



Sandyston Township Sentinel

2022 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Sandyston Receives Grants from NJ Department of Transportation



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.

Thank you to Harold E. Pellow & Associates, who work on our behalf in applying for the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation 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 will be put toward the construction of a walking path behind the municipal building around the ballfield, soccer field and playground. Sandyston Township Recreation has 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, signage and trees.

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!

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.

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. The previous Supplemental Remedial Investigation in the amount of \$43,147.50 has been completed and we have applied for another Supplemental Remedial Investigation. These investigations are 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.





Sandyston Recreation

Fundraiser



Sandyston Township Recreation continues to work toward raising funds to be used for the walking path to be installed behind the municipal building around the soccer field, baseball field and playground. This paver project will supplement the grant we received in January 2022 and will be a beautiful addition to the walking path, creating a lasting memorial for families to sponsor, honor and memorialize their loved ones.

\$100.00 DONATION

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

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.

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



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





“No National Park” What Does This Mean?



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.

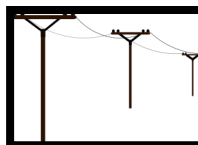
Now, seven years, later that same idea is being pushed by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Sierra Club’s seeking to change the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware Valley National Park and Lenape Preserve. It is important to advise that at this time, there is no formal proposal, 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.

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. As information becomes available, we will provide information on the Township website and Facebook page as it becomes available.

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.

Optimum/Altice Agrees To Bring Cable to Residents of Struble Road



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 the Fall, 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 has come and gone, they are still working to finalize necessary permits to install required telephone poles to complete the installation of the cable.

As with any project, it takes time to submit the permits required and delays with approvals are very common. We are continuing to work with Altice to see this project through to completion.

Clean Communities Mission Schedule A Road Clean Up



Sandyston Township is looking for local organizations to organize a road clean up. Each participating organization will be paid \$250 per road clean up.

Sandyston Township will provide gloves, vests, road sign and garbage bags. Local organizations must provide a minimum of 15 participants to be eligible for the funds and a few papers need to be filled out logging participants, roads cleaned and garbage collected. This is a great way to make money for your local organization and help Sandyston Township keep our roads clean of garbage and litter. Contact Amy Lobban, Municipal Clerk, for information.



**SANDYSTON-WALPACK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
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We're #1!:

Our district continues to work diligently to strengthen and diversify the academic opportunities imparted to students. According to New Jersey's school rating system the Sandyston-Walpack School has been 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. Thank you to our teachers and staff who work hard for our students every day!

You Are Invited—TREP\$ Marketplace, Friday, May 14, 2022 (rain date Friday, May 20, 2022)

Twenty-nine 5th and 6th grade students from the Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School have been getting ready to show the world that passion, determination, and hard work have their rewards. These creative kids will impress you at every turn as they launch their own businesses in a flea-market style event open to members of the Sandyston and Walpack communities. Please stop by to browse, buy, or just offer encouragement to these amazing young entrepreneurs.

Ribbon Cutting at 5:15 pm, Shopping starts at 5:30 pm and closes at 7:00 pm

Support the children of Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School—all are welcome to shop the TREP\$ Marketplace. Your presence will make the night even more special!

Volunteers Work with Students Teaching Maple Tree Tapping

Sandyston-Walpack Elementary School recently engaged students in Maple Tree Tapping. The school collected over 60 gallons of sap from four trees located in the front of the building. It took over eight hours to boil the sap to 219 degrees and turn to syrup. Community volunteers such as Mrs. Willeford and Mr. Coco helped with this process and even jarred the syrup for the school. As a celebration of this learning, the district hosted a Pancake Party on Friday, April 1st using the maple syrup processed from its trees. Technology teacher Mrs. Wesighan and Principal Dr. Abraham made pancakes for all staff and students!

Sandyston-Walpack Students Learn to Become CEO's Through Financial Literacy Program

On February 1, 2022 Sandyston-Walpack students in the Bobcat Billionaire\$ financial literacy program took a trip that they will never forget. Students traveled by foot to the Layton Hotel Tavern to learn firsthand from business owner/entrepreneur Rui Barroso. The event was titled "Chasing Cheese" and students engaged in hands-on learning centered on entrepreneurship, budgeting, sales, and customer service. Students were provided the opportunity to make and serve their own Pizza. The program was recognized by the Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education, Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan and NJ.com for its innovation.

<https://www.nj.com/education/2022/02/nj-students-are-learning-financial-literacy-these-future-ceos-says-its-fun-and-tasty.html>



Sandyston Students Celebrate 25 years of Arthur with ABC News

ABC News visited Sandyston-Walpack School to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Arthur Read series by author Marc Brown. Arthur' is the longest-running kids animated series in history and is known for teaching kindness, empathy and inclusion through many groundbreaking moments to generations of viewers. The network reached out directly to Principal, Dr. Harold Abraham after learning about the school's accomplishments in Literacy. They visited Mr. Huarte's classroom for a class wide read aloud and then for independent reading time. It was great for staff and students to be a part of the celebration for such an amazing milestone. For the grand finale, author Marc Brown joined the classroom virtually to share his journey and inspire students to become future authors themselves!

<https://www.njherald.com/story/news/2022/02/12/sandyston-students-meet-arthur-author-25th-anniversary/6738849001/>

Sandyston-Walpack Educational Foundation

The purpose of the Sandyston-Walpack Education Foundation (SWEF) is to solicit and manage funds to help the District's exponential loss in state aid. The Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation, enhances academic opportunities for all students. Donations can be received from individuals, corporations, other foundations, trusts, and various similar entities. All donations will be used to fund educational programs, various projects and be able to offset financial deficits that the school might face as a result of its reduction in aid. The Foundation will work to advocate for our district and underscore the importance of quality education.

SWEF strives to make our school community stronger with each successive year. This non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of local residents and other key stakeholders who share a vision for educational excellence, will work to secure private funding for our public school. It is the vision of the Foundation to facilitate the necessary budget supplementation for the educational planning, programming, infrastructure and miscellaneous deficit areas at our school despite massive budget cuts in state aid.

Want to help? Here are the areas to which you can offer financial assistance: Facilities, Curriculum & Instruction, Staffing, Programming, Technology

Many Ways to Keep Up To Date On School News

Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School has many ways to keep the public updated on the great things happening!

- School Board Meetings
- Visit our website at www.sandystonwalpack.org
- "Like" our Facebook Page "Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School District"
- Read our weekly newsletter "SWS Weekly" available on our Facebook page & Website



Upcoming School Board Meetings - What's Happening At Sandyston-Walpack School

The Sandyston-Walpack Board of Education will hold regular meeting on the last Wednesday of each month (otherwise stated) at 6:00 P.M. in the art room of the school in Layton. Formal action will be taken at the regular meetings to enable the Board of Education to conduct its business. The public is invited to attend the regular meetings. The Board will meet on the following dates: April 27, 2022, May 25, 2022, June, 29, 2022, July 20, 2022, August 31, 2022, September 28, 2022, October 26, 2022, November 30, 2022, December 21, 2022.



Important News and Dates



SHRED EVENT

Saturday, May 28, 2022



Sandyston Township Clean Communities will hold a "Shred Event" on Saturday, May 28 at the Municipal Building between the hours of 9 am and 12 pm. This is a great opportunity to dispose of confidential documents (bank statements, tax forms, cancelled checks, etc). Properly shredding important documents that are no longer needed is a great way to clean out clutter, recycle unwanted paper and protect yourself from identity theft.

Sandyston Township has contracted with SK Paper Shred who will have their mobile shredding truck onsite for this event. You can watch your documents being shredded and there is no fee for this event.

This shredding program is funded by a "Clean Communities" grant which the township receives yearly from the State of New Jersey. If you have any questions, please call us at the municipal building 973-948-3520 x200.

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!



Congratulations Joshua Langley Eagle Scout



Congratulations to Sandyston resident, Joshua Langley who recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout!

As part of achieving his badge, Joshua refurbished and rehabilitated an existing overgrown and outdated outdoor classroom area at Kittatinny Regional High School. This project involved seeking permission from Kittatinny to perform the project, cleaning out and disposing of the debris accumulated in the area, assessing the needs of the project, seeking donations and enlisting volunteers to complete the project.

This work was completed during the COVID pandemic and we are sure this work was greatly appreciated by the teachers, staff and students of Kittatinny Regional High School.

On December 21, 2021, the Township Committee presented Joshua with a Proclamation congratulating him on his accomplishment. Pictured above is Joshua Langley with Committeeman Ronald Green, Mayor George Harper and Deputy Mayor Kamala Hull. Joshua is the son of David and Amy Langley. Joshua attended both Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School and Kittatinny Regional High School. Rising to the rank of Eagle Scout takes many years of hard work and dedication for both Joshua and his family. We are so proud of you Joshua!



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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.

St. Thomas Food Pantry



During the month of November, Sandyston Township held a Food Drive requesting donations for the St. Thomas Food Pantry. Once again, our food drive was an overwhelming success receiving donations of food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene and more for our local food pantry. A food drive was also held by the residents of Kittatinny Lake which was very successful. We also received monetary donations which were turned into gift cards and turned over to the food pantry.

Thank you for your continued support!

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.

st. Thomas Church Tricky Tray

Friday, May 6, 2022

Doors Open at 6:30 pm



No Admission Fee

No one under the age of 18 years old will be admitted

Sandyston Recreation

Miss Sandyston 2022

Nominations & Registrations

It is that time of year again to start the search for the next Miss Sandyston! The Miss Sandyston Contest will be held during Sandyston Day on Sunday, June 5, 2022. The contest is open to all Sandyston Township residents who will be at least 17 by August 1, 2022, and are not over the age of 22. Winners are required to be available to participate in the "Queen of the Fair" contest held at the NJ State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show in August.

Would **YOU** like to be our next Miss Sandyston? Do you know someone who would be great for this contest?

Miss Sandyston 2022 applications & nomination forms are currently being accepted. You can pick them up at the Sandyston Township Municipal Building or download the forms from the township website:

www.sandystontownship.com

Nominations for Miss Sandyston 2022 must be received by **Wednesday, May 25, 2022**. Completed applications for Miss Sandyston 2022 must be received by **Wednesday, June 1, 2022**.

Questions? Contact Jessica Thompson 973-670-5173

Calling All Cuties:

Little Mr. & Miss Sandyston 2022



Calling All Cuties!!!

Enter your son or daughter in the Little Miss and Mister Sandyston Pageant. To be in the contest you must:



- Be a Sandyston Resident
- Be between the ages of 4 and 8 years old
- Register ahead of time - Registration forms will be sent home through Sandyston-Walpack School.

The Little Miss and Mister Sandyston Pageant is held during Sandyston Day, Sunday, June 5, 2022.

The winners will participate in a special event at the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show/NJ State Fair.
Deadline to register is Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

Questions: Contact Jessica Thompson 973-670-5173.



Stay In The Loop!

Sandyston Township Recreation has been working hard on fundraisers and community events.

Be sure to "Like" our Sandyston Township Recreation page on Facebook to keep up to date on upcoming fundraisers and events:

- ◆ Movie Nights
- ◆ Sandyston Day
- ◆ Gobble Hobble 5K
- ◆ Community Dinners
- ◆ Used Book Sale
- ◆ Soccer Sign-Ups
- ◆ Yoga
- ◆ Trunk or Treat
- ◆ Fishing Club
- ◆ Santa Breakfast



WANTED



At our Used Book Sale held in January, we raised over \$2,300!

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 and volunteers!

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!



TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

It's time to start your Spring Cleaning in preparation for the Sandyston Town- Wide Garage Sale. For a \$10 fee, we provide the advertising via social media and signage. Your address will appear on the town map and will be distributed.

The maps will be available for pick up at the Municipal Building. For more information, email Sandyston Rec at sandystonrec@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.



To register, please complete the following information and return with your payment to:
Sandyston Municipal Building, 133 Route 645, Sandyston, NJ

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Types of items being sold: (circle all that apply)

Clothing: Baby/Toddlers Boys Girls Men Women

Household: Dishes Linens Bedding Furniture Appliances

Other: Automotive Tools Lawn/Garden Electronics

Antiques/Collectibles Sporting Equipment Books Toys

PLEASE make your \$10 check payable to: Sandyston Recreation Dept.

The non-refundable fee and form must be received by **MAY 14** to ensure inclusion on the map. Proceeds from registrations will be used towards Sandyston Day.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SANDYSTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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.

Can Emergency Services Find Your Home?



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.

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!



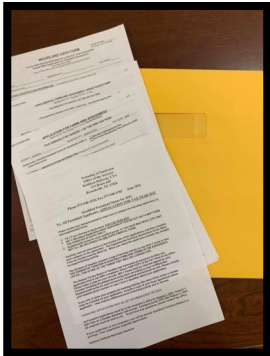


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Farmland Assessment Packet What You Need To Know



Please note the 2023 Farmland Assessment Packets for qualified farms are generally mailed out in the beginning of June. Keep an eye out for the BRIGHT YELLOW ENVELOPE containing your farmland forms. If you did not receive the forms, contact Kathy DeKorte, Tax Assessor, at 973-948-3520 x203.

The statutory deadline to return your completed farmland paperwork to the Tax Assessor is **Monday, August 1, 2022.**

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Be sure to read the letter from the Tax Assessor regarding receipts, maps and tax forms.

Please fill out **ALL** sections on **BOTH** sides. Remember:

- The amount of acreage in Section 1, Line 6 must equal Section 2, line 8.
- In Section 2, line 4 is only reported when in a woodland management or forest stewardship plan. You cannot use sales of woodland products for income without a woodland management plan in place.
- The sum of lines 1-4 must be at least 5 acres in order to qualify. Line 5 must be less than or equal to lines 1-3.

The municipal building is open from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm (unless otherwise posted) for you to drop off paperwork in person.



You may also drop off your paperwork in the green drop box located to the left of the municipal building front doors (see photo, secured to the building, under video surveillance, checked daily).

Please do not wait until the last minute to fill out your paperwork and return it to the Tax Assessor.



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.

Sandyston-Walpack PTO

Summer Kickoff Gift Card Raffle



Saturday, May 28, 2022 @ 12 pm



Various Gift Cards ranging in value

To purchase tickets, contact any Sandyston-Walpack PTO member, message the "Sandyston-Walpack PTO" Facebook page or contact the PTO via email at swspto@gmail.com.

Proceeds devoted to the students through programs offered at Sandyston-Walpack School. *"A great place to be a kid."*





Sandyston Has Heart Program



12th Annual Sandyston Has Heart



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 9th 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 \$10,000 local families in Sandyston Township.

A huge thank you to Steve and Tracey Woodhead who have supported this program since 2012. Steve and Tracey, along with daughter and son-in-law Stevie and Eric Collins, 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.

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



Road Department News

Over the last few months, the road department has taken possession of a John Deere Tractor and Loader. These two pieces of equipment replace the 1968 Ford Tractor and 1987 John Deere Backhoe which were sold on Municibid—an online government website for selling items. Due to delays due to the pandemic, it took over six months for the equipment to be built and delivered to Sandyston Township.

We also constructed a Lean-To Structure off our salt shed for more space to house equipment. Special thanks to Andersen Construction and Allcott Electric for their work on the structure.





Don't Get SCAMMED!!!



DON'T FALL FOR JCP & L SCAM



Sandyston Township would like to warn its businessowners and residents about a financial scam being perpetrated by individuals purporting to be representatives from Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L).

The scam is conducted as follows: An individual will contact a business or resident, usually via telephone, and state that their electric account is past due and that if they do not pay the delinquent amount within 30 minutes, their electric will be turned off. The caller has the JCP&L account number and information. The

caller asks you to pay the amount due in pre-paid debit cards (such as Green Dot or MoneyPak cards). The caller instructs you to obtain the cards and to call back with the card numbers, so the caller will have immediate access to the funds. In some instances, the caller ID's actually makes it appear that the calls are coming from JCP&L. Once you call back and give the card numbers, you will not be able to get your money back. Often, once the scam was successful the first time, you may be targeted a second time with the same threat—that more money was due and that if not paid, the electric will be shut off.

JCP&L will not call or email to demand immediate payment or threaten an imminent shutoff of electric service. JCP&L will not demand payment via pre-paid debit cards. JCP & L will send all delinquent bills via mail (unless you have chosen to receive paperless billing through JCP & L specifically. HANG UP THE PHONE!

JCP & L urges any customer who has doubts about a call from someone claiming to be from JCP&L, especially one demanding immediate payment, to call JCP&L's customer service number at 1-800-662-3115. JCP&L has an informative website to assist consumers with recognizing scams and on-line reporting. Please visit <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/customer/help/safety/scam-info/known-scams.html>



DON'T FALL FOR FBI SPOOFING SCAM

Fraudsters claiming to be FBI agents are calling people at random and telling them they're being investigated for certain federal violations. The victim is told if they don't pay a fee immediately, they'll be arrested. The call seems legitimate because the scammer spoofs the local FBI field office phone number and it displays that way on caller ID.

Warning: This is a scam!

The FBI does **NOT** call or email private citizens to demand money or threaten arrests. If you're contacted by someone claiming to be with the FBI, verify the information with the Bureau. If you believe you're a victim of a phone or online scam, file an online complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

WHAT IS SMISHING?

There's a new type of scam you definitely need to be worried about called "smishing," or SMS phishing.

This new texting scam looks so legitimate, anyone could fall victim to it. Scammers are spoofing banks' phone numbers and sending text messages to customers. A spoofed phone number hides the actual number the text is coming from and displays a number from a trusted source, like your bank.

The text claims your debit card has been used to make a purchase and if you don't recognize the transaction, you need to call their fraud prevention helpline. A phone number is provided.

Warning: This is not a legitimate bank phone number! Call the bank, confirm the status and delete the text!

Because the incoming text looks like it's from your bank, people are falling for this. If you *do* call the number provided in the text, the fraudster will answer the phone. They will then ask you to confirm your sensitive banking details, allowing them to steal money from your account. **Contact your bank IMMEDIATELY**—never give out sensitive information.

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

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

CHICKEN BBQ



Sunday, June 26, 2022
\$15.00 per ticket

Take out or Eat In/Starts at 1:30 pm

For tickets contact Chief Scott House
973-306-2285 or fire department
Member

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!

STVFD: Supporter Shirts
For Sale \$20.00 each



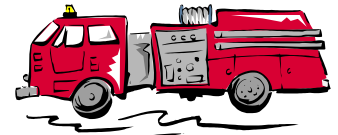
Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department is having an awesome fundraiser— "Supporter" T-Shirts!

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. Great gifts!

Tractor Parade

August 20, 2022



Parade starts promptly at 3:30 pm
Information will be posted on the town-
ship website and township/fire depart-
ment Facebook Pages



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. 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 war-time 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 Sale

What You Need To Know

All delinquent tax payments not received by November 10 each year are subject to Tax Sale.

If you have a delinquent tax balance after November 10, expect to receive delinquent notices until the delinquency is paid.

Should the delinquency remain unpaid into the following calendar year, the Tax Collector sets the date for the Tax Sale. The delinquent amounts are either sold and purchased by a lienholder or struck back to the municipality.

Important Things to Remember

- The Tax Collector prints and mails delinquent notices on a regular basis, and each one is dated with calculated interest to the date listed on the notice. Do not pay taxes from expired delinquent notices.
 - Check the amount owed online, or
 - Call the Tax Collector to verify the amount owed on the delinquency.
- Once the Tax Collector sets the date for the Tax Sale, the ability of the taxpayer to pay delinquent taxes using the online payment system is turned off. This is done because at this point payment must be made by cash, money order or certified funds and payment also includes current interest and cost of sale fees.
- Four weeks prior to the date of Tax Sale, if a delinquency remains your name will be in the newspaper. The Tax Collector will also mail two notices, two weeks prior to the date of the Tax Sale.
- Should you have a delinquency after November 10, and you make a tax payment do not assume that you are not still delinquent and in danger of Tax Sale. Should you continue to receive delinquent notices and you believe this is in error, contact the Tax Collector immediately. Request a paid receipt for your records to confirm the delinquency has been paid.
- Make sure you open mail from Sandyston Township. Do not assume it is not important. All too often residents neglect to open important information mailed from Sandyston Township, only to miss important deadlines or requests for information.
- The guidelines that the Tax Collector follows are per NJ State Statute. Sandyston Township offers many ways for residents to pay their taxes, deliver tax payments and check the status of taxes. Be sure to familiarize yourself with these options and should you have any questions do not ever hesitate to seek assistance.

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 2021).

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, 2020, or
- Actually receiving federal Social Security disability benefit payments (not benefit payments received on behalf of someone else) on or before December 31, 2020.

Residency: You lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2010 as either a homeowner or a renter.

Home Ownership: You owned and lived in your home since December 31, 2017, or earlier (and you still owned and lived in that home on December 31, 2021).

Property Taxes: The 2020 property taxes due on your home must have been paid by June 1, 2021 and the 2021 property taxes must be paid by June 1, 2022.

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

- 2020—\$92,969; and
- 2021—\$94,178 or less

Applications must be filed by October 31, 2022.

How To Apply: **PTR-1**

If you met the eligibility requirements for both 2020 & 2021 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 2020 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.

Primary Election

June 7, 2022

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

May 17, 2022 is the deadline to submit a Voter Registration for the Primary Election (21 days before election)

May 17, 2022 mandated evening Voter Registration available for Primary Election in offices of County Commissioners of Registration (21 days before election)

May 31, 2022 is the deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for the Primary Election

June 3—5, 2022 Early Voting Period

June 6, 2022 by 3:00 pm deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for Primary Election

June 7, 2022 Primary Election
6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Vote Early In Person

June 3—5, 2022

New Jersey voters have the option to vote early in person on voting machines at "Vote Centers" in their county. The three sites designated as Vote Centers in Sussex County are:

- ⇒ Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta
- ⇒ Sussex-Wantage Branch Library, Wantage
- ⇒ Louise Childs Branch Library, Hopatcong

The Early Voting period for the June 7, 2022 Primary Election is **June 3 thru June 5**, with the following hours: **Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Registered voters will receive a Sample Ballot in the mail 7-10 days before Election Day, which will provide address information for the Vote Centers, as well as voting hours.

NOTE! Voters who are scheduled to receive mail-in ballots will **not** be able to vote using a voting machine unless they first opt out of vote-by-mail.

Questions about polling sites and/or hours should be directed to the Sussex County **Board of Elections**.
(Information per Sussex County Clerk website)

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 \$200 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 PWinfo@sussex.nj.us.

Training will be provided free of charge so contact the Board of Elections and become a Champion of Democracy today!



Solutions to Stormwater Pollution: Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water



Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes where our children play. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water. Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty. As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including

colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties. As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides: Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer. Do not apply fertilizer if heavy rain is predicted. Look into alternatives for pesticides. Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer. If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow instructions on the label on how to correctly apply the product. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products: Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints. Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated. If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance. Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible. Recycle used motor oil. Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Keep pollution out of storm drains: Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies. Do not let sewage or other waste flow into a stormwater system.

Don't litter: Place litter in trash receptacles. Recycle. Recycle. Recycle. Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly: Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains. If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them. Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Clean up after your pet: Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules. An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property. Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. Remember to use newspaper, bags or "scoopers" to pick up wastes. Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet. Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife: Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas. Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Contact information: For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/bnpc_home.htm. Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency websites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program, (609)-633-7021.

Sandyston Township Municipal Building
133 Route 645
Sandyston, NJ 07826

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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