



Sandyston Township Sentinel

2021 FALL NEWSLETTER

Thank You! Fred MacDonald



Fred MacDonald, pictured above with his daughter, Jenna Valleau, Deputy Mayor Kamala Hull, Mayor George B. Harper, Jr. and Committeeman Ronald Green.

On November 1987, Fred MacDonald joined the Township Committee. For over 33 years, Fred served as a Committeeman, Deputy Mayor and Mayor of our Township, serving on the Planning Board, liaison to our fire department, performing countless marriages for couples, serving as Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, working through weather-related emergencies and working with the Committee on countless projects through the years like the Layton Post Office renovation (former municipal building), sidewalks in Layton, grants, purchases, the construction of the municipal building, the soccer/ballfield installation and much more.

At the January 12, 2021 Township Committee meeting, Fred resigned from the Township Committee effective January 31, 2021. Fred felt it was time to retire to spend more time with his family.

Thank you, Fred, for the more than 33 years you have selflessly devoted to Sandyston Township always striving to do what was best for every resident in our Township. While we will miss your guidance, we wish you the very best in your well-deserved retirement.

Congratulations to Ronald Green who was selected to serve on the Township Committee in February.

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. Remember to provide a spay/neuter information & valid rabies certificate with an expiration date of at least November 1, 2022 (per State of New Jersey). All dog licenses expire December 31 and renewals are mailed to residents. Dog licenses are \$13 for unaltered dogs and \$10 for altered dogs. To license your dog on renewal, you must have a valid rabies certificate with an expiration date of at least November 1 of the following year. Spay/neuter information is only needed upon first registration. Need to update your rabies vaccine? See page 12 for a list of free rabies clinics!

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 March, our Supplemental Remedial Investigation application was approved in the amount of \$43,147.50 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.



Gobble Hobble 5K



RUN. WALK. HOBBLE.

Sandyston Recreation 2021

Thursday, November 25, 2021

*****We have to made some modifications to allow our event to happen and to happen safely.
Subject to change, please visit the link for information and to register!*****

Sign up early!! Swag Bags offered to first 150 registrants!
Free Race Shirt to first 250 entries who enter by November 1, 2021!

[https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Sandyston/
SandystonRecreationGobbleHobble](https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Sandyston/SandystonRecreationGobbleHobble)





Sandyston Recreation Calendar



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Sandyston Recreation Department Events

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****Follow Sandyston Township Recreation on Facebook to stay updated on all changes, additions and announcements.**

Sept 17: Movie Under the Moon
 Oct 22: Trunk or Treat
 Nov 25: Gobble Hobble 5k
 Dec 5: Breakfast with Santa
 15: Deck the Homes Contest
 Jan 14-16: Used Book Sale

Feb 6: Ski Trip- Big Bear
 Valentine's for Veterans (TBD)
 Mar: Community Dinner (TBD)
 Apr 9: Easter Egg Hunt
 May 21: Town Wide Garage Sale
 Jun 4: Sandyston Day
 Jul 8-10: Used Book Sale

News and Information

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 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. Paperwork is provided outlining information on the smoke and carbon detectors and fire extinguishers.

Free Benches Earned From Recycling Plastic Program Continues



To date, through the recycling of plastic bags, seven 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 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!

WANTED

At our Used Book Sale held in January, we raised over \$2,300! At our Used Book Sale held at the end of July we raised over \$1,200!

We enjoy how excited everyone is about our book sales! We also thank the volunteers who helped move, lift, sort, organize, display, advertise and work for the book sale.

We are always looking for book donations.

Currently, we are accepting children's, young adult and adult fiction books.

Please contact sandystonrec@gmail.com to arrange a drop off or pick up of your book donations.

Thank you for your amazing donations!



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, deck installation and repairs, additions, remodeling of kitchens and bathrooms, electrical and plumbing work, woodstoves, pellet stoves, gas appliances, sheds, pole barns, air conditioning and generator installation, furnace replacement, pools (all kinds), hot tubs and more.

Please remember, realtors and potential homebuyers check for permits to be sure the work was done to code! Protect your investment and family by making sure to take out a permit!



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-WARN-DEP** 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.

Welcome, Shane Houghtaling Emergency Management Coordinator



With the retirement of long-time Emergency Management Coordinator, Stanley Dutkus, the Township Committee unanimously appointed Shane Houghtaling to the position in 2021.

Shane is currently the Deputy Chief of Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department and lives in Sandyston with his wife, Sarah, and two sons.

Shane will be responsible for working with municipal, County and State officials during all types of emergencies, filing the necessary paperwork for FEMA related reimbursements for the Township and fire department, as well as maintaining Emergency Operation Plans, NIMS Officer, RTK Officer, Delaware Flood Mitigation Officer, E911 Coordinator & Hazard Mitigation Plans and Radio Officer.



Stay In The Loop!

Look for updates on the Sandyston Township, Sandyston Township Recreation and Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department Facebook pages. Be sure to "like" these pages to get up to date information regarding news, fundraising events and more!

Sandyston Receives Grants from NJ Department of Transportation



On November 21, 2019, Sandyston Township was awarded a NJ Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$160,000 for Hotalen Road—Section V & Flatbrook Road Section III. This grant will finish Hotalen Road, continue through the intersection and continue on Flatbrook Road.

In November 2020, Sandyston Township was awarded a NJ Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$181,200 for Flatbrook Road—Section IV. Safety improvements will be made to the Flatbrook/Hotalen Road intersection during this process.

To receive a better price on the work to be performed, these two grants were combined and in August after reviewing all bids submitted, the work was awarded to Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors of Oak Ridge. Work is expected to commence at the end of September.

Thank you to Harold E. Pellow & Associates, who work on our behalf in applying for the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation Grants.

Can Emergency Services Find Your Home?

2019

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 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 on the Township website.



Miss Sandyston & Senior of the Year



Miss Sandyston 2021

Jessica Southway



Congratulations to Jessica Southway who was selected to serve as Miss Sandyston at Sandyston Day on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Jessica Southway, daughter of Lisa and Robert Southway, is 18 years old and a graduate of Sussex County Technical School with plans to pursue a degree in Veterinary Science Technology at SUNY Delhi.

Jessica was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Secretary and Vice-President of Sussex Tech's Future Farmers of America. In her work, Jessica has previously worked at Lentini's Farmstand and Jumboland. she currently works at Layton Hotel Tavern and Kountry Kennels. In her spare time, she enjoys agriculture, animals, hiking, singing, softball, floral design, cooking and helping others.

Jessica looked beautiful and did a great job participating in the Queen of the Fair Competition at the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show in August. We are very proud of you, Jessica!

Sandyston Senior of the Year 2021

Doug Hull



Congratulations to Doug Hull, who was chosen as the 2021 Senior Citizen of the Year! Doug was presented this award at Sandyston Day surrounded by his family and friends.

Each year, the Mayor chooses an outgoing resident who gives back to the community as Senior of the Year. Doug exemplifies volunteerism by his involvement as a member and trustee of the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department, having been apart of the organization for over 50 years. Doug is also a proud member of the Branchville Rotary, having volunteered with this organization for over 50 years.

Doug also proudly served in the United States Army from September 1961 to September 1964 when he was honorably discharged.

Doug, a life-long resident of Layton, and has been married to his wife, Janet for 57 years. Together, they have two daughters, Kamala and Kristin, who also live in Sandyston with their families. Doug and Janet are the proud grandparents of Kyle, Paige and Maddy,

Doug has been working in the auto restoration business for many years and is a world renowned fabricator for all kinds of antique vehicles, operating his family-owned business, Hullco Antique Auto Restorations, in Layton.

Doug enjoys all kinds of antique and classic cars, antiques, tractors and spending time with his family. He is often seen riding his bike around Layton, visiting with friends, telling stories and helping family and friends with projects!

Congratulations, Doug!

**SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING**

Flu - Vaccine

Covid-19 Vaccine

Vaccine Clinics Location, Dates and Time

Franklin Senior Center

October 5th, 3 pm- 6 pm
46 Main St, Franklin NJ 07416

Sussex-Wantage Branch Library

October 13th, 3 pm-6 pm
69 Co Rt 639, Wantage NJ 07461

Fredon Twp Civic Center

October 16th, 9 am-12 pm
436 Route 94, Fredon NJ 07860

Vernon Twp Senior Center

October 20th, 3 pm-6 pm
21 Church St, Vernon NJ 07462

Sparta Twp Fire Dept.

October 23rd, 9 am-12 pm
141 Woodport Rd, Sparta NJ 07416

Sandyston Twp Municipal Building

October 26th, 3 pm-6 pm
133 Route 645, Sandyston NJ 07826

Byram Twp Volunteer Firehouse

October 30th, 9 am-12 pm
225 US-206, Byram NJ 07827

Knoll Heights

November 6th 9 am-12pm
39 Trapasso Dr, Sparta NJ 07871

For Flu Vaccine

Call for an appointment
at 973-579-0570

or

Register online:

www.sussex.nj.us/flu

Flu Vaccine \$25.00 High-Dose \$50.00

Free with MEDICARE part B

Free with any BLUE CROSS BLUE
SHIELD PLAN

Cash or Check Accepted... No credit or
debit cards

For Covid Vaccine

No Appointment Necessary

**WALK-IN CLINICS
Free Vaccine**

Moderna Vaccine Available



**SANDYSTON-WALPACK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

100 Route 560, LAYTON, N.J. 07851
973-948-4450

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Josh Belardo - Vice President



Alexandra Brex
Chris Bellflowers
Stevie Collins

Colleen Hewitt
Nina Vassallo
Jo-Ann Williamson

School news and updates

New Administration:

Welcome Dr. William Kochis

In 2020, we welcomed our first-ever shared superintendent, Dr. William Kochis. We share him with the Stillwater Elementary School, and he has helped our school flourish amidst a national pandemic. He has made many important changes to our school, while still preserving the culture and history within our school's walls. He joins the Sandyston-Walpack family with over a decade of experience in a variety of administrative and elementary level teaching roles. With his strong background in elementary curriculum and leadership he is focused on continuing to cultivate the high level of academic achievement as well as a positive culture and climate.



Welcome Dr. Harold Abraham

We also welcomed a new full-time principal, Dr. Harold Abraham. Our new principal and head of the Special-Education Department is responsible for the "Caught-Being-Kind" initiative, the reading incentive program, a revamped Response to Intervention and many other ambitious new programs at the school that we now view as essential for students' educational experiences. Prior to SWS, he held positions such as principal, vice principal, and elementary supervisor. Dr. Abraham has been working together with the faculty, students, and community to continue the tradition of providing Sandyston-Walpack students with a well-rounded, engaging educational experience.



Our new Administration has been busy implementing many exciting changes for our community of young learners. Of course, like all other schools in New Jersey, the national COVID-19 pandemic tested our school in unimaginable ways. However, we have worked hard to curtail this impact on our students, and explore creative avenues and techniques for learning, while preserving the integrity of their educational experiences.

Throughout the pandemic, we have maintained a safe and positive learning environment in which students could continue to meaningfully engage with peers and their teachers. Thanks to the hard work of our administrators and staff, SWS has persevered—viewing challenges stemming from the pandemic as a learning experience. Even during a time of great uncertainty, our small school has truly prospered.

We're #1!:

In exciting news, our district has diligently worked to strengthen and diversify the academic opportunities imparted to students. In fact, leading into the pandemic, according to New Jersey's school rating system the Sandyston-Walpack School was ranked as the #1 K-6 school district in Sussex County. We set the standards for academic excellence by being rated #5 in all of Sussex County, and #305 out of nearly 2,088 in the state of New Jersey, in entirety. This is no small feat, and we must commend our students and staff for ingratiating ourselves into the classification of a high-achieving school.



Social-emotional Learning (SEL):

Our administration was proactive in considering how the unique circumstances associated with distance learning could affect the social and emotional well-being of our students. As such, we instituted several social-emotional learning programs in our school.

For example, every week, each grade receives social-emotional learning lessons from trained professionals. These lessons offer students emotional support, and discuss issues students might be facing as a result of this unprecedented pandemic. Students are presented with the opportunity to freely express their emotions in a supportive environment, and talk them through with their peers.

Caught Being Kind Initiative

SWS has also facilitated the “Caught-Being-Kind” initiative, to further support students’ emotional health. Every week, staff is asked to nominate students who have been “caught” performing a random act of kindness. These students are then announced to the school, awarded a certificate, and their picture is featured in the weekly school newsletters. Students feel such a sense of pride in earning their awards, and it has been a very rewarding experience for all. During an unprecedented time in history filled with so much uncertainty and distress, the encouragement of kindness is encouraged and one of our school values.

Reading Incentive Program

Another important program we have integrated into our school, is a monthly reading incentive program. Each day, students are asked to record the number of minutes spent reading. At the end of the month, the total number of minutes read are counted for each class. There is then a special reward for all students who have participated. Some of this school year’s incentives have included: a free slice of pizza from the Layton Tavern; a free bagel from Firehouse Bagels; a chance to pie the principal; and taping the school secretary to the wall! A very popular upcoming reward is being principal for the day for the top three readers! This program has motivated our students to explore the world of reading and embolden their love of books!



Check us out at: <https://www.facebook.com/SandystonWalpackSchool/>





NJ Business SuitUp Competition:

It is also with great pride that we announce that our 5th and 6th grade students won an elite statewide business competition known as the New Jersey Business SuitUp competition. This 1st place design was a mask infused with essential oils. As the winners, our students got to partner alongside the Fashion Studies Department at Montclair State University to generate an essential oil infused face-mask prototype, and bring their creation to life! Our SWS pupils are continuing to work on this venture; even learning about how to market and promote their innovative product. The students of our school have proven to be nothing short of resilient, and made the best of a difficult situation in the pandemic—making it an opportunity for learning.

Back to School:

One important update that we are thrilled to share, is that all grade levels at SWS were back to full-day, in-person instruction in April. We understand the importance of in-person learning, and are excited to bring all of our students back into the classroom!



Animal Therapy Program:

SWS is beginning their partnership with local therapy animals. The animal therapy program will help increase student interest and engagement in educational programs as well as provide a calm, relaxing environment. Research shows that animal therapy helps with decreasing anxiety and other mental health concerns. In light of the recent pandemic, this initiative will hopefully help our students' social emotional well-being.

SWS Facebook Page:

We are also excited to announce SWS now has an official school Facebook page. This page will feature basic information for purposes of accessibility, general updates, and important deadlines. Connect with our school like never before! Check us out at: <https://www.facebook.com/SandystonWalpackSchool/>



We would be remiss if we didn't conclude this update without expressing our appreciation to our Sandyston-Walpack community for their support. We can unequivocally say, that we could not accomplish all that we do without your support—we truly view our success as an educational institution a collaborative effort between those at our school, and Sandyston -Walpack residents. We pledge to continue to strive for the best possible education for students, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for SWS!

Sandyston Has Heart Program

12th Annual Sandyston Has Heart



Each holiday season, we are asked to make 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 Consolidated School and the Sandyston Township Committee, the Sandyston Township Historical Society, Inc., started the “Sandyston Has Heart” program in 2009, and it has been an overwhelming success. Through the generosity and kindness of

local residents and businesses, the “Sandyston Has Heart” program has been able to help students, families and seniors, residents of Sandyston, who are struggling during the holidays. We have also been able to help the food pantry located at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Once again, we will be collecting donations at the Sandyston Township Municipal Building from local residents, businesses and anyone wishing to participate in the program. It’s easy to donate! Purchase a gift card or gift certificate in any denomination from local businesses or larger stores like Wal-mart, Shop-Rite, Weis, etc. These donations will then be turned over to the nurse at the Sandyston-Walpack School for distribution to families in need in Sandyston Township and some will be used for the St. Thomas the Apostle Church Food Pantry.



Sandyston Has Heart Challenge!

During the past several years, Tracey and Steve Woodhead have matched donations made to the program. Once again, Tracey and Steve Woodhead, along with their daughter and son-in-law, Stevie and Eric Collins, have agreed to match all donations up to \$3,500...AND when we reach that goal they will donate \$2,000 to the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department, too!

Upon donating, a paper heart with the family name will be created and will be displayed on the door at the municipal building. Each donation will also be given a special “thank you” heart donated by Lou & Patte Haggerty Frato of Lou’s Glass!

If you wish to donate, please bring all donations to the Sandyston Township Municipal Building (for bookkeeping purposes) by **Friday, December 17, 2021**. Questions, call Amy 973-948-3520 x200.

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity throughout the years. In 2020, we raised over \$12,000!!! Let’s make the 12th Anniversary the best one yet!



ESTABLISHED 1956

BOX 232, BRANCHVILLE, N.J. 07826

BLUE RIDGE RESCUE SQUAD

****VOLUNTEERS****

****NEEDED****

**BLUE RIDGE RESCUE SQUAD IS LOOKING
FOR MATURE COMMUNITY MINDED
INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST IN
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO
SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR
COMMUNITIES.**

****TRAINING PROVIDED****

**BLUE RIDGE RESCUE SQUAD HAS BEEN
SERVING FRANKFORD, BRANCHVILLE,
SANDYSTON, WALPACK AND MONTAGUE
FOR OVER 60 YEARS.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CAPTAIN@BLUERIDGERESCUESQUAD.ORG

Reporting a Missing, Lost or Abandoned Dog



To report a lost, missing or abandoned dog, please contact the Sandyston Township Animal Control Officer:

Jonathan Hagen
973-670-3299

Please also report this lost, missing or abandoned dog to the Sandyston Township Municipal Building by calling 973-948-3520 x200.

Kountry Kennels continues to be the Dog Pound Facility for Sandyston Township. If your dog is lost or missing, reach out to Kountry Kennels.

For issues with wildlife (raccoons, foxes, bats, bears, etc.) please contact the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife:

908-735-7040

Upcoming Free Rabies Clinics

Please see the list of upcoming free rabies clinics, as per the Sussex County website or individual municipality websites:

11/4/2021	Montague Township	973-293-7300
11/5/2021	Frankford Township	973-948-5566
11/6/2021	Branchville Borough	973-948-4626
	Franklin Borough	973-827-9280
	Green Township	908-852-9333
	Hampton Township	973-383-5570
	Stillwater Township	973-383-9484
	Vernon Township	973-764-4055
11/8/2021	Hamburg Borough	973-827-9230
11/13/2021	Fredon Township	973-383-7025
11/20/2021	Lafayette Township	973-383-1817

Important: Please call the municipality prior to attending the rabies clinic to see if you are required to bring any paperwork (proof of prior rabies) about your pet with you.

Remember to have your dog on a leash and your cat in a carrier!

DEER CARCAS REMOVAL



During the fall and winter, we experience higher incidents of deer being hit or injured by automobiles. If you live on a Township, County or State Road and notice a deer that has suffered the effects of an automobile accident, please call and report this

to the municipal building as soon as possible. We will do our best to expedite the removal of the deer by contacting the appropriate agency. Please be advised, it can take up to 24 hours once we make the call and there is no removal on the weekends..

Please also be advised, should a dead deer be found on your property it is your responsibility to have this deer removed. The service for deer removal does not extend to residential property.

You may report this information by calling 973-948-3520 extension 200 or 201. Should you leave a message, please be sure to leave information on the location of the deer (road name, nearest intersection, mile marker, nearest residence or landmark) to help in the removal of the deer.



Small Cities Rehabilitation for Qualifying Homeowners



Available funds will be disbursed on first come first served basis.

ATTENTION TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON RESIDENTS

**YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LOAN FOR
HOME IMPROVEMENTS WITH NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS***

MONEY MAY BE USED FOR THE NECESSARY REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ✓ Roofs & Gutters | ✓ Insulation |
| ✓ Doors, Windows & Siding | ✓ Heating Systems |
| ✓ Indoor Plumbing or Septic Systems | ✓ Electrical Systems |
| | ✓ Minor Structural Issues |

*The loan is for eligible repairs to income eligible homeowners in the Township.

FAMILIES MUST OWN THEIR HOME & BE CURRENT ON TAXES
TOTAL FAMILY INCOME MUST FALL WITHIN THESE LIMITS:

Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
Maximum Income	\$58,277	\$66,602	\$74,928	\$83,253	\$86,583	\$96,573	\$103,233	\$109,894

Simply fill out this application form and the Program Coordinator will contact you for an interview to determine eligibility. Bring or mail this application form to:

**Township of Sandyston Rehabilitation Program
Township Clerk's Office
133 County Route 645
Sandyston, NJ 07826
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Name: _____	Home Phone #: _____
Street Address: _____	
Work/Cell Phone: _____	E-mail: _____
Name(s) on Deed: _____	
Total Persons in Household: _____	Total Annual Family Income: _____
Our gross family income is below maximum shown in above chart? Y/N (circle one)	

**For additional information contact: Jessica Caldwell, Program Coordinator: 973-300-5060
Ext. 100**

I/We certify that all information submitted on this application is correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We understand that any willful misstatement of material fact may be grounds for disqualification.

Applicant Signature: _____

Co-Applicant Signature: _____

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME



FIREFIGHTERS



If you are at least 18 years of age and have a desire to serve your community why not join us!



FREE TRAINING

SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY



**Junior Members
Welcome
14/15 years old
16/17 years old**



AUXILIARY MEMBERS



KIDS ARE 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

Celebrating Over 65 years of Dedicated Volunteer Service to Sandyston Township 1953—2021

If you are interested, call Chief Scott House 973-960-4882 or visit us at the firehouse on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm

Fire Department News

Fire Department Receives Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant



On Wednesday, September 16, 2020, the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department was informed they were awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) through the Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$58,761 plus our matching funds of \$2,938.10 for a project total of \$61,700 under operations and safety for the purchase of 8 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) (valued at approximately \$7,000 each) along with 19 facemasks (valued at approximately \$300 each). These new SCBA will help equip our firefighters with the most up to date technology and safety while battling fires in our community as well as responding on mutual aid assignments to neighboring towns. On May 11, 2021, our volunteers took delivery of the equipment and they have been placed in service.

SWS Students Say "Thank You" to Volunteers



The Sandyston-Walpack School students in Mr. Huarte's 2nd grade and Mrs. Tarbell's 5th grade made "thank you" cards for the Sandyston Township Fire Department as a service project for the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. On Saturday, September 11, before the start of our chicken BBQ, Mrs. Tarbell, along with two students, Charlotte Fryer and Kaitlyn Hagen (who's dads are firemen with the department), presented the cards to fire department members Deputy Chief Shane Houghtaling, Chief Scott House, 2nd Vice President Arthur House and Trustee Richard Haskins.

We are extremely touched by the thoughtfulness of the students and their teachers, Mr. Huarte and Mrs. Tarbell, to think of our fire department in commemoration of Patriot's Day.

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. Great gifts!





Tax News, Deadlines & Information



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. Taxes not paid by November 11 are subject to tax sale. Sandyston Township does permit a 10 day grace period.
- 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 Street Address 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.



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

The Senior Freeze Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax or mobile home park site fee increases 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 2020).

Applications were mailed in February 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. Approved 2020 payments began being mailed on July 15, 2021.

Eligibility: You or your spouse were:

- 65 or older on December 31, 2019, or
- Actually receiving federal Social Security disability benefit payments (not benefit payments received on behalf of someone else) on or before December 31, 2019.

Residency: You lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2009 as either a homeowner or a renter.

Home Ownership: You owned and lived in your home since December 31, 2016, or earlier (and you still owned and lived in that home on December 31, 2020).

Property Taxes: The 2019 property taxes due on your home must have been by paid by June 1, 2020 and the 2020 property taxes must be paid by June 1, 2021.

Income Limit: Your total annual income (combined if you were married or in a Civil Union and lived in the same house) was:

- 2019—\$91,505; and
- 2020—\$92,969 or less

Applications must be filed by November 1, 2021.

How To Apply:
PTR-1

If you met the eligibility requirements for both 2019 & 2020 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 met the [eligibility requirements](#) for both 2019 & 2020 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).

To check on your reimbursement:

https://www20.state.nj.us/TYTR_PTR_INQ/jsp/PTRLogin.jsp

Homestead Benefit Program

You may be eligible if you met these requirements: You were a New Jersey resident; and

- You owned and occupied a home in New Jersey that was your principal residence on October 1, 2018*; and
- Property taxes for 2018 were paid on that home; and
 - You met the 2018 income requirements:
- \$150,000 or less for homeowners age 65 or over or blind or disabled; or
- \$75,000 or less for homeowners under age 65 and not blind or disabled.

*If you were not a homeowner on October 1, 2018, you are not eligible for a Homestead Benefit, even if you owned a home for part of the year. **Deadline to file is November 30, 2021.**

File Online or by Phone

The filing deadline for the latest Homestead Benefit Application - Tax Year 2018 - is November 30, 2021.

Online

File by phone: [\(1-877-658-2972\)](tel:1-877-658-2972)

When you complete your application, you will receive a confirmation number. Make sure to save it. **The confirmation number is your only proof that the application was submitted.**

2018 Homestead Benefit payments should be paid to eligible taxpayers beginning in May 2022.

Credit on Property Tax Bill. Most recipients get a credit on their tax bills. Your tax collector issues you a property tax bill or advice copy reflecting the amount of your benefit.

Check or Direct Deposit. You will receive a check or direct deposit only if:

- Your home was a unit in a co-op or a continuing care retirement community; or
- You indicated that you no longer owned your home.

Questions? Call 1-888-238-1233

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP



FOOD DRIVE

To benefit local food pantries in our area

Now through Tuesday, November 30, 2021

You may drop off items inside (between 9 am and 2 pm) or by the front door of the Sandyston Township Municipal Building located at 133 Route 645, Sandyston, NJ

Most Needed Items *:

- ⇒ Peanut butter/jelly
- ⇒ Tuna Fish/ (very popular)
- ⇒ Rice, pastas, "Ramen Noodles"
- ⇒ Tomato sauce
- ⇒ Potatoes (boxed)
- ⇒ Cereals (Cheerios, Corn Flakes)
- ⇒ Powdered milk
- ⇒ Canned beans, fruits, and veggies
- ⇒ Mac & Cheese
- ⇒ Graham Crackers
- ⇒ Cornmeal, flour, sugar, pancake mix, syrup
- ⇒ Soups/Stews
- ⇒ Apple Juice
- ⇒ 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— Check Expiration Dates*

**Together We CAN
Make A Difference!**



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



Sandyston Recreation Fundraiser

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Sandyston Township Recreation is currently raising money for the installation of a walking path behind the municipal building which would go around the soccer field, baseball field and playground. We have been working hard over the past several years to save money for this project and feel a paver patio of some type would be a wonderful way to raise funds and a beautiful addition to the project.

\$100.00 DONATION

3 Lines of Text Including Header (4 x 8 paver)

**A great tribute to be
appreciated for
many years
to come!**

Choose from ONE of the following three headers, then complete the two lines underneath with what you'd like engraved on your paver.

Each line can be no more than 18 characters long including punctuation and space.

If interested in a larger size (8X8—6 lines) or personalized graphics (animals, military/government, sports, nature or miscellaneous) contact Sandyston Township Recreation for information at sandystonrec@gmail.com.



IN MEMORY OF

IN HONOR OF

SPONSORED BY

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE/EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you wish to purchase more than one paver please complete and submit a separate form for each.

Please return completed form, along with a check made payable to Sandyston Township Recreation, 133 A Route 645, Sandyston, NJ 07826

Questions: Contact sandystonrec@gmail.com



Sandyston Township Municipal Building
133 Route 645
Sandyston, NJ 07826

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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	TBD	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