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COMMUNITY NEWS

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NEW YARD WASTE ORDINANCE

A new township ordinance (No. 3-2013) prohibits residents from using plastic bags for yard waste collection. Beginning October 2013, residents should place leaves and grass in biodegradable Kraft bags or in a marked container. If you have an additional trash can, you can place the loose leaves/grass materials in a labeled trash container. Yard waste stickers "Yard Waste Only" are available from the ACUA (800-613-2282) or Buena Vista Township. Kraft yard waste bags are available at most home improvement stores, hardware stores, and from the ACUA on Delilah Road in Egg Harbor Township.

"Plastic bags are a real problem for yard waste recycling. Each bag must be opened and emptied by hand at the compost site. Kraft bags can be recycled right along with the yard waste and this saves time, labor and money," Rick Dovey, ACUA President said.

For additional information on recycling contact ACUA at 800-613-2282 or online at www.acua.com.



Reminder for Property Owners:

Please be sure that ALL 2013 Property Taxes are paid on or before November 12, 2013 to avoid the Accelerated Tax Lien Sale on December 16, 2013. All 2013 Tax Payments received after November 12, 2013 must be paid in guaranteed funds (Cash, Money Order or Cashier's Check). Personal and Business checks will only be accepted for future tax payments. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If there are any questions or concerns please contact the Tax Collector at (856) 697-2100 ext. 2.



Honor Our Veterans on Monday, November 11th in Buena Vista

Two Veterans Day Services

will be held in Buena Vista Township. The first service is at 11 am in Richland at Saw Mill Park on Route 40.

The second service is at 11:30 am at the Memorial in front of the Milmay Volunteer Fire Company on Broad Street (Rt. 552). Please show your support and respect for those who served our country.

9th Annual Saw Mill Park Fall Festival

The 9th Annual Saw Mill Park Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19th in Richland Village from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be children's games and contests along with a "Trick or Treat Parade and Party" so make sure to wear your favorite Halloween costume. There will be children's crafts, food, music, and some surprises will be featured. Don't forget to enter the annual Coloring Contest! Coloring sheets will be handed out in our elementary schools and also be available at the Township Hall. Children can color the Autumn inspired picture and present it on the day of the festival. Judging will be held and prizes will be awarded at the festival.

& 7th Annual Scarecrow Contest

This year we're looking forward to unique and creative scarecrows so please join in and enter our 7th Annual Richland Village Scarecrow Contest. If interested in participating, come to Saw Mill Park at 8 am on Saturday, October 19th, pay a \$10 frame rental fee and get started. All scarecrows must be assembled at the festival and participants have four (4) hours to complete the project. Judging will take place that day and prizes will be awarded. The Most Durable/Best Maintained Scarecrow prize will be announced on November 16th when the scarecrows must be taken down. Call Joan in Administration at (856) 697-2100 or (609) 561-5650 extension 8 or Call Dolores Comparri at (856) 697-1482 after 6 pm for more information

CASH PRIZES

Best Overall Scarecrow: 1st Prize- \$100, 2nd Prize- \$50, 3rd Prize- \$25

Most Durable / Best Maintained Scarecrow: \$50



Halloween - Trick or Treating

in Buena Vista Township - Saturday, October 26 from 4 - 6 pm (rain date 10/27)
in Collings Lakes only - Thursday, October 31 from 6 - 8 pm (no rain date)



2013 United States Senate Election

The 2013 United States Senate special election in New Jersey will be held on October 16, 2013 (deadline to register to vote in this election will be September 25th) to fill the New Jersey United States Senate Class 2 seat for the remainder of the term ending January 3, 2015. Democrat Frank Lautenberg, who retook office in 2003, died on June 3, 2013.

Last Day to Register to Vote this Year is Tuesday, October 15th

As the fall season enters the air, General Election Day Tuesday, November 5th is just around the corner. If you are interested in how the world is being run, this is as good a time as any to get yourself registered to vote. If you are not registered, you have until 7:30 pm on Tuesday, October 15th at the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building on Route 40 and at various other locations.



5th Annual Saw Mill Park Tree Lighting

Join the Buena Vista Township Special Events Committee on **Saturday, November 16th from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at Saw Mill Park in Richland Village**

Let's celebrate the beginning of the Holiday Season with the lighting of our tree in Saw Mill Park. Santa will give each child a candy cane and you can meet Santa's Elves. There will be sing-a-longs and holiday music.

Help support our local Food Bank by bringing canned food or a non-perishable item. For each item received a ticket will be given for a chance to win a prize.

The Patcong Valley Model Railroad will be open from 10:00 am to 7 pm on this special day. For more information call Joan in Administration at (856) 697-2100 or (609) 561-5650 ext. 8.

PATCONG VALLEY SOCIETY OF MODEL RAILROADERS



2013-2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
November 16, 2013 (10 am to 7 pm)
November 17, 2013
December 7, 8, 14, & 15--2013
January 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, & 20--2014

They will be open each day from 10 am to 4 pm.

No Admission Charge.

Come and see highly detailed HO Scale models of many different trains, operated on a large realistic model railroad through beautiful scale scenery of Western PA and Eastern NY state.

The HO scale Patcong Valley Model RR Club is in Richland, NJ, on Route 40 about 10 miles west of Mays Landing, NJ, near mile post 38.5. They are on the south side of the highway, directly across the road from Richland Carpet. For a web search, look for Route 40 and Fir Avenue.

Website: www.patcongvalley.com Email: patcongrr@comcast.net

BVT Special Events Committee presents our

14th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 6th at 6:30 pm

at Buena Vista Township Municipal Building 890 Harding Highway

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Santa's Elves will arrive in a Fire Truck Parade. There will be sing-a-longs and holiday music.

Tell Santa your wish list and receive a free gift. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be served.

Help support our local Food Bank by bringing canned food or a non-perishable item. For each item received a ticket will be given for a chance to win a prize.



Atlantic "4" Preparing FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan to be better prepared for disasters and eligible for future Federal Grant Funding

The municipalities of Egg Harbor City, Buena Vista Township, Port Republic City and Somers Point City have received a federal planning grant award to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). A HMP is a living document that communities use to reduce their vulnerability to hazards. HMPs form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. They create a framework for risk-based decision making to reduce damages to lives, property, and the economy from future disasters.

Further, communities must have an approved HMP to receive pre and post disaster mitigation grant funding. Grant funding is available for projects to mitigate risk to both public and private property. For example, projects such as home elevations and local flood mitigation projects are eligible for funding. Ultimately, these actions reduce vulnerability, and communities are able to recover more quickly from disasters.

This planning effort is expected to continue through the winter of 2013. All municipalities have committed to participating in this process to be eligible for future mitigation grant funding for eligible projects. Egg Harbor City has received a planning grant from FEMA, through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management to fund the preparation of the plan.

To inform and engage the public and other local and regional stakeholders in the planning process, a hazard mitigation planning website has been developed and can be visited at: Atlantic4HMP.com.

This site includes an online hazards awareness and preparedness survey, and will include sections of the Draft Plan as they become available. The public is encouraged to visit the site, take the online survey, review the Draft Plan and provide input to the planning process.

For more information, visit our website at www.buonavistatownship.org.

Western Atlantic Parent Family Support Network

Funded by the Pascale Sykes Foundation, the Western Atlantic Parent-Family Support Network is a community-involved, social service network that provides support to parents and children living in the Western part of Atlantic County, NJ. The Network supports the premise that all children deserve two caring consistent adults in their lives. The goal of the Network is to empower families to be self-sustaining. The objective of the Network is to improve parents' ability to effectively manage their families by linking them with concrete services such as transportation, temporary financial assistance and medical services, giving them access to educational services such as parenting classes, health and literacy classes, and job skills and providing respite services for their children.

Beginning in October 2013, the Western Atlantic Network will be partnering with Atlantic Cape Community College to provide a GED Study Group. The GED Study Group will focus on the areas of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. The GED Study Group will begin on Monday, October 14, 2013 from 10 am - 2 pm and continue to run through the end of May 2014. The GED Study Group is available for those ages 16 and up. Transportation may be provided. For additional information and to register, contact the office at 609-561-1149.

The Western Atlantic Network would like to highlight the Kinship Navigator Program. This program provides services for families caring for their relatives' children. These services include family support groups, financial assistance, child care resources, medical coverage and services, temporary assistance to needy families, custody procedure and other legal services. If you or someone you know is in this situation please contact the office at 609-561-1149 so we may assist you.

The Western Atlantic Network offers one on one job search assistance for individuals who are seeking employment. This includes helping individuals search and apply for jobs online with various job search engines. In addition, the Western Atlantic Network has a community job posting board which is updated weekly. The Western Atlantic Network focuses on job openings in the western part of Atlantic county. Also, the Western Atlantic Network works exclusively with local businesses who are seeking employment for viable candidates for the job.

Here at the Western Atlantic Network we offer Court Approved Parenting Classes provided by Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization. The classes are held at the individuals' convenience and can be geared toward the parenting skills of children or teenagers. If you or someone you know is interested in partaking in

classes please contact the office at 609-561-1149.

In addition, the Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization in collaboration with the Western Atlantic Network offers a Parent Support Group. The group is held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at the Presbyterian Church in Hammonton at 6 pm. The Parent Support Group is perfect for parents, guardians, grandparents and foster parents. Refreshments will be provided for the participants.

The Western Atlantic Network would like to invite all teens ages 13 - 21 to partake in our teen group called Generation Change 4 Teens. Generation Change 4 Teens meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 5:30 pm - 7 pm at the Western Atlantic Office in the Martin Luther King Community Center in Newtonville, NJ. Pizza and snacks are served at every meeting. For further information contact the office 609-561-1149.

The One-Stop Career Mobile Development Van will be at the Martin Luther King Center in Newtonville, NJ; the Mizpah Inland Human Service Building in Mizpah, NJ; The John W. Quigley Park in Collings Lakes, NJ; and the Buena Vista Municipal Building in Buena, NJ. Please keep an eye out for the flyer with posted dates and times.

The Network hosts a variety of enrichment opportunities every Friday throughout the month. Some of these enrichment opportunities include StoryTime, Family Movie Night and Family Forums with topics selected by the families. Most of these enrichment opportunities begin at 5:00 pm. Please contact the office for further details at 609-561-1149 or check us out on Facebook by searching The Western Atlantic Parent-Family Support Network.

"Mommy and Me" is a great health enrichment opportunity provided to the Western Atlantic Network by Atlantic-Cape Family Support Organization. It will be held at the MLK Center in Newtonville, NJ every 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. It is geared to mothers and their children, newborn to two years of age. The group focuses on playgroup and interactive activities. It is also a good opportunity to meet local parents and build interaction skills among children. Light healthy snacks will be provided. Also, space is limited so we ask that you please RSVP in advance. To RSVP contact the Western Atlantic Office at 609-561-1149.

All services and programs at the Western Atlantic Network are free to the community. If you have any questions please call 609-561-1149. The staff is eager to help families in the community obtain their goals.

Beyond Curbside Recycling

- **Plastic bags** can be brought to many grocery stores to be recycled!
- **Rigid plastics** (items such as plastic chairs, toys, chairs, crates, etc.) can be brought to ACUA at the "Rigid Plastics Drop-Off" outside the Recycling Center in Egg Harbor Twp.
- **Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL's)** contain mercury and should be disposed of properly at Household Hazardous Waste days (check www.acua.com for dates) or at participating Home Depot and Lowes stores.
- **Scrap metal and large appliances** can be brought to the ACUA for recycling. Check with your public works or visit www.acua.com for more information.
- **Electronics** are no longer accepted at ACUA but can be taken to stores such as Best Buy, Staples, and Goodwill. For a full list of drop-offs, visit www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/plugin/partners.htm
- **Yard waste** is collected separately by many municipalities. It can also be brought directly to the ACUA for recycling.

Recycling in Atlantic County

In January 2009, ACUA made the switch to single stream recycling to reduce costs and improve efficiency.

Recycling in Atlantic County has changed from the initial three "streams" (paper and cardboard, metal and glass, plastics) when the ACUA's collection service began in 1988, to dual stream recycling in 1992, when the ACUA Recycling Facility opened. Dual stream recycling required residents and businesses to separate paper from bottles and cans.

Today, single stream recycling means:

- More accepted items, therefore less waste - see inside!
- Less energy and resources used to pick up recyclables
- It's more convenient - everything goes into one container!

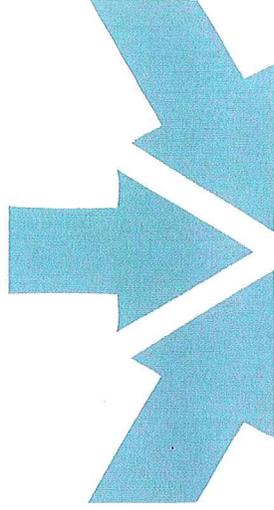


For more information please visit
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or call 609.272.6950.

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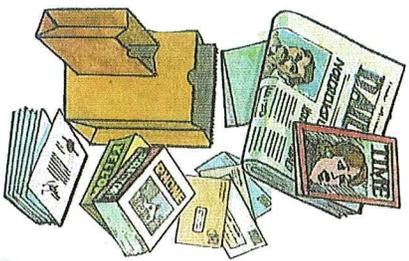
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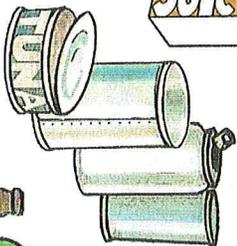
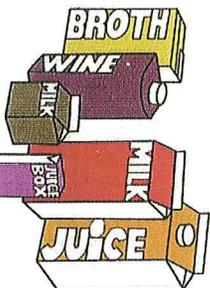
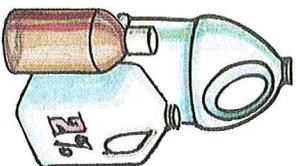
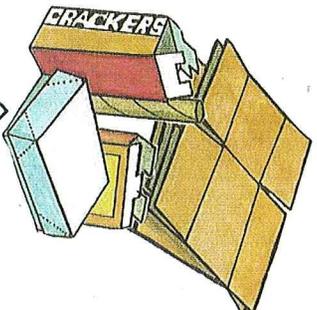


SINGLE STREAM

RECYCLING



See the other side of this brochure for how to recycle items not listed below!



Easier than ever!



DO NOT RECYCLE THESE ITEMS CURBSIDE:

styrofoam; plastic utensils; towels/tissues/ napkins; plastic bags; cellophane wrappers/ light bulbs; vases; mirrors; window glass; dishware/ ceramics; pots/pans; blueprints

ALL TOGETHER NOW

SINGLE STREAM MEANS ALL OF THESE RECYCLABLES IN ONE CONTAINER!

PAPER / CARDBOARD

- Paper Bags
- Shredded Paper (in paper bags)
- Envelopes (windows ok!)
- Newspaper/ Magazines
- Office/Copier paper
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Food/Cereal/Shoe/Gift/Pizza Boxes
- Paper/Hardback Books (covers removed)

* Please flatten cardboard and the large quantities

CARTONS

Refrigerated and shelf-stable cartons including milk, juice boxes, cream, soup, broth, soy milk, etc.

METALS

- Steel & Tin Cans
- Empty Paint Cans (paint washed out, lids removed)
- Aerosol Cans
- Aluminum Cans (soup, tuna, etc.)

PLASTICS

- Plastics numbered 1-7
- Food Containers
- Plastic Tubs, Trays, Pails
- Flower Pots (3 gallon max)
- Yogurt, Cream Cheese, Margarine Containers, etc.

* Please remove caps and lids

GLASS

All bottles and jars accepted
*Please remove lids

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2014 MISS BUENA PAGEANT

The 2014 Miss Buena Pageant is just around the corner. If you are a young lady in grades 9 to 12 you are eligible to enter the contest. Contestants are judged in three categories: casual wear, talent, and evening gown. The Special Events Committee is looking for interested young ladies to start thinking about this event and be prepared for more details coming out next month. Miss Buena is planned for February 2014. The date and location will be announced soon. Check cable Channel 9 or our website. For more information please call Dolores Comparri at 856-697-1482 after 6 pm or Joan in Administration at (856) 697-2100 or (609) 561-5650 extension 8.



2013 Miss Buena
Kate Volpe



Our Lady of the Lakes

Indoor Fall Antique and Craft Show

On Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th they will be holding an Indoor Fall Antique and Craft Show at the Our Lady of the Lakes Hall (19 Malaga Road, Collings Lakes) The Show hours are 9 am to 2 pm. There will be over 30 tables, door prizes every hour, Chinese auction, refreshments for sale, burgers, hotdogs, chili, and homemade cakes. Table rental is \$35.00 for two days or \$20 for a single day. Call 609-561-5784 or email Dot at OLLre@comcast.net for more information.

Buena Vista Township Recycling is same day as your trash.

Recycling dates for September 24-27

Yard Waste collection dates begin September 27,

October 11 & 25 and November 8 & 22 (ends Nov. 22)

Yard Waste is collected in Collings Lakes, Newtonville, Cedar Gardens & designated areas only. Call BVT Public Works at (856)692-4121 for more information.

Reminder: Plastic bags for Yard Waste and Recycling are not recyclable.

Household Hazardous Waste & Paint Drop-Off

Atlantic County residents can properly dispose of household hazardous waste and leftover paint, anti-freeze, used motor oil, auto/boat batteries and CFL's by bringing them to the ACUA.

Where: ACUA Recycling Center, 6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township

- * Proof of residency required: driver's license, tax bill, etc.
- * Max quantity: 30 gal. and/or 200 lbs. dry wt. per household
- * Individual container sizes should not exceed 5 gallons
- * Individual used oil containers will not be returned.

When: Saturday, September 14, October 12, and November 2

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information call

1-800-613-2282 or 609-272-6950 or visit www.acua.com.

The Friends of Historic Friendship Church are

holding a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see For Sight & Sound's "Miracle of Christmas". The trip will be Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 8 am to 8:30 pm. The cost of the trip for transportation, theater ticket, dinner at Shady Maple Buffet, all taxes & gratuities (including the bus driver) and a contribution to the Friends of Historic Friendship Church Preservation Fund is \$135. Reservations no later than September 30, 2013. Call Kathy Cachaza at 856-697-0430.

Exhibit of March on Washington Opens

The African American Heritage Museum of Southern NJ has opened a new exhibit on the March of Washington. This exhibit will be at the museum from August 23 through December 30, 2013.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, which took place August 28th 1963, the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey will have a tour throughout the museum, to highlight the March on Washington. The museum tour will exhibit pictorial stories of the famed March on Washington. There will be pictures and artifacts of that wonderful and spirit charged day.

The Museum is housed in the Martin Luther King Center at 661 Jackson Road in Newtonville, New Jersey and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Directions are available at www.aahmsnj.org. Admission is free, however donations will be accepted with appreciation. Call 609-704-5495 for more information.

Recycling is the Law!

