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COMMUNITY NEWS

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NJDOT Grants BVT \$250,000

Buena Vista Township has been selected to receive \$250,000 in funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Municipal

Aid Program for reconstruction of Weymouth/Malaga Road, Phase I. It is anticipated that approximately 3200 lf will be reconstructed.

STUFF THE BUS

United Way's annual Stuff the Bus campaign, a school supply drive aimed at getting local kids ready to enter school, kicks off with United Way's National Day of Action taking place June 21st. Research has shown that one key component to success in school is simply being prepared. Please join us as we attempt to "Stuff The Bus" with school supplies for needy children in our community.

During the drive, we will be collecting new school supplies including: binders, loose leaf paper, pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, rulers, colored pencils, markers, tape, glue sticks, child-safe scissors,

tissues, hand sanitizer, construction paper, art supplies, folders, notebooks, calculators, lunch boxes, and backpacks. A number of pop-up buses are available through United Way for local businesses to help promote the campaign.

Donations can be made: June 21st through August 17th, 2012 at the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building, 890 Harding Highway (Route 40), Buena during business hours Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Tuesday evening until 7:30 pm.



4th Annual South Jersey Mustang Club Classic Car Show

by Dolores Comparri, Chairwoman

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 30, 2012 for the 4th Annual Classic Car Show in Richland Village from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The South Jersey Mustang Club and Buena Vista Township Special Events Committee have joined together for this exciting event. The show is open to all American Classic Cars. There will be music, food, prizes, crafters/attic treasures and lots and lots of shiny, classic cars. This will be a fundraiser for Autism Speaks: It's time to listen. They will be collecting food for the local food bank.

If you are interested in participating, contact Marvin Askins at 856-697-6306, email marvin350@hotmail.com, or Dennis Dase at 856-697-8692 to register your vehicle or call Dolores Comparri at 856-697-1482 for information on a

crafters spot.

So come out and enjoy the afternoon; check out some great classic cars, enjoy



music of another era, visit the local merchants and taste the local cuisine. We'll be waiting for you!

Come and see the Patcong Valley Model Railroad Club. The highly detailed HO Scale models of many different trains, run on a large realistic Model Railroad thru beautiful scale scenery of Western PA and Eastern NY state. For more information visit www.patcongvalley.com or email patcongrr@comcast.net.

24th Annual Buena Vista Township Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, July 7, 2012

(Rain Date: Saturday, July 14, 2012)

Starting Time: 3:00 pm

at the Michael Debbi Park in Richland

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!



Fire Truck & EMS Parade throughout the Township! Cheer on our volunteers! Starts at 2 pm at Collings Lakes (First Beach) then down Cains Mill Road to Jackson Road to Route 54 in Newtonville to Route 40

in Buena to Tuckahoe Road to Union Road to Landis Avenue to Five Points in East Vineland and then down Cedar Avenue to Michael Debbi Park in Richland to kick off the festival!



Flag Raising at 3 PM
Special Program at 5 PM



Pie Eating Contest

This new event will take place at 6:30 pm. The Special Events Committee will provide the pies.



Free HAYRIDES around the park

Free Admission

Back by popular demand
PARADE GRAND MARSHALS
KENNEY NELSON & PAM PICKETT

Fireworks at Dusk!

MUSIC ALL DAY & NITE by DJ NICKY G



FUN FOR THE KIDS!

Face Painting, Temporary Tattoos, Rock Climbing, Sack Races, Hula Hoop Contest, Three Legged Races and more!!!



Many VENDORS and EXHIBITS

Environmental Commission, Historic Society, Susquehanna Bank, Cumberland County SPCA and more...

Exhibition Baseball and Softball Games with Buena Vista Teams



The VFW Post #158 will hold their annual raffle drawings. Awards will be made to the best fire/rescue company parade participants and water barrel fight winners. The balance of the evening will feature great music by DJ Nicky G who always plans fun music activities and prizes.



Firemen's Water Barrel Fights



LOTS OF GOOD

FOOD.....PARTIAL LISTING

Sausage & Peppers

Funnel Cake

Meatballs

Hot Dogs

Hamburgers

Pizza

French Fries

Cheese Fries

Cotton Candy

Snow Cones

Ice Cream

Water Ice

Popcorn

Beer

Soda

& More!

10 Great
Events This
Year

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2012 SCHEDULE

Bring
the
Family

All concerts (rain or shine) are held at Michael Debbi Park in Richland on Cedar Avenue.
Starting time is 7 PM for all concerts. Hot dogs, deserts, and beverages will be sold at each concert.
Bring your dancing shoes. Seating is available or bring your lawn chairs. Dance floor (weather permitting).



7 pm, Wednesday, June 27

Sir Beatle Show

The "Sir Beatle" Show is a fun filled Beatles Sing Along show complete with authentic instrumentation and costuming. The performance features live vocals and live bass guitar, along with state of the art drum and guitar tracks to recreate the sounds of a live Beatles performance. The show chronologically traces The Beatles career from their debut on the "Ed Sullivan Show" in 1964, to their final live performance in 1969.

7 pm, Wednesday, August 8

The John Clark Little Big Band



The John Clark Little Big Band features the fabulous vocal talents of Paula Johns and plays the swinging jazz sounds of the Big Band era, performing compositions that people of all ages have come to enjoy. These classic songs were made famous by Glenn Miller, Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Harry James, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Stan Kenton, and Maynard Ferguson, as well as, arrangements by more contemporary talents.

7 pm, Wednesday, July 11

The 4 J's Band

This Band plays all the standards, Sinatra tunes, and a variety from the 40's to the 70's, plus some newer tunes.



7 pm, Wednesday, August 15

Lonnie Youngblood

Known for his concerts at Ivy League Colleges & Universities; and also dubbed the "Prince of Harlem" as the number one musician in the Harlem Club Circuit. He is the former band leader and musician for various blues singers and has worked with Chuck Berry, and for the legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix. Mr. Youngblood sings and plays the saxophone to a wide variety of music from standards to Frank Sinatra and gospel to rock n' roll.



7 pm, Wednesday, July 18

The Big Dance Band



The "Big Band", one of our popular jazz concert offerings has become the "Big Dance Band". Still comprised of multi-talented professionals, who perform many of the standards of big band dance music by Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, etc. - plus some crowd pleasing "line dance" music. Great for listening and dancing.

7 pm, Wednesday, August 22

The Bob Ferris Orchestra



The Bob Ferris "Singtimers" Orchestra formed in 1985 and has continued to entertain big band audiences for 20 plus years. The band performs swinging standards from the big band era, and featured vocalists sing those songs made popular by Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Helen Forrest, and the Andrews Sisters.

7 pm, Wednesday, July 25

Ten Eddy Drive

Ten Eddy Drive is a Hot 6-piece, party rock & roll cover band from South Jersey. Playing crowd pleasing music they can tailor our sets to fit any party, corporate event or function, restaurant/bar & grill/wedding etc. They bring the good times with them. Local Richland resident Edwin (Eddie) Rodriguez is the drummer.



7 pm, Wednesday, August 29

Nicky G of 95.1 WAYV

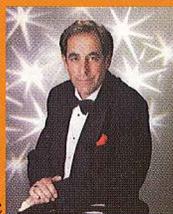
South Jersey resident and radio personality Nicky G started on the airwaves in 1976, at the age of 16. Working with KM104.9 and WRDR (Nick played South Jerseys Big Band standards from the 40's and 50's). His career continued with BOSS 97.3, The Shark 103.7, and now 95.1 WAYV-Atlantic City "Today's Best Music". Join Nicky G for an evening of music spanning from Doo-Wop to Motown, from Philly Soul to Funkytown!



7 pm, Wednesday, August 1

The Jim Craine Show

Jim Craine and the Atlantic City All Star Band will be performing "The Tribute to the Singers". This is Jim's tribute to Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Al Jolson, Dean Martin, and many more. Jim was born to be in show business, and has worked many of the Atlantic City casinos, cruise ships, and major nightclubs up and down the East Coast, West Coast, and Canada. Jim has also been the opening act for the Platters, Frank Sinatra Jr., Della Reese, and most recently Connie Stevens.

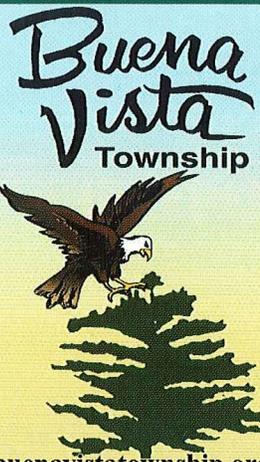


7 pm, Wednesday, September 5

Tear It Up



Tear It Up is a cover band located in Southern New Jersey that have been tweaking for 16 years and now have finally found the right mix. Come out and join them for one of their performances. You will not be disappointed. The members are Dan Pittaro, Joe Kelly, Tony Basile, Bob Collins, and Julie DiDomenico. Their repertoire includes: classic rock, modern country, and alternative rock and pop.



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**Events In This Issue
and Coming Attractions**

- * **Stuff the Bus**
Kick off begins June 21st
- * **Summer Concert Series**
Begins Wednesday, June 27th at 7 pm
- * **4th Annual Classic Car Show and
Community Yard Sale**
Saturday, June 30th
- * **Independence Day Celebration/Fireworks**
Saturday, July 7th

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ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE REMINDERS

With the arrival of warm weather here in Buena Vista, the illegal operation of dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles is beginning to increase. In order to preserve the public peace and order and protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public from the illegal operation of dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles, Buena Vista Township reminds the public that Ordinance 22-2007 is in place, and will be enforced to control and regulate motorcycles, dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles. Many citizens are unaware of these rules and regulations and the penalties and dangers of putting themselves and others at risk by the illegal operations of dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles. A Township brochure is available with all the legal details, and a summary of the rules and regulations are as follows:

1. It is unlawful to operate a motorcycle, dirt bike or an all-terrain vehicle on any public grounds or property, including playgrounds and recreational areas.
2. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle upon the main traveled portion of any public street or highway or within the right-of-way limits thereof.
3. No person shall operate a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle on the property of another without receiving the consent of the owner of the property or the person who has a contractual right to the use of such property.
4. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle in such manner as to cause a harsh, objectionable or unreasonable noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons.
5. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the safety or property of any person.

6. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, or to ride as a passenger on, any motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle without wearing a protective helmet.

7. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an all-terrain vehicle that is not equipped with working headlights, taillights, brakes and proper mufflers.

8. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle at any time and in any manner intended or reasonably to be expected to harass, drive or pursue any wildlife.

9. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any all-terrain vehicle without lighted headlights and lighted taillights.

10. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle upon railroad or right-of-way of an operating, railroad, except railroad personnel in the performance of their duties.

11. Any police officer shall impound any ATV operated on public property in violation of this Chapter.

12. No person under the age of fourteen (14) years shall operate or be permitted to operate any all-terrain vehicle on public lands or upon a public highway.

13. Any person who shall violate any provisions of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1000 for the first offense and not more than \$2000 for any subsequent offense in the discretion of the court.

14. Any person under the age of eighteen (18) years who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be a juvenile delinquent and shall be proceeded against as such.

Once Upon A Time there Really was Property Tax Relief...The Legislature and Governor must take action on Energy Taxes now.

by Committeeman Chuck Chiarello, Buena Vista Township, Immediate Past President New Jersey League of Municipalities

Once upon a time there really was Property Tax Relief. Systematically, the State of New Jersey has taken property tax relief away from you. It didn't happen overnight-in fact, it's been going on for about 20 years through many Governors on both sides of the aisle. However, the problem has gotten worse in recent years-in 2011 a total of \$505 Million in Energy Taxes was taken by the State from all the municipalities in New Jersey. This is up from \$72 Million in 2005. If all the other taxes that were suppose to help property taxpayers made it back to municipalities that number would have been a whopping \$889 Million.

What are Energy Taxes? They are revenues paid by utility companies for electric and gas lines that run through every town in New Jersey and the Energy Taxes are paid to municipalities in lieu of property taxes. There was a time about 40 years ago when each municipality received these Energy Taxes directly from the utility companies-until Trenton got a bright idea to collect all the Energy Taxes directly, split up the money and then returned it back to every community in New Jersey with a handling charge. The State cleverly renamed the Energy Taxes and called it State Aid. They gave us our own money back and made it sound like they were helping us.

There was even a time that many communities did not have to collect local property taxes from residents because the Energy Taxes covered those bills. When the State got hold of the money they began taking it away to fund state programs or fill budget gaps.

Now is the time for the Legislature and the Governor to take action to give municipalities back the money they have skimmed off the top to stop future tax increases and provide property tax relief. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities has been fighting this issue for a number of years, but intensified our efforts in 2011 and now in 2012 with an even greater effort. Don't let the State take the money away from property taxpayers' local budgets.

Local government collects the taxes for our schools, county, and other entities. We must give 100% of those funds to the entities we collected it for--we can't skim those dollars. Likewise, the State owes

municipalities 100% of their dollars and should not skim money off the top!

In little Buena Vista Township in Atlantic County we have lost \$5 Million over the past 10 years. Imagine what we could have done for our property taxpayers with that type of relief. It will likely be impossible to go backwards to make up for our losses, but we can stop the skimming now. Imagine what amount of dollars that would be for the larger towns in this region. Here's one example: Egg Harbor Township in Atlantic County lost almost \$18 Million over the past 10 years. Energy Taxes is a bipartisan issue-big town or small, urban or suburban-all property owners would realize savings.

The League of Municipalities calls on our State policy makers to provide us with this important tool to relieve the worst-in-the-nation property tax burden that has been borne for too long by the people of New Jersey.

The State does have the right to over-ride the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, but this should be done to deal with real emergencies and crises that occur. It should not be the normal way the State deals with these funds.

Please let your legislators and the Governor know that you want Energy Taxes and other taxes that have been skimmed off restored back to our municipalities where it rightfully belongs. This will bring real property tax relief to our residents and better management of local budgets.

We can not solve this problem without your support. Hundreds of municipalities have already passed Resolutions in support of restoring the Energy Taxes. More information is available on the League website at www.njslom.org under the heading of "Energy Tax Restoration Center".

Your priorities as a property taxpayer are just as important as many other projects that sidetrack your dollars in Trenton. Each town can calculate the amount of dollars they have lost in the past 10 years-you will find the amount of money involved to be amazing.

The League of Municipalities works for every town in New Jersey regardless of its politics, size, or location.