

# HISTORIC FLEMINGTON NEWS

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON



## A Message from the Mayor

Dear Neighbor:

Hope all is well and that you're enjoying the spring. Thanks to so many of you for waving to me during my morning walks . . . I feel like

I've made a whole bunch of new friends, all since the last issue of the newsletter hit mailboxes! And all that waving makes for additional exercise! :) Anyway, I'll bet that a number of you also remember seeing me walk with my dad, back when my parents still lived in the Borough prior to their retirement in 1995. Like me, my dad was into fitness – actually, it was through him that I learned the benefits of exercise. He was a high school and college athlete, and played many sports on a casual basis. To this day he's still active, largely because he stayed fit in earlier years.

Speaking of family, we're starting a new article series in this month's issue of the newsletter. It's called Family Matters (look to your right, next to this note from me). The series will feature interesting stories about members of our Borough "family" (our staff and volunteers) as well as fun facts and notes about their families . . . like this month's featured photo on the Borough's participation in Bring Your Kids to Work Day on Thursday, April 25th.

We hope you enjoy getting to know us, as much as we enjoy getting to know you. Until next month, take care and stay active!

Sincerely,

ERICA EDWARDS, MAYOR

## FAMILY MATTERS



THE BOROUGH PARTICIPATES IN BRING YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Left to right - Anthony Campion (7), Michael Parks (7), Mason Diehl (7), Heather Campion (10), Addison Torok (6), and Alayna Torok (9), at Well #1 with the Borough's water tower in the background. They are the children, respectively, of Public Works Director Michael Campion, Licensed Water Operator Josh Parks, Licensed Sewer Operator Ken Diehl, and the Water Department's Ron Torok.



## UNION HOTEL UPDATE

Union Hotel redevelopers, Matt McPherson and Liam Burns, have announced that they have signed a contract to buy the building next door at 78 Main Street. "The acquisition of 78 Main Street enables greater flexibility in our planning to include additional first-floor retail space, additional hotel rooms and suites, and meeting space," McPherson said. Burns explained that a narrow alley separates 78 Main from the Hotel, and the buildings will be connected at some distance back from Main Street. The view of passers-by will be blocked by "some sort of an atrium" so the two buildings will still appear to be separate. They will share an elevator. Plans call for reviving the Union Hotel as a 50-55-room hotel, with some of those rooms located in the annex next door. Burns says the building is not crucial to redeveloping the Hotel, but it's a big help. He notes that now the project will be "protecting not one, but two historic buildings." 78 Main Street was built in 1881. The next Hotel update in a future issue of the newsletter... (Excerpted from an article by the Hunterdon County Democrat)

2013 BUDGET HEARING: Monday, June 10, 2013 7:30 PM - Borough Hall, 38 Park Avenue, Flemington

# The Borough Library Has Some New Friends!

In January, a new group, the Friends of the Flemington Free Public Library, was officially formed! The purposes of the Friends group are to (1) raise awareness among adults and children that the Library is an educational and informational center in the community, (2) support the Library's outreach to Borough businesses and to both



Borough and non-Borough residents and (3) develop financial and community support for the Library's services and programs. Friends of the Library membership is available for a donation of \$5.00. Stop by the Library to pick up an application or to obtain additional information. Call the Library at 782-5733.



## Flemington Green Team Hosts Wellness Wednesdays!

Beginning Wednesday, June 12th the Flemington Green Team will host a Community Health and Wellness series that will run every Wednesday through August 28th, from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Court Street Park behind the historic courthouse in the Borough.

Each Wednesday will begin with a 6:30-7:30 a.m. Gentle Flow Sunrise Yoga class, followed by a morning meditation from 7:45 - 8:15 a.m. Other activities are in the planning stages, but will include a fitness walk with the Mayor at 7:00 a.m., other types of fitness classes and more. Each Wednesday will feature a lunch talk with guest speakers on various health and wellness topics.

The series is open to all adults in the community. There is no charge to

attend any of the activities; however the Green Team requests that participants bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the Flemington Area Food Pantry.

Karen Walsh, chairperson of the Green Team, says, "We are hoping to provide fitness programs and promote health and wellness information throughout the community while raising awareness and support for the Flemington Area Food Pantry."

For more information, contact the Flemington Green Team at [greeningflemington@gmail.com](mailto:greeningflemington@gmail.com) or call Borough Hall at 908-782-8840. Look for a poster to appear throughout the community soon and "LIKE" the Flemington Borough Green Team on Facebook, to receive regular updates as they are posted.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Borough organizations listed below need volunteers.

Can you spare a few hours of your time to give back to your community?

If so, call Borough Hall at 908 782-8840 Ext. 220, 222 or 223 to let us know. Thanks!

~ Fire Department

~ Samuel Fleming House Board of Trustees is seeking volunteers interested in historic preservation. Call Lynn Becker direct at 908-303-9931.

## Wellness Tip



**Use a local park (try Tuccamirgan Park – it's right off of Bonnell Street!) as a place to walk, run or play 30 minutes each day. Walk, run or bike (rather than drive) to and from a local park to increase your activity level!**



*Farin Skillman,  
Flemington*



# Fast Facts About Trash and Recycling Pick-Up in Flemington



Here are the facts (otherwise known as “the straight scoop”) on trash and recycling disposal and pick-up in the Borough:

**When are trash & recycling picked up?** Trash is picked up every Thursday; recycling is picked up every other Thursday.

**When must I have my trash and recycling at the curb for pick up?** By 7:00 AM on Thursday (but no earlier than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, per Borough Ordinance, Chapter 25, Section 3. Note that the Ordinance also provides that cans must be off the street by noon on Friday.)

**What happens when a trash or dual collection day falls on a holiday?** When collection day coincides with the following holidays, pick up will be made on the following day (Friday): New Years Day, Memorial Day Observed, Independence Day Observed, Labor Day Observed, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

**How much trash and recycling may I put out?** For trash, households may dispose of up to 10 (ten) 30-gallon bags plus 2 (two) bulk items per week. For recycling there is no limit. Separate containers are required for trash and recycling. For convenience, recycling containers are available for purchase for \$10.00 at Borough Hall (see the ad on the following page). (Note that trash and recycling are collected by the same company but in two different trucks.)

**What qualifies as a bulk item?** Most household items qualify, except the following:

- Construction material (plaster, sheetrock, lumber, cement blocks, etc.)
- Hazardous materials such as paint, varnish, herbicide, pesticide, mercury/thermostats, pool chemicals, asbestos, gasoline, kerosene and anti-freeze
- Refrigerators and air-conditioners
- Large limbs and tree stumps

**What items may be recycled?**

- Glass, regardless of color
- Plastic items labeled #1 or #2
- Aluminum and steel food cans
- Paper, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, phone books and junk mail that is not plastic-coated

Recyclables may be co-mingled. Please take care to secure paper items and lightweight plastics so that they don't blow away.

**What about lawn waste (grass clippings) and tree branches? How do I get rid of that stuff?** Grass and other soft clippings bagged in large, brown paper lawn bags (available through the Borough), and tree branches of a suitable size to place in a chipper, may be placed curbside for pick-up by our Public Works Department. Our staff collects these items every few days. Note that we will not pick-up tree stumps, logs and branches too large to chip. Use your best judgment regarding item size, or call Public Works for assistance (782-2390).

**How can I dispose of the stuff that I can't put out as trash or recycling?**

Here's a list of some of that stuff and the associated companies/organizations that will accept it (as of the printing of this issue):

- Batteries, alkaline - Now considered safe to dispose of in trash
- Batteries, rechargeable - Lowe's, Home Depot, Staples
- Batteries, car - Home Depot, auto parts stores
- Cell phones - Staples
- Long fluorescent lighting tubes - accepted on hazardous waste collection days at Hunterdon County Complex, Route 12, Flemington (must be wrapped in newspaper or in original carton)
- CFL's (compact fluorescent lamps) - Lowe's, Home Depot, Ikea
- Prescription drugs (human and pet) - Justice Complex, 65 Park Avenue, Flemington
- Air-conditioners and refrigerators (doors removed) - Warren County District Landfill, \$15 per item
- Hazardous waste - Hunterdon County Complex - 3 times/year (next collections: July 13 & November 9, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
- Electronic equipment - Hunterdon County Complex, 2 times/year (next collection: October 12, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
- Eye glasses - Lions Club
- Clothes hangers - Tirpok's Dry Cleaners
- Shoes - Barkley's Gourmet, Main Street, Flemington (sorted in shoeboxes - those in good condition go to someone in need for a small fee, with partial profit to Doberman Pinscher Rescue of PA)

## Resources and References:

- ▲ Hunterdon County Solid Waste and Recycling Services (788-1110) <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.html>
- ▲ Hunterdon County Complex - 314 Route 12 East, Flemington
- ▲ Warren County District Landfill - 500 Mt. Pisgah Ave., Oxford Township
- ▲ <http://www.earth911.com>
- ▲ Recycling Hotline - 1-800-CLEANUP
- ▲ Flemington Department of Public Works (782-2390)

# BOROUGH OPEN HOUSE

AT BOROUGH HALL  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MEET WITH THE MAYOR  
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY ~ FREE REFRESHMENTS!

Flemington Historic Preservation Commission

Second Annual

## Plein Air Art Festival

### MAY 18, 2013

(Rain or Shine)

9:00am - 4:00pm Artists are invited to capture views in our historic district

6:00pm - 9:00pm The public is invited to join us at the Stangl Factory for an exhibition, reception party and live auction by Bruce Orishak

*Ribbons will be awarded. Proceeds to be split between the Artists and the Historic Preservation Commission to support their preservation activities*

For more information contact Chris Englehart at 908-782-9650. Registration forms and Prospectus are available at:

[www.historicflemington.com](http://www.historicflemington.com)

*Coming Soon!*

[www.historicflemington.com](http://www.historicflemington.com)  
Hosted by the Borough of Flemington



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**2013**

*Free!*

*Dining al Fresco*

*Great Music*

ALTERNATE **THURSDAY EVENINGS**  
(ALTERNATE STAGE LOCATIONS ON MAIN STREET)  
**ALL SUMMER LONG 7:00PM TO 10:00PM**  
WEATHER PERMITTING

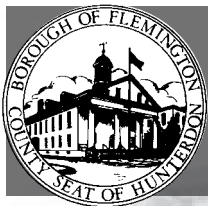
**JUNE 13**  
**JUNE 27**  
**JULY 11**  
**JULY 25**  
**AUGUST 8**  
**AUGUST 22**

Seating is limited - please bring a chair.  
Those wishing to enjoy wine or a malt beverage may do so from the approved on-site vendor. No outside beverages permitted within event limits. This policy will be strictly enforced.

### RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR SALE



The Borough is offering recycling containers for sale for \$10.00 each (this fee is approximately 50% of the Borough's cost). Buy your container(s) at Borough Hall located at 38 Park Avenue (in the same building as the firehouse). Our friendly Borough Hall staff will be happy to assist you!



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