



# MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP 2013 SPRING/SUMMER RESIDENTS' GUIDE



## MANALAPAN DAY 2013

Saturday, June 15th

## **THE INFERNO'S BAND**

Kick-off summer with a Manalapan Township celebration! Join your neighbors and invite family and friends for a day of great food, entertainment, petting zoo, children's rides, pony rides, carnival area, exhibits, displays and vendors. Then watch in awe as the night sky bursts with the colors of the spectacular fireworks finale! The main stage entertainment will feature The Infernos performing Oldies to Motown; from steamy hot Jazz to the sounds of today.

There is something for everyone so come early! We suggest bringing chairs and blankets for your comfort. In case of rain, The Infernos will perform at Manalapan High School at 8:00 pm.



## CONTACT US

Main Number	732-446-3200	Health Dept.	732-446-8346
Administration	732-446-8303	Tax Collector	732-446-8359
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 & Recreation	732-446-8355	Police Department	732-446-4300
Code Enforcement/Zoning	732-446-8322	Construction	732-446-8320

## TAX COLLECTOR

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 7:00 pm. If you are a new resident and do not have a tax bill, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at (732) 446-8360. The Tax Collector's Office has a drop box located on the office door. You may now drop off your tax payment between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm Monday through Friday. 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, to view property tax information or to make payments online, please visit the Tax Collectors page on the Township website at [www.mtnj.org](http://www.mtnj.org).

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WWW.MTNJ.ORG AND SIGN UP  
FOR MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP  
EMAIL ALERTS**



## MANALAPAN MRC-CERT

The Manalapan Medical Reserve Corps-Community Emergency Response Team (MRC-CERT) continues to grow and become a strong community resource. In 2012, the team was an essential part of the emergency response to Hurricane Sandy by assisting with the opening and staffing of the Emergency Shelters. MRC also provided cell phone charging and ice distribution stations, assisted with transportation of persons to and from the shelters and manned a 24/7 non-emergency telephone line for the entire duration of the storm and its aftermath. Upcoming trainings include emergency sheltering, search and rescue, basic first aid and participation in statewide exercise. Two full 20 hour CERT training programs began in January 2013 including a full weekend training in March 2013.

The MRC-CERT is also very active in assisting the Township in registering persons with special needs into a database for planning evacuation efforts or providing shelter during an emergency. Please complete a registration form on the Township Website at [www.mtnj.org](http://www.mtnj.org). Community News (click on view all community news), and then scroll to and click on the form, "Emergency Evacuation of Persons with Special Needs".

Lastly, a complimentary Teen CERT program has been established for young persons age 16—21. 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 emergency response efforts. For more information or to join please contact Teen-CERT2mtnj.org.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

If you are a victim of a Domestic Violence incident, our crisis team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you. Our advocate team is comprised of women and men volunteers. The hotline number is (732) 446-3333. The trained advocates are Manalapan residents who volunteer their time. They will offer support, advise the victim of their options, legal rights, give them referrals, and even help victims find a safe place to go if necessary. All calls will be kept confidential. If you are interested in joining the Crisis Team you can call (732) 446-4300. If you are interested in volunteering for the Manalapan Domestic Violence Team, please contact Captain Jeff Morrell at (732) 446-3879.



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

## **MANALAPAN-ENGLISHTOWN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE**

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 programs 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, self help groups, classroom presentations, parent alcohol and drug education, problem identification and referral services.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING

Code Enforcement/Zoning Office Hours—The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. If you are thinking about doing any improvements, please contact our office prior to beginning any work to see if a zoning permit is required.

For your convenience, the Zoning permit application, information sheets and complaint form can be found on the Zoning/Code Enforcement Department's webpage.

Corner Properties and Intersections—at the intersection of two or more streets, no hedge, fence or screening strip higher than 36 inches above curb level, nor any obstruction to vision, other than a post not exceeding one foot in diameter.

Plantings along sidewalks and streets—All trees or shrubs planted on private property that stand along public sidewalks and public streets, the branches of which extend over any part of a public sidewalk, or public street, shall be trimmed by the owner, occupant or tenant of the premises.

Storage of boats and recreational vehicles—Recreation vehicles and boats (not longer than 26') or parts, sections, 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 may be parked overnight, stored or placed on any driveway in a residential zone.

Storage of vehicles—No person shall park or store a motor vehicle on private property in an approved major subdivision, and not in a garage, other than an approved driveway or an extension connection to the approved driveway.

# CONSTRUCTION

After experiencing the effects of super storm Sandy, many residents have opted to install generators in their homes. Electrical, Plumbing and Fire permits are required for generators. Keep in mind that Zoning approval is required in a condominium, townhouse, duplex or multi-family home where a generator is being installed. Also requiring Zoning approval are all generators larger than 20 kw.

As always, be sure to submit all pool and other outdoor permits to the Construction Office early. Always include all necessary information to avoid delays in processing time. Pool owners should ensure that all inspections have taken place prior to using their pools and are urged to schedule necessary inspections once pool openings have been scheduled in preparation of the swimming season. Also, remember that Zoning is a prior approval when submitting a pool permit.

For your convenience, the Certificate of Continued Occupancy application 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 Certificate. Prior to selling or renting a home, please be sure to visit our website for the CCO Checklist, in order to prepare your home for a CCO inspection.

For your information, and to ensure an enjoyable barbeque season, safety tips for transporting propane gas cylinders for barbeque grills are as follows: **ALWAYS** transport and store a cylinder in a secure and upright position so it will not fall, shift, or roll. **ALWAYS** close the cylinder valve and if required, seal with a plug, even if the cylinder is empty. Ask your propane retailer if a plug is required. **NEVER** keep a filled cylinder inside a hot vehicle and **NEVER** transport it inside a closed trunk. **ALWAYS** place the cylinder in a well-ventilated area of the vehicle. **AL-**

**WAYS** proceed directly to your destination and immediately remove the cylinder from your vehicle.

Remember that propane is a highly flammable gas. To reduce the risk of serious and potentially fatal injury, fire or explosion, keep gas grills at least ten feet from the home. Grill hoses should be checked for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks. When grilling, do not cover grill bottom with foil, as it can restrict air circulation. Finally, make sure the gas is shut off and cooled thoroughly before covering grill after use.

## SHADE TREE

We hope many of you took advantage of the Shade Tree Committee's tree sale in April. This was a great way to invest in your property for years to come. With a little bit of TLC, your trees should be able to establish and thrive in your yard. Make sure your new trees establish by thoroughly watering them once a week, or more during drought periods. Watering should continue through the summer and taper off mid-fall. A few inches of mulch around the base of the tree is also highly recommended (see below). Additionally, if any small branches were broken during transplant, these should be clipped at the branch node to allow the tree to properly heal.

The Shade Tree Committee needs your help in caring for our street trees. Please make sure your street trees (and all of your landscaping) have mulch rings around the base of them. Lawn equipment can do a lot of damage to the base of trees. Open wounds form when weedwackers attempt to get every last blade of grass, allowing insects and organisms to enter the tree. An application of just a few inches of mulch, spread out like a donut ring, will be an easy and inexpensive way to keep your trees safe from damage. As mentioned in previous articles, make sure the mulch is only a few inches deep and does not cover the flare of the tree. The flare is the area of a tree where the roots meet the trunk. This area should never be covered up by mulch, dirt or rocks. Keeping the root flare covered aids in keeping the moisture in, leading to soft, wet tree bark. This in turn, provides an easy entrance for organisms and insects to invade the tree. It also affects the oxygen exchange for the root system if the tree is buried too deep with excess mulch and soil. So don't let mulch volcanoes kill your trees!!

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 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.

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

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 8:30am-4:30pm.



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

As the nicer weather begins to arrive, the Public Works Department will begin its Spring and Summer maintenance. Some of this maintenance includes paving, leaf recycling, detention basin maintenance, storm sewer maintenance, and grass maintenance.

Should potholes develop throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact the Public Works Department at 732-446-8403 to report their location. The Township's policy is that there is no reimbursement for damage done to vehicles due to a pothole.

The Township requires all leaves to be placed in biodegradable paper bags as per our leaf recycling ordinance. Leaves placed in plastic bags will not be accepted.

The spring leaf collection took place during the weeks of April 8th and May 6th. The fall leaf collections will take place every Monday in November and December. Please place bagged leaves at the curb, not in the street, on the morning of the FIRST day of each collection to insure you will not miss any of the collections. Bagged leaves containing twigs, grass, brush, weeds or garbage will not be collected. If you did not have bagged leaves at the curb in time for the collection, you may bring them to the Public Works yard at 207 Route 522.

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.

Paving: Paving projects completed during 2012 were the intersection of Union Hill Road & Pension Road and portions of Kingsley Drive and Gordon's Corner Road. Kelton Place and Conmack Lane were completely resurfaced in 2012.

Brush Pick Up: Yard debris and branches will no longer be picked up curbside by the garbage company. Branches can be brought to the Public Works yard on Saturdays only. The Department of Public Works started their curbside brush pick up on April 15th and will go through each street one time only. To insure you do not miss the collection, please make sure that all brush is curbside by April 15th. No plastic bags will be collected at the curb for the branch and brush pick up.

Storm Damaged Trees: Storm damage is considered large limbs that have fallen due to a significant storm. For collection of such limbs, residents must then notify Public Works of their address to arrange for removal of the limbs within two (2) weeks of such a storm.

The State storm water regulations require 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 Spring and Summer thunderstorms.

Detention basins throughout the Township are mowed on a bi-weekly schedule, weather permitting. If you notice an overgrown detention basin, please do not hesitate to contact the Public Works Department.

# MANALAPAN BOARD OF HEALTH

MANALAPAN BOARD OF HEALTH is comprised of seven private citizens of the Township. The Board meets once a month, usually the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 732-446-8345.

**DOG AND CAT LICENSING** – Dogs and cats are required to be licensed every year. If you own a dog and/or cat that has not been licensed yet, please make arrangements immediately to purchase the license.

**WILD ANIMALS** – Wild animals that are present on your property and present a nuisance to you and your family can only be removed by the services of a private wildlife removal specialist. Listings of providers of this service are in the yellow pages of the telephone book or on the internet under “pest control”.

**STANDING WATER = MOSQUITOES** – The Board of Health is partnering with State, County and other municipal agencies to eliminate mosquito breeding sources. Mosquitoes are responsible for causing more human suffering and disease than any other insect. Residents need to take steps to make sure there is no standing, stagnant water on their property. This includes old tires, birdbaths, abandoned pools, toys, debris, clogged rain gutters, abandoned vehicles, natural or excavated depressions or any outside condition that pools water. These potential sources of ponded water can all lead to mosquito breeding if not removed or maintained properly. Reports of potential mosquito breeding sites can be telephoned to the Health Department for investigation and any dead crows or blue jays should be reported for possible testing for West Nile Virus.

**VITAL STATISTICS** – The Office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics is located in the Health Department. Births, deaths, marriages and civil unions occurring in Manalapan Township are permanently recorded in this office. Certified copies of these records are available for a fee. Marriage and civil union licenses are also issued through this office. For information on acquiring certified copies or how to obtain a marriage or civil union license please call the Health Department and ask for the Registrar.

**RABIES CLINIC** – A free rabies immunization clinic for dogs and cats is expected to be held in the fall on November 3, 2013. The location will be determined during the summer. For those residents who miss this clinic or need a clinic opportunity sooner, other free clinics are available in Monmouth County – please call the Health Department for information.

**FLU VACCINATION CLINICS** – Flu vaccination clinics will be scheduled at various locations for the fall. Information is expected to be available on September 3. Please watch the Township website and newspapers or call the Health Department for more information.

## **MANALAPAN PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ONLINE!**

Registration for any Parks and Recreation sponsored program can be handled through on-line registration with a credit card. This service has helped to make the registration process easier for all involved. We still accept registration at the Parks and Recreation office and via mail. However credit card registration can only be done online. You can access the site at <https://register.communitypass.net/manalapan>, or go to the Parks and Recreation department page on the Township Website [www.mtnj.org](http://www.mtnj.org) and click the link to register online.

### **MANALAPAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

Manalapan Parks and Recreation proudly sponsors a Preparatory Orchestra conducted by Angela McCurdy. Registration is on going, and musicians may audition for placement in either the Fall or Spring. For additional information, please call the Parks and Recreation office.

## **PARK FACILITIES**

Manalapan Township maintains many parks and recreation facilities throughout the Township, but the Manalapan Recreation Center (M.R.C.) provides the widest variety of facilities, with many lighted for night usage. Located on Route 522, across from the Municipal Building, the M.R.C. is open 8:00 a.m. till 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays from April 1 through September 30. Facilities in the M.R.C. can be reserved. Picnic facilities are available immediately adjacent to the Kuschick Pavilion. The M.R.C. may be closed during inclement weather.

The M.R.C. is a non-smoking facility.

The M.R.C. is closed during inclement weather.

The M.R.C. shall close at dusk on Mischief Night (October 30<sup>th</sup>) and Halloween (October 31<sup>st</sup>).

Please visit the Township Website for a map of the M.R.C. facilities.

A **Lightning Prediction** system is used within the M.R.C. 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 cleared until an “all clear” is signaled.

**FACEBOOK** “Like” us on Facebook and receive updates on upcoming registration dates, Manalapan Recreation Center news, Program Information, Summer Employment Application Notification and much more! Listed as “Manalapan Parks and Recreation”.

## **SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL**

Registration for the Summer Youth Basketball program will begin in late May. Program is open to resident children presently in grades 4 through 12. Please check the Township Website for a flyer and exact registration information.

## **SUMMER EVENING ARTS AND CRAFTS**

The night Recreation Arts and Crafts Program will take place on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from July 2 through August 1 (no program July 4). Arts and Crafts is open to children ages 4 through 10, and is held outdoors at the Kuschick Pavilion. Parents are expected to stay with their children.

## **CHILDREN’S THEATRE**

The night Recreation Children’s Theatre shows will take place on Tuesday evenings, July 9, July 16, July 23 and July 30 at 6:30 p.m. Performances are held outdoors at the Kuschick Pavilion area in the M.R.C., and are free of charge. Please bring something to sit on. Shows are held rain or shine, and are geared toward children ages 3 to 6.

## **ADULT AND YOUTH YOGA PROGRAM**

Both programs have ongoing registrations. Please access the Township Website for the most recent flyer and program information.

## **ADULT FITNESS PROGRAMS**

Manalapan Recreation is proud to offer several options for your individual fitness needs. Zumba and Turbo-Kick classes are available to residents ages 15 and older. Our Adult Walking/Running program is another option for cardiovascular training. Registration is ongoing for all fitness classes. Please access the Township Website for the most recent flyers and program information.



## **SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS AND PROGRAMS**

Look for our Summer Sports Camps and Programs information soon. Flyers will be delivered through the Manalapan-Englishtown Schools “backpack” system and will be available on the Township Website by May. Our summer sport programs will include the Summer Tennis Instruction programs, Youth Running Camps, Rising Star Soccer and Basketball Camps, the Multi-Sport Camps, the Mad Science Camps, Lacrosse Camps and more!

## **BACKGROUND CHECKS**

All volunteers who have direct, unsupervised access to children under 18 years old and volunteer for Manalapan organizations or utilize Manalapan-owned facilities must undergo a Criminal Background check every four years. Due to recent changes implemented by the State Police, the format has been updated. Information on how to begin this process is available on the Township Website at [www.mtnj.org](http://www.mtnj.org). Over 1000 volunteers have already been processed.

## **VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT**

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:

Instruct participants on how to play by the rules.

Be a role model; teach children by good example.

Abide by the established policies, rules, and regulations.

*Do not publicly question or criticize the sports officials' judgment,  
and encourage your team's parents/players to do the same.*

Support all efforts to encourage fair play and sportsmanship.

Attend and complete the mandated safety training program.

Attend and complete a compliance conference, as necessary.

A Manalapan Parks and Recreation Volunteer acknowledges and agrees to this established Code, and understands that volunteering is a privilege and not a right.

## **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS:**

All municipal parks throughout the Township (excluding the M.R.C.) close at Dusk, and loitering is not permitted. These parks and playgrounds are your neighborhood resource. Please keep them clean.

For further information on activities, other programs, or facilities, contact the Parks and Recreation office at (732) 446-8355, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Township Website at [www.mtnj.org](http://www.mtnj.org)

**VISIT THOMPSON GROVE  
PARK AND THE  
MANALAPAN DOG PARK!**



# MANALAPAN SENIOR 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. Phone number is 732-446-8401.

The Manalapan Senior Center serves as a place for seniors in our community to come visit, make friends, socialize and participate in scheduled programs all week long.

## **Regularly Scheduled Programs:**

**\*TAI CHI:** 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):** Participants in this class gain skills that open up a whole new world of communication. Seniors who have mastered basic computer skills are encouraged to take our advanced classes. Call for more information.

**SIT AND BE FIT VIDEO EXERCISE CLASS:** Meets every Monday at 11:00 am 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.

**CHECK OUT OUR MONTHLY CALENDAR ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FREQUENTLY TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES!!!!**

Aside from programming described here we also have parties, speakers and current new release DVD movies. If you like to play cards or other games come on in.

You will always find a friend at the Manalapan Senior Center!

**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.

**Manalapan Township Senior Center Advisory Committee** Presents “Senior Celebration”, Thursday, June 13, 2013, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm, Battleground Country Club, 1 Covenhoven Road, Manalapan, NJ 07726, Sit down lunch and entertainment provided by The Fabulous GB’s Band. Call for more information and to register. 732-446-8401.

**UPCOMING BUS TRIPS**

May 9, 2013 Media Theatre “Mame” Lunch & Show  
June 12, 2013 Brownstone “Oldies But Goodies” Lunch and Show  
July 16, 2013 The Staaten “The Heavenly Concert Elvis and Patsy Cline” Lunch & Show  
August 21, 2013 Duffy Square  
September 25, 2013 Atlantic City – Details available in July  
October 17, 2013 Papermill Playhouse “Honeymoon in Vegas” starring Tony Danza  
November – Radio City Music Hall – Date to be announced.

**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, Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School and Manalapan High School!**

The Manalapan Senior Center staff and members always welcome and enjoy many intergenerational projects and programs throughout the year with the students and volunteers in our community. Our seniors enthusiastically welcome various youth groups in our community to visit and participate. Call ahead if you would like to schedule an event 732-446-8401.

\*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.



Dear Residents,

Happy Spring! Manalapan Township is a busy place. Please take the time to enjoy all that your community has to offer.

Manalapan Township came together last fall to recover from Superstorm Sandy. We are so grateful to our emergency personnel, staff, volunteers and everyone involved during both the storm and its aftermath. The Township Committee will be inviting all of our residents to attend an emergency preparedness Town Hall meeting in the fall. Please remember that it is important that all of our residents sign up for email blasts and our reverse 911 telephone system so we can provide you with the most up-to-date emergency information. Information for both email and phone sign-ups is available on [www.mtnj.org](http://www.mtnj.org).

A Township Utilities Committee was formed after the storm and meets frequently to provide input and assist in disseminating information to and from the utility companies in a cooperative effort to enhance communication to better serve the residents of Manalapan Township. New members are always welcome.

We have created a new Teen Leadership Committee (TLC) to provide a forum for the creativity and free flow of ideas as a means for teens to provide leadership amongst their peers and encourage positive activities and projects that benefit Manalapan Township. The TLC is exceeding expectations with membership and was very successful in its recent pet supply drive and car wash. More activities are planned in the months' ahead, look for information on TLC's upcoming events in email blasts and on the website.

We are gearing up for another successful summer recreation season. All of our residents should take time to enjoy Manalapan's beautiful recreation and park facilities located throughout the Township. There is something for everyone; take your dog to the Manalapan Township Dog Park located in Thompson Grove Park; enjoy the 5k walking/jogging trail in the Manalapan Recreation Center or play ball at many of our pocket parks.

Be sure to keep watching local cable station Channel 77 (Cablevision) Channel 42 (Verizon Fios) for various community announcements, programming and televised special events including Township Committee meetings, Planning Board Meetings, Board of Education meetings, Mayor's updates and much more. Manalapan Township has so much to offer to all of our residents. It truly is a great place to live.

Have a safe, happy and healthy Spring and Summer!

