February 2, 2013. Mayor Sue Barber is pictured presenting BVT EMS Chief Wayne Corsiglia a "Special Achievement Award" on the occasion of their 14 year anniversary.

### **Benefit for the Miro Family**

There will be a benefit to help the Miro family who recently lost everything in a fire. The benefit will be held at 5 Points Restaurant (580 Tuckahoe Road, Vineland, NJ 08360) on Sunday, February 17, 2013 from 4 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$30 per person for a full buffet. Make checks payable to: Buena Girls Basketball.

\*If unable to attend and would like to make a donation please contact Misty Russo at 697-2400 ext. 8239 or [mrusso@buena.k12.nj.us](mailto:mrusso@buena.k12.nj.us).

### **Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Upcoming Events**

\* On Saturday, February 16, 2013 they will be holding an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Blood Drive will be held at the Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Hall, 19 Malaga Road, Collings Lakes. For an appointment contact Diana at (856) 728-2783.

\* **Fish Fry Dinners** will be held on Friday, February 15th & 22nd, Friday, March 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd from 5 pm to 7 pm. Adults are \$10 per person and children are \$5.00 per person. Dinners include: fish, french fries, cole slaw, baked macaroni, desserts, coffee and tea. Children's platter: fish sticks, french fries, and baked macaroni. Take outs available. For more information call (609) 561-8313.

\* Catholic Daughters #2262 are sponsoring a **Spaghetti Dinner / Scavenger Hunt** on Sunday, April 14th from 12:30 pm to 5 pm at the Our Lady of the Lakes Hall. Adults are \$10 per person and children are \$5 per person. Come out and enjoy the fun. Enter the hunt or just have dinner. Three prizes will be awarded for the hunt. For more information call Nancy at (609) 287-1114 or (609) 264-5019.

## Western Atlantic Family Service Network

February is Black History Month, and to honor this we will be holding an essay contest. The contest will begin on the first day of February and will run until the 28th. It is open to all students through grade 12. Call (609) 561-1149 for rules.

We are still having the Gift for Grades for the Second Marking Period. All students that would like to participate have to receive only A's and B's on their report cards. Nothing else will be accepted. Parents all you have to do is bring in the report card and the child and they will receive a gift card and their picture will be taken at the end of the marking period. We will then take a copy of the report card and the child with the best grades will receive a special prize and dinner at the end of the year.

Family/individual counseling is available every Monday from 11 am to 6 pm (by appointment only) free of charge and is open to the public, all you have to do is call (609) 561-1149 to schedule your appointment.

The One-Stop Career Mobile Job Van can help if you are looking for a job or need help with your resume. It is free and open to the public. The van will be at the following locations: Collings Lakes (Our Lady of the Lakes Church), Buena Vista Township Municipal Building, Newtonville (Martin Luther King Center), Mizpah (Inland Human Service Building). For questions, date and time, or concerns about the job van please feel free to contact Robert Middleton or Brett Castone at (609) 561-1149.

For the month of March we will be holding the following events:

\*March 8 at 5 pm Family Game Night (light refreshments served).

\*March 1 & 15 at 5 pm Family Movie Night

\*March 15 at 5 pm Spaghetti Dinner, first come, first serve (a money donation is required).

\*March 30 we will be dyeing eggs and having an egg hunt. We are partnering with the staff of the Martin Luther King Center.

For the month of April we will be holding the following events:

\*April 5 at 5 pm Story Time and Movie (light refreshments).

\*April 9 from 9 am - 12 pm Minority Health Screenings

\*April 12 at 5 pm Taco Friday (a money donation is required).

\*April 26 at 5 pm Arts and Crafts for children and teens.

For the month of May we will be holding the following events:

\*May 10 at 5 pm Mother's Day Dinner (Reservation required).

\*May 24 at 5 pm Veterans Dinner. This will be our way to say thank you to the Veterans that served our country.

\*Let us celebrate your birthday for you (call for details).

## 2014 BVT Calendar Photo Contest

For all you Shutterbugs out there, the Special Events Committee is holding a Calendar Photo Contest. Everyone received their 2013 Calendar in December which featured photographs of various areas of the Township. For the 2014 Calendar, we want to show off the residents photographs. So warm up your cameras and start shooting a favorite place, a scenic view, an event or a gathering of friends and family. You can enter your photographs throughout the year, one for each month if you choose (limit 12 photos per person). All the photos will be judged and the winners will be featured in the 2014 Calendar.

There are several ways to enter: You can upload your photos and email them to [buenavistatwp@comcast.net](mailto:buenavistatwp@comcast.net) in the subject put "2014 Calendar Contest", mail photographs to Buena Vista Township, Attn: Special Events Committee, PO Box 605, Buena, NJ, 08310 or drop them off to Joan in Administration.

All photos must be labeled with your name, address, contact numbers and area where the photo was taken. If you want to see your photo on a specific month, please add it. Each photo submitted must be accompanied with a Photo Release and Entry Form. Forms are available at [www.buenavistatownship.org](http://www.buenavistatownship.org) under Announcements or you can stop by the Township Municipal Building.

## Miss Buena Pageant Contestants



Allison Carini



Asia Dockery



Courtney James



Ashley Julia



Kyla Porcellini



Briana Sykes-Medley



Kate Volpe



Judith Wilson

## Miss Buena Pageant to be held Sunday, February 24, 2013

On Sunday, February 24, 2013 the Miss Buena Pageant will be held at the Buena Vista Country Club at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and includes a buffet with cash bar.

This year marks our 8th Pageant and, for the first time, it will be open to girls who are Buena Vista Township AND Buena Borough residents in grades 9 thru 12. These young ladies will vie for the title of Miss Buena 2013.

The pageant gives the young ladies an opportunity to show off their talents and offers the experience of a lifetime.

A panel of judges will select a winner based on oral presentation, talent, poise, casual and formal dress. The winner will receive a prize package that includes: \$500, a crown, sash and a trophy. 1st place receives \$300 and a trophy and 2nd place receives \$200 and a trophy. All participants will receive a gift package, compliments of area businesses.

Tickets can be purchased from the contestants, Buena Vista Township Municipal Building, Joan in Administration, or at Buena Borough Town Hall. For more information, call Dolores Comparri at 856-697-1482 after 6 pm or call the Joan Stahl in Administration at 856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650 extension 8.

# REGISTER YOUR DOGS AND CATS NOW! Clip Below

## FREE Rabies Clinics Scheduled for BVT

2 DATES, 4 LOCATIONS

Mark your calendar!!



### Saturday, March 2, 2013

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

### Saturday, March 16, 2013

- **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 for \$9.00 (spay/neuter) or \$12.00 (non-spay/neuter) 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**

## 2013 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	
N.J. Pilot Clinic Fund	.20	.20	Spayed/Neutered by _____
N.J. Pet Population Control		3.00	Date _____
Total	\$ 9.00	\$ 12.00	
(Late Fee if applicable)	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	

Licensing Official \_\_\_\_\_

THIS LICENSE EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND IS SUBJECT TO RENEWAL DURING JANUARY, 2014

## 2013 N.J. CAT LICENSE

TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA ATLANTIC COUNTY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CAT: 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	\$4.00	\$6.00	Spayed/Neutered Yes No
LATE FEE	+\$ 7.00	+\$ 7.00	Spayed/Neutered by _____
			Date _____

Licensing Official \_\_\_\_\_

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### SPECIAL ATTENTION

There will be a late fee of \$7.00 charged after March 31, 2013. 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.

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# COMEDY NIGHT!

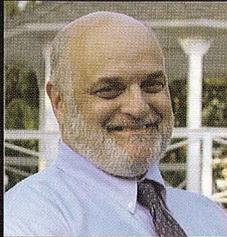
Buena Vista Township Special Events Committee presents our

## 12th Comedy Relief Gala Saturday, March 16, 2013

Reservations are

### \$35 per person

There will be a 10% discount for anyone booking a table of 8 or 10.



*MC & Host  
Joey Novick*

The event will be held at the  
**Buena Vista Country Club**

**Doors Open at 6:30 pm**

**Show Begins at 8:00 pm**

**Price includes a Comedy Show featuring  
Host and MC Joey Novick  
along with 2 other comedians plus...**

**There will be a Buffet Dinner featuring:  
Sausage and Peppers, Meatballs, Pasta, Green Beans, Salad,  
and Ice Cream Sundae.**

**Cash Bar**

*Benefits the  
Buena Vista Township  
Special Events Committee*

*Buena Vista Country Club  
301 Country Club Lane  
Buena, NJ 08310  
(856) 697-1200*

For tickets stop by the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building, Administration 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 in Administration 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*

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**19th Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Coloring Contest March 23rd**

On Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 12:00 noon the Buena Vista Township Special Events Committee invites all Township children ages 1 -12 to the 19th 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, March 30th 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 12th  
COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR & AWARENESS DAY**

featuring valuable information for Residents, Seniors, & Veterans

Hosted by: Mayor Sue Barber

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

at the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building

890 Harding Highway (Rt. 40), Buena



Come join us for a free light breakfast and/or lunch. There will be vendors, displays, free screenings (blood pressure, blood sugar, bone density scan, etc) and much more. There is no cost for this event that features valuable information for residents, seniors, and Veterans. The following is a partial list of exhibits and screenings:

- American Lung Association*
- AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center*
- Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services*
- Atlantic County Division of Public Health*
- Atlantic County Library System*
- Atlantic County Surrogate*
- Demoulin Chiropractic Center*
- Eye Associates*
- Health South Rehabilitation Hospital of Vineland*
- Historic Friendship Church*

- Juniper Village Williamstown*
- Newfield National Bank*
- Office of Senator Jim Whelan*
- Right at Home in Home Care & Assistance*
- Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers*
- South Jersey Gas*
- Susquehanna Bank*
- The Heritage Assisted Living & Adult Day Care*
- Western Atlantic Parent Family Support Network*



For more information contact Joan Stahl in Administration at Buena Vista Township  
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