

TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN

2012 FALL-WINTER RESIDENTS GUIDE

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Pursuant to township ordinance #198-18 – 198-23, all leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags. Leaves placed in plastic bags will no longer be picked up from curb area or accepted at the Public Works yard. Leaf collection this fall will be on **every Monday in November and December**. 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.

Snow Plowing: Township Ordinance #226-31 prohibits the parking on any street within the Township when roads 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 Gordon's Corner Road, Kingsley Drive, Kelton Place and the intersection of Union Hill Rd and Pension Rd. were paved this

summer. The fall paving schedule consists of Union Hill Road (from Hawkins Road to Pease Road), Yorktowne Drive, Hawthorne Avenue, Lexington Drive and Revere Way. Catch basins will be replaced per Storm Water Regulations.

Brush pickup: yard debris and branches will no longer be picked up curbside. Branches can be brought to the Public Works yard on Saturdays and the first and third Sundays of every month.

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.

Recreation Center: The fitness trail in the Recreation Center has been redone and extended to 5 k (3.1 miles). We invite all residents to come and enjoy the natural beauty of this trail.

- Susan Cohen,
Mayor
- Don Holland,
Deputy Mayor
- Andrew Lucas,
Township Committee
- Ryan D. Green,
Township Committee
- Jordan Maskowitz,
Township Committee

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.

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 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.

Property Tax Deductions—

In accordance with the State Statute, property tax deductions are offered as follows:

Veterans—\$250 deduction. A claimant must meet the requirements of citizenship, residency, ownership, served during "active service periods" and have been honorably discharged.

Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons and Surviving Spouses—\$250 deduction.

A claimant must own and occupy their dwelling, meet residency, age and income requirements.

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 organ-

izations 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 volunteer, MTTN requires

no experience. Volunteers are always welcome. MTTN have 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.

SHADE TREE

Continue to keep a look out for the Southern Pine Beetle. Our unseasonably warm weather has hastened the southern pine beetles' arrival. This tiny pest has managed to kill over 15 acres of pine trees in NJ over the past 2 years. Most of the infestation has been in Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties. Two locations in Monmouth County have been identified. Once the beetle has invaded its host, a pine tree, its 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 and notify the shade tree committee if you have a pine tree that quickly goes from appearing healthy to dead.

The Shade Tree Committee needs your help in caring for our street trees. Please make sure your street trees (and all your landscaping) have mulch rings around the base. 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. By keeping the root flare covered, it allows for a young tree's bark to stay wet and soft, providing an organisms and insects an easy entry to the tree. It also affects the oxygen exchange for the root system if the tree is buried too deep by excess mulch and soil. So don't let mulch volcanoes kill your trees!!

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!

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 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.

CLERKS 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 businesses 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

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

Trimming of trees and shrubs - 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 a public street, shall be trimmed by the owner, occupant or tenant of the premises.

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

es 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 otherwise 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.

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 sheet and complaint form can be found on the Zoning/Code Enforcement Department's webpage.



CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

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 Department'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.

Winter is approaching, be sure to keep all fire hydrants near your home clear of snow, so they may immediately be located in the event of an emergency. Also, when scheduling inspectors to come to your home, be sure that all walkways are clear for easy access.



THOMPSON GROVE DOG 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.

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 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 and self help groups
- Classroom presentations
- Parent alcohol and drug education
- Program 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, talents and services for special Alliance events or by giving someone in need the Alliance phone number. Reach out and make a difference. For further information, contact Lisa Harmon Mollicone at 732-446-8417.

SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

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 emergency response efforts. For more information or to join please contact TeenCERT@mntj.org.

MANALAPAN MRC-CERT

The Manalapan MRC-CERT continues to grow and become a strong community resource. The team was part of the 2011 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 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 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 aspects 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@mntj.org and request a questionnaire to be mailed to you or access the questionnaire on-line on the Township website.

MANALAPAN TEEN CERT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Manalapan Board of Health is comprised of seven private citizens of the Township. 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 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 will be hosting 5 clinics for seasonal flu and pneumonia vaccination in October. 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 peoples 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 3, 2012 from 9:00 am—12 noon. Please call 732-446-8345 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 infor-

mation 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 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>.

Home Re-sales with Septics and Wells—In conjunction with the Township CCO program—any home served by a septic system and/or well requires an approval by the Health Department prior to the property transaction. Please call the Health Department for more info.

Tanning Salons & Nail Salons - The Health Department is now inspecting State licensed Tanning Salons for compliance with NJ Rules and Regulations governing the operation of these salons. The Health Department has developed health & safety tips for consumers and patrons of nail salons. Please contact the Health Department for more information.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you are a victim of 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 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. 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 and 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.

Parkinson's 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 Assis-

tance 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

November 15, 2012 Brownstone House "Old Time Rock & Roll" \$41

December 5, 2012 Doolan's "Radio City Tribute—Holiday Spectacular" \$43

New for 2013

Preview 2013—Registration for the first half of 2013 trips will begin in December!!

March 7, 2013 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Butterflies Are Free" Lunch and Show

April 11, 2013 Papermill Playhouse "Thoroughly Modern Millie" Lunch & Show

May 9, 2013 Media Theatre "Mame" Lunch & Show

More trips will be added—this is just a preview.

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 Scouts and Girl Scouts, Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School and Manalapan High School.

MANALAPAN SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (CONT.)

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



MANALAPAN PARKS AND RECREATION

FALL PROGRAMMING

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, then 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, Adult & Youth Yoga, Adult & Youth Running, Youth Basketball, Adult Open Gym Volleyball & Basketball, Miss Melissa's Music for Aardvarks, United Strength Systems Boot Camp, Adult Zumba, N o m a d Youth Lacrosse, MJLAX Girls Lacrosse Clinics, Youth Roller Hockey, Youth Orchestra, Mad Science Camp.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

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>

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Manalapan Recreation's annual Manalapan Monster Mania is scheduled for Monday, October 29th. The program will be held outdoors, in the Manalapan Recreation Center. Scare up a good costume and join us for our Halloween Costume Contest, Parade and many other fun-filled events. Check our website for additional information as we get closer to the scheduled date.

Our annual Holiday Lighting program is presently being created! It will be scheduled for a Sunday in December. Check back with us for exact information so we can all come together and bring in the Holiday season.

FACILITIES

Manalapan Township maintains many parks and recreation facilities throughout the Township, but the Manalapan Recreation Center (Recreation Center)

provides the widest variety of facilities, with many lighted for night usage. Located on Route 522, across from the Municipal Building, the Recreation Center is open 8:00 a.m. till dusk, Sunday through Saturday, and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on 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 Recreation Center is a non-smoking facility.

The Recreation Center is closed during inclement weather.



MANALAPAN PARKS AND RECREATION CONT.

The Recreation Center will close at dusk on Mischief Night (October 30th) and Halloween (October 31st)

Please visit the Township Web Site for a map of the Recreation Center facilities.

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.

A Nine-Hole Disc Golf Course is located on the Dreyer Tract at the Recreation Center around the all-purpose and Manalapan Youth Football fields. The course was designed and installed by Eagle Scout candidate Evan Zagha.

VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK

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 Web Site 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.

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.

PARENT/CHILD CODE OF CONDUCT

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.

NEW SPORTS RELATED CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY POLICY

Beginning this fall, all registrants of the Manalapan Recreation athletic programs **MUST** sign an acknowledgement form agreeing to the new policy regarding sports related concussions and head injuries. The new policy was created to coincide with the state legislation covering head-injury in interscholastic sports. We hope the addition of this policy will provide parents and coaches with the necessary information on how to react properly to these injuries so the children may avoid the long term impairments a concussion can cause.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS:

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.



**MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP
POLLING PLACES FOR 2012**



DIST. # 01, 13	MANALAPAN-ENGLISHTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL (MEMS) 155 MILLHURST ROAD
DIST. # 02	COMMUNITY REFUGE CHURCH OF CHRIST 4 SOBECHKO ROAD
DIST. # 03, 04, 09	ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH 186 GORDONS CORNER ROAD
DIST. # 07, 08	LAFAYETTE MILLS SCHOOL 66 MAXWELL LANE
DIST. # 05, 10, 11, 12, & 15	COVERED BRIDGE I CLUBHOUSE (BALL ROOM) One AMBERLY DRIVE
DIST. # 16	COVERED BRIDGE II CLUBHOUSE (MEETING RM.) ONE COVERED BRIDGE BLVD
DIST. # 06, 14, 17, 26	MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY (REAR ENTRANCE) 125 SYMMES DRIVE
DIST. # 18, 21, 22	KNOB HILL COUNTRY LANES (BOWLING ALLEY) 363 ROUTE 33 EAST
DIST. # 19, 23	WESTERN MONMOUTH UTILITY AUTHORITY 103 PENSION ROAD
DIST. # 20, 24	PINE BROOK CARE CENTER (FRONT ENT.) 104 PENSION ROAD
DIST. # 25	MANALAPAN SENIOR CENTER 211 FREEHOLD ROAD (ROUTE 522)
DIST. # 27	FOUR SEASONS AT MANALAPAN (CLUBHOUSE) 44 PALOMINO DRIVE

Dear Friends and Neighbors

Happy Fall! It is so nice to enjoy the crisp and clear weather as we head into the Autumn Season in Manalapan Township. There are so many great events, amenities and opportunities around the Town to take pleasure in.

The Recreation fitness trail was completed and now every resident can enjoy our latest addition to the award winning Manalapan Recreation Center. So take a stroll (or run) along our 5k fitness trail which winds through some beautiful scenery in the park.

Please join us in early December for our annual holiday event. The Manalapan Arts Council and Recreation Department will again host a great time for our residents with lighting ceremonies and a performance by the Manalapan Youth Orchestra.

Our Public Works Department is hard at work and we continue to improve upon our leaf collection program. Leaf pick-up will take place beginning every Monday in November and December. Also we want to announce the opening of the Recycling Center on Sundays. The Center will be open the first and third Sunday of the month beginning on Sunday, October 7th. Please bring all of your recyclables and any branches and brush you have to the Recycling Center. The hours including Sunday are listed on the Township website.

We also hope you are enjoying the Manalapan Township Dog Park located at Thompson Grove Park. The Manalapan Dog Park was funded with a generous donation from Peggy and Hal Eisen in honor of their dog Lulu, who was commended and honored with an award from the Bush's Baked Beans Company. The park has two fully fenced in areas, one for larger dogs and one for smaller dogs. Please bring any water your dog may require. Rules for the dog park are posted on site.

It has been another great year in Manalapan Township and we are so thankful for all of our Township volunteers. Manalapan would not be the wonderful place it is without the dedication of all of our enthusiastic volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know and fill out a volunteer application which is available on the Township website.

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, Mayor's updates and much more.

Have a Healthy and Happy Season.

