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& MUNICIPAL GUIDE**
2016



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Giant 235 Year-old Oak Tree at Saw Mill Park in the Winter...



It's a part of Buena Vista's history and it has been around longer than the Township has been in existence. The Giant White Oak at Saw Mill Park in Richland Village has crossed four centuries in its 235-year life. In the spring of 2015, the tree developed health issues and has taken a turn for the worse. We are waiting until the spring of 2016 to make further decisions for the future.



In full summer bloom.



In spring bloom.



The trunk of this tree has seen weddings, children's story hours, and more.

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Buena Vista Township Recycling, Yard Waste & Trash Collection Information for 2016

Recycling Collection Dates:

Recycling is collected on the same day as your scheduled trash day on the following weeks:
 Jan.*2, 12-15, 26-29 July 1, 12-15, 26-29
 Feb. 9-12, 23-26 Aug. 9-12, 23-26
 March 8-11, 22-25 Sept. 6-9, 20-23
 April 5-8, 19-22 Oct. 4-7, 18-21
 May 3-6, 17-20, 31 Nov. 1-4, 15-18, 29-30
 June 1-3, 14-17, 28-30 Dec. 1-2, **13-16, 27-30

Yard Waste Collection Dates:

Jan. - *2, 15 July - 15
 Feb. - none Aug. - 12
 March - 11, 25 Sept. - 9, 23
 April - 8, 22 Oct. - 7, 21
 May - 6, 20 Nov. - 4, 18
 June - 3, 17 Dec. - none
 Yard waste must be placed in open containers or in biodegradable leaf bags

Trash is collected every week

- Please have recycling material out by 7 a.m.
- Atlantic County's recycling program is a single-stream program. Paper, cardboard, cans, cartons, glass and plastic can all be placed in one container. No plastic bags or styrofoam.
- * Please check acua.com, Facebook, Twitter, or local papers for holiday collection changes
- ** ACUA's Holiday Food Drive Collection Week
- Earth Day, Sunday April 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Atlantic County Utilities Authority • (609) 272-6950 • Sign up for collection reminders at acua.com/reminders



Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center Activities...



Shirley Bryant



Former Newtonville resident Shirley White (above) is honored by the Seventh Day Adventist Church.



Rev. David D. Mozelle



King Day Celebrations are held on the third Monday in January.



The African American Heritage Museum features events throughout the year.



Rev. David Mallory (left) holds a page from the "Bordentown Exhibit" where he studied as a youth.

IN MEMORIAM



Statement on the Passing of Roberta Corbitt by Mayor Chuck Chiarello

Buena Vista Township has lost a great citizen. Mrs. Robert Corbitt dedicated hundreds of hours to our community after a long teaching career. The Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center was Roberta's pride and joy. She started and led the Seniors of Newtonville in community, cultural and social activities. Mrs. Corbitt started the Community Food Bank at the MLK Center. She raised money for youth scholarships. She held lunch programs, bake sales, fish fry's, high teas, talent shows, and countless other activities including the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Ceremonies each January. Mrs. Corbitt's activities included serving on many boards and committees including the Buena Vista Dr. Martin Luther King Center Advisory Board and the Atlantic County Seniors Advisory Council. She was also noted for speaking her mind when issues bothered her and praising where appropriate. Robert Corbitt left a lasting impression on us all and she will be deeply missed by our community and everyone's life she touched. On behalf of the Buena Vista Township Committee and staff, we express our deepest sympathy.



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March blows in with the Spring and Many Events...



Our Free Rabies Clinics are held in four locations in March. See below.



Miss Buena, Ciara Sikking, and her Court will hold their current titles until 2017.



Easter Egg Hunt at MLK Center March 12th and Michael Debbi Park March 19th.



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6	7 Township Workshop – 7 pm	8 ▲ Municipal Alliance – 7 pm	9 ▲ Municipal Court – 1 pm & 5 pm	10 ▲ Environmental Commission – 7 pm	11 ▲ ● Cocoa's Story Hour MLK Center – 6 pm	12 Easter Egg Hunt MLK Center – 1 pm
13 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	14 Township Caucus – 7 pm Township Meeting – 7:30 pm	15 Recreation Committee – 7 pm	16 Food Pantry Open MLK Center – 1 - 5 pm Historical Society – 7:30 pm	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Planning/Zoning Board – 7:30 pm	18	19 Easter Egg Hunt – 12 noon Michael Debbi Park (Rain date: March 26) Dog/Cat Rabies Clinic E. Vineland Fire Hall – 10 am - noon Collings Lakes Fire Hall – 1 - 3 pm
20 <i>Palm Sunday Spring Begins</i>	21	22 ▲	23 ▲ Municipal Court – 5 pm	24 ▲ <i>Holy Thursday Purim</i> MLK Advisory Board – 7 pm at the King Center	25 ▲ ● <i>Good Friday</i>	26 TOWNSHIP CLOSED
27 <i>Easter</i>	28 Township Caucus – 7 pm Township Meeting – 7:30 pm	29	30	31	▲ Recycling ● Yard Waste	Dial 911 for Police, Fire, EMS

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New Businesses and Old Businesses Spruce Up in BVT...



New Inspira Medical Complex under construction



IGI, Inc., now called Teligent, Inc., plans a huge expansion by 2017.



Buena Gas is now a 76 Station



Buenapac (fruit & vegetable processing) opens on Rt. 40



Tomar's Liquor and Great Wall Chinese has a new look.



The EconoLodge is now the Rodeway Inn on Rt. 40.



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Buena Vista Township Going Green



Recycling is the Law!

Clean Communities Mini-Grants Available

There are Clean Community Mini-Grants available to youth/community groups in Buena Vista Township to clean up lands and/or roadways within the Township. You must be a non-profit group with a minimum of 20 people per group with one adult per every 10 children. For more information and guidelines, call Buena Vista Township at (856) 697-2100 or (609) 561-5650 extension 1.

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Independence Day is a special local community event held each July in Buena Vista Township.

See additional photos on the next page and the July page of this calendar.



Independence Day brings out our fire companies and residents for a day's worth of fun for kids of all ages.

See more pictures above and on the July page of this calendar.



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Late Calendar entries for 2015 show Halloween at Township Hall (right) and the Durham House (left) on Cushman Avenue in Collings Lakes decked out for the season.



The Buena Vista Veterans Advisory Board members presented the students of Buena Regional High School information and history about Veteran's Day on Monday, November 9, 2015. This was the first time this type of presentation was held.



Contractor crews work on re-surfacing preparation work in Collings Lakes which will be completed in the Spring of 2016.



Committeeman Steve Martinelli was joined by Buena Vista State Police Officers at a Car Show held in Vineland on November 1, 2015 honoring law enforcement.



The Buena Vista based Vineland Old Timers Softball League held its award dinner at the MLK Center on Sunday, November 1, 2015. Local resident Luis Perez (front center) has been the organizer of this group for many years.

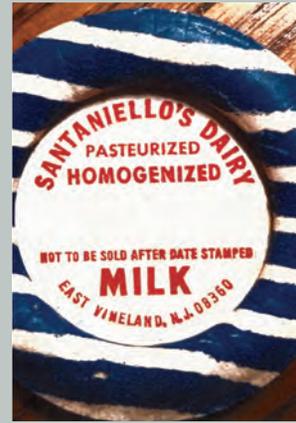
A Look Back at Our Buena Vista Township History...



The family homestead as it looks today.



The farm as it looked in the old days of the dairy.



Part of the milk processing operations.



The Santaniello children with one of the 50 Holstein Cows on the farm.



Frank & Hilda Santaniello

SANTANIELLO'S DAIRY FARM

located at Oak Road and Lincoln Avenue was operated by Frank and Hilde Santaniello (pictured on right) from 1953 through 1980.



Theresa (Santaniello) Seelman with the help of her husband Kevin made a presentation about the history of her family's dairy farm. She shared childhood memories and rare photos of the operation. The presentation was made at the Buena Historic Society meeting held on October 21, 2015. A large crowd attended to hear about the last of a dying breed of small dairy farmers that served communities like Buena Vista and delivered fresh milk products on a daily basis.



The bull waits in the barn

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to thank all our sponsors for making this calendar possible without putting a burden on our taxpayers. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS.

Our Calendar was designed by:

Mayor Chuck Chiarello and Pamela McDaniels, Administrative Secretary

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Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesdays until 7:30 pm

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBER LIST

DEPARTMENT / NAME / TITLE / EMAIL PHONE: 856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650	PRESS / CALL
TOWNSHIP CLERK / VITAL STATISTICS / LICENSES / MARRIAGE	1
Lisa A. Tilton, RMC / Township Clerk clerk@buenavistanj.com	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (M-F 7:30 am-3:30 pm).....	856-692-4121
Rich Calareso, Director publicworks@buenavistanj.com	
ANIMAL CONTROL, Township Clerk during normal business hours	1
Shore Animal Control..... 1-800-351-1822 Night & weekend <u>emergencies only</u> call State Police 609-561-1800	
TAX COLLECTOR	2
Kathleen Merlino, CTC taxcollector@buenavistanj.com	
TAX ASSESSOR	3
Bernadette E. Leonardi, CTA taxassessor@buenavistanj.com	
MUNICIPAL COURT (2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month)	6
Mannetta L. Bylone, CMCA, Court Administrator 856-697-3859 mannetta.bylone2@judiciary.state.nj.us	
ADMINISTRATOR / CMFO / PURCHASING AGENT	7
Kenia Nunez-Acuna administrator@buenavistanj.com	
FINANCE	7
finance@buenavistanj.com	
MAYOR & TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	8
Mayor Chuck Chiarello, Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly Committeemen John Armato, Steve Martinelli, John Williams mayor@buenavistanj.com	
FIRE MARSHAL (Fire Certifications press 8).....	9
Brian Murray (Office hours by appointment only) fire@buenavistanj.com	
PLANNING / ZONING / CODE ENFORCER / PERMITS	9
Rick Bracaliello, Zoning Officer (Tuesday evenings 5 pm-7:30 pm) zoning@buenavistanj.com	

DEPARTMENT / NAME / TITLE / EMAIL PHONE: 856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650	PRESS / CALL
PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY	9
Lisa A. Tilton, clerk@buenavistanj.com	
NJ CONSTRUCTION CODE / BUILDING INSPECTORS / PERMITS	5
Office hours in BVT: Monday & Friday 9 am to 12 noon (All other days call the Hammonton office at 609-567-3653)	
DR. MLK COMMUNITY CENTER	609-704-7262
mlkcenter@buenavistanj.com Quentin McClendon, Director, QMcClendon@buenavistanj.com	

STATE & FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

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Cory A. Booker	http://www.booker.senate.gov	856-338-8922
Robert Menendez.....	http://www.menendez.senate.gov	856-757-5353

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Frank LoBiondo	lobiondo.house.gov	609-625-5008
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GOVERNOR

Chris Christie	www.state.nj.us/governor	609-292-6000
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STATE SENATOR – DISTRICT 2

Jim Whelan.....	SenWhelan@njleg.org	609-383-1388
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY – DISTRICT 2

Vince Mazzeo	AsmMazzeo@njleg.org	609-338-1388
Chris Brown	AsmChrisABrown@njleg.org	609-677-8266

STATEHOUSE/GENERAL INFORMATION	609-292-2121
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SCHOOLS

Buena Board of Education.....	www.buena.k12.nj.us	856-697-0800
Buena Regional High School.....	856-697-2400	
Buena Regional Middle School	856-697-0100	
Collings Lakes Elementary School.....	856-885-4994	
Dr. JP Cleary Elementary School	856-697-8080	
John C. Milanesi Elementary School.....	856-697-0605	
Our Lady of Mercy Academy	www.edline.net	856-697-2008
St. Augustine Preparatory School.....	www.augustinian.org	856-697-2600
St. Mary's Regional School	www.smrschool.org	856-692-8537

ATLANTIC COUNTY & OTHER SERVICES

Atlantic County Government – Main number	609-345-6700
Atlantic County Intergenerational Services/Social Services.....	2-1-1
Atlantic County Library – Mays Landing Branch.....	609-625-2776
Hammonton Branch	609-561-2264
Atlantic County Mosquito Control	877-643-2287
Atlantic County Transportation-Senior/Handicapped/Disabled ...	609-645-5910
Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA).....	609-272-6950
Atlantic County Welfare Services.....	609-348-3001
Board of Elections	609-645-5878
Board of Freeholders.....	609-645-5900
Board of Taxation.....	609-645-5820
County Clerk.....	609-625-4011
Health Department	609-645-5935
Sheriff.....	609-909-7200
Superintendent of Elections.....	609-343-2245
Surrogate.....	609-343-2341

ANIMAL/WILDLIFE CONTROL

Atlantic County Animal Shelter	609-485-2345
SPCA (serving Atlantic County).....	609-927-6265
SPCA (serving Cumberland County)	856-691-1500
NJ Wildlife Control Unit	609-748-2044

DOG/CAT LICENSES

Renewals are required annually with a valid rabies vaccination.
(Late fee charged after March 31st)

DOG LICENSES FEES	CAT LICENSES FEES
\$12.00	Neutered
\$15.00	Non-Neutered
\$7.00	Late Fee

FREE RABIES CLINIC

BVT will be holding 4 free rabies and licensing clinics for dogs and cats at various fire halls in the Township during the month of March. See the calendar for details. The Atlantic County Animal Shelter also holds free clinics in Pleasantville. Call 609-485-2345 for more details.

POST OFFICES LOCATED IN BUENA VISTA

Buena.....	Zip Code-08310	856-697-2828
Milmay.....	Zip Code-08340	609-476-3215
Newtonville	Zip Code-08346	609-567-2389
Richland.....	Zip Code-08350	609-697-2846

OTHER AREA ZIP CODES:

Dorothy 08317	Hammonton 08037	Landisville 08326
Minotola 08341	Vineland 08360	Williamstown 08094

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Buena Outreach (Senior Center)	856-697-1030
Nutrition Site (Senior Meals)	856-697-0698
Hammonton Family Center – Energy assistance & other services.....	609-567-2900
Abundant Living Church Food Pantry	609-561-6019
4 th Tuesday of each month – 5-7 pm	
Community FoodBank of Southern NJ (Egg Harbor Twp.).....	609-628-0200
Emergency – Police/Fire/EMS/Ambulance.....	9-1-1
NJ State Police – Buena Vista.....	609-561-1800
Gloucester County Dispatch Center	856-589-0911
NJ Transit Bus/Rail www.njtransit.com	973-275-5555
NJ Pinelands Commission	609-894-7300
NDOT www.njdot.us/transportation	609-588-6213
Pot hole/Deer Carcass Removal/Highway Complaints	
Red Cross.....	609-646-8330

BVT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES / DISTRICTS

Emergencies Call 9-1-1

Richland Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 1	856-457-5158
East Vineland Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 2.....	856-213-5854
Newtonville Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 3.....	609-561-5593
Milmay Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 4.....	609-476-2020
Collings Lakes Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 5	609-561-9614

UTILITIES

Atlantic City Electric ... www.atlanticcityelectric.com	Non-Emergency	800-642-3780
	Emergency	800-833-7476
Comcast Cable.....	www.comcast.com	800-COMCAST
South Jersey Gas.....	www.southjerseygas.com	Non-Emergency
	Emergency	888-766-9900
Verizon	www.verizon.com	Repair
		800-837-4966
		Customer Service
		800-922-0204

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY CENTER

The Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center is located at 661 Jackson Road in Newtonville. Various programs and events (some listed below) take place at the Center. Rental of the facilities requires fees and an application to be filled out at the MLK Center.

MLKCenter@buenavistanj.com	609-704-7262
Quentin McClendon, Director.....	QMcClendon@buenavistanj.com
Seniors of the Newtonville Area.....	609-704-7262
Food Pantry open every other Wednesday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	
Buena Head Start.....	609-385-9475
Karen Houser, Program Director	beggen@gatewaycap.org
African American Heritage Museum www.aahmsnj.org	609-704-5495

TOWNSHIP SERVICES and INFORMATION

ROAD MAINTENANCE, SNOW REMOVAL, POTHoles

Our Public Works Department provides street repair and snow removal. Please address any questions or problems to the Township Clerk's office or call Public Works at 856-692-4121 & leave message. Normal hours (M-F) 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.

PARKS & RECREATION

Our Public Works Department maintains park and recreation facilities in Richland, Lake Ann, Newtonville & Collings Lakes for use by our residents. Questions about use/rental of our parks should be addressed to Clerk's Office at Township Hall (Press 1). Groups of 25+ require fees & an application to be filled out & submitted to the Recreation Committee. For use/rental of Wilder Hines Park, contact the MLK Center at 609-704-7262.

TRASH & RECYCLING



Municipal trash and recycling services are provided by the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA). **Trash and recycling problems, and questions should be directed to the ACUA at 609-272-6950 or 800-613-2282 / www.acua.com.**

GENERAL TRASH RULES / REQUIREMENTS

- Residents are encouraged to limit their weekly trash to three (3) 32 gallon containers or the equivalent per collection.
- Recycling is mandatory. Make sure to separate all recyclable items from your trash for curbside pickup. Single Stream recycling makes it easy to put all recyclables in the same blue containers.
- Excess trash will be left until the next pick up date if over the limit. Please remove excess trash from the curb until the next pick up date.
- Two (2) tires per week with without rims will be picked up at curbside.
- Trash containers shall be metal or plastic, water tight, have handles, not exceed 32 gals. & weigh no more than 50 lbs. when filled. Plastic bags may be used in place of containers. Metal drums are NOT acceptable. Please secure trash from animals. Loose or non-contained trash will not be picked up.
- Bulky trash (mattress, couch, furniture) will be collected on your trash day – limit (2) items per week. Bundles of painted or stained wood should be cut in 4 ft. lengths and must not weigh more than 50 lbs. per bundle.
- ACUA collects only residential trash. Commercial, industrial, building or demolition projects must provide for their own dumpster and arrange for pick-up by a private hauler.
- Placement time: All waste materials set out for collection shall be placed at curbside no later than 7 am on collection day and no sooner than 7 pm on the evening before. All empty waste containers must be removed from curbside by 7 pm on the day of collection.
- Trash rule violations carry penalties of a \$100.00 - \$500.00 fine and/or community service may be assessed.
- Yard Waste (leaves, brush, grass, clean wood): Place loose material in labeled cans or biodegradable kraft-type bags – bags should not exceed 50 lbs.
- Brush/branches must be bundled & tied with twine & should not exceed 4 ft. in length or 4"- 6" in diameter.

BVT RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER

The Center is open to all BVT residents – proof is required. The items below will be accepted on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Public Works Yard at 430 Union Rd. between 8 am & 12 noon (some holidays may cause dates to change).

ITEMS ACCEPTED AT NO CHARGE: appliances, metals, motor oil, brush/leaves in biodegradable Kraft-type bags, recyclables, e-waste, auto/light truck tires (rims must be removed) limit up to 4, truck/farm equipment tires (rims must be removed) limit up to 2 per month.

RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER RULES

- ➔ Center is for residential use.
- ➔ None of the following will be accepted: Household trash, construction, demolition or business materials, shingles, wood (painted, stained or treated), houses, barns, sheds, wooden fences or cement.
- ➔ Recyclable items must be presorted and ready for disposal.
- ➔ The Township reserves the right to limit quantities and to refuse unacceptable items.
- ➔ You must unload yourself.
- ➔ No tipping.



SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Atlantic County's recycling program is a single-stream program. Recyclable items can now go together in one container: All flattened cardboard and pizza boxes, office papers, newspaper & magazines, brown paper bags, aluminum cans, telephone & paperback books, paperboard, glass bottles & jars, junk mail, tin & steel cans together in the same containers without separating. Special Plastic Note: Recycle all plastic containers with a number 1 thru 7. Please NO Styrofoam or plastic bags. Check our website for current acceptable recycling items or www.acua.com.

BLUE RECYCLING CONTAINERS



The County provides each home in Buena Vista with one recycling container. The containers are the property of the ACUA and are to be used only for acceptable recycling items. Any trash placed in the blue containers will not be removed by the ACUA. Contact ACUA for replacement containers (there may be a cost for additional containers). Blue containers purchased at retail stores may also be used

E-WASTE (ELECTRONIC WASTE)

Curbside pickup is not available. You can drop these items off at no cost at the BVT Public Works Yard, 430 Union Road (near Oak Road) on the first Saturday of each month between 8 am and 12 noon. Items may also be dropped off at any Goodwill and other approved locations. Check the ACUA's website for options.

Items covered: TVs, monitors, terminals, CRTs, CPUs, cables, keyboards, telephones, printers, copiers, typewriters, modems, telephone mainframes, laptops, mainframe equipment, fax machines, medical equipment, lab equipment & other electronic items.

CURBSIDE LEAF MACHINE COLLECTION AREAS

Our curbside leaf machine collection will be done during the months of November, December, and April. This collection will be done only in Cedar Gardens, DeRosa Drive, Country Club area, and the Collings Lakes section of the Township. Dates will be posted on Channel 9, our website, and via flyers. All leaves must be raked to the curb by the first date announced for leaf machine pick up in the above areas. Schedule is subject to change depending on weather conditions. All other times of the year, leaves must be bagged (in biodegradable Kraft-type bags) and placed at the curb for regular yard waste collection provided by the ACUA (dates noted on our calendar). Call the BVT Public Works Department at 856-692-4121 for more details.

NON-CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION OR BRUSH PICK-UP AREAS

Residents are required to phone our Public Works Department to arrange for pick-up service for leaves, brush, and yard waste so that it may be scheduled in advance for pick up. There are no pick-ups in February, July or August. Residents with leaves and brush in the Curbside Leaf Collection Program (above) areas do not need to call for pick up.

ZONING OFFICER / PERMITS (Also see phone number list)

The Township Zoning Officer handles permits for many types of home improvement projects such as additions, sheds, porches, fences, patios, chimneys, pools, garages, pole barns, and home occupations.

STATE BUILDING PERMITS (Also see phone number list)

Building permits are required for new home construction, new roofs and shingles, siding, and certain window changes. State of NJ Construction Code Officials/ Building Inspectors handle these permits on behalf of Buena Vista Township.

PINELANDS COMMISSION APPROVALS

Many building and land projects require the approval of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission. They can be contacted at 609-894-7300 or at their website <http://state.nj.us/pinelands> where you can download an application. Residents should also speak to our Zoning Officer or State Building Inspectors before starting any projects. Additional forms for Pinelands issues can be found on the Township website.

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Periodically, funds are available through the State of New Jersey Small Cities Program and Atlantic County to fix homes needing critical repairs. Loans and some partial grants are available based on income levels. Emergency programs may also be available. Please contact the Township Clerk's office for additional information.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS

A revolving low-interest loan program may be available to new and existing Township businesses for facades, expansion and to create new jobs. Applications are available at the Township Clerk's office. Subject to availability of funds.

STREET LIGHTS

Residents are urged to report street lights that have burned out or in need of repair to the Township Clerk's office or directly to Atlantic City Electric by phoning 800-642-3780 or their website www.atlanticcityelectric.com. Please provide the pole number which is located on a metal plate just above eye level on each pole and the closest street location or intersection of the pole when reporting any problems.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Township Hall. Action may be taken at all meetings.
Regular Meetings – 7:30 pm Preliminary Caucus – 7:00 pm
Held on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month (except holidays)
Workshop Meeting – 7:00 pm Held on 1st Monday of most months
Planning/Zoning Board Meeting – 7:30 pm Held on 3rd Thursday of each month (except November meeting held on Tuesday before Thanksgiving)

TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Thursday & Friday, Christmas Day.

ELECTIONS

The Primary Election is held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in June. The General Election is held on the first Tuesday following the First Monday in November. School Board Elections are now held in November. Fire Commission Elections are held on the third Saturday of February at each Fire Hall.

VOTER REGISTRATION/VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Voter Registration and Vote By Mail Applications are available at the Township Clerk's office or on line at www.aclink.org.

STATE POLICE



The New Jersey State Police provides coverage to all areas of Buena Vista Township. For non-emergency calls dial 609-561-1800 or 609-561-7267. Emergency calls should be dialed through 9-1-1.

HOUSE AND BUSINESS NUMBERING

The Township has assigned numbering to all streets in Buena Vista. Your tax bill will show your street and/or mailing address. It is important to display your number. All homes and businesses are required to display property numbers. Numbers must be at least 3" high, reflective and placed where they can be clearly seen from the street in an emergency. If you have a long driveway, numbers should be posted at the end.

CABLE TELEVISION, HIGH SPEED INTERNET & PHONE SERVICE

Cable television, high speed internet, and phone service are handled by Comcast and covers most areas of Buena Vista Township. For more information call: 1-800-COMCAST. Verizon provides phone & internet service & can be reached by dialing 1-800-VERIZON.

LOCAL ACCESS TV AND COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Township Committee meetings and local programs are shown on Comcast Cable Channel 9 every Tuesday between 5 pm and 10 pm. Comcast Channel 9 also shows our Community Bulletin Board around the clock when there is no other municipal programming on. Comcast Cable Channel 9 is shared between six towns in their system.

TOWNSHIP CODE BOOK

Our complete Township Code Book is now available on our website. All local Ordinances can be found there. See www.buonavistanj.com.

BUENA VISTA HISTORY AND FACTS

A Brief History and Overview of Buena Vista Township

Written by Mayor Chuck Chiarello, January 1997 • Updated December 2015



H. Amici & Co. (Richland General Store)

In 1692 this area was part of Cape May County. By 1694 we were part of Gloucester County. In 1695 our area was called Great Egg Harbor, which was also known as New Weymouth. In 1798 we became part of Weymouth Township until 1813 when we became part of Hamilton Township. In 1837 Atlantic County was formed. On March 5, 1867 Buena Vista Township, Atlantic County was established, separating from Hamilton. Buena Vista Township today is somewhat smaller than it was when it was originally established in 1867. At that time, the areas that we know today as Folsom and Buena Borough were part of Buena Vista Township. In 1906 Folsom separated from the Township followed by Buena Borough in 1949.

The earliest settlements in Buena Vista Township can be traced to a pristine body of water known as Deep Run in the Pancoast Mill area. Wildlife and rare species can be found in this particular portion of the Township. Deep Run (part of the Great Egg Harbor River system) lent itself to an early sawmill being developed by John Campbell. Campbell originally bought land in Buena Vista Township in 1773. In 1779, he opened a tavern known as "Ye Olde Midway Inn." In 1774, the Methodist Church (Friendship Church) was established by Aguilla Down and Ambrose Pancoast. The original Friendship Church and the former site of the modern day Midway Inn are now in Buena Borough.

The Buena Vista School District was established in 1866, one year prior to Buena Vista Township being created. Several original school buildings in the Township still exist, though the earliest ones prior to 1900 are no longer standing. The school in Milmay is now a private home and was built around 1915. The first school in Newtonville still stands on Jackson Road at 10th Street, and is now a private home too.

The area known as Newtonville was planned to be developed by an acquaintance of Charles K. Landis, the developer of Vineland, but it never bloomed to its anticipated level. Newtonville has several historical cemeteries. The Collings Lakes area was originally cranberry bogs that were later filled to make lakes. A housing community was developed around the bogs there in the 1950's. Buena Vista Township's farmlands in Richland, East Vineland and Milmay truly put the word "garden" in the Garden State. Our area is noted for its tomatoes, corn, peppers and other vegetables. In our modern era, we also grow a variety of unusual vegetables for specialty purposes and greenhouse operations offer a wide variety of flowers and plants. The name Buena Vista, which means "good vision," was originally introduced to this area after the Mexican War by George B. Cake, a hotel owner, in 1848.

Buena Vista Township has a diverse, cultural background, with residents of almost every religion. Our earliest settlers were Dutch and Swedish, followed by English and Scottish, African Americans,

Germans, Irish and Welsh. Later came the Italians, Jews, Russians and Puerto Ricans. In 1953 a Russian community, New Kuban, was established on Weymouth Road.

We have vast farmlands, beautiful Pinelands, wildlife, previous bodies of water and even beaches in Collings Lakes. While most people perceive this area to be flat, we are actually on higher ground than many areas in Southern New Jersey. In the farmlands of Milmay, East Vineland and Richland, several rivers have their headwaters (starting point). The Manumaskin Drainage Basin (part of the Maurice River) along with the Tuckahoe and South Rivers (tributaries of the Great Egg Harbor River) are significant in their environmental impact to the region and start in Buena Vista.

The original reason that people came to this area was the soil that was available for farming and the sand which helped produce both sand mining operations and glass manufacturing plants. Today, soil and sand are still the primary business in Buena Vista Township. Farms are abundant and Comar is an example of the specialty glass and plastics industry that is still present in Buena Vista.

In modern times, Buena Vista Township employment is made up of people in all different backgrounds – from laborers and farmers, to business and professional people, as well as, casino employees.

Our children are educated by the Buena Regional School District which serves both Buena Vista and Buena Borough as well as students in Estell Manor and Weymouth. We are also home to the St. Augustine Prep School in Richland and St. Mary's Regional School in East Vineland.

The logo on the Township banner shows an eagle that symbolizes the Township's strength and states the slogan: "44 miles of Opportunity." In actuality, the size of the Township is 41.53 square miles. In 2000, the census showed a population of 7,436 and 2,648 homes. As we enter the year 2015, our population is estimated to be around 7,436 residents with about 2,700 homes. Ninety percent of Buena Vista Township is located within the confines of the area known as the Pinelands. The area to the west of Union Road in East Vineland is the only portion of the Township that is outside the Pinelands. The Pinelands is a natural land reserve covering 53 towns in 7 counties in southern and central New Jersey. Beneath the Pinelands is the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer, the largest underground supply of water on the east coast of the United States.

The Township is served by the New Jersey State Police. On November 8, 1996, the New Jersey State Police opened Troop A Headquarters, serving all of South Jersey, on Route 54 in Buena Vista. The facility includes barracks, administrative offices, vehicle maintenance, heliport and a target range.

Five volunteer fire companies service the Township: Richland, East Vineland, Newtonville, Collings Lakes, and Milmay. Each fire district has commissioners that are elected by residents within their boundaries. Tax dollars and donations are used to operate the fire companies. Four volunteer rescue squads service the Township but do not receive direct taxpayer dollars, only contributions from the Township, Fire Districts and the public. The Collings Lakes Fire



Auto, Road and Hotel at Route 40, Richland, NJ.

Rescue and the BVT EMS are based in our Township. The BVT EMS is a joint effort of the East Vineland and Richland Fire Companies and started operations in 2000. Collings Lakes Fire Rescue operates the former Collings Lakes Ambulance Association. The Milmay area is served by the Dorothy Rescue Squad. Mutual aid is also provided to the Township by the Buena EMS based in Buena Borough.

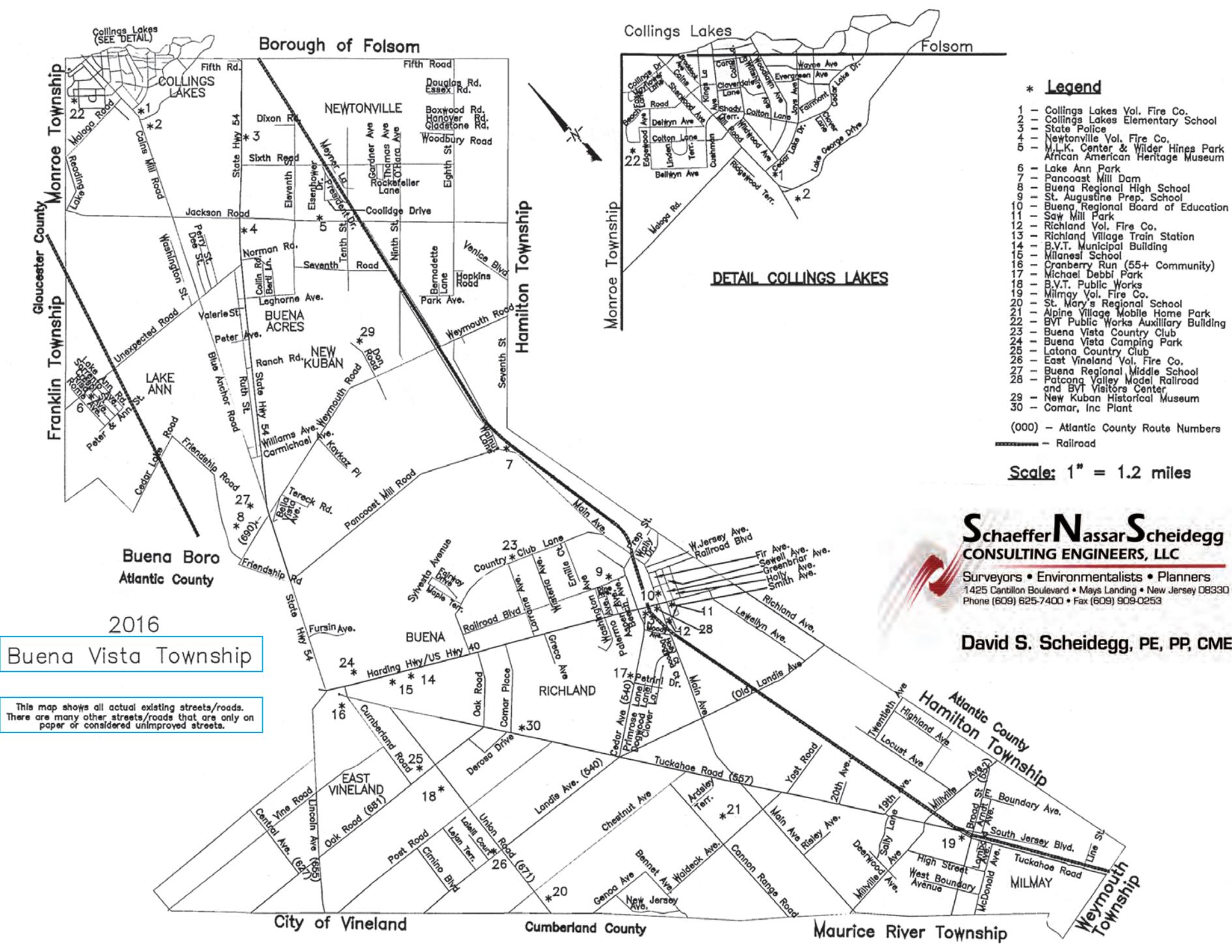
In 1998, the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center opened in Newtonville and was joined in 2003 by the African American Heritage Museum at the same site. The Center features community programs and the Buena Head Start provided by Gateway.

Our community has a "Township Committee" form of government. There are four voting districts. Five township committee members are elected for staggered three-year terms to serve our residents. Each committee member is elected "at-large," meaning that voters from all districts of the Township vote on all their elected leaders. The Township re-organizes each January. A member of the Township Committee is selected to act as Chairperson/Mayor of Buena Vista. An additional member of the Committee is chosen to be Vice-Chairperson/Deputy Mayor. The Township Committee is the decision-making body for the government of Buena Vista Township. All daily operations are handled by the Township Administrator and the various department heads. All business for the Township passes through the Township Committee, which acts on laws applicable to our community that are established by the State of New Jersey.

Many people identify Buena Vista Township by the area they live in, such as Buena, Richland, Milmay, East Vineland, Newtonville, Collings Lakes, New Kuban, Lake Ann, or Buena Acres. Buena Vista Township is served by 10 post offices including: Buena, Milmay, Richland, Newtonville, Williamstown, Newfield, Mays Landing, Minotola, Landisville and Vineland. We are located in the western end of Atlantic County on the border with Cumberland and Gloucester Counties. Our voters cast ballots in New Jersey's 2nd Legislative District and nationally in the 2nd Congressional District. Our community has two telephone area codes, 609 and 856.

The Richland Village Project broke ground on November 23, 2004. It includes redevelopment along US Route 40 and the restoration of The Cape May Seashore Lines excursion train service which started again on October 8, 2005. Richland Village is also home of the Patcong Valley Model Railroad and the 100 plus year old Richland General Store.

At the writing of this brief history, Buena Vista Township is 149 years old. In 1967, the 100th Anniversary of the Township was celebrated and was quite a festive occasion. As a resident of Buena Vista Township, you can feel proud of the history and culture that your community has inherited.



*** Legend**

- 1 - Collings Lakes Vol. Fire Co.
- 2 - Collings Lakes Elementary School
- 3 - State Police
- 4 - Newtonville Vol. Fire Co.
- 5 - W.L.K. Center & Wilder Hines Park
- 6 - African American Heritage Museum
- 7 - Lake Ann Park
- 8 - Pancoast Mill Dam
- 9 - Buena Regional High School
- 10 - St. Augustine Prep. School
- 11 - Buena Regional Board of Education
- 12 - Saw Mill Park
- 13 - Richland Vol. Fire Co.
- 14 - Richland Village Train Station
- 15 - B.V.T. Municipal Building
- 16 - Milanesi School
- 17 - Cranberry Run (55+ Community)
- 18 - Michael Debbi Park
- 19 - B.V.T. Public Works
- 20 - Milmay Vol. Fire Co.
- 21 - St. Mary's Regional School
- 22 - Alpine Village Mobile Home Park
- 23 - BVT Public Works Auxiliary Building
- 24 - Buena Vista Country Club
- 25 - Buena Vista Camping Park
- 26 - Latona Country Club
- 27 - East Vineland Vol. Fire Co.
- 28 - Buena Regional Middle School
- 29 - Patcong Valley Model Railroad and BVT Visitors Center
- 30 - New Kuban Historical Museum
- 30 - Comar, Inc Plant

(000) - Atlantic County Route Numbers
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Scale: 1" = 1.2 miles

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This map shows all actual existing streets/roads. There are many other streets/roads that are only on paper or considered unimproved streets.

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