

Weymouth Township

News & Updates



May 2021



The Weymouth Township Committee would like to express our sincerest appreciation to the numerous amounts of volunteers in our township. Volunteers fill our Township Boards and Commissions, as well as help with events, coach our children and even participate in the Weymouth Township Clean Communities road clean ups. While others work their way towards being different, our volunteers strive towards making a difference.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." - Elizabeth Andrew



Thank you so much for the immeasurably valuable work you have done for our community. We have not thanked you enough, and want to let you know that even though you're not in the spotlight, you are the backbone of this township. Your dedication has been essential to Weymouth Township. We cannot do it without you. We would not want to do it without you. We are forever thankful for the time you have given us.



Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration
Open to all 3, 4 & 5 year olds

Summer Bridge Program II

Free to all Weymouth School Students, Gr 1-7
July 13 through August 19, 9am-12:30pm
Math, ELA, Electives, and Field Trips

Check website weymouthtownshipschool.org
or call 609-476-2412 for information.

Junior FF/EMS Members Wanted-Are you between the ages of 14-17 and would enjoy learning about Emergency Services and help your community at the same time? Come join us on the 2nd & 4th



Mondays on the month at 7 PM and see what we do and make a difference in your community.



Boy Scout Troop# 99 meets every Wednesday from 7pm to 8 pm at the Dorothy Fire Hall.



Anyone interested in joining scouting can contact Scott Little - Scoutmaster Troop99 at 856-2130288 or email: noodle6977@gmail.com



Memorial Day Services

9:00 AM

Dorothy Municipal Building

9:45 AM

Estell Manor School

10:30 AM

Belcoville Post Office

Tuesday June 8, 2021

Polls will be open from 6 AM – 8 PM

Primary Election

District 1-

Weymouth Township Municipal Building
45 South Jersey Avenue, Dorothy, 08317

District 2-

Weymouth Twp. Community Center
1201 Loretta Avenue, Belcoville, 08330



TOP 5 CAT TOXINS
Lilies (Lilium species)
Spot-on-flea/tick meds
Household cleaners
Antidepressant medications
Essential oils

TOP 5 DOG TOXINS
Chocolate
Mouse/rat poisons
Anti-inflammatory medications
Xylitol (sugar-free gum & more)
Grapes & raisins

PET POISON HELPLINE
1.855.886.7965

CLEAN WATER, WHAT CAN YOU DO?

In the Garden

Your everyday activities can affect water quality. Help reduce the amount of pollution that flows into our waterways by following the tips below.

- Conserve water. Do not over water your lawn. Adjust sprinklers if water runs into the gutter. Water during cooler times of the day.
- Identify pests before spraying pesticides. Ask a specialist at your garden center for advice on how to treat for that specific pest. Use integrated pest management (IPM) methods to minimize chemical use in your garden. Many IPM methods do not even require the use of chemical pesticides.
- Reduce the amount of grass by planting ground cover. This reduces the need for fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides.
- Use natural pesticides such as milky spore and nematodes wherever possible. If you must use chemical pesticides, use them sparingly and in targeted areas.
- Have your lawn tested at the county Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension office to determine if you need to fertilize. If so, use natural and slow-release nitrogen fertilizers and make sure to follow the manufacturer's directions. Never apply to your lawn or garden if the weather calls for rain.
- Use a mulching mower instead of bagging grass clippings to reduce lawn wastes and to reduce the need for fertilizer. Do not put loose leaves or grass clippings in the street. Use them in a compost pile as a source for enriched soil. If you do need to dispose of leaves or grass clippings, contact your municipality to determine the appropriate method to dispose these wastes.
- If you must use herbicides, apply them directly to the weeds rather than broadcasting if possible. A healthy lawn will reduce weed growth.
- Use mulch on flower beds and gardens to prevent weeds from growing and to help absorb water.
- Use drought-resistant native plants in gardens and beds. These plants require less fertilizer and less water, thereby reducing the amount of potential polluted runoff.



ELECTRONICS-RECYCLING PROGRAM

Electronics will be picked up the second Tuesday of each month.

Have the electronics curbside by 7:00 am.



Do to shortening life spans of most electronic components whether it is computers and their peripherals, cameras, or cell phones, it is becoming more and more important to recycle these items. Disposing of the increasingly large numbers of electronic devices, that is any home electronic device with circuitry, will take up precious landfill space and perhaps leach into the soil and groundwater some of the toxic chemicals that are contained in their components. By offering, a free recycling program to the residents of Weymouth Township will help to keep the landfill electronics free.

Most types of electronic equipment will be accepted

Televisions	Telephones	VCR/DVD Players	Hard Drives	Servers
Monitors	Cameras	Floppy Drives	Fax Machines	Modems
Computers	Radios	Computer Mice	Tape Recorders	Printers
Amplifiers	Stereos	Key Boards	Cell Phones	Scanners

HOW CAN I BE ADDED TO THE TOWNSHIP ROBOCALL LIST?

#1 GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WEYMOUTHNJ.ORG

<p>#2 Look for this logo</p>  <p>It is on the right hand side below the Quick Links heading.</p>	<p>#3 Click Add/Remove Yourself</p> 	<p>#4 Click Register Now</p>  <p>#5 Fill out your information and press submit.</p> <p>REGISTER ENTER YOUR INFORMATION</p> <p>Name: <input type="text"/> Password: <input type="password"/></p> <p>Main Phone: <input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Text/SMS Confirm Pass: <input type="password"/></p>
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Mayor's Corner

"MIND THINE OWN BUSINESS"

This is our motto here in Weymouth Township. Lately there has been some discussion as to the reason why, many years ago, this saying was adopted. Past committees have toyed with the idea of changing it, ie. "This ain't Linwood" or "The tick capital of South Jersey". But after doing a little homework, we have all decided to keep our motto as is.

To me it means if you take care of your own business, it will make us better friends and neighbors. While we take care our little piece of the world, we should always be aware that the things we do might also have a negative impact on our neighbors.

Of course, we don't live in a perfect world. We all have an expectation of privacy. If you know someone is abusing a child or mistreating their pets, do they have a right to privacy? Should you mind your own business? Of course not. Sometimes it is more complicated and we need to use our good judgement, especially when there are state laws and local ordinances involved.

LAND USE BOARD

The Township Committee and the Land Use Board welcome Teresa Seelman as our new Land Use Secretary. With her many years of experience with community service and working at many levels of municipal government, she will be a great asset and addition to our staff.

NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE

We were able to keep the municipal tax rate flat this year. The school tax will increase @ 3.6 cents.

PAVING

All paving projects are done with NJDOT grants.

14th Avenue – Finalizing close out documents.

South Jersey Avenue- Finalizing Design Plans

Riverside Drive - Work has begun. Residents will be notified ahead of time when the paving part of this project will start.

2022 – NJDOT Applications are being prepared.

FOURTH OF JULY

I know that we are all ready to return to our spectacular Weymouth Township celebration on Sunday July 4th at dusk.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 31st

9 am

Weymouth Twp. Municipal Building



9:45 am

Estell Manor School



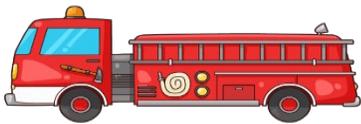
10:30 am

Old Belcoville Post Office

"We owe this freedom of choice and action to those men and women in uniform who have served this nation and its interests in time of need. In particular, we are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free." - Ronald Reagan on Memorial Day 1983.

Mayor Ken

When the township receives information of a zoning or property maintenance violation from a resident, the individual's information is not recorded. This is because the enforcing officer has to verify all code violations before a Notice of Violation (NOV) is sent. The enforcing officer must physically see the violation themselves, in a lawful place for the enforcing officer to do so. For enforcement purposes, it is usually irrelevant who makes the initial call about the complaint. They all get investigated and substantiated by the enforcing officer before anything can be done. We can't go off the hearsay of others.



Fire News & Announcements

<http://www.weymouthfirecommission.org/>

<http://www.dorothyfire.org/>

Fire Company Meetings –
2nd Monday of Month- 7 PM

Monthly Drills
4th Monday of Month-7 PM

Fire District Meetings
3rd Tuesday of Month 7 PM

MUA Meetings
3rd Tuesday of Month 7 PM

DVFC 64th Annual Chicken BBQ



**JUNE 6th Noon -6
PM**

Take-Out Only event this year.
Tickets are \$14 per person and
are available from any member,
on FB Eventbrite or contact Bob
Gibney @ 609-335-8066.

**Ladies Auxiliary will be
holding a Bake Sale & Basket
Raffle during this event.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PET POISONS GO TO OUR WEBSITE

WWW.WEYMOUTHNJ.ORG

Read full letter from one of our
Township residents online titled:

***My Ignorance of Lilies Killed My
Cat (and Her Mother Next Door)***

In this letter Tim Gorny walks you
through his painful experience of
losing his cat to poisoning from his
Easter Lilies.

*Mr. Gorny asked that this be made
public in hopes that he can stop
someone else's pet from suffering
the same fate.*



Taking a LEAP into the future

The Weymouth Board of Education has joined with Buena and Estell Manor Boards to apply for a LEAP (Local Efficiency Achievement Program). The Grant will be used to fund a feasibility study to explore ways we can work together to provide better educational opportunities for our kids and maximize the operations and financial effectiveness of our districts.

There are two immediate positives from this study. The first is that the study comes at **no cost** to the district and the second is that simply taking part in the study will reduce the annual reduction in state aid by doubling the length of the "adjustment" term from 4 to 8 years.

The first step will be to review what we do and how we do it and to compare the services offered in all of our districts. We recognize that Weymouth is so small that we could benefit in many ways by becoming part of a larger district.

But that decision is not up to the Board – **it is up to the voters of Weymouth.** The Board’s job is to explore the options and then present them to the community with a recommended course of action and any decision to **change will require a YES vote by a majority of voters.**

Why does this matter?

In recent years the State has determined that Weymouth was "overfunded" and is reducing our State Equalization Aid dramatically. We lost nearly \$500,000 this year and will lose even more each year in the years ahead. All of this loss cannot easily be made up. We are looking at all options. One reason for the study is that it could spread the reduction over a longer period, reducing the loss each year.

The State is offering financial incentives to smaller districts to regionalize if this makes sense for them and if the voters approve the plan. We hope that the study will produce viable options for Weymouth.

All change takes time. **Our future starts now.** These are just the first steps in a process that will take several years before it can be fully implemented.

There are financial, educational, and local tax implications. Until we have the study completed, we will not know the answers, but the Board believes that now is the time to start the process.

We don’t know what the study will find. But we will never know if we don’t try to find the answers.

Community Involvement

As the process develops the Board will keep the community informed with Newsletters like this and we will also establish a working group of Board members, parents, teachers, and the community to meet and provide input to the Board as our plans develop. We will ask for volunteers for this committee at a later date. In the meantime, we are always interested to hear from members of the community.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Edward Zebedies Jr.
President
- Constance Anne Reymann,
Vice President
- Daniel Ardito
- Patricia Doerr
- Christopher Egbert
- Henry Goldsmith
- Corrine Howie
- John Specht

Contact us at

LEAPstudy@weymouthtsd.org

Want to know more.....

New Jersey would like to eliminate all school districts that are not K thru 12. This will force smaller districts like ours to exist with less "State Aid" and depend more on local taxpayers. In addition Weymouth Township is the victim of another funding initiative by the state known as Bill S2. This Bill changed the formula for calculating the amount of State tax dollars each District receives. In our case this Bill is significant. We have seen a massive loss of state aid in the past four years and this year we lost nearly \$500,000. Next year will be worse! The state is adjusting aid for past years and we are big losers. For more information on this Bill see the link below: <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562018/approved/20180724a.shtml>
This year the school administration was extremely successful in obtaining numerous grants to offset the majority of the reduction in Aid. The future possibility of these grants is uncertain.