



Monthly News & Updates

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Trick or Treat 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31

Grant awards allow city to make improvements benefiting residents



Egg Harbor City was recently awarded several grants that will make the city a more attractive place to live, work and play.

The **USDA Forest Service** announced Sept. 8 the city was awarded a \$1 million grant from a \$1 billion allotment of Inflation Reduction Act funds awarded nationwide for tree maintenance, plantings and removal of invasive species. The grant will pay for a contractor to trim the city's street trees for health, safety and beauty, do tree plantings on streets undergoing reconstruction, landscaping plans for two city parks, and developing a plan to remove the highly invasive Tree of Heaven from public and private properties.

Crusaders to hold 2nd annual Trunk or Treat event



The Egg Harbor City Crusaders Youth Athletic Organization will be holding its second annual Trunk or Treat event 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 at Key-Rec Field, Buffalo and Diesterweg avenues.

Enjoy a fun family evening of tricks or treats, but mostly treats!

Admission for children under age 14 is \$5 per child. Each child will receive a bags of treats and snacks will be available for purchase at the Crusaders Concession Stand during football and cheerleading practices.

In an effort to "Renew the Boo," organizers are asking

The NJ Department of Community Affairs announced July 7 that the city would receive a **Small Cities Community Development Block Grant** totaling \$400,000 to construct Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant improvements at City Lake Park, including handicapped parking, beach access and removal of architectural barriers in restrooms.

The **Neighborhood Preservation Program**, an ongoing DCA grant-funded program working to improve the Philadelphia Avenue business district, was awarded \$238,668 to convert the old Ed & Rick's lot into a public event space. The project includes replicating the iconic welcome arch, which was once located on the White Horse Pike, at the entrance to what will be called Archway Greene. The project includes a raised platform for concerts and events, hardscaping and landscaping, and adding several public parking spaces, including a handicapped space, to the rear of the property on Fifth Terrace.

Earlier this year, the city was awarded a **Local Recreational Improvement Grant** totaling \$63,000 for improvements to the KaBoom Playground at Key-Rec Field. The grant will fund the purchase and installation of ADA-compliant playground equipment.

The grant applications were made possible with a \$10,000 taxpayer funded line item added to the city's 2023 municipal budget. Professionals at Triad Associates prepared the grant applications on behalf of the city.

SustainableEHC, the city's green team, was also awarded its fourth **Sustainable Communities Grant** to continue improvements that enhance the environmental and cultural assets at City Lake Park. The \$5,000 grant awarded by Sustainable Jersey/Atlantic City Electric will be used to restore the Sibbel Shaler gravestone, install interpretive signage about the Shaler family's historical significance, and erect a fence to protect the gravesite.

Additionally, the green team was awarded a \$2,000 **Sustainable Jersey grant** to cover green team operational costs, including establishing a city newsletter, educating the public how to save money on the cost of home energy, and the responsibilities of being a pet parent.

the public to donate gently used Halloween costumes for children in need before Oct. 12. Drop off costumes at the field.

For more information, contact Ingrid Clark at 609-241-5092 or email meangreencrusaders@gmail.com.

Rotary plans Spooktacular Halloween Parade



The Mays Landing-Egg Harbor City Rotary Club will be holding its annual Halloween Parade 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27.

Costume judging will be held 5:45 p.m. at Kern Field, 501 London Ave., for several age-group categories: 5 and under, 6-14, 15 and over, push-pull small floats and group.

Trophies will be awarded, and snacks will be available at City Hall.

Spectators are encouraged to line the parade route and cheer on little ghosts and goblins. The parade route starts on Claudius Street and Liverpool Avenue and heads toward Philadelphia Avenue, south on Philadelphia Avenue to Arago Street, right on Arago to Liverpool Avenue, left on Campe Street to City

NPP launches storefront improvement program



The Neighborhood Preservation Program will hold a meeting for members of the Philadelphia Avenue business community 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 to launch its Rebranding the Avenue Phase 1 design program preview.

The meeting will be held at Egg Harbor City Hall, 500 London Ave. and on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person.

The program, which offers a new vision for the downtown business district, includes grants for upgrades to commercial properties located in the NPP District funded through the NJ Neighborhood Preservation Program.

Commercial property owners and businesses operating on the 100-300-blocks of Philadelphia Avenue are invited to learn more about the program, meet design consultant Cindy Williams, preview example makeovers and apply to schedule a design consultation.

Business owners can apply for a façade makeover, including pressure washing, painting and tinting, door and window repairs, awnings, stucco repairs, door or window repairs, and signage.

To RSVP, for more information or a Zoom link, email EHC NPP Coordinator Karen Adams at eggharborcityedc@gmail.com.

EHC Economic Development Corp. to host 2nd annual Fall Family Festival

Hall.

Judging of parade units will be held on the 300-block of Philadelphia Avenue across from Zion Lutheran Church. Judging categories include Community, Commercial, Performance and Best in Parade.

Performers are limited to 3 minutes, and anyone using music should send mp3 files to DJ Ray in advance, or personal devices can be connected to the PA system before the performance.

Participation applications and lineup times and locations are available by calling or texting Rotarian and Councilwoman Kim Hesse at 609-705-2009.

St. John's to hold annual Apple Pancake Breakfast



St. John's United Church of Christ will be holding its annual Apple Pancake Breakfast 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 at St. John's Kitchen, 307 London Ave.

Enjoy St. John's "secret recipe" apple pancakes, served with sausage, juice, coffee or tea. The event includes an assortment of soups, pies, cakes and other treats available for purchase.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.



The Egg Harbor City Economic Development Corporation, which works to improve the business climate in the business district, will hold its second annual Fall Family Festival 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 on the 100-200-blocks of Philadelphia Avenue.

The event includes games, food, beverages and music for all ages. Local restaurants will be selling tasty dishes, and a mini-beer garden will be located at the Archway Greene lot.

Attendees can participate in a Cornhole Tournament. Entry fee is \$10. Artwork by students from the Egg Harbor City Community School will be displayed.

Registrations are now being accepted for the EDC's mini-truck show, which includes trucks on display throughout the festival area.

For more information or to register for the truck show or cornhole tourney, email eggharborcityedc@gmail.com.

Fall Leaf Collection



The Public Works Department has announced its Fall Leaf Collection schedule.

Residents are asked to place leaves in an

Masons offer fall Roast Pork Dinner



Hiram T. Dewey Masonic Lodge 226 will be holding its Semi-annual Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the temple located at 220 Philadelphia Ave.

Proceeds of the fundraiser support Masonic charitable activities.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$10 for children. Eat-in or takeout meals are available.

St. Luke's Chicken Dinner benefits building fund

St. Luke's AME Church at 240 Norfolk Ave. is holding a fundraiser 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21 to raise funds to rebuild the church, which has fallen into disrepair.

Eat-in or take-out meals will be available at the Teamsters Local 331 Union Hall, 1 S. Philadelphia Ave. Meals include fried whole chicken wings, Mac & cheese, string beans, corn bread, dessert and soda or water.

Tickets are \$20 and are available in advance only by Oct. 13 by calling Erica at 609-

accessible pile at the curb. Leaves may not be placed in the terrace/alley. Leaves ONLY may be piled up no sooner than the week of your pickup. No branches, grass or trash. If you bag your leaves, you can place them in the terrace/alley for collection on your regular ACUA yard waste pickup day.

Please make every effort to comply with the schedule as follows:

Oct. 16-20 - London, Liverpool, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Chicago avenues
Oct. 23-27 – St. Louis, Boston, Havana, San Francisco, New Orleans avenues
Oct. 30 - Nov. 3 – Hamburg, Washington, Norfolk, New York, Baltimore, Antwerp, Bremen avenues
Nov. 6-10 – Side streets
Nov. 13-17 – Liverpool Avenue to Hamburg Avenue
Nov. 20-22 – Egg Harbor North
Nov. 24 - Dec. 1 – Cincinnati Avenue to St. Louis Avenue
Dec. 4-8 – Boston Avenue to Bremen Avenue
Dec. 11-15 – Arago Street to Diesterweg Street
Dec. 18-22 – Egg Harbor North

EHC residents invited to participate in ACUA Fall Litter Challenge



Egg Harbor City residents are being asked to participate in the Atlantic County Utilities Authority Fall Litter Challenge and enter a chance to win mini-grants totaling \$100 to \$500.

Litter teams can participate in cleanups on city

412-3497 or Victoria at 609-816-5965. Cash, check or CashApp \$Erazz121290.

The church is also hosting guest speaker Rev. Dr. Michael K. Keene, pastor of Trinity AME Church of Gouldtown, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

EHC Historical Society Meeting



The next meeting of the Egg Harbor City Historical Society will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Oct 23 at the Roundhouse Museum, 533 London Ave.

Society members will hear a presentation by Professor Marston Mischlich on “The History of the South Jersey Glass Industry,” which includes Liberty Glass of Egg Harbor City.

Members can also view recently acquired copies of the 1872 Beers-Comstock-Cline map showing every building in Egg Harbor City and the surrounding area.

Also, available for viewing is a bound copy of Miss Nettie Doell's 1955 History of Egg Harbor City containing many follow-up additions and corrections.

Refreshments and friendship

streets, terraces and parks between Oct. 1-14 and report the number of bags of trash or recycling collected online at the ACUA website. Pictures can be sent to verify the cleanups.

SustainableEHC is seeking volunteers to clean up along Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh terraces. Call 609-457-2514 to participate.

Trash and recycling bags, gloves, grabbers, safety vests and traffic cones are available for pickup at the Recycling Center on Delilah Road in Egg Harbor Township.

Winners of the mini-grants will be selected based on the amount of litter abated. Winners will be announced in November.

Contest is open to teams of fewer than 15 people.

First place is \$500, second place \$300, third place \$100. The strangest litter find will be awarded \$100.

For contest rules and more, see acua.com/litterchallenge.

FEMA, FCC to test nationwide emergency alert system



FEMA and the FCC will conduct a nationwide test of its Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) starting at 2:20 p.m. Eastern Time Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The WEA portion of the test will be sent directly to consumer cell phones, while the EAS portion will be sent to radios and televisions.

FEMA and FCC are coordinating with wireless service providers, emergency managers and others to prepare for the national test to

will follow. The public is welcome.

For more, see Egg Harbor City Historical Society on Facebook or email hazelmuellder@hotmail.com

PET PARENTING 101



Celebrate National Walk Your Dog Week

Oct. 1-7 is National Walk Your Dog Week. Statistics show that having a dog improves personal well-being and makes people happy.

While enjoying long walks with Max, Duke or Daisy, residents are reminded to employ common courtesy for their neighbors by immediately picking up any solid dog waste and disposing it properly.

Dog waste left on the street will eventually work its way into the stormwater system and into the waterways leading to the Mullica River and into the ocean causing health risks for wildlife and marine animals.

Municipal ordinances prohibit the unsanitary disposal of pet waste on city streets, sidewalks and curb lawns, both public and private. Residents are encouraged to bring a pet waste bag with them when they take their

minimize confusion and maximize public safety.

The test will ensure all systems provide a means of warning the public about emergencies, particularly those of a national concern.

The test may be postponed due to widespread severe weather or other significant event. In that case, the test will be rescheduled for Oct. 11.

Consumers can expect to receive a text message on their cell phone at 2:20 p.m. stating, "This is a Test of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed."

The EAS portion of the test will last a minute on your television or radio and contain a similar message.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



The city will be accepting applications for a temporary full-time laborer (40 hours a week) for the Public Works Department.

Applicants must possess a valid driver's license.

Applications are available at the city website www.eggharborcity.org.

Send completed applications to City Clerk Meg Steeb, Egg Harbor City Hall, 500 London Ave., Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215, or email megs@eggharborcity.org. EOE.

dog for a walk and immediately scoop the poop. Residents can take advantage of pet waste disposal stations that have been installed on certain streets and city parks.

Violations of the ordinance are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

Pet parents are also required to keep their dogs on a leash at all times, including at all city parks. Dogs are not allowed to be off-leash at any park, especially at Peace Pilgrim Park, which is an environmentally sensitive area with a serpentine creek that leads to the Mullica River.

Dogs and cats are also required to be licensed annually and vaccinated against rabies.

To register your pet, visit the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 500 London Ave.

To review the city's Animal Ordinance, see <https://ecode360.com/8031810#8031810>



Atlantic County offers free Flu Vax Clinics



Atlantic County has announced 10 public clinics where residents 18 years and older can receive free flu vaccinations to help protect themselves and others from contracting and spreading the seasonal influenza virus.

The clinics provided by the Atlantic County Division of Public Health will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at various locations throughout the county Oct. 3-31. No appointment is needed.

Clinics will be held 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Atlantic County Library, 451 S. Egg Harbor Road in Hammonton; 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 31 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 591 New Jersey Ave. in Absecon; and 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31 at Beacon Church, 420 S. 6th Ave., in Galloway Township.

A complete list of clinic dates, times and locations is available at www.aclink.org/flu.

The vaccine does not guarantee you will not get sick, but it does help lessen the severity and duration of the illness and may reduce the likelihood of hospitalization or death.

Adults age 65 and older and children under age 5 are at greater risk for developing serious flu complications as well as individuals with chronic health conditions, such as kidney disease, asthma, diabetes and heart disease.

Residents interested in the updated COVID-19 vaccine may visit vaccines.gov or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to find local pharmacies where the vaccine is being offered and to schedule appointments. The COVID-19 vaccine will also be available from many primary care providers.

Have you registered to vote in the Nov. 7 General Election?



The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 7 General Election is Tuesday, Oct. 17.

In addition to voting for candidates for Common Council and Board of Education, Egg Harbor City voters will cast their ballots for Atlantic County Executive, Sheriff and Commissioner at Large.

Note that Egg Harbor City is no longer in the 2nd Legislative District. This year, voters will cast their ballots for NJ Senate and Assembly candidates in the 8th Legislative District.

To be eligible to register, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county in which you reside for at least 30 days before the election, and not serving a sentence for an indictable offense. You can register at age 17, although you will not be eligible to vote until your 18th birthday.

The easiest way to register is online at <http://nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml> You must present a valid NJ Motor Vehicle Commission issued driver's licence or ID and a Social Security number.

A paper application for Atlantic County voters is available for download at <http://nj.gov/state/elections/assets/pdf/forms-voter-registration/68-voter-registration-english-atlantic.pdf>

To check to ensure your registration is still valid, visit <http://voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check>

For more information about registering to vote, see <http://nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

For early voting locations in Atlantic County, see <http://www.atlanticcountyclerk.org/elections-2/early-voting/>

Oct.31 is the deadline to apply by mail for a Mail-in ballot.

For information about casting your ballot by mail, see <http://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml>



STATEHOUSE NEWS

DEP seeks input on Outdoor Recreation Plan

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection opened a 30-day public comment period for the state's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

The SCORP, updated through the department's "Outside, Together!" initiative, aims to enhance and provide equitable outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities throughout the state and ensure a sustainable future for New Jersey's natural resources.

The SCORP is available for review on the DEP's website at dep.nj.gov/outside-together/.

Feedback can be submitted online at dep.nj.gov/outside-together/comment/ or via email to Outside.Together@tpl.org.

The public comment period will end Oct. 18.

The DEP will review the comments and incorporate them into a final Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan that will be used to set open space and recreation priorities for the state.

The plan is prepared every five years by the Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program to maintain New Jersey's eligibility to receive funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, administered by the National Park Service. More broadly, the plan serves as the state's strategic plan to allocate funding for open space preservation and recreation projects.

Seventy-five percent of respondents of a February survey indicated they visit local, city and county parks. Hiking/walking and gathering with family and friends were among their highest priorities and the most important outdoor amenity features are trails, sitting areas, picnic areas and playgrounds.

For more, see dep.nj.gov/outside-together/



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