

CURRENT DISPATCHES, ADVISORIES, LETTERS AND PROCLAMATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, N.J.



NOTICES, EVENTS, GOOD CITIZENS OF

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SERVING DOROTHY, BELCOVILLE, SPY HILL, HOMESTEAD PARK, LENAPE LANDING AND THE OAKS

AUTUMN 2013

## FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS TO BE ELECTED ON NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup>



NOTICE OF ELECTION  
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP  
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



BALLOT NO. ....

To be torn off by the Judge of Election.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Fire District No. 1, Weymouth Township, Atlantic County, NJ that the initial election of members to the Board of Fire Commissioners will take place at the Weymouth Township Municipal Building, 45 South Jersey Avenue in Dorothy, Voting District #1 and The Oaks of Weymouth Club House, 100 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Voting District #2 within Weymouth Township, on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Placed upon the ballot will be the election of five (5) members to the Board of Fire Commissioners for a full term to be determined by statute..

Any qualified and registered voter who wishes to vote by mail must request an absentee ballot from the Atlantic County Clerk's Office, 5901 Main Street, Mays Landing, NJ 08330, telephone (609) 625-4011.

Bonnie S. Yearsley, CMC  
Weymouth Township Clerk

FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT  
Fire District No. 1  
Township of Weymouth, Atlantic County  
November 5, 2013

*Bonnie S. Yearsley*  
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Township Clerk

Polling District No. 1  
Weymouth Township Municipal Building  
45 South Jersey Avenue  
Dorothy, NJ

To vote for any person whose name appears on this ballot mark a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) mark with ink or pencil in the place or square at the left of the name of such person.

For Fire District Commissioner:

Vote for five (5)

- Ralph Bernard
- Doug Frick
- Walt Grizky
- Elizabeth Hand
- James "Bob" Merlock
- Brian Walsh
- Write In \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE BALLOT: VOTE FOR 5

### Weymouth Twp. residents **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, December 12



**ACUA**

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### HALLOWEEN

**OCTOBER 31**

HALLOWEEN IS CELEBRATED IN WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP AS A TRADITIONAL CHILDRENS HOLIDAY. THIS YEAR IT FALLS ON A **THURSDAY**

TRICK OR TREATING WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 5PM AND 8PM. ANY RESIDENT WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD KEEP THEIR PORCH LIGHTS ON AND VICE VERSA. BE AWARE OF THE CHILDREN WHO WILL BE OUT AFTER DARK. ADULTS MUST ESCORT THE CHILDREN.

### Sunday Breakfast

On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8-11am there will be a Sunday Breakfast at the Belcoville Community Center (formerly Belcoville firehouse). We will once again be featuring our specially made cinnamon swirl French toast, in addition to eggs, bacon, or sausage. Delicious! Santa will be there to greet the kids! Come out and enjoy a great breakfast!! \$7 for adults, \$4 for kids



## Recycling Guidelines for Yard waste in Belcoville

**Yard waste** (leaves, brush, grass, branches) is contracted by Weymouth Township to be picked up by Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) once a month on the 3rd Thursday from single-family homes in **Belcoville only**. Please put loose material in labeled cans or bags; plastic bags are not permitted. Bags should not exceed 50 lbs. Brush/branches must be bundled and tied with twine. They should not exceed 4 foot in length or 8 inches in diameter or exceed 50 lbs.

Please use common sense when placing items out for collection. The recycle men cannot and will not deal with items that weigh hundreds of pounds or an entire yard dumped in a large pile.

### YARD WASTE IS NOT:

Building materials of any kind.  
Fences of any kind.  
Logs exceeding 8 inches in diameter.

The above items will not be picked up. You must arrange privately to dispose of these items. Call the Atlantic County utilities Authority for information at 609-272-6950 or 1-800-613-ACUA

## PUT IT OUT THERE

### What is recycling?

Recycling is the process of separating, collecting and remanufacturing or converting used or waste products into new materials. The recycling process involves a series of steps to produce new products.



Recycling helps extend the life and usefulness of something that has already served its initial purpose by producing something that is useable. Recycling has a lot of benefits and importance not only to us humans but especially to our planet.

### What materials can be recycled?

Almost everything we see around us can be recycled. Different materials require different techniques when recycled. Recyclable materials commonly include batteries, biodegradable waste, clothing, electronics, garments, glass, metals, paper, plastics and a lot more.

### What are the stages of the recycling process?

The recycling process is a cycle and is composed of three stages. The first stage is the collecting and sorting. In this stage, waste materials are collected and then processed and sorted according to its type and use. After these materials are sorted, they are ready for the second stage, which is the manufacturing.

The manufacturing stage is the phase where the collected and sorted materials are processed into new reusable products. Finally, after new products are manufactured, the next stage follows which is the selling of the recycled products to consumers. When the product that the consumers bought already served its purpose, the recycling process will then again continue as these products are collected.

### Why is recycling important?

Recycling has a lot of benefits that can help people and save the environment as well. Its importance can be observed in many different ways. Here are some great reasons why recycling is important:

### Recycling Saves the Earth:

Recycling different products will help the environment. For example, we know that paper comes from trees and many trees are being cut down just to produce paper. By recycling it, we can help lessen the number of trees that are cut down. Products made from raw materials that came from our natural resources should be recycled so that we can help preserve the environment.

### Recycling Saves Energy:

It takes less energy to process recycled materials than to process virgin materials. For example, it takes a lot less energy to recycle paper than to create new paper from trees. The energy from transporting virgin materials from the source is also saved. Saving energy also has its own benefits like decreasing pollution. This creates less stress on own health and our economy.

### Recycling Helps Mitigate Global Warming and Reduce Pollution:

By saving energy in industrial production through recycling, the greenhouse gas emissions from factories and industrial plants are lessened and the use of fuels that emit harmful gasses during production is also minimized. Recycling non-biodegradable waste (rather than burning it) will contribute a lot to help reduce air pollution and greenhouse gasses that depletes the ozone layer.

### Recycling Reduces Waste Products in Landfills:

Landfills are mostly composed of non-biodegradable waste which takes long time to decompose. By recycling, we can lessen the waste materials that are placed into landfills and we are able to make the most out of these materials. If we don't recycle, more and more garbage will go to landfills until they all get filled up. If that happens, where will the rubbish be placed? How would you like a land fill in you backyard?

There are many companies out there that help reduce the problem of overfilling landfills by offering options (like ink cartridges) that make sense. When consumers seek out companies that have established green practices, the consumer wins by not only helping the environment but also by saving money.

### Recycling Helps you Save Money

Recycling provides ways to save money. You can sell recyclable materials to organizations that are willing to buy it. Using products that are recycled lessens expenses. Products that are made from recycled materials are less expensive than products made from fresh materials.

At home, you can recycle biodegradable waste like eggshells, vegetable and fruit peelings and use them to fertilize plants. By doing a little research and getting creative you can save money and trips to the market while being kind to the planet.

As the population of the world increases recycling is becoming increasingly more important. Our technologically advanced societies are creating more and products and packaging that look good and are indestructible, but can take centuries to break down.

In order to combat the rise of factors that are produced by non-environmentally conscious groups, it is up to the growing numbers of individuals and companies that want to inhabit a healthier planet to make a difference.

## WANTED

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE ON VARIOUS GOVERNING BOARDS OF OUR TOWNSHIP. ANY PERSON WHO CAN THINK AND MAKE INDEPENDENT DECISIONS IS ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A TURN AT MAKING WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP A NICE PLACE TO LIVE. YOU HAVE GOOD IDEAS AND KNOW WRONG WHEN YOU SEE IT. SHARE YOUR LIFE KNOWLEDGE AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY.

**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN**  
**1219 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**  
**DOROTHY, NEW JERSEY**  
**Worship Services celebrated**  
**Every Sunday at 10:15 A.M.**  
**Sunday School Instruction**  
**Every Sunday 9:00 – 10:00 A.M.**

## Trash and Bulk Collection

Municipal residential trash collection is sub-contracted to Waste Management to all single-family and two-family dwellings. All items must be put out no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to collection or by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Trash will be picked up every Thursday. Each household can put out up to four (4) trashcans and four large/bulk items.

Please use common sense when placing items out for collection. The trash men cannot and will not deal with items that weight over 75 pounds or an entire attic, basement or garage contents dumped into a large pile.

### What are bulk items?

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- White goods
- Children's toys
- Carpet that is cut into 4-foot lengths and bound with twine.
- If your unsure call WTDPW at 609.476.2102 or email wtdpw@verizon.net

### What are not bulk items?

- Tires
- Propane tanks
- Building material of any kind
- Automotive batteries
- Hazardous waste materials/substances e.g. oil paint, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, etc.
- If your unsure call WTDPW at 609.476.2102 or email wtdpw@verizon.net

**Note:** Hazardous waste materials include oil-based paints, many cleaning agents, chemicals, etc. The Atlantic County Utilities Authority has a facility to drop off certain hazardous waste materials. Call (609) 272-6950

## Dog Licensing Census is in Progress



To be in compliance with state regulations, the township wants to make sure your dog's license is current via a door-to-door survey. State law says all dogs 6 months or older must have a license. It also gives Weymouth Township the authority to take door-to-door surveys and ask homeowners to show licenses. All owners of unlicensed dogs will receive a warning letter and license applications. A grace period of 10 days, after the date of a visit to your home, will be given. Summonses for unlicensed dogs may be issued after this grace period if a license is not obtained.

Canine owners can expect a representative from the Weymouth Township to be making a visit soon, and reporting the findings back to the Township Clerk. Beginning August 1, the Township of Weymouth will be conducting a township-wide dog census to ensure all dogs are licensed and have their rabies shots. Anyone who owns a dog in Weymouth must have a license. Each license comes with a metal tag that can be attached to the dog's collar. Violations for a lack of licensing can result in fines of up to \$500.00 in Municipal Court.

Dog licenses are a means to ensure that Weymouth residents who own dogs keep them properly licensed, with their vaccinations up-to-date, to help keep our Township safe. Additionally, licenses also help protect dogs when they get lost, enabling them to be returned to their owners.

*"Let's give our canine companions the love they deserve, by purchasing the licenses they require."*

**If you own a dog in Weymouth Township be ready for a knock on the door in the near future.**

# BEHIND THE PLOW!

Public Works first tries to clear the main arteries to provide access through the Township and routes for the Emergency Services. The Township streets will be started when they become a plow able depth. Because of the number of streets in the Township, not everyone can be first, so please have patience during a storm and we will work as safely and quickly as possible to clear your streets.



## WHY YOU SHOULD NOT SHOVEL OR PLOW SNOW INTO THE STREET

- A township ordinance prohibits it.
- You can be fined.
- You are liable for any accidents that may occur because you discharged snow back onto that portion of the street.

In some cases when the snow lasts for long periods of time, your street may be plowed more than once. The first time would be to make it more manageable to clear the street on a final plowing. Every effort is made to have a safe travel lane after the storm is over. On an average, it takes 10 hours after the snow has stopped to complete the whole Township.

## Snow & Ice Removal Operations

When the Director of Public Works becomes aware of a winter storm alert coupled with predictions of significant snow and/or ice accumulations, his first reaction is to direct his employees to prepare the snow removal vehicles. In most situations, Salt trucks of various sizes are loaded with salt. If the storm event is predicted to result in snow accumulations of 4 inches or more, or high winds are expected to cause drifting, then snowplows are attached on all trucks. In these situations, four Township owned vehicles are fitted with plows, and additional trucks are rented to plow snow.

In the event of a snowstorm, the Township takes on the responsibility of clearing approximately 28 roads that consist of 33 miles in one direction of Township roadways. There are three categories of streets in terms of snow and

ice removal. **Roadways in the Township are characterized as either major arteries, streets within the various residential neighborhoods, or cu-de-sacs or dead-end streets. Included among the major arteries to be cleared first by the Township are roads leading to state and county roads.**

**Major arteries that are the responsibility of NJDOT or Atlantic County DPW include Route 50, Route 669 (11<sup>th</sup> Ave), Route 668 (Walkers Forge), Route 557 (Tuckahoe Rd.) and Route 666 (Cape May Ave). Additionally all roads in the Oaks of Weymouth section of the Township are the sole responsibility of Hometown America Communities.** Again, these roads are the responsibility of the State or County so when Township snowplows are traveling from one development to another, they are directed to keep the plow up.

When the first priority category of streets is satisfactorily cleared, the plows then address the next category: secondary streets. For the purpose of an organized snow plowing effort, the various sections in the Township are grouped into three (3) sectors. Each driver is responsible for a sector to be plowed. Whenever possible, the same driver is responsible for snow clearance of the same sector year in and year out.

**ST. BERNARD R.C. CHURCH  
PENNA. AVE DOROTHY NJ  
MASS 7 PM SATURDAY  
CONFESSION AFTER MASS**

With each sector representing over ten (10) miles of roadway, an effective snow clearance effort on a typical twenty (20) foot cart way requires four (4) passes over each street. With a eight (8) foot wide snow blade angled to create a six and a half (6.5) foot wide path, the driver first travels slightly off-center down the street, next, turning around and coming down the opposite direction, another off-center pass is made. Then, a pass is made down the first side of the street clearing the snow to the shoulder. Lastly, the process is repeated, clearing the snow to the shoulder on the opposite side of the street. Snow is cleared shoulder-to-shoulder to accommodate the eventual snowmelt; and, to account for the snow encroachment that result from a possible, second snowstorm. Consequently, snow removal vehicles must travel about 133 miles to clear approximately 33 miles of Township streets. In addition, high winds and drifting, and other inclement conditions will multiply the number of passes needed to clear the streets.

The final category of streets to be plowed are the cul-de-sacs and dead end streets. There are two main reasons for this final prioritization. First, by their very design, these roadways are among the least traveled. Second, because of the small turning radii necessary for a plow truck, smaller vehicles with power-angled plows can only be used to clear the snow. In some instances, special front-end loaders are needed to slowly scoop the snow to clear it out of the way. This is a slow process that may require up to (30) thirty-minutes per street to complete. More so than other streets, plow operators must be extra careful not to bury driveways in cul-de-sac streets.

When snowfall accumulates lesser amounts or the precipitation is mostly ice or freezing rain, the Township is divided into 3 sectors for spreading salt only. This process takes less time and saves the cost of calling hired trucks for removal.

In addition to public roadways, Public Works employees clear the parking lots and related access roads to the Township Municipal Building, Dorothy Post Office, Weymouth Township School, Belcoville Community Center, Weymouth Township DPW garage and Museum.

## EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

If an emergency arises on a street that has yet to be cleared of snow and/or ice, the Weymouth Township Office of Emergency Management, Dorothy Volunteer Fire Department or the NJ State Police will notify the Public Works Department by phone or radio. Public Works will dispatch one or two trucks immediately to the site. Two trucks insure a speedy clearance of the street from both ends. This allows Police, fire trucks, and/or ambulances access to the emergency site from either end of the street. In addition, it is not an unknown happenstance for a snowplow truck to lead emergency vehicles to the emergency site and further lead the ambulance to hospital locations outside of the Township.

## SALT SUPPLIES

Normally, the Township receives approximately 60 tons of salt for use in clearing the streets. After awarding a contract bid, the contractor will drop off the salt at the Atlantic County DPW site.

## WHY NOT PLOW THE ICE?

When snow falls result in less than four (4) inches of accumulation or the streets are covered with ice, snowplowing results in a wasted effort. With the weight of the plow resting on metal skids or caster wheels, aside from gravity, there is no downward pressure on the blade. Consequently, in these instances the snowplow just skims over the snow and/or ice. When weather conditions have resulted in heavy accumulations of snow freezing into ice, plowing efforts result in heavy damage to snow removal equipment. Again, ice removal efforts are best done with salt.

## PARTICIPATION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF RESIDENTS

If a resident believes that his/her street has been missed during a snow clearing effort, he or she should report this to the Public Works office by calling (609) 476-2102 or email [wtdpw@verizon.net](mailto:wtdpw@verizon.net).

The Director asks that the reporting resident state the facts as much as possible. This speeds up the process and reduces the stress in a stressful situation.

In the event of a significant storm, all on street parking in the Township is prohibited. This restriction may be in effect for a period of 72 hours after a snowstorm. Residents should also avoid parking cars in the driveway that overhang the

curb. This is a particularly hazardous action that results in vehicular accidents and, at the least, improper snow removal.

For those residents wishing to avoid having newly shoveled driveways subsequently blocked by Township snowplow: there are two recommended courses of action. First, near the street, shovel snow to the right and dig out a pocket in the snow, facing the street, to the left of the driveway. The other method entails clearing the driveway except for the last foot to five feet from the curb. Leave this "snow barrier" in place to block snow being plowed aside in the street, and the finish shoveling after the snowplow truck has passed by.

Residents should also be aware that downed trees blocking the road are, depending on size, cut into sections and cleared to the side of the road. Trees are not removed from private property.

## PRIVATE STREETS AND UNDEDICATED ROADS

Snow removal from private streets is not the responsibility of the Township. It is up to the Homeowners Association or other responsible entity to arrange for snow removal.

## IN CONCLUSION

As mentioned before, the Township is responsible for snow and ice clearance on approximately 33 miles of Township roadway.

While the Township is clearly responsible to plow and salt streets in the event of a winter storm, Township resident also have a responsibility in this effort, as well. Snow event invoke the restriction of no on-street parking. This and other efforts ensure proper snow removal and reduce potential traffic hazards. In cases of emergency, the Township Public Works Department together with the Police will make special efforts to clear the way for emergency vehicles.

Once again, please be patient and we will try to complete this undertaking as swiftly and safely as possible.

## Weymouth Township Department of Public Work's Pledge

We at the Weymouth Township Department of Public Works are committed and dedicated to serve the residents and visitors with the utmost professionalism in all aspects of the Township. This is done by assuring the best quality of service available, maintaining our widely available recreational facilities and cleanliness of our Township. We take great satisfaction and pride in all we do to make our community a safe and clean place to live. If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance call 609.476.2102 Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm or email [wtdpw@verizon.net](mailto:wtdpw@verizon.net)



## ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

**IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT YOUR CHILD HAS HEARING OR VISION DIFFICULTIES, TROUBLE WITH SPEECH, IS SLOW TO LEARN NEW THINGS, IS CLUMSY, OR HAS BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS.....THE WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROVIDES FREE SCREENING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 TO 5 WHO QUALIFY. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHILD STUDY TEAM AT 476-3921.**

- Jimmy Carter was the first U.S. President to be born in a hospital.

**Fireworks Fiasco!**

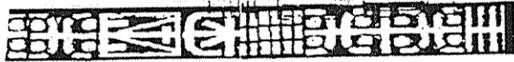
Many of you have been wondering what happened with our fireworks display this year. Back in May, the Special Events committee voted to once again commit to purchasing a fireworks display on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The \$3500 deposit was sent in and the show was reserved. The State permit fee was paid and the necessary permit was obtained. Many of our residents sent donations in response to the letter we sent out. Several businesses also helped. The Township was contacted the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> about a possible issue with insurance coverage for the pyrotechnics company and found out at that time that the company we contracted had been sold to another company. The issue was resolved and plans proceeded for the day. Late in the afternoon on the holiday of July 4<sup>th</sup>, the township received a call that the fireworks display was being cancelled due to a shortage of personnel on the part of the new company owners. Everyone hustled to cancel our plans at the last minute. We have been working since that time to have our deposit returned. It seems, due to a loophole in the contract, that isn't going to happen! The Special Events committee suffered a loss of nearly \$4000.



**Never feed a bear. It's dangerous, and it's against the law.**

The Ed. Foundation and the Boy Scouts also lost money. We appreciate everyone who donated to our funds to help with the fireworks and other events we sponsor. We also understand if you'd like your donation returned to you. If you'd like a refund, please stop in at the municipal building and fill out a voucher to get the process going. Otherwise, all our funds will continue to be used for community events such as the Weenie Roast, the Easter Egg Hunt and, hopefully, future fireworks displays. Thank you again for your continued support!

John Doerr  
President, Special Events Committee



**Fall Fruit Sale**

The DVFC Ladies Auxiliary will be selling fruit from Florida. Orders will be accepted from September 25<sup>th</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup>. Fruit being offered for sale includes Florida Navel oranges, Ruby Red Grapefruit, Florida Juice oranges, Tangelos, Tangerines, Pears, Apples, and specialty boxes with several kinds of fruit. Fruit will be delivered direct from Florida to Dorothy in December, and will be here in plenty of time for Christmas. Information sheets are available in the post office. To order fruit contact any ladies aux. member, or call Carla at 609-476-2436 or Diane at 856-875-7548.



**FREE SEMINAR**  
THE WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL & SHADE TREE COMMISSIONS ARE CO-SPONSORING THEIR 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SEMINAR ON SATURDAY, NOV. 2<sup>ND</sup> 2013 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN DOROTHY. THOSE WHO ATTEND WILL QUALIFY FOR CEU CREDITS.

9:15-REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

9:30-10:30 –“THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER IN THE LIFE OF TREES”...A DISCUSSION OF ITS’ UNIQUE PROPERTIES & THE ROLE IT PLAYS IN THE TREES OF SOUTH JERSEY. PRESENTED BY NED GAINÉ

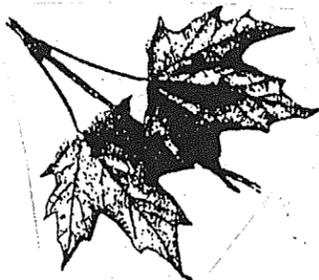
10:30-1130 “INVASIVE SPECIES IN SOUTH JERSEY’ THE IDENTIFICATION & IMPACT ON OUR NATIVE TREES & FORESTS BY MICHAEL HOGAN  
THE SEMINAR IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JILL BAXTER 476-2086 OR hoganphoto@verizon.net

**WEYMOUTH POST**

THIS PUBLICATION ORDERED BY THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH: FOUNDED AS A CONSTABLWICK IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY IN 1694...AS A TOWNSHIP IN 1695...INCORPORATED IN 1798...FOUNDING TOWNSHIP OF ATLANTIC COUNTY IN 1837...NOW IN ITS 4<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY.

**CONTACT BONNIE S. YEARSLEY  
WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP CLERK  
45 SOUTH JERSEY AVE DOROTHY  
N.J. 08317. 609-476-2633**

ALL ORGANIZATIONS BENEFITTING THE CITIZENS OF WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT MATERIAL AS A WAY OF REACHING ALL HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURPOSES OF PUBLICITY, INFORMATION, AND FUND RAISING.



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**IT**

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**ACUA**  
RecycleAtlanticCounty.org