



# NEWSLETTER 2019

# LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The municipal officials and staff are pleased to provide you with this annual newsletter, containing information about township business and some interesting programs and events.

In the past year, the Recreation Commission has expanded their offerings of programs for adults in addition to the traditional youth sports and activities. Yoga and Gi-Gong sessions take place weekly, and they are always soliciting input on what other activities residents would be interested in. Coupled with the programs regularly sponsored by the Environmental Commission, we are proud to offer a variety of events for the whole family.

On the business side, the Township received a \$300,000 state grant for improvements to a portion of Marble Hill Road. This project will include paving and installing two new cross drains. The reconstruction of a retaining wall on Lakeside Drive should be complete this spring. This was a long and involved project which required detailed engineering to ensure the stability of the slope and deter further erosion.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns.

Mayor John Inscho

## HISTORY



Liberty Township was incorporated as a township by an act of the New Jersey legislature on March 26, 1926, from portions of Hope Township, based on the results of a referendum held on April 30, 1926.

## LIBERTY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

### MAYOR

JOHN INSCHO

### DEPUTY MAYOR

DAN GROVER

### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MIKE BEYER

CARL CUMMINS

PETER KARCHER

### MUNICIPAL CLERK /

### ADMINISTRATOR

DIANE M. PFLUGFELDER

### DEPUTY CLERK

JENNIFER BRESLIN

### TAX COLLECTOR

CYNTHIA ECKERT

### TAX ASSESSOR

PENNY HOLENSTEIN

### ZONING OFFICER

ERIC SNYDER

### CFO

KEVIN LIFER

### DPW SUPERVISOR

CHUCK HARVEY

### DPW CREW

DONALD DRUMMOND

KEN LUNDEN

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Environmental Commission meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Liberty Township Municipal Building. We are always welcoming volunteers and ideas for stewardship!

Cabin Fever Workshop: Join us for an upcoming free event presented by the Environmental Commission on Friday, March 29 at 6:30 pm at the municipal building. This one hour event will feature a free craft – making your own reusable bag and have a short film, "Bag it! Is your Life too Plastic?" Materials will be included.

Tree Giveaway: May 4 come to the Free Union Fields behind the municipal building to pick up your free tree seedling. Reforestation is an excellent way to preserve our environment and provide habitat for wildlife.

Plastic Recycling Challenge: We have reached 500 lbs! We are keeping this going, so if you have any clean/dry plastic bags that you would like to recycle, please drop off in the recycling bin in the vestibule at the municipal building. For every 500 lbs. collected, our town will receive a free durable, plastic lumber bench from TREX. Details about what is able to be recycled are on the website.



## RECREATION COMMISSION (LTRC)

The LTRC meets monthly at 6:00 pm on the fourth Monday of the month at the Liberty Township Municipal Building. The Commission oversees community programs, recreation sports and activities.

<u>Sports Offered</u>	<u>Registration periods</u>
Summer Recreation Camp	April – May
Soccer	June – July
Basketball	October – November

Weekly Wednesday Yoga & Qi-Gong: Join certified instructors every Wednesday at 6:00 pm for beginning yoga and Qi-Gong (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month). Classes are \$5 per person and held indoors at the municipal building, until the weather gets warmer and then they will be held at the John R. Fisher Pavilion at Mt. Lake.

Want to see more activities/recreation programs in Liberty Township? Take the survey and help us enhance community programs and activities! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LPZT56C>

## MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Township Committee meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the municipal building.

The Tennis/Basketball court is free for public use. The Free Union Fields can be reserved through the Municipal Clerks Office.

## RECYCLING EVENTS



We had a successful paper shredding event this past November at our DPW Garage. We will plan to hold another event in the fall of 2020.

### UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS:

April 28 8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Household Hazardous Waste Event at PCFA in Oxford

May 4 & September 14 - Free Paper shredding for Warren County residents at Warren County Administrative Building, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere. Limit 4 bags, no business documents.

In January, Christmas trees can be dropped off at the DPW Garage for recycling.

## SPRING/FALL CLEAN-UP

A town-wide residential cleanup week is every May and October. A voucher must be obtained by the resident from the Municipal Office in order to take refuse to the dump. All information needed can be found with the voucher.

Spring Clean Up - May 20 - 25, pick up vouchers starting May 1. Evening voucher pick-up May 15 until 8:00 pm.

Fall Clean Up - October 14 -19, pick up vouchers starting September 23. Evening pick-up posted a later date.

## DOG LICENSING

All dogs (6 months or older) are to be licensed during the month of January each year. Fees are \$8 for neutered/spayed and \$11 for non-neutered/non-spayed. A \$5 late fee per month, per animal will be charged after January 31.

Application forms can be found online or can be picked up at the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Please note the Rabies Certificate cannot expire before November 1st of the licensing year.

A Free Rabies Clinic is held in November at the DPW Garage.

**Lost or found** a dog, please contact **Animal Control Official,**

Alan DeCarolis 908-377-0808



## TAX INFORMATION

Property taxes are due to the Tax Collector on the first of August, November, February & May. There is a 10-day grace period. New tax bills will be mailed out by early August.

Tax Appeal filing is due April 1. Please contact the Tax Assessor prior to applying. Appeal forms are available through the Warren County Board of Taxation, 202 Mansfield St, Cummins Building, Belvidere, NJ 07823

Farmland Assessments are due to the Tax Assessor's Office by August 1. Applications will be mailed to all prior applicants.

## VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTIONS

Residents can pickup a voter registration form at the Liberty Township Municipal Office or print online ([www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml)) and send or take to:

Warren County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, 413 Second Street, Belvidere NJ 07823

Polling places in Liberty Township are:

**District 1** - Mountain Lake Fire House, 99 Tamarack Rd., Belvidere

**District 2** - Liberty Township Municipal Office, 349 Mountain Lake Rd., Great Meadows

### COME OUT AND VOTE!

**June 4** - Primary election (6:00 am - 8:00 pm)

**November 5** - General election (6:00 am - 8:00 pm)



## LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES

### Community Day

Save the date! June 8 (Rain date June 9) at the Mountain Lake Fire House. Family friendly activities, games, music, food, ending with fireworks at dusk. Stay tuned for a schedule of events to come this Spring. Anyone interested in volunteering please email Shannon Schaaf at [libertyrec17@gmail.com](mailto:libertyrec17@gmail.com)



Summer Recreation is a 6-week day camp starting July 1 through August 9, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Registration will begin in April. Children ages 6-12 are welcomed and cost is \$100 for resident, and \$135 for non-residents. Every Friday the kids enjoy going to the Mountain Lake Beach.

### Mountain Lake

Mountain Lake boasts numerous recreational opportunities - from fishing, birding, picnicking and swimming at Warren County's largest natural glacial lake! Address is 137 Lakeside Drive West.

The beach is open mid-June through Labor Day. Beach access is FREE. The beach is open when certified lifeguards are on duty, and there are some beach toys available for use. Snacks and refreshments are available for purchase. Boating is permitted and the fee is for everyone who uses the boat launch, \$5 per boat. Electric motors only are permitted with 10mph limit. Kayak racks are available to be used at the beach; first come first serve and at owners risk.

### \*NEW\*

The John R. Fisher Pavilion at the beach can be reserved for special occasions through the Municipal Clerk's Office. The rental agreement and calendar are available on our website.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Stormwater is from rainfall or snowmelt that washes pollutants into our storm drains and directly into our rivers, streams and lakes.

We ask residents to reduce runoff from your property and reduce pollution in runoff. Some examples are limit the watering of lawns, clean up after pets, and limit use of fertilizers.

Liberty Township has three non-point source pollution control ordinances to help protect our water:

- Prohibit the feeding of waterfowl (No. 02-07)
- Limit the application of phosphorus fertilizer near water (No. 02-06)
- Regulate the disposal of pet waste (No. 02-08)



## WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

The Division of Aging & Disability Services directly provides a full "menu" of programs & services geared to support older adults, adults with physical disabilities and their caregivers at home. Please contact them for further information:

165 County Route 519 South  
Belvidere, NJ 07823  
Phone: 1-877-222-3737

Website: [www.co.warren.nj.us/humanservices/dosshome.html](http://www.co.warren.nj.us/humanservices/dosshome.html)