



Sandyston Township Sentinel

2023 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Preliminary Assessment Grant Received For Former "Roadside Rest"



Sandyston Township is in the process of determining the extent of the contamination, if any, of the Road Side Rest/Bischoff property located at 235 Route 206. In December 2022, Sandyston was advised we were approved for a \$6,635.50 grant approved through the Department of Environmental Protection, Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Program and the New Jersey Department of Economic Development for a Preliminary Assessment of the property to determine location of inground gas tanks and contamination, if any. This investigation is funded 100% through a grant provided by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

The Preliminary Assessment was completed in May of 2023 by ADR Environmental. The purpose of a Preliminary Assessment is to gather as much information as possible in relation to the property, the history of the property and documents that might be available in investigating any and all tanks, their location and to move to the next phase "Site Investigation.

In April 2023, Sandyston submitted a Site Investigation grant application in the amount of \$29,442.00. The Site Investigation will look further into the property and pinpoint areas of concern in an effort to determine contamination, if any, to be investigated during the next phase and determine what grants might be available for future tank removal or remediation.

Dog Licenses Required!



Please remember dogs must be licensed at six months old. If you currently have a dog or recently moved to Sandyston and you did not obtain a license—please call the Municipal Clerk.

You may obtain a dog license application at the municipal building or on the Township website:

www.sandystontownship.com

Remember to provide spay/neuter information & valid rabies certificate with an expiration date of at least November 1, 2022 (per State of New Jersey). Dog licenses fees \$13 unaltered/\$10 altered.

Dog licenses expire in December of each year. Be on the look out for the renewal letter and send your information in as soon as possible to avoid late fees and Court costs.

Tax Bills Mailed

Tax Bills were mailed on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 and you should have received them in the mail. Taxes are due 25 days from the date of mailing (per NJ Statute) which is generally August 1 with a 10 day grace period. The grace period has been extended to August 12, 2023.

For any taxes unpaid by August 13, interest is calculated back to August 1. Any tax payment made will always satisfy the oldest delinquency first, if any, per NJ Statute.

If you recently purchased your home, please allow time for the deed to be recorded with the Sussex County Clerk's Office. If you are selling your home, please provide tax bill to the purchaser.



Sandyston Receives Grants



Sandyston Receives Local Recreation Improvement Grant



On January 5, 2022, Sandyston Township received word we were awarded a \$70,000 Local Recreation Improvement Grant through the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. This grant was for the installation of a walking path behind the municipal building around the ball-field, soccer field and playground and was installed and completed in August 2022. Before receipt of the grant, Sandyston Township Recreation had been working hard to raise funds for this project and funds they have raised to date will be used to supplement this walking path with pavers (see fundraiser) benches and more as ideas materialize and funds are available.

Local Recreation Improvement Grant funds were awarded to successful grant applicants to help cover costs associated with updating community centers, playgrounds, pools, fields, walking or bicycle trails, rail trails, multi-sport courts, and recreational facilities; one-time personnel costs directly related to improvements; project development professional services costs; equipment costs including playground and recreation facilities equipment; and environmental remediation costs required to prepare recreation sites for use. Thank you to Matt Morris of Harold E. Pellow & Associates for his help applying for this grant!

Since the installation of this walking path in August 2022, countless people have enjoyed the new addition to our complex. This has enabled people to have a safe place to walk by themselves or with their children and families, gives parents a place to walk and chat when their children are enjoying a soccer game, baseball game, or time on the playground or a for people to walk safely and at their own speed while recovering from surgeries. We have received an overwhelming number of compliments and gratitude for this newly installed gem.

Remediation Investigation Grant Received For Tri-State Steel Fabricators



As reported in previous newsletters, Sandyston Township is in the process of determining the extent of the contamination of Tri-State Steel Fabricators with a grant approved through the Department of Environmental Protection, Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Program and the New Jersey Department of Economic Development. In November 2022, our Supplemental Remedial Investigation application was approved in the amount of 75,295.25 to continue our work with ADR Environmental. This investigation is funded 100% through a grant provided by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. At the conclusion of these investigations, the Township Committee will be provided with costs and steps necessary for remediation, as well as options and grants available for remediation of this site with a possible sale to Green Acres. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

American Rescue Plan Act/LFRF

The federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, signed into law on March 11, 2021, was enacted to provide funding for COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery and funds were disbursed from the U.S. Department of Treasury to the State of New Jersey for counties and municipalities called "Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF).

Sandyston Township received \$190,810.78 in LFRF Funds in two installments, received in July 2021 and July 2022.

LFRF funds needed to be obligated no later than December 31, 2024 to be LFRF eligible. The period of performance runs until December 31, 2026, to allow for completion of eligible projects. Sandyston Township has utilized these funds as follows:



Assembly Bill 1145, signed into law by Governor Murphy in June 2021, established a State online electronic building permit review and inspection scheduling system, which supplemented and amended P.L.1975, c.217, and amended P.L.2005, c.212, and P.L.1979, c.121, ensuring that electronic permitting systems were implemented to provide a convenient digital experience, secure data and records keeping, and streamlined processing giving residents and contractors the flexibility to file a permit application online with ease 24/7. The Township Committee utilized Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) in the amount of **\$34,900.00** payable to **Spatial Data Logic LLC** to improve the Sandyston Township website (ADA accessibility, mobile friendly, providing access to public documents, municipal calendar and audio recordings of meetings), as well as providing online access to Construction Department in an effort to address the negative economic impacts to the municipality as well as investing in technology infrastructure due to COVID-19.

Check out our new website and visit the online SDL portal!



In an effort to address the negative economic impacts to the **Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department** due to the decline in income and the lack of ability to fundraise during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Township Committee utilized Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the donation to the fire department for the purchase of SCBA'S (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) as well as to replace outdated, noncompliant hose on several fire trucks owned by the department.

At the time of the writing for this newsletter, the fire department spent \$43,335.00 on the purchase of new SCBA'S (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) and the remaining \$6,665.00 was used to purchase new hose for the fire trucks. Many fire departments suffered a decline in income due to the Coronavirus, and these funds gave our department the ability to replace equipment critical to our department and the volunteers.



In an effort to address the negative economic impacts to **Blue Ridge Rescue Squad** due to the decline in income and the lack of ability to fundraise during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Township Committee utilized Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for a **\$50,000.00** donation to the rescue squad for the purchase of an ambulance. Donations were also made by Frankford and Montague Township. The estimated purchase price of the new ambulance is \$174,380.33, a remounted ambulance box onto a new Ford F-450 4x4 chassis— a stripped ambulance without any improvements. As the department adds the necessary equipment the end price will be approximately \$250,000.00.



In an effort to invest in the improvement of water infrastructure through drainage projects on various roads in Sandyston Township, the Township Committee used the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the repair of two drains (located on Meyers Road and Old Dingmans Road) to improve stormwater management. The Township Committee utilized bidding procedures as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq and awarded the contract to **Messercola Excavating Co., Inc.**, on July 19, 2022 in the amount of **\$48,790.00** plus engineering for both projects, with the balance of the funds used for smaller projects and/or engineering.

Pictured to the left is the finished drainage project on Old Dingmans Road. The ability to use the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for these stormwater issues and have the ability to make the repairs using these funds was a bonus for Sandyston Township.



News and Information



As we travel Route 206 daily, we realize that some sections of this highway are more dangerous than others. This cannot be stressed enough for the section which travels through Stokes State Forest going both north and south on any given day, no matter the time of year. Vehicles travel at a high rate of speed and can be unforgiving of vehicles trying to turn onto Struble Road.

At the request of residents on Struble Road, as well as discussions with fire department members regarding motor vehicle calls, the Township Committee requested the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation visit this section of Route 206, specifically cars turning off of Route 206 onto Struble Road traveling north and south. The DOT visited this location, available space of the roadway and traffic accident information. Due to the location of a stream on the northbound side of the highway, a turning lane was not possible at the time.. The DOT offered improved signage going north and south alerting drivers of the possibility of turning vehicles as they approach Struble Road. This process took nearly two years to complete and we are appreciative of the cooperation of the Department of Transportation.



Business Insurance Registry

As of August 5, 2022, new State law S-1368 requires all business owners and owners of multifamily rental units to maintain certain levels of liability insurance. In addition, the new law requires that all business owners and owners of multifamily rental units annually register a certificate of insurance with the municipality where the business or rental unit is located.

The owner of a business or the owner of a rental unit or units shall maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount of no less than \$500,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury to or death of one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence. The owner of a multifamily home, which is four or fewer units, one of which is owner-occupied, shall maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount of no less than \$300,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury to or death of one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence. The Insurance Registry is \$10.00 to register and is only valid for a term of one (1) calendar year, and expires on December 31 of the year that the registration was submitted. In the upcoming months, the Clerk will be sending out a letter to all business owners and landlords regarding this new requirement.

Update on Flatbrook Road— Section V Municipal Aid Grant



In October 2021, Sandyston Township was awarded a NJ Department of Transportation, Municipal Aid grant in the amount of \$165,100 for Flatbrook Road Section V. This grant will continue paving on Flatbrook Road where the last project was completed in the Fall.

This project is currently out for bid, with the bid opening date of Thursday, August 3, 2023. Thank you to Harold E. Pellow & Associates, who work on our behalf in applying for the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation Grants.

News and Information

Optimum/Altice Brings Cable/Internet



One thing that became abundantly clear during the COVID pandemic is the reality that cable/internet service and connectivity is a major issue in New Jersey. Sandyston Township is no different. While most roads in Sandyston have cable, there are a few roads that still do not and must use satellite or phone for cable and internet—and speeds are dismal at best.

In July 2021, Mayor Harper took these concerns to Altice with the hope that funds we received from the American Rescue Act could be used toward getting cable to the residents of Struble Road. To our surprise, Altice agreed to bring cable to Struble Road at no cost to the residents/municipality. While their projected date of completion came and went, the project was finally completed in March of 2023.

We understand there are a few residents who await the opportunity to be added to the Altice network and we will continue to work with Altice until they are connected.

Sandyston Township Reclassified to Tier B Municipality

In December 2022, Sandyston Township received word the State of NJ, Department of Environment Protection reclassified our township from a Tier B to a Tier A municipality. With this reclassification comes a litany of new rules and regulations and a timeline for their completion. We tried to fight it with many municipalities, but we were unsuccessful.

Through this reclassification, we will need to update stormwater related ordinances, update our website with stormwater information and access to pertinent websites, updated street sweeping regulations, creation of a stormwater pollution prevention plan, MS4 mapping of stormwater inlets and outlets, training for municipal employees and governing body, improved watershed improvement plan, improvements at our DPW yard and more.

To aid our municipality in this daunting task, we have applied for and have been awarded **\$50,000.00 Stormwater Assistant Grant** through the State of NJ, DEP. Upon application we received \$25,000.00 and will receive the additional \$25,000.00 upon approval of our stormwater pollution prevention plan. This grant will help offset the costs associated with this reclassification. Special thanks to Harold E. Pellow & Associates who is helping us with this process.

Save the Date! Flu Clinic!



Flu Immunization Clinic

Clinic Provided by: Sussex County Division of Health, Office of Public Health Nursing

Saturday, October 28, 2023

10 am to 12 pm

Sandyston Township Municipal Building
in the meeting hall

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE CLINIC

Office of Public Health Nursing

**You may call 973-579-0570 x 1275
and you may schedule your appointment now!**

**Flu Vaccine \$25/ High-Dose \$65
Free with Medicare Part B & Any BCBS Plan
Cash or Check Accepted
No Credit or Debit Cards**

New Lead Paint Inspection Ordinance

In July 2021, Governor Phil Murphy signed NJ P.L. 2021 chapter 182 into law to require regular inspection of single-family and multifamily residential properties to ensure that people are not being exposed to hazardous lead-based paint in their homes. In 2022, a new policy was enacted by the state outlining further details around “lead-based paint inspections in rental dwelling units” and the critical steps for local government inspections.

The law imposes an obligation on municipalities to perform or hire a certified lead evaluation contractor to perform inspections of certain single-family, two-family, and multiple rental dwellings for lead-based paint hazards every three years or upon owner/tenant turnover where there is no valid lead-safe certification.

The Township Committee is currently working on a new ordinance for compliance of this new law.



Sandyston Recreation



Miss Sandyston 2022 : Mikaela Becker



On Sandyston Day, Sunday, June 5, 2022, Mikaela Becker was selected as Miss Sandyston. Mikaela has spent her Senior year being homeschooled, previously attending Veritas Christian Academy and plans to attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA in the Fall.

Mikaela is currently a First Responder with Blue Ridge Rescue Squad. Mikaela has been very active with 4H throughout the years having been involved in Shelton Shooters, Love on a Leash, Breeders & Feeders, All Star Rabbits before her recent graduation.

Mikaela has worked for Fresh Pickins, Green Valley Farms, Becker Air Conditioning & Heating, Gerber Landscaping, Liberty Mountain Gun Club, Northwest Christian School, the Painted Barn Marker as well as pet sitting and helping with child care. Mikaela enjoys competitive archer, shooting guns, driving, hiking, fishing, kayaking, reading, art, playing violin.

Congratulations Mikaela on your crowning as Miss Sandyston in 2022.

Sandyston Senior of the Year 2022: Edward Drake



Each year, the Sandyston Township Committee gathers on Sandyston Day to present the Sandyston Township Senior Citizen of the Year award. While this pick is generally reserved for the Mayor, it is something that is talked about and considered all year long either from conversations and recommendations of the public or through observations of Township employees and Committee members., we are proud to present this award to a very deserving, community volunteer – Edward Drake.

Born in Newton in 1950, Ed is the son of Howard and Mary Drake of Frankford. Ed was raised in Frankford Township with his nine brothers and sisters and attended Frankford Township Grammar School and Newton High School.

Through the years, Ed worked for Ayers Sanitation and the State of New Jersey before his employment with Frankford Township School in 1984 where he worked for 28 years until his retirement in 2012.

In 1974, Ed married Maureen McGivney in Frankford Township at Our Lady Queen of Peace and together they have lived in Sandyston since 1976 working and raising a family and spending time with their two sons, Chris and Brian.

Today, Ed is a proud grandfather to three grandsons. Ed and Maureen are very proud of their family. Son, Chris is married Laurie they have a son, Colton. Son, Brian is married to Jennifer and they have two sons, Brian and Adam. Ed is also a great brother to Fred, his twin brother, and Doug, both of Montague, as well as his sister, Loretta of Florida.

Known as a guy who doesn't sit still for long, Ed currently works part-time at Hidden Golf Course, and can be seen helping on local farms, as well as helping family, friends and especially his neighbors. He also has worked for many years helping his twin brother, Fred, with his business "Drakes Towing". He is the watchdog, not only on his road, but Sandyston Township in general, and is the go to person for everyone who needs help! Ed is a kind, quick witted, generous and hard-working person who truly would give "the shirt off his back" to help everyone and anyone in need.

Ed has been volunteering and proudly giving back to his community since 1974 where he started with Frankford Township Fire Department before joining Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department years later and where he is still an active member today. Whether it is driving equipment on fire calls, training new volunteers, helping with fundraising or fixing equipment, Ed is a valued and respected member of the department. Ed is always positive with a willingness to help and do whatever is necessary for the betterment of the organization. Ed is also a long-time member of the Sandyston Township Board of Health.

Sandyston Recreation

Miss Sandyston 2023: Danielle Sharry



On Sandyston Day, Saturday, June 3, 2022, Danielle Sharry was selected as Miss Sandyston. Danielle is a 2023 graduate of Kittatinny Regional High School and is currently attending Sussex County Community College with plans on attending College of Charleston, South Carolina in 2024

While attending Kittatinny Regional High School, Danielle was the Captain of the Field Hockey team, member of the National Honor Society of Leadership & Success as well as a member of Honors Society (Phi Theta Kappa). Danielle has also made the Dean's List at Sussex County Community College.

Danielle has worked for Land of Make Believe, Acorn Landing Children's Center and also does babysitting and pet sitting for local families. Danielle enjoys fishing, cooking, traveling and being with friends and family.

Congratulations, Danielle, on your crowning as Miss Sandyston in 2023. We wish you the very best as you compete at the Queen of the Fair Competition at the NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show, Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Sandyston Senior of the Year 2023: Richard Hollyer



Each year the Mayor picks a resident for the Sandyston Township Senior Citizen Award and each year we try to make it a secret as long as we can to surprise the recipient. This year, the Sandyston Township Senior Citizen of the Year for 2023 is Rick Hollyer.

Rick was born and raised in Wyckoff before marrying his wife, Sally in 1964 where they moved to Branchville and lived for five years before purchasing their home on Ridge Road in the Hainesville Section of Sandyston in 1971. Rick and Sally raised their three children, John, Rick and Cathy, and enjoyed being involved in the groups and organizations their children took interest in and watching them play sports and participate in clubs.

Over the years, Rick has been very busy.....

Rick is an attorney, celebrating 58 years of practice at Dolan & Dolan, PA specializing in the practice of business and transactional law, estate administration and planning and estate litigation.

He served on the St. Thomas parish council for several years and helped with the acquisition of the property for the current church located on Route 206. He served as cubmaster in the 70's while also being the Webelo leader. Until recently he was on the Board of the 4-H Foundation, a position he held for many years. Rick is also a member of the Branchville and Newton Rotary Clubs as well as Branchville Businessmen.

When Rick isn't busy working, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Sally, -working on projects around his house, swimming in his pool and spending time with and traveling to see his nine grandchildren Grant, Faith, Bryce, Marina, Nola, Millie, Ike, Max and Phoebe. Rick is known for always being busy whether it is at work or at his home.

Rick is a kind, funny, smart, outgoing and generous gentleman who is always willing to lend a hand whenever needed.



Sandyston Recreation



SANDYSTON RECREATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Sandyston Rec is comprised of a few volunteers and is always looking for a lending hand, whether it's for an hour or a day. Please consider becoming involved !
We meet at the municipal building every 4th Monday of the month
Email Sandystonrec@gmail.com ,Follow us on Facebook Sandyston recreation



Dinner for a Cause

(Proceeds will benefit the TOPSoccer program)

September 30,2023

CHICKEN FRANCESE OR MEATLOAF

\$35 FAMILY DINNER (serves 4)

Pick up Sandyston Municipal Building

5:30-6:30 p.m

To order : text 973-903-4136
with your name and dinner choice



October 27th 7:00 - 10:00 pm
COME FOR A WITCHIN GOOD TIME!
HALLOWEEN PARTY
W / DJ RAY SIKORA
@Camp Linwood MacDonald YMCA
\$20 ADULT ONLY TICKET
Snacks, dessert and draft beer included



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28th 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Join us for our Annual Trunk or Treat
Again this year, we will begin our event
by parading our walking path .



Fall Soccer

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
Ages 3-12 years.

Little kickers - intro to soccer ages 3-4,5
U6 - U12 ages 4,5 -12 these levels play
weekly and have practices. Games are
held in town and in surrounding towns



TOPSOCCER

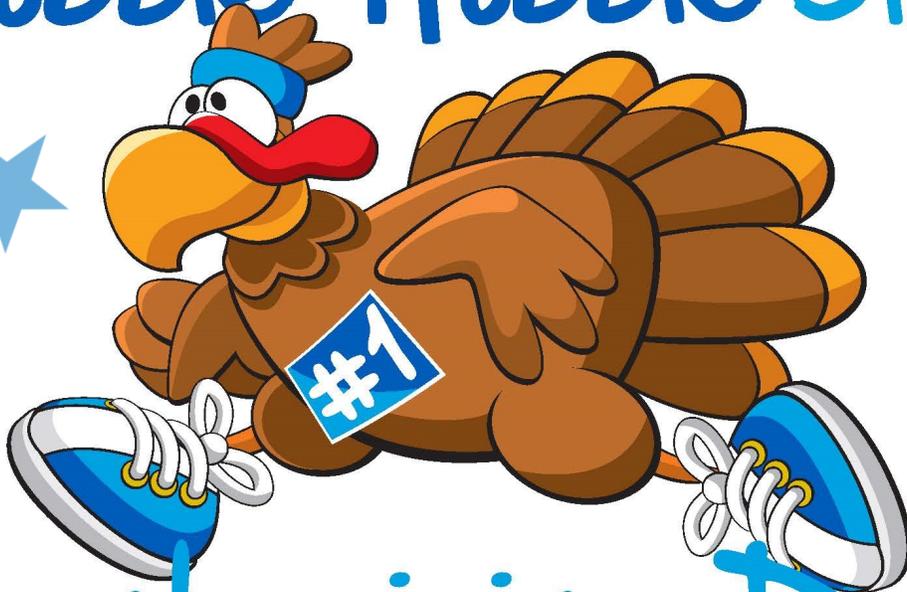
What is TOPSoccer ?

US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a recreational sports program for children with intellectual, emotional, or physical disabilities offered only through local US Youth Soccer-affiliated soccer clubs. TOPSoccer provides people with diverse abilities an opportunity to play soccer in a structured environment that is safe, fun, supportive, and inclusive. Sandyston Recreation TOPSoccer is seeking sponsors and donations for the launch of this program .

For more information please email sandystonrecTOPSoccer@gmail.com

RUN. WALK. HOBBLE.

Gobble Hobble 5K



Thanksgiving Day Sandyston, NJ

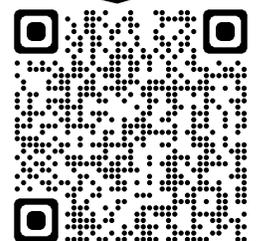
Thursday, November 23, 2023

As it gets closer to the event, information regarding the Gobble Hobble will be posted to Recreation and Township Facebook pages and websites. You will be able to register for the event at the following website:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Sandyston/SandystonRecreationGobbleHobble>

You may also use this QRcode for registration:

*Interested in being a sponsor for the Gobble Hobble 5K or
have questions regarding the event?
Contact*





Fire Department News



New Utility Truck for the Department



For many years, the fire department used their 1985 Chevy pick up for nearly 20 years as a brush truck until it was converted into a utility truck to better serve the needs of the department and members on fire calls. The department purchased this vehicle from military surplus almost 25 years ago. In recent years, the truck began to cost the department more money in repairs and fire department members began planning for the replacement of this vehicle.



In March of 2022, a new utility truck, a 2023 GMC Crew Cab with a utility body, was ordered and the department took delivery in December of 2022. Shortly thereafter, lights, radio equipment and lettering was added and fire department members spent many hours preparing the vehicle to get it ready for service to the community. This truck responds to motor vehicle accidents, road closures, traffic details, reports of utility wire fires/wires down and provides transportation of the UTV/Trailer to technical rescues with the ability to carry necessary equipment needed for different types of fire calls.

This purchase was made possible through the hard work of our volunteers and the public support of the department's fundraising efforts and shall serve the community well for many years to come.

Tanker Purchased for the Department



During the summer of 2022, the members of Frankford Township Fire Department contacted the Chiefs of Sandyston and informed them they would be purchasing a new fire truck and asked if Sandyston would be interested in purchasing their Tanker. Being in excellent condition, the fire department members eagerly accepted the offer and in March of this year took possession of the tanker.

The fire department welcomed this new tanker to their fleet which will help with limited water supply within the department, especially during dry conditions.

Thank you to the members of Frankford Fire Department for extending the offer allowing our department to purchase this beautiful truck!

Grant Received from Sussex County Commissioners



On May 10, 2023, the Sussex County Board of Commissioners approved a Volunteer Fire and EMS Equipment Grant Program funded through the American Rescue Plan's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support Sussex County volunteer fire and emergency medical service organizations by procuring up to \$10,000 per organization for the necessary equipment to run their operations. Volunteer Organizations rely primarily on fundraising, which was impacted sharply by the pandemic, straining capabilities to respond expeditiously to calls, while keeping the volunteers safe with proper, up to date equipment. The fire department applied for a grant in the amount of \$9,800 for the purchase of a TNT Electric Storm Surge Series Combination Tool which will replace the current equipment obtained in 2007 which is gas-powered, heavy to maneuver and not very portable. This combination tool is lighter, easier to maneuver and offers our volunteers improved speed and more versatility when responding to motor vehicle accidents with entrapment or vehicle fires allowing for improved speed in accessing the engine compartment. We thank the Sussex

County Commissioners for the opportunity to apply for this much needed grant.

Fire Department News



Start Time Change: Parade will start from municipal parking lot at 2:00 pm

Must have a valid Driver's License to drive a tractor.

Absolutely, positively no throwing items from wagons.

Only tractors are permitted in parade.

Tricky Tray Donations: We are seeking donations from the public for our tricky tray. You may drop off trays at the town hall Monday—Friday between 9 am and 2 pm or make monetary donations and a tray will be made in your name. In 2022, *we had over 90 trays!*

More information will be posted on the Township website and Township/Fire Department Facebook pages.

Volunteers Always Needed

Firefighters

If you are at least 18 years of age and have a desire to serve your community why not join us? *Junior Members are welcome 14-17 years old.*

- Free Training
- Sense of Accomplishment
- Give Back to Your Community

Auxiliary Members

Kids grown? Have some time to spare? Just need to get out of the house? Help is needed for fire department fundraisers. A great way to give back to your community, meet new people !

Interested? Chief House 973-960-4882

STVFD: Supporter Shirts For Sale \$20.00 each



Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department is having an awesome fundraiser— "Supporter" T-Shirts!

The t-shirts are navy blue with the fire department emblem on the front left and the American Flag on the back in white with a red line offering the word "Supporter" on the back.



You can proudly show your support by purchasing a t-shirt for \$20 each! Shirts are available at the municipal building between 9 am and 2 pm and at upcoming fundraisers by the department.

CHICKEN BBQ



to benefit Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department

**Saturday, September 9, 2023
\$18.00 per ticket**

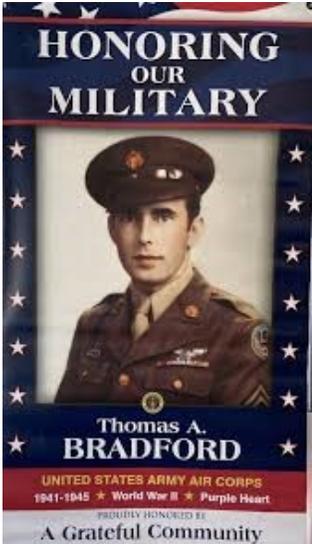
Take Out Only Starting at 1:30 pm

For tickets contact any fire department member....only 500 tickets sold!

Get your tickets fast—sell out event!

Hometown Hero Program

Sandyston Hometown Hero Program



The Sandyston Hometown Hero Program was created for paying tribute and honoring soldiers who are originally from Sandyston or who currently reside from Sandyston and who are active military personnel or veterans that have served this nation in any branch of our Armed Forces.

A 24" x 38" banner can be purchased to be displayed on various lamp posts and light posts in Sandyston Township. The Hometown Hero Banners will be displayed from with a photo of the soldier in uniform, their name, and armed service branch placed underneath their photo.

The Hometown Hero Banners can remind all Sandyston residents and visitors passing through Sandyston of our hometown heroes that have served or are serving our country, and the sacrifices each have made, who deserve our respect and gratitude.

Cash, Check or Money Order can be made payable to "Sandyston Township Historical Society" in the amount of \$200. Please reference on the memo line of your check or money order "Hometown Hero Program". Application and payment can be dropped at municipal building or mailed to the address below. Do not mail cash.

What you will need to submit:

- ⇒ All applications must be submitted **by December 31, 2023** to have flags ready by May 2024. Applications received after this date will still be honored but may not be hanging in May 2024.
- ⇒ You may drop off or send application by mail to the following address:
Sandyston Township Historical Society
133 Route 645
Sandyston, NJ 07826
- ⇒ 8"x11" or 5"x7" high quality photo (resolution 200 dpi) of the Service Person in uniform. *(Photo will not be returned. Please do not send original photo)*
- ⇒ Military Verification Form (e.g. Military ID, Dd214. etc.)
- ⇒ \$200.00 Cash, check or money order made payable to:
"Sandyston Township Historical Society or STHS"
- ⇒ Please reference "Home Town Hero" on memo line of check.

You can verify military records online by visiting: The Department of Defense website:

<http://www.defense.gov/> <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

For additional information or questions, please contact Gail Just 907-355-4063

Eras of Service:



- GWOT- Sept 11, 2001 to present (List this even if veteran hasn't been to Iraq or Afghanistan)
- Persian Gulf- August 2, 1990- August 31, 1991
- Cold War- September 2, 1945 -26 December 1991
- Vietnam Era- Feb 29, 1961- May 7, 1975
- Korean Conflict Era- June 27, 1950- Jan 31, 1955
- WW II- December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
- WW I – April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918

**Download Sandyston Hometown Hero Application from the Sandyston Township Website:
www.sandystontownship.com**

Sandyston Has Heart Program

13th Annual
Sandyston Has Heart



Thank you for your support!



During holiday season, we are asked for donations to help families or organizations in need. Many times, we have thought “wouldn’t it be nice to make a donation for someone in our own town?” With the cooperation of Sandyston-Walpack School, Sandyston Township Committee, and the Sandyston Township Historical Society held its 13th Annual Sandyston Has Heart program. We collected donations from local residents and businesses in the form of gift cards from grocery stores, department stores and local businesses. Upon donating, a paper heart with the family name was created and hung on the door at the municipal building and each person who donated received a beautiful glass heart donated by Patte and Lou Frato. These donations were then turned over to the nurse at the Sandyston-Walpack School for distribution to families in need in Sandyston Township. Through the generosity and kindness of these local residents and businesses, the “Sandyston Has Heart” program was once again a huge success raising \$13,000, a record, for local families and food pantry in Sandyston Township.

A huge thank you to Steve and Tracey Woodhead who have supported this program since 2012. Steve and Tracey’s daughter and son -in-law, Stevie and Eric Collins, have carried on the tradition and have matched all donations up to \$3,500 AND because we reached our goal they donated an additional \$2,000 to the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department. Eric also proudly serves as Assistant Chief of the fire department.

It’s a great feeling to make a difference in our community . . . Thank YOU for your support!



14th Annual
Sandyston Has Heart



Coming in November



During holiday season, we are asked for donations to help families or organizations in need. Many times, we have thought “wouldn’t it be nice to make a donation for someone in our own town?” With the cooperation of Sandyston-Walpack School, Sandyston Township Committee, and the Sandyston Township Historical Society will hold the 14th Annual Sandyston Has Heart program will be starting in November! We will collect donations from local residents and businesses in the form of gift cards from grocery stores, department stores and local businesses. Upon donating, a paper heart with the family name will be created and hung on the door at the municipal building and each person who donated received a beautiful glass heart donated by Patte and Lou Frato. These donations are then turned over to the nurse at the Sandyston-Walpack School for distribution to families in need in Sandyston Township.

Through the generosity and kindness of these local residents and businesses, the “Sandyston Has Heart” program was a huge success raising \$13,000, a record, for local families and food pantry in Sandyston Township. Special thanks to Stevie and Eric Collins who matched donations up to \$3,500.00.

Watch for information on the upcoming Sandyston Has Heart program on our Facebook page and Sandyston Township website.



Tax Payment Information

- You may reach the Tax Collector by calling 973-948-3520, extension 202. Please call anytime to leave a message and the Tax Collector will promptly return your call. Check the website for days and times the Tax Collector will be in the office.
- Tax payments should be sent to: Sandyston Township, c/o Tax Collector, 133 Route 645, Sandyston, NJ 07826, or you may drop off your tax payments at the Sandyston Township Municipal Building during the tax collectors hours. Checks should be made payable to "Sandyston Township". Please include all tax stubs for taxes you are paying and a return envelope for any papers you wish returned.
- If you wish to pay for your taxes in cash, you must see the Tax Collector directly during her office hours.
- Payments requiring a receipt must be accompanied by the entire tax bill with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Tax Collector is the only township employee that may issue a receipt for taxes paid.
- Taxes are due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 of each year. Sandyston Township does permit a 10 day grace period. Taxes not paid by November 10 are subject to tax sale.
- All tax payments are due in the tax office on the 10th day by the end of the business day to avoid interest. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, the grace period is extended to the next business day.
- Postdated checks **will not be accepted** and will be promptly returned to the taxpayer. This could delay timely payment of your taxes so be sure to properly date your check.
- Interest on delinquent taxes is 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency and 18% per annum in excess of \$1,500. If delinquent taxes in excess of \$10,000 remain at the end of the year, a penalty of 6% will be charged.
- Absence of a tax bill does not negate your tax responsibilities. Tax due dates never change.
- Did you pay off your mortgage/refinance? If yes, please advise the Tax Collector so the change can be made in our computer system. Use the "Advice Copy" to pay your taxes.
- The Tax Collector is not responsible for any tax payment that is lost in the mail. If by chance your taxes get lost in the mail, you are still responsible for the tax payment and any interest incurred. You may check the status of your taxes online or call the tax collector to check to make sure your tax payment has been received.
- Take a minute and check for any deductions you should be receiving on your tax bill and contact the Tax Assessor should you notice a problem or have a question.
- Please be advised that the State of New Jersey does not allow the Tax Collector to acknowledge postmarks when you mail your tax payment, therefore, taxes must be received in the office on or before the 10th of the month taxes are due. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt you from paying your taxes or the interest due on delinquent taxes.
- Make sure your mailing address is correct.
- Before you mail your check, be sure to check it over. Make sure the date, amounts, written word and signature are all in place.

Senior Citizens Annual Property Tax Deduction

Annual deduction of \$250 from property taxes levied on a dwelling house owned and occupied by Senior Citizens age 65 or older; persons permanently and totally disabled; and surviving spouses age 55 or older of an already receiving senior citizen; all of whom must meet the annual income requirement of \$10,000 or less (excluding Social Security/ Disability benefits). Applications may be picked up at the municipal building.

Veterans Annual Deduction



Annual deduction of up to \$250 from taxes due on the real or personal property of qualified war veterans and their unmarried surviving spouse/surviving civil union partners/surviving domestic partners.

The veteran must meet all requirements of New Jersey citizenship and legal or domiciliary residence in the State, property ownership, active wartime service in the U.S. Armed Forces, and honorable discharge as of October 1 of the pretax year to receive the deduction for the following tax year. Applications may be picked up at the municipal building and questions can be directed to Kathleen Kieb, Tax Assessor.

Tax Information Available Online

Wondering if you paid your taxes? Was your payment received by the Tax Collector. Now you can get real time tax information anytime of the day by visiting:

<http://tax.sandystontownship.com>

Insert your Block/Lot or Last Name (less is more) and get up to date tax information. When using the Street Address option, try to use abbreviations (RD, LN, TRL, ST).

All information provided is subject to verification by the Tax Collector.



Tax News, Deadlines & Information



Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze or “Blue Book”)

The Senior Freeze Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax on their principal residence. To qualify, you must meet all the eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the application year (the current application year is 2022).

Applications were mailed in March to the last address you filed with. If you did not receive your booklet, contact our Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement Information Line for assistance at 1-800-882-6597.

Eligibility: You or your spouse were (only one must meet requirement):

- 65 or older on December 31, 2021, or
- Actually receiving federal Social Security disability benefit payments (not benefit payments received on behalf of someone else) on or before December 31, 2021.

P.L. 2023, c75 which was signed into law June 30, 2023, expands the income limit and simplifies the residency requirements for new Senior Freeze program applicants.

Beginning with the 2023 filing season, the law:

- **Increases the income limit for the program to \$150,000 and**
- **Eliminates the requirement that an applicant must be a New Jersey resident for 10 consecutive years.**

Home Ownership: You owned and lived in your home since December 31, 2018, or earlier (and you still owned and lived in that home on December 31, 2022).

Property Taxes: The 2021 property taxes due on your home must have been by paid by June 1, 2022 and the 2022 property taxes must be paid by June 1, 2023.

Applications must be filed by October 31, 2023.

How To Apply:

PTR-1

If you met the eligibility requirements for both 2021 & 2022 and are filing for the first time (or reapplying to the program after being denied in a prior year), file Form PTR-1 and the appropriate verification form (PTR-1A / PTR-1B).

PTR-2

If you filed an application for 2022 and met all the eligibility requirements, file Form PTR-2 and the appropriate [verification form](#) (PTR-2A / PTR-2B). Form PTR-2 is a personalized application that is not available online. If you qualify and have not received this application call [1-800-882-6597](tel:1-800-882-6597) . The verification form is your proof of property taxes due and paid. Alternate documents to send as proof can be found online.

Sandyston Township Offers Many Ways to Timely Pay Taxes

There are many ways to pay your property taxes due to Sandyston Township:

- ◆ US Mail (remember to mail plenty of time before due date and follow up to be sure the taxes were received on time to avoid late fee—postmarks are not accepted per NJ Statute.)
- ◆ Drop off at municipal building either in person or by using drop box (green—secured to building) to the left of the front door.
- ◆ You may make payments online by accessing the township website: www.sandystontownship.com/departments/tax.



There is a 2.965% fee if your payment is made using a credit or debit card and a flat fee of \$1.50 for payments made using an e-check.



Important Information From The Tax Assessor

If your mailing address changes, please notify the Tax Assessor or Tax Collector as soon as possible in writing for the change to immediately take effect. It is very important that the township have the correct and current mailing address for taxpayers so important information can be provided in a timely manner.

If you sell your property, a copy of your tax bill should be given to the new owner. If you need a duplicate tax bill contact the Tax Collector.

To remove a name on your tax record or combine lots, a new deed must be filed with the Sussex County Clerk’s Office.

Tax Appeals must be filed with the County Board of Taxation, the Municipal Clerk and Tax Assessor by April 1 of each year. Tax Appeal packets can be obtained by visiting the Sussex County website, under Board of Taxation.



News and Information



Pool Permits Required! Important Information



In January 2008, the definition of a swimming pool changed. The definition was changed which defines a swimming pool as ANY structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that can hold 24 inches or more in depth. This includes in-ground, above and on-ground pools, hot tubs and spas.

This definition includes the commonly used “inflatable pool” that is 24 inches or more in depth. Zoning and construction permits are required.

If you recently installed a swimming pool and have not received a Zoning Permit, Construction Permit, necessary inspections and a Certificate of Approval please contact the construction department immediately to avoid violations/fines.

Safety is Priority! If you currently have a permit for a swimming pool, you must contact the Construction Office to schedule your final inspection **BEFORE** you plan on using your pool.

Ladders for above or on-ground pools are very tricky and specific—be sure to talk to the Construction Official before you purchase or to confirm the one you purchase is to code for New Jersey.

Do I Need A Permit?? Contact the Construction Official

Zoning Approval and Construction Permits are required for certain types of installations, remodeling, renovations and repairs around your home. If you are unsure if you need zoning approval or a construction permit, please contact the Construction Department and speak to the Construction Official, Robert Huber, who will provide you with the information and forms necessary.

Zoning approval and construction permits are required for tank installations and removals (propane or oil), deck installation and repairs, additions, remodeling/alteration of rooms, electrical and plumbing work, woodstoves, pellet stoves, gas appliances, sheds, pole barns, air conditioning and generator installation, furnace replacement, water heater replacement, pools (all kinds), hot tubs and more. To be sure a permit is/is not needed please call!

Please remember, realtors and potential homebuyers check for permits to be sure the work was done to code!

Doing the work yourself? That’s great! But if you are using a contractor, be sure to have that contractor fill out, seal (if required) and sign the permit. If you have a contractor, but fill out the permit under your name—you have no recourse should a problem arise!

Your home is a huge investment—be sure to protect your investment and ensure the safety of your family by making sure to take out a permit!

Construction Department Document Imaging



In April of 2023, Sandyston Township Committee approved a contract with “Daida” for the scanning of the Construction files. In May, employees went through over 30 banker boxes of construction files to purge the files and prepare them for the scanning project. At the end of May, Daida picked up these boxes and began the process of preparing the documents for scanning, scanning and indexing the files. With limited space available for storage and



the increased volume of OPRA Requests and the need to access these files quickly, it was decided this would be the best way to preserve the documents, free up much needed space in the vault and give employees immediate access to the records for increased ease in answering OPRA requests and requests from homeowners. Once returned, Sandyston Township will work with Daida to get approval from the Department of Archives and Records Management for the destruction of the construction files upon their approval of the document imaging and our storage of these electronic files.



Are You A Landlord?

Did You File Your Landlord Registration with the Municipal Clerk?

Please be reminded, New Jersey Landlord Registration Act—New Jersey Landlord Identity Law—N.J.S.A. 46:8-27 thru 37, requires landlords who rent (NON-OWNER OCCUPIED) houses, apartments, or buildings to register certain information with the Municipal Clerk of the town where the building is located. You may download a form from the following link:

http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/forms/pdf_lti/landlord_regs.pdf

The form is to be **filed** with the Municipal Clerk and then **distributed** to tenants.

Questions? Contact the Municipal Clerk.

Reflective Markers Required



It is extremely important that emergency services can find your home in cases of emergency. Per Sandyston Township Code, Chapter 47 “Buildings, Numbering of”, as well as N.J.S.A 40:23-50, residents are required to have a **VISIBLE** house number by the road for 911 emergencies during daytime and evening hours.

If your mailbox is at the end of your driveway, do you have a reflective marker showing the address? If your mailbox is across from your driveway, do you have a reflective marker clearly visible showing the address? If you have no mailbox, is your property properly marked with a reflective marker showing your address?

If you answered NO to any of these questions, please consider investing in a 911 reflective marker for your property.

If you live on a private road and the residents mailboxes are all at the end of the road, make sure your physical property is properly marked and is clearly visible. Also be sure your **ROAD NAME SIGN is clearly visible.

If you need a reflective road sign for your property, a form can be found in this newsletter or on our website and can be found in this newsletter!

Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Alarm/Fire Extinguisher Inspection Required By Law

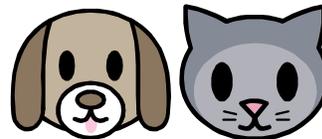


Please be advised, when you sell your home or each time the tenant changes in your rental, you are required to have a Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Alarm/Fire Extinguisher inspection and required to verify the presence of properly dated smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, verifying they are installed and in working condition, as well as verifying the presence of a fire extinguisher near the kitchen. The application fee is:

- \$50** 10 business days prior to change of occupant
- \$80** 4 to 10 business days prior to change of occupant
- \$125** Giving fewer than 4 business days prior to change of occupant
- \$40** Reinspection Fee

Forms are available for pick up at in the Construction Office between 9 am and 2 pm or by calling Teri at 973-948-3520 x201. Information on the requirements on smoke/carbon detectors and fire extinguishers will be provided.

FREE RABIES CLINICS



At the time of the printing of this newsletter, the following are dates of a few free rabies clinics being offered in Sussex County in the coming months.

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| 10/19/2023 | Sandyston |
| 11/03/2023 | Frankford |
| 11/04/2023 | Fredon, Hampton, Stillwater |
| 11/11/2023 | Vernon |
| 11/18/2023 | Newton |

Please remember, these dates are subject to change and you should verify them before attending, as well as question if you are required to bring any paperwork about your pet with you. This could be the difference between a one year or three year vaccination. Remember to have your dog on a leash and your cat in a carrier!

A complete list of rabies clinics in Sussex County can be accessed by visiting the county website: www.sussex.nj.us



News and Information



Call the DEP Hotline
1-877-WARN-DEP
 1-877-927-6337

The Department of Environmental Protection has a toll-free telephone hotline number you can use to report environmental incidents, abuses, and complaints in New Jersey. The **1-877-WARNDEP** number can be used in the continental United States.

You may use this hotline to report incidents like wetland dumping, protected stream encroachment, dumping garbage, illegal burning or incidents with bears.

To report life-threatening and/or environmental emergencies, call 9-1-1, local police or the DEP Hotline.

Free Benches Earned From Recycling Plastic Program Continues



To date, through the recycling of plastic bags, **TEN free benches** have been obtained from TREX. Thank you to the recycling efforts of the Daisy Troop #97605 and Brownie Troop #97152, as well as the Clerk for submitting the

recycling on behalf of Sandyston Township Recreation, Sandyston Township Historical Society and Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department. The benches will be installed on the municipal property.

Due to the overwhelming support of this program, we will continue this project.

Please continue to submit your plastic; however, please refrain from dropping off any hard plastic (plastic containers, plastic bottles) and styrofoam.

Thank you to everyone who has recycled plastic bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, pallet bags, produce bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap, packaging air pillows, etc. We are successful because of YOU!

NJ Forest Fire Service

OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS



The New Jersey Forest Fire Service governs the issuance of recreational permits. Please call NJ Forest Fire for information on Agricultural Open Burning, Recreational Fires and how to obtain permits, Safety Precautions and Prohibited practices. As a Firewise Community, we bring this information to your attention for the safety of our residents. Please read this information thoroughly and direct any questions or applications for permits to the NJ Forest Fire Service.

You can call them directly 973-786-6350.

**You may confidentially report an illegal burn to the NJDEP (request forest fire service) by calling: **

1-877-WARN-DEP (927-6337)

Safety is always the priority, if you believe your home or property is in danger.....CALL 911!

Check Us Out On Facebook



Did you know Sandyston Township, Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department and Sandyston Township Recreation all have Facebook pages?

Be sure to like each page to keep up on news, information and fundraisers for our these organizations and surrounding municipalities. We work hard to keep you informed about:

- *Weather related emergencies
- *Volunteering
- *Fundraisers and Events
- *Chicken BBQ
- *Tractor Parade
- *Community Dinners
- *Soccer Sign-Ups
- *Trunk or Treat
- *Santa Breakfast
- *Sandyston Day
- *Gobble Hobble 5K
- *Used Book Sale
- *Yoga
- *Fishing Club
- *Santa Parade

Be sure to visit our website, too!
www.sandystontownship.com

Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department

911 Reflective Address Marker Order Form

Per Sandyston Township Code, Chapter 47 "Buildings, Numbering of", as well as N.J.S.A 40:23-50, residents are required to have a **VISIBLE** house number by the road for 911 emergencies. The color of the numbers shall be in sharp contrast to the background color and be constructed of reflective material to permit the identification during daylight and nighttime hours.

Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department would like to get more reflective address signs in the community as a way to help emergency responders find addresses more quickly.



Mail Form with Payment to:
Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department
133A Route 645
Sandyston, NJ 07826

\$25.00 each
(Sign only—Stake Not Included)



Vertical

Horizontal

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

“No National Park” Update



You may be seeing “No National Park” signs around Sandyston Township directing you to a “No National Park” Facebook page, but what does this mean?

In 2014, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area released *Vision 2030: A Vision for a Sustainable Future* outlining their vision of the recreation area. At that time, the Township Committee passed a resolution entitled “R-19-2015 Opposing Specific Proposals of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area “Vision 2030”. One of several proposals was the idea of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area being changed to a park/preserve.

Now, nine years, later that same idea is being pushed by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Sierra Club’s seeking to change the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware Valley National Park and Lenape Preserve. It is important to advise that at this time, there is no formal proposal, there is no information as to the economical, agricultural or environmental impact to Sandyston, the infrastructure, where the “Lenape Preserve” would be located, size or how it will be managed, entry fees charged and how fees would be collected, and more unanswered questions. A change like this would require an Act of Congress and we are aware of no current legislative activity on this matter at the congressional level. But, it is very important that we stay informed on this issue.

Once again, the Township Committee has passed a resolution, on March 22, 2022, entitled “R-26-2022 Opposing the Proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Sierra Club to Change the Designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware Valley National Park and Lenape Preserve Until a Formal Plan is Presented for Public Review and Comment”. We have sent this resolution to our legislators at every level, agencies, municipalities and more to make our voice heard and this resolution served as a model and was passed by surrounding municipalities, county governments, school boards and many outdoor non-profit organizations, farm bureaus, and gun clubs.

The “No National Park” Facebook page has been created by concerned citizens where news and information is made available on their efforts to provide as much information as they can to the public. As always, it is a personal decision where you stand on the issue.

UPDATE: In June 2023, we learned the New Jersey Sierra Club has approved a resolution rescinding the Chapter’s support for redesignation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to a National Park and Preserve. We understand from the statement that “members are committed to finding ways to further protect the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and surrounding areas while having indigenous and community voices at the forefront. The Chapter will establish a committee to formalize this work”. Also in June, the Township Committee members sent a letter to the NJ Sierra Club requesting a meeting with them to engage in meaningful conversations regarding what is best for our residents and municipality.

In our letter to the NJ Sierra Club, we questioned how the New Jersey Sierra Club will formulate what they deem is important to the residents of Sandyston Township and communities located in and surrounding the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area without specifically talking to the elected officials who represent them? Exactly what is the New Jersey Sierra Club looking to protect the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area from, what data will be used to formulate these areas of concern and who will be implementing and administering these protections? Who will benefit from these protections and will the use of Eminent Domain be considered? How will the New Jersey Sierra Club consider the inevitable negative impact to our volunteer fire and EMS organizations and the services they provide? As of the printing of this newsletter we have not heard a response from NJ Sierra Club and the Pennsylvania Chapter has provided no change in their stance on the matter.

Thank you to Sandy Hull and the Delaware Water Gap Defense Fund for their steadfast work on this matter.

Always remember you are welcome to contact the members of the Township Committee to discuss your concerns and ask questions or attend monthly Township meetings. For more information visit www.nonationalpark.org or email nonationalpark2030@gmail.com.

General Election

November 7, 2023

Voter Registration

Don't Forget To Register!

To register to vote in New Jersey, you must:

- Be a United States Citizen;
- Be at least 18 years of age on or before the next election;
- Be a resident of your home county for at least 30 days before the next election



You may download a Voter Registration form from www.sussexcountyclerk.org, or pick one up in person at the Sussex County Board of Elections office, Sussex County Clerk's office, Sandyston Township Municipal Building or a Motor Vehicle Agency.

Voter Registration form may also be used for name and address changes, signature update, and Political Party Affiliation or Non-Affiliation Change.

Send Voter Registration form to: Sussex County Board of Elections, 83 Spring Street, Suite 305, Newton, NJ 07860 OR present form in person at their office.

Important Dates to Remember

October 17, 2023 is the deadline to submit a Voter Registration for the General Election

October 17, 2023 mandated evening Voter Registration available for General Election in Office of County Commissioners of Registration

October 31, 2023 is the deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for the General Election

October 28—November 5, 2023
Early Voting Period

November 6, 2023 by 3:00 pm deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election

November 7, 2023 General Election
6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Early Voting At Select Polling Sites

Voters in New Jersey can choose to vote early in the form of Vote-By-Mail or Early In-Person Voting. In person allows voters to cast their votes on voting machines at designated *Early Voting Sites* in their county. The duration of the *Early Voting* period depends on the type of election, with more early voting days allotted to *general* elections than to *primaries*.



- For a **non-presidential primary** there are 3 days of early voting, beginning on the 4th day before Election Day.
- For a **presidential primary**, there are 5 days of early voting, beginning on the 6th day before Election Day.
- For all **general elections**, which are held in November, there are 9 days of early voting, beginning on the 10th day before Election Day.
- The Early Voting period **ends the Sunday immediately preceding Election Day** for all election types.

The number of Early Voting Sites in a County depends on the number of registered voters in the County. Sussex County voters will have a choice of **three** Early Voting Sites:

1. Cochran House Professional Bldg, Newton (parking on Trinity St)
2. Sussex-Wantage Branch Library, Wantage
3. Louise Childs Branch Library, Stanhope

Poll Workers Needed



Sussex County consists of 119 voting districts and employs about 480 Poll Workers for each county-wide election (June and November). The day is usually 15 hours long, and is very rewarding because you are a vital part of the American Democratic process....

The Board of Elections is currently looking to fill positions throughout the county because openings constantly become available due to illness, vacation, or retirement. Poll Workers are usually placed in or near their home town and are paid \$300 per election. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining their team, please contact Jeanie at 973-579-0950 x 1591 or email her at sussexPWinfo@gmail.com or visit their website <https://sussex.nj.us/pollworkers> and submit an application. Poll Worker training is held every Spring, and before every Election.. Training will be provided free of charge so contact the Board of Elections and become a Champion of Democracy today!

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP



FOOD DRIVE

To benefit St. Thomas Food Pantry in Sandyston

Anytime now through December 31, 2023

*You may drop off items at the Sandyston Township Municipal Building
located at 133 Route 645, Sandyston, NJ
by the front door or during the hours of 9 am and 2 pm*

Most Needed Items *:

- ⇒ Peanut butter/jelly
- ⇒ Canned meats
- ⇒ Rice, pastas, "Ramen Noodles"
- ⇒ Tomato sauce
- ⇒ Potatoes (boxed)
- ⇒ Powdered milk
- ⇒ Canned beans, fruits, and veggies
- ⇒ Mac & Cheese
- ⇒ Cornmeal, flour, sugar
- ⇒ Soups/Stews
- ⇒ Whole grain, low sugar cereals
- ⇒ Personal hygiene products
- ⇒ Laundry detergent
- ⇒ Diapers
- ⇒ Dog/Cat food
- ⇒ Non-perishable goods are ideal



Individually wrapped toilet paper, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste!

**Please— no expired dates*

**Together We CAN
Make A Difference!**



Questions? Contact us at 973-948-3520 x200 or 201

Sandyston Township Municipal Building
133 Route 645
Sandyston, NJ 07826

**PRESORTED STANDARD
 US POSTAGE PAID
 SPARTA, NJ
 PERMIT NO. 118**

Phone: 973-948-3520 Fax: 973-948-0783

**Pay Your Property Taxes ONLINE:
www.sandystontownship.com**

Sandyston Township Directory

<u>Department</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>	<u>Ext./Contact Info</u>
Mayor	George B. Harper, Jr.	By Appointment	973-417-1396
Deputy Mayor	Kammy Hull	By Appointment	973-222-7722
Committeeman	Ronald Green	By Appointment	973-886-4120
Municipal Clerk	Amanda "Amy" Lobban, RMC	Mon-Fri/9 am-2 pm	200
Deputy Clerk/ Board of Health & Construction Secretary	Theresa "Teri" Doyle, CTC	Mon-Fri/8:30am-12pm	201
Tax Assessor	Kathleen DeKorte	Tues/8 am -11 am	203
Chief Financial Officer	Toni Grisaffi	By Appointment	200
Tax Collector	Theresa "Teri" Doyle, CTC	Tues/ 12 pm—2 pm Thursday/ 9am—12 pm	202
Construction Official/ Building Subcode	Robert W. Huber	Tues 12:30 pm—2 pm 5:30 pm—7 pm Thursday 10:30 am—12 pm	201
Land Use Administrator, Planning Board Secretary & Zoning Official	Beth Brothman	Tues 5 pm - 7 pm	205
Recreation	Jennifer Lubeck, President	Meets 4th Monday at 6:30 pm	sandystonrec@gmail.com
Road Department Foreman	Roy C. McClain, CPWM	Contact Municipal Building	200
Fire Chief	Scott House	Drill Night Tues 7 pm	973-306-2285
Township Historian	Patte Haggerty Frato	By Appointment	973-948-7443
Fire Prevention Official	Charles E. Luxton	By Appointment	208
Code Enforcement Official	Michael Johnson	Contact Zoning Official	205
Animal Control Officer	Jonathan Hagen	By Appointment	973-670-3299
Emergency Mgmt Coord.	Kevin Pumphrey	By Appointment	301