

2011 Fall/Winter Residents Guide

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Pursuant to Township Ordinance #198-23, all leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags. Leaves placed in plastic bags will no longer be picked up from the curb area or accepted at the Public Works yard. Leaf collection this fall will be on every Monday in November and December beginning November 7th. Please place bagged leaves at the curb, not in the street, on the first day of each collection to insure you will not miss any of the collections. The exact day of leaf collection is impossible to determine. Bagged leaves containing twigs, grass, brush, weeds or other debris will not be collected.

Township Ordinance #198-20: Prohibits the sweeping, raking, blowing or otherwise placing of grass or leaves into the street. Residents employing a lawn service should advise them accordingly.

Potholes are continuing to be

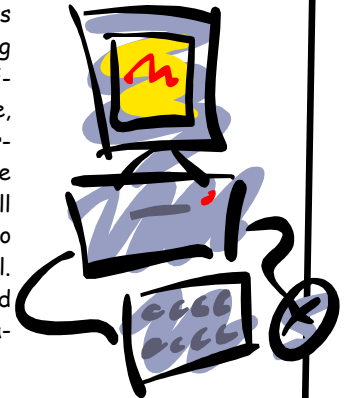
repaired as quickly as possible. Resident's phone calls regarding their location are welcomed and appreciated. The Township's policy is that there is no reimbursement for damage done to vehicles due to a pothole. Please drive carefully and report potholes immediately to (732) 446-8403.

Township Ordinance #226-31 prohibits the parking on any street within the Township when road are snow covered. Illegally parked vehicles can be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Township Ordinance #204-11 prohibits the throwing, placing or depositing of any snow or ice upon the public street in front of their property. When clearing driveways of snow, it is advisable to move the snow at the bottom of the driveway to the right or in the direction of traffic flow. This procedure will help prevent excessive snow being plowed into the driveway area.

Paving—Portions of Pease Road, Taylors Mills Road and

Daum Road were paved this summer. The fall paving schedule consists of Sheffield Drive, Concord Drive, Canterbury Road and a portion of Stratford Drive. The intersection of Union Hill Road and Pension Road is also being resurfaced this Fall. Catch basins will be replaced per Storm Water Regulations.

Brush and Tree Limbs are collected by Waste Management on the second refuse collection day of each week all year long. Please use the following guidelines: Tied securely in bundles, 4 foot maximum length, 50 pounds maximum weight, 4 bundle maximum each collection. As always, place any storm damaged limbs at the curb, and notify DPW immediately following a storm for removal of large limbs only. If the DPW is not notified within 2 weeks of a storm, removal of any storm damaged limbs will be the homeowner's responsibility.



**Please visit
www.mtnj.org
and sign up for
Manalapan
Township email**



Whether you are new to our Township or a lifetime resident, we're glad you've made Manalapan your home! To help you take advantage of your Township services, parks and programs, we've put together this Residents Guide. It's packed with helpful phone numbers as well as information about our facilities and opportunities. For more information about Manalapan Township, please visit our website at www.mtnj.org

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CONTACT US

Main Number	732-446-3200	Health Department	732-446-8346
Administration	732-446-8308	Tax Collector	732-446-8360
Tax Assessor	732-446-8312	Community Alliance	732-446-8417
Municipal Clerk	732-446-8315	Senior Citizen Center	732-446-8401
Court Clerk	732-446-6656	Road Department	732-446-8403
Planning Board	732-446-8350	Refuse/Recycling	732-446-8404
Parks and Recreation	732-446-8355	Police Department	732-446-4300
Code Enforcement/Zoning	732-446-8322	Construction	732-446-8320

TAX INFORMATION

The Tax Collector's Office is open Monday Through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. On the first Thursday of each quarter, the office will be open from 8:30 am until 7:30 pm. If you are a new resident and do not have a tax bill., please contact the Tax Collectors Office at (732) 446-8360. The Tax Collector's Office has a drop box located on the front of the office door. You may drop off your tax payment between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm Monday through Friday and from

7:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday. The drop box is for payments made by check or money order only. No cash payments will be accepted. For more information regarding property taxes, please visit the Tax Collectors page on the Township website at www.mtnj.org.

Manalapan Township introduced another way for residents to pay property taxes with a new Web Inquiry and Payment Portal (WIPP) program. Through WIPP, residents can make payments by credit

card, debit card, or check, all with a fee added to avoid increases to the municipal budget.

A computer is available in town hall for residents who don't have access to a computer to use the WIPP program. Hope Ingram- Lewis, Tax Collector, describes the new program as another option among others that include a drop box in town hall that is open from 7am to 8pm Monday through Friday and 7am to 3pm on Saturday.

MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP TELEVISION NETWORK

Manalapan Township Municipal Access Channel provides television coverage of various activities and events to the township residents and is aired on Cablevision Channel 77 and Verizon FIOS Channel 42. It is staffed by all volunteers. Our purpose is to develop, produce and record events. Working with the Township, schools and other

organizations to entertain, educate and inform the public about Manalapan. The duties of the staff are to setup, produce programming, take down equipment, edit programming, do interviews and attend training sessions during our meetings on the first Monday evening of the month. If you have an interest and desire to volun-

teer, MTTN requires no experience. Volunteers are always welcome. MTTN have a very flexible schedule and your availability is up to you. Sign up for MTTN email alerts on the township website. For more information, please contact MTTN@mtnj.org or call (732) 446-8309.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department wants to remind everyone that School is back in session and this means School busses full of children are on the road. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure for the safety of these children. The Police Department will aggressively enforce any violations of vehicles passing stopped school busses. A conviction for passing a stopped school bus is a fine and five points

against your license.

Please visit Manalapan Township Police Departments new website:

www.manalapanpolice.org



CLERK'S OFFICE

In order to help meet the demand for commuter parking and residents who would like to take a day trip into the City, the Township Committee has provided for Pay Per Day Parking spaces that are located in the Franklin Lane and Symmes Drive lots. All Manalapan residents who do not currently have a yearly parking permit are eligible for a Pay Per Day permit.

For a \$5.00 fee good for 2 years Manalapan residents may obtain from the Municipal Clerks Office a permit that enables them to park on a first come first served basis in any marked Pay Per Day parking area in the Township for a fee of \$2.00 per day. To obtain a permit: In person—a photocopy of drivers license, \$5.00 cash, check or money order. By mail—also enclose a

self addressed stamped envelope. Municipal Clerks Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 am—4:30 pm.

* Anyone interested in becoming an Election District Board Member, please call The Monmouth County Board of Elections Office at (732) 431-7150.

ENGLISHTOWN-MANALAPAN FIRST AID SQUAD

Your volunteer first aid squad is on call for you 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. All of your members are State Certified EMT's. We rely solely on donations from you, local business and our government to keep this operation working for

your benefit. We always need help with recruiting new members, either fund raising (Auxiliary), cadets (16—17 years old) or active members to handle the calls. Please call (732) 850-6488 for more information.



CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING

For your convenience - The Zoning permit application, information sheet and complaint form can now be found on the Zoning/Code Enforcement Department's webpage. If you are a new resident and are thinking about doing any improvements, please contact our office prior to beginning any work to see if a zoning permit is required.

Storage of boats and recreational vehicles - Recreational vehicles, boats (not longer than 26') or parts, sec-

tions, pieces or appurtenances of recreational vehicles and boats shall not be parked overnight, stored or placed on any lot situated in a residential zone, **except not** more than **one** may be parked overnight, stored or placed on any **driveway** in a residential zone.

Leaves - The owner or occupant of any property, or person engaged to provide lawn care or landscaping services, **shall not** sweep, rake, blow or other-

wise place yard waste, unless the yard waste is containerized, in the street.

Drainage - Pools - No private pool drain, wading pool drain or portable pool drain shall be connected into the sanitary sewer system. Pool water may not be discharged at the curb or upon the surface of any street. The discharge of the waters shall in no case cause or create a nuisance to the abutting property or to the public.

CONSTRUCTION

Homeowners may have noticed yellow hang tags being placed on their residences recently advising them of open permits. Please understand that this is being done as a courtesy to inform homeowners, or contractors, who unintentionally may have neglected to call in for final inspections on their permits. Remember, it is only those permits which have been finalized and "closed out" that are filed in your home's permanent block and lot file. Required inspections are necessary on all permits to protect homeowners from sometimes fraudulent or insincere contractors. All jobs must comply with the Uniform Construction Code. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this program, feel free to contact us at 732-446-8319.

For your convenience, the CCO application and checklist can be found

on the Construction Department's webpage. The cost is \$155 payable in cash, or two separate money orders, one for \$110 for the CCO, and one for \$45 for the Smoke Detector/Carbon Monoxide Compliance Certification. Remember, as usual, checks are not an acceptable method of payment for a CCO and exact change is always helpful. Upon application, an inspection date will be scheduled. CCO inspections are performed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The next available inspection date will be given at the time of application. The Housing Inspector will come out to the home to look at the items listed on the CCO checklist. A 2A, 10BC fire extinguisher, no larger than 10 lbs is required and should be kept in the kitchen. If the home is septic and/or well, owner must also comply with the Health Depart-

ment's requirements.

It cannot be stressed enough, *the importance of addressing items listed on the checklist prior to the inspection date in order to avoid delays, as well as avoiding the need for a re-inspection.* Keep in mind that the CCO is good for 90 days from date of issuance. If for some reason you do not close within that time, a one-time extension may be granted. The fee for an extension is \$25.00.

Remember, with the arrival of Fall comes daylight savings time, which is a good time to change batteries in smoke detectors.

Also, with Winter approaching, be sure to keep all fire hydrants near your home clear of snow, so they may be immediately located in the event of an emergency.

MANALAPAN MRC-CERT

The Manalapan MRC-CERT continues to grow and become a strong community resource. The team was part of the recent community response to Hurricane Irene by staffing the emergency shelter and staffing the non-emergency telephone line for 64 straight hours. Upcoming trainings include Emergency sheltering and search and rescue and participation in Statewide exercises. A full 20 hour CERT training program using evenings and Saturday mornings is expected to start in January 2012. The MRC-CERT is also very active in assisting

the Township in registering persons with special needs into a database for planning evacuation efforts during an emergency. Lastly, a complimentary Teen CERT program has been established for young persons age 16-21.

The Board of Health developed the volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to help respond to public health and community medical emergencies. Training is provided to all volunteers in various as-

pects of disaster and emergency preparedness.

*New members are needed. For those who are interested, there is a questionnaire to be completed. Please call the Health Department at 732-446-8345 or email MRC-CERT@mtnj.org and request a questionnaire to be mailed to you or access the questionnaire on-line on the Township Web Site.

MANALAPAN TEEN CERT

Young residents, age 16–21, are invited to join the Teen CERT program. This youth-led program is sponsored by the Township and supported by the High

School. The program provides training to young persons in order to prepare them to assist the community during emer-

gency response efforts. For more information or to join please contact TeenCERT@mtnj.org.

MANALAPAN/ENGLISHTOWN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Manalapan-Englishtown Community Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse is an official body of the Township of Manalapan and Borough of Englishtown. The alliance meets a minimum of four times a year. The members are comprised of appointed officials, business community representatives, school personnel, residents, and youth. All members share in the philosophy and desire to prevent alcohol and substance abuse. The alliance focuses much of their work in the school age population and sponsors and supports substance abuse prevention programs for all ages. Following are some of the pro-

grams that are available:

- *Community awareness program presentations related to the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse
- *Host liability presentations
- *Adolescent and adult gambling presentations
- *Suicide prevention presentations
- *Alcohol awareness and drunken driving prevention month
- *Red Ribbon week
- *Resource directory for alcohol and drug abuse services, eating disorders, date rape, HIV/AIDS, steroids, crisis centers and self help groups.

*Classroom presentations

- *Parent alcohol and drug education
- *Problem identification and referral services
- *Manalapan Township website information on drugs of abuse and informational articles.

The Community Alliance needs your help. As a parent, student or community member, you can make a difference. Please support your Alliance by joining and attending meetings or by volunteering your time. For further information, contact Lisa Harmon Mollicone at 732-446-8417 or lmollicone@mtnj.org.

**MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP
2011 POLLING PLACES**

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**SIGN UP FOR EMAIL
ALERTS**

Dist. 1 & 13—MANALAPAN ENGLISHTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL (MEMS)

155 Millhurst Road

Dist. 2—COMMUNITY REFUGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

4 Sobechko Road

Dist. 3,4 & 9—ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

186 Gordons Corner Road

Dist. 5 & 12—MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP (COURT ROOM)

120 Route 522

Dist. 6 & 14—GORDONS CORNER FIRE HOUSE

683 Tennent Road

Dist. 7 & 8—LAFAYETTE MILLS SCHOOL

66 Maxwell Lane

Dist. 10, 11 & 15—COVERED BRIDGE 1 CLUBHOUSE

1 Amberly Drive

Dist. 16—COVERED BRIDGE II CLUBHOUSE

1 Covered Bridge Blvd.

Dist. 17 & 26—MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY

125 Symmes Drive

Dist. 18, 21 & 22—KNOB HILL COUNTRY LANES

363 Route 33 East

Dist. 19 & 23—WESTERN MONMOUTH UTILITY AUTHORITY

103 Pension Road

Dist. 20 & 24—PINE BROOK CARE CENTER

104 Pension Road

Dist. 25—MANALAPAN SENIOR CENTER

211 Freehold Road (Route 522)

Dist. 27—FOUR SEASONS AT MANALAPAN (CLUBHOUSE)

44 Palomino Drive

BOARD OF HEALTH

MANALAPAN BOARD OF HEALTH is comprised of seven private citizens of the Township. The Board meets once a month, usually the 4th Tuesday, in the Municipal Building. The Board is charged with the responsibility to protect the public health in the community. Employed by the Board is the staff of professionals that carry out the dictates of their Ordinances and policies. For information on any of the programs or services call 446-8345 or access the Health Department section of the Township website at <http://www.twp.manalapan.nj.us/depts/health.htm>. The Health Department provides the following among its many

services:

FLU CLINICS - The Township hosted 4 clinics for seasonal flu and pneumonia vaccination in October. The Township anticipates continuing to offer vaccinations against seasonal flu and pneumonia at additional vaccination clinics in November. Please watch the Township website and local newspapers for announcements of dates for these clinics.

BATS - The fall represents a time of increased calls about bats being found in residents homes. If you find a bat in your home try and secure it inside a room and call the Police Department

for assistance. An Animal Control Officer will be summoned to help capture the animal and make some rabies risk assessment decisions.

RABIES CLINIC - A free rabies immunization clinic for dogs and cats will be held on November 5, 2011 from 9:00 am - 12 noon. Please call 446-8345 for the location. For those residents who miss this clinic other free clinics are available in Monmouth County. Please call the Health Department for more information on other clinics in the area.

IMMUNIZATION SERVICES - Pre-school and school age children can

receive necessary vaccines and boosters at Township supported clinics.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE - An aggressive surveillance system exists that is centrally administered by the State Department of Health but performed locally by the Manalapan Health Department staff. Records are verified and maintained on all reportable diseases. Tuberculosis (TB) and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) clinics are available to residents for testing and consultation (confidential for STD's).

SEPTIC SYSTEM MANAGEMENT - The Health Department devotes a large amount of resources toward regulating septic system construction. In order to make these systems function properly there are ways for the average homeowner to maintain and take care of the

systems. Please call for printed information or to speak to a Registered Environmental Health Specialist about septic systems.

RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS - The Health Department has an ongoing system of regulating sanitary conditions in all retail food establishments. All establishments are inspected at least once a year. The results of the inspections are posted at the establishment. All reports of possible food poisonings are investigated immediately by Health Department staff.

CANCER SCREENING - Free cancer screenings are offered through the VNA of Central Jersey for qualified uninsured individuals who reside in Monmouth County. These tests include pap smears,

pelvic exams, colorectal exams, mammograms and prostate exams (PSA blood test included in exam). For more information or to register, please call 732-224-6723.

VITAL STATISTICS - The Office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics is located in the Health Department. Births, deaths, marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships occurring in Manalapan Township are permanently recorded in this office. Certified copies of these records are available. Marriage licenses, Civil Unions and Domestic Partnerships are also issued through this office. More information is available on the Township website at <http://www.twp.manalapan.nj.us/depts/health.htm>.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

The Manalapan Township Senior Citizen Center is located at 211 Route 522 in Manalapan. We are open Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Call (732) 446-8401 for information on any of the following programs.

***TAI CHI FROM THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION:** Classes held on Tuesdays, at 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Tai Chi combines exercise and meditation, through slow movements, which have been modified for seniors with the purpose of increasing balance, flexibility and strength.

***STRENGTH TRAINING:** Classes held on Wednesdays, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Class participants have enjoyed the benefits of increased strength and endurance by attending our free weekly strength training class. Seniors start out using light hand weights and increase the weights as their strength increases. Class instructor is a Registered Nurse and Certified Fitness Instructor.

ART CLASSES: Instructional Classes held on Thursdays, from 12:15 PM to 2:15 PM. This class is designed for those who

would like to develop their artistic abilities. Class is free with the exception of the purchase of individual materials. Those who wish to work with acrylics, oils, charcoals & pastels will be encouraged to do so. A list of supplies will be distributed to all registrants.

LINE DANCING: Stay fit and have great fun while learning to line dance! This class automatically puts a smile on your face and gets you moving. Participants are enjoying the music, learning current dances and enjoying the benefits of yet another free exercise class at the Manalapan Senior Center. Line Dancing classes meet every Thursday from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM.

VOLUNTEER KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP: Join our group, get involved and support the effort to help families in need. Our volunteers proudly work on blankets, hats, scarves and baby items for various charitable organizations. Group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

COMPUTER CLASSES (Beginners and Advanced): Classes held on Tuesday

afternoons. Participants in this class have mastered great skills and are now confident users of the internet and email.

BRIDGE GROUP: (Duplicate Bridge). Meets every Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Group meets to play and is non-instructional.

SIT AND BE FIT EXERCISE CLASS: Meets every Monday and Wednesday at 1:45 pm. Exercises are performed with the support of a folding chair. Gentle stretching exercises lead up to very low impact aerobic exercises designed to improve range of motion, relieve arthritis pain and maintain an optimal degree of flexibility.

PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP - Meets the third Tuesday of every month from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Program is designed for both the Parkinson's client and their caregivers. Call SeniorsFirst to register for these programs (732) 780-3013

SENIOR WELLNESS SCREENINGS: Offered the third Wednesday of every month from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Screenings are free and administered by a Registered Nurse from the Visiting Nurses Association.

S.H.I.P. - (State Health Insurance Assistance Program): We have a volunteer insurance counselor who is available, by appointment, to meet with our seniors and help them with any questions or concerns that they have with regards to medical billing and insurance issues.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

October 5th The Lakeside Manor, Hazlet, NJ "Arriverderci Roma"

October 19th Atlantic City, Resorts Casino "Diva Halloween Show"

November 2nd Doolan's, Spring Lake, NJ "Irish Wake Show"

December 8th Papermill Playhouse, Millburn, NJ "White Christmas"

March 1st Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ "Branson 2012 USA Road Trip"

Call for more information 732-446-8401

2011 Bus Trips: The Senior Center sponsors many day trips to luncheon theaters, museums and many other popular points of interest within New

Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. We are in the process of scheduling our bus trips for 2012. Check in with the senior center during the months of December and January to see what great trips we have planned. Our trips always promise a day of great entertainment, delicious meals and good companionship for all!

YARN DONATIONS SOUGHT: Our volunteers are always in need of yarn at the Manalapan Senior Center. Donations are put to great use as our seniors are constantly working on community projects. Projects completed this year include outfits for teddy bears to be given to special needs children during the holidays, lap robes for nursing homes, hats and mittens for children and our hugely successful Baby Bundles project. Our seniors have made countless baby items, Target has donated a tremendous amount of baby furniture and equipment and our local Girl Scouts have always donated yarn to this cause. We appreciate all donations to keep this program running.

Thank you Manalapan-Englishtown Boy Scout and Girl Scouts!

The Manalapan Senior Center staff and members have historically enjoyed a fantastic working relationship with the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations in Manalapan Township. Together we have accomplished a tremendous amount of successful volunteer projects to benefit the community. Several high school aged Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have chosen to dedicate service projects to make improvements throughout the Senior Center Building. These projects not only enhanced our facility but have also gained them nationally recognized Eagle Scout and Gold Awards. We remain forever grateful towards them because their active participation is an inspiration to all.

*The Manalapan Township Senior Citizen Center is partially funded by the Title III Program of the Older Americans Act as amended through a grant by the Monmouth County Office on Aging.



THOMPSON GROVE PARK

A fenced in dog park area has been added at the entrance to the parking lot. The Department of Public Works will be working on additional walking and hiking trails during the winter.

Thompson Grove Park is a 64 acre municipal park located in the southern portion

of the Township. This bucolic park is bordered by the 22 acre Millhurst Pond. Thompson Grove Park is most easily reached by turning onto Kinney Road from Sweetman's Lane and proceeding to the first right which is Thompson Grove Road. The entrance to the park is approximately

100 yards on the right.

Please bring any water your dog may require as there is no potable water on site. Rules are posted on site as well as on the Township website. Strict adherence is expected.

SHADE TREE

Are you looking for a thoughtful way to celebrate a life event or remember a loved one? Planting a tree is always a great way to commemorate an occasion. A tree will bring joy for years to come for yourself, your family and your community. The Township Arboretum, a collection of tree species, is on the corner of Taylor Mills Road and Route 522 at the Municipal Complex. The Arboretum houses three (3) gazebos dedicated to the residents, to public servants and to veterans. The 9/11 Memorial can also be found at the center of the Arboretum. Please come visit and take a look at the trees on showcase. This is also a great place to visit to see how a tree species will look once established to help when selecting a tree for your own yard. If you are interested in having a tree planted in the Arboretum, please call the Shade Tree office for more information.

During your fall clean up, remember, proper mulching is very important for your trees' and shrubs' health. Excessive

mulch can be very detrimental to your landscaping, leading to dieback and death of plant materials. Over-mulching changes the grade the tree is planted at and keeps the young bark moist, making it susceptible to insects, fungi, and diseases. This is one of the main problems when establishing a new tree. Mulch should be placed around the tree in a donut shape, a few inches thick. Mulch should never be placed up against the bark. Be careful to avoid 'volcano mulching' - heaping mulch or rocks up against the tree. You should be able to see a slight flare at the base of the tree. If it looks like a telephone pole in the ground, there is too much mulch or the tree has been planted too deep. Dig down to find where the trunk flares out a bit and spread back the mulch/dirt from there. Your trees will thank you!

Also, keep a look out for the Southern Pine Beetle. This invasive pest has been working its way north and has now been found as close as Howell Township. This

beetle destroys pitch pine trees. Once it has invaded the tree, needles will turn from yellow, to red and finally to brown in less than a month. Please see the NJ State Forest's website on this beetle for more information and pictures.

Please remember, all homeowners considering tree removal on their properties should contact the Shade Tree office to obtain a tree permit. There is no cost to remove a dead or dying tree, but a permit must be secured first.

The Shade Tree Committee is looking for any interested Manalapan residents that would like to get involved in our Committee. Please contact us if you would like more information on serving on the Committee. We hope to hear from you soon!

*If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at 732-446-8416. The office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The fall programs offered by Manalapan Parks and Recreation are available on the Recreation Programs webpage on the Township Website www.mtnj.org (click on departments, the Parks and Recreation). Individual flyers and registration information can be downloaded from that site. Many of these programs are offered throughout the school year. Some of the programs include: Awakenings Theatre & Chorus, Communication Station for Kids & Teen Talk Show, Adult & Youth Yoga, Adult and Youth Running Program, Youth Basketball, Adult Open Gym Volleyball & Basketball, Adult & Child Bowling, Miss Melissa's Music for Aardvarks, Pee Wee Arts & Crafts, United Strength Systems Boot Camp & Conditioning, Adult Zumba, Turbo-Kick and Pilates, Nomad Youth Lacrosse, Youth Roller Hockey, Youth Orchestra, Mad Science Camp.

Manalapan Parks and Recreation is online! Registrations may be completed with a credit card. Credit cards are not accepted at the Parks and Recreation Office. The online registration web site is <https://register.communitypass.net/manalapan>.

Our annual Holiday Lighting program is scheduled for Sunday December 11th at the Manalapan High School Auditorium. Join us as we welcome the Holiday season with performances from some of our musical programs as well as a visit from a special guest! Check our website for additional information as we get closer to the scheduled date.

Manalapan Township maintains many parks and recreation facilities throughout the Township, but the Manalapan Recreation Center provides the widest variety of facilities, with many lighted

for night usage. Located on Route 522, across from the Municipal Building. The Manalapan Recreation Center is open 8:00 am till dusk, Sunday through Saturday, and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Thursday and Sunday evenings from October 1 through March 31. Facilities in the Recreation Center can be reserved. Picnic facilities are available immediately adjacent to the Kuschick Pavilion.

The Manalapan Recreation Center expanded in 2009 to include additional baseball and soccer fields as well as a synthetic turf all-purpose field, equipped with lighting for night time usage. The Manalapan Recreation Center is a non-smoking facility and is closed during inclement weather.

In addition, the Recreation Center is equipped with a Lightning Prediction system. This system can detect the probability of a lightning strike, which will provide advance notice to clear the facility. When the warning horn activates, all outdoor areas are to be vacated until an "all clear" is signaled.

Manalapan Township has implemented Township Ordinance #2005-35 requiring all volunteers affiliated with Manalapan Parks and Recreation youth programs, or any Manalapan-based youth program or organization that utilizes Manalapan Township facilities who may have unsupervised direct access to children, to submit to a Criminal History Background Check. Please visit the Township website for the ordinance and policy. Many coaches are in need of updating their Background Check Identification Card. An instruction sheet has been added to the Recreation webpage to assist a coach in the renewal process.

Manalapan Parks and Recreation has

implemented a major program/promotion to encourage and enhance sportsmanship in youth sports. This Volunteer Code of Conduct is an extension of the "Be A Sport" program/theme. Each volunteer agrees to:

1. Instruct participants on how to play by the rules.
2. Be a role model; teach children by good example.
3. Abide by the established policies, rules and regulations.
4. Do not publicly question or criticize the sports officials' judgment and encourage your team's parents/players to do the same.
5. Support all efforts to encourage fair play and sportsmanship.
6. Attend and complete the mandated safety training program.
7. Attend and complete a compliance conference, as necessary.

A Manalapan Parks and Recreation volunteer acknowledges and agrees to this

established code and understand that volunteering is a privilege and not a right.

Our registration process for any athletic program includes a required Code of Conduct signature by an adult/guardian in the family. This is another extension of our "Be A Sport" program/theme. It is our intent to encourage positive sportsmanship and fair play in both our participants and the fans attending our programs. Failure to agree to the Code of Conduct will result in not being permitted to register. We appreciate your assistance in helping keep our programs fun and safe.

All municipal parks throughout the Township (excluding the Recreation Center) close at dusk and loitering is prohibited. These parks and playgrounds are your neighborhood resource. Please keep them clean.

Storm Water Regulations

The State passed new storm water regulations requiring ongoing maintenance of all storm sewers/catch basins. We ask that if you notice any debris lying on top of a storm sewer grate near your residence, to please clear it off or ask your landscaper to do so. This will help to alleviate any flooding issues during heavy thunderstorms.