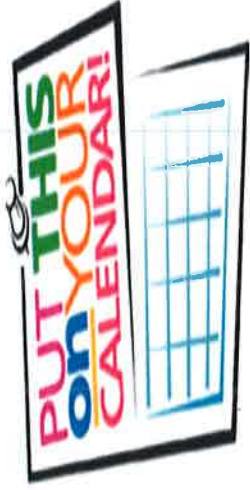


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The Official Newsletter of Blairstown Township

August - October 2017



August:

- 1 - 16 - Taxes Due - includes Grace Period
- 1 - Clean Up Vouchers Available to Property Owners Through September 22
- 3 - Open Space Meeting 7:30pm
- 7 - Historic Preservation Mtg. 7:30pm
- 9 - Township Committee Regular Mtg. 7:30pm
- 21- Land Use Board Mtg. 7:30pm
- 25 -Emergency Services Day (Family Picnic) 5pm-8pm - Sycamore Park
- 23 - Township Committee Workshop Mtg. 7:30 - Canceled

September:

- 4 - Labor Day- Municipal Offices & DPW Closed
- 7 - Open Space Committee Mtg. 7:30pm
- 13 -Township Committee Regular Mtg. 7:30pm
- 18-23 Townwide Clean Up - See below
- 18 -Land Use Board Meeting - 7:30pm
- 27 -Township Committee Workshop Mtg. 7:30pm

October:

- 2 -Historic Preservation Mtg. - 7:30pm
- 5 - Open Space Mtg. - 7:30pm
- 11 -Township Committee Regular Meeting - 7:30pm
- 16 - Land Use Board Meeting - 7:30pm
- 25 - Township Committee Workshop Meeting - 7:30
- 28 - Historic Preservation Committee - Cedar Ridge Cemetery Tour.

TOWNWIDE CLEAN--UP 2017

MON. Sept. 18 - SAT. Sept. 23, 2017

VOUCHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS BEGINNING

AUGUST 1 at the

Municipal Building during regular office hours. Mon--Fri. 8am--4pm

You must bring Proof of Ownership (Tax Bill or Photo ID)

For more information please visit the

Municipal Website at

www.blairstowntownship.org

BLAIRSTOWN SENIOR TRIPS

High Point Golf Club - Montague - August 21, 2017
Aloha Ashley Hawaiian Dancers + Double the Entertainment
Full course breakfast, John the Jeweler, Casino Hour - Open Bar
And full course dinner. Contact: Mickey 908-362-8919

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

In conjunction with FEMA, the State of NJ, and local First Responders we encourage all our residents to prepare themselves against emergencies. Don't Wait. Communicate. Make a family emergency plan today, and plan to help your neighbors and community too! Learn more at www.ready.gov or www.readyblairstown.org



2017

Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. YOU CAN.

RECREATION NEWS

Please keep informed of our exciting Recreation Department offerings by visiting our Township Website:

www.blairstowntownship.org

On the website you will find the following:

- * PROGRAMS OFFERED ALL YEAR
- *PROGRAM DATES AND DESCRIPTIONS
- * PARKS, FIELDS & FACILITIES
- * SPORTS GROUPS INFORMATION
- *REGISTRATION POLICY & FORMS

Our Recreation Director

PATRICIA M. SAGAN

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TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM
106 ROUTE 94
BLAIRSTOWN, NJ 07825

July 2017

To All Property Owners,

The Blairstown Township Committee in conjunction with the Blairstown Land Use Board, Township Planner and our Township Attorney have been working on submission of the Township's request for a Declaratory Judgment which will authorize the Township to continue to offer affordable housing rental units in the Township.

Two rental programs are part of the Township's Affordable Housing Program and include a Market to Affordable program which would deed restrict the rental unit for a period of 30 years and for which the Township would offer \$25,000 per unit in addition to rent. As an example, a one-bedroom Market to Affordable unit would rent for a low of \$538.00 to a moderate rent of \$1,069.00 per month.

Under the Township's Accessory Apartment program, the rental unit is deed restricted for a period of 10 years and the Township would offer \$20,000. The rents for either a Market to Affordable unit or an Accessory Apartment are the same. An accessory unit can be a portion of an existing home, an attached or separate garage converted to living space, or a finished basement. At minimum the rental unit must include 2 rooms, one of which must be a bathroom and have direct access to the outside.

Our program is not a rental assistance program and the Township screens applicants only to determine if they meet the required income levels; the landlord is responsible for researching the tenant to determine if the tenant would be appropriate for your unit and the tenant signs the lease directly with the landlord and not the Township.

Should you be interested in receiving any additional information about these programs, please contact the Municipal Housing Liaison, at 908-362-6663 x234 during normal business hours.

We look forward to working with you to help Blairstown meet its COAH obligation.

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MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS EXTENSIONS

**Municipal Clerk/ Registrar– Linda Leidner –Ext. 230 Deputy Clerk/Purchasing – Lori Nienstedt –Ext. 233
Deputy Registrar/Land Use Secretary – Marion Spriggs – Ext.221**

**Chief Financial Officer – Christine Rolef, Ext. 227 Assistant Tax Collector – Kerri Womack – Ext. 226
Assessor- Rich Motyka – Wed 8-11 –Ext. 228 Zoning Officer- David Diehl – Mon & Wed – Ext.231**

**Recycling Coordinator/Dog Licensing – Maureen De Simone – Mon, Thurs, Fri. – Ext. 235
Recreation Director – Tues & Thurs - Patricia Sagan – Ext. 232**

*** POLICE NON EMERGENCY: 908-362-7668 *
EMERGENCY: 911**

Police Records Clerk – Lisa Whitesell

DPW – 908-362-8119

Carl Stoddart, Supervisor

ANIMAL CONTROL – Alan DeCarolis - 908-377-0808