



NEWSLETTER

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP 2022

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We are pleased to once again bring you this annual update on Township matters. Here you will find information from the departments, boards and commissions who work diligently throughout the year to serve the Township residents. Sincere thanks to the many volunteers, employees and professionals who make Liberty a great place to live.

It has been a difficult two years of COVID restrictions and now international unrest. We have lost loved ones, suffered from depression and isolation, experienced financial hardship. Through it all, I have been encouraged by the sense of community displayed by our residents, whether it be checking on neighbors, or supporting local businesses. Let's build on that by staying positive in word and deed.

Regardless of what is going on in the world, let us be grateful for what we have here "at home." Appreciate the beautiful sunsets from the top of Danville Mountain Road, the green patchworked fields of the sod farms, the reflection of the sky and clouds in Mountain Lake.

The Township continues to work on the quality of the ecology of Mountain Lake. We have partnered with Warren County Community College to utilize their drone program to study the lake from both the air and under water. We work closely with the Mountain Lake Community Association to obtain grants and investigate ways to combat the algae and other vegetation growth. Many thanks to the lake management sub-committee members for your continued efforts.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. *Mayor John Inscho*

Countdown to Liberty Township's Centennial in 2026!

FUN FACT!

Share your stories and pictures from long ago as we are collecting items to showcase at our Centennial in 1926! If you would like to volunteer in planning this event, please email the Municipal Clerk at clerk@libertytownship.org



Did you know . . .

Liberty Township's name was created from the separation from Hope Township via referendum on March 26, 1926



In 1926, men's knickers cost \$3.25 to purchase and women dresses cost \$4.95

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION The Township is collecting plastic through the Trex Recycling challenge. Collection bin is located in the vestibule at the municipal building. See website for more details on what plastic is acceptable.

DPW asked that you be mindful when putting debris in the roadway (snow removal, leaves, driveway runoff, etc). Be considerate and keep your community clean and safe!

The **John R. Fisher Pavilion** can be rented for your next gathering. Contact the Municipal Clerk to make a reservation.

SPRING/FALL CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean Up - May 2 - 7, pick up voucher starting April 18. **Wednesday April 20** voucher pick up until 8:00 pm. **Saturday April 23** voucher pick-up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Tree Seedling giveaway at John R. Fisher Pavilion at Mountain Lake Beach.

Fall Clean Up - October 10 -15, pick up vouchers starting September 26. Evening pick-up posted at a later date.

ELECTIONS - visit www.warrencountyvotes.com for more information

June 7 - Primary Election (6:00 am - 8:00 pm)

November 8 - General & School Board Elections (6:00 am - 8:00 pm)

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



DID YOU KNOW?

County codes were added to license plates in 1926



COMMUNITY DAY Save the date! September 24 (Rain date October 1) at the Mountain Lake Fire House. Family friendly activities, games, music, food, ending with fireworks at dusk over Mountain Lake. Anyone interested in volunteering please send an email to libetyrec17@gmail.com



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (LTEC) The LTEC meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.



April 9 Tree care demonstration - Municipal building on Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm to meet a certified Arborist that will discuss caring for trees, including identifying species, diseases, transplanting, and maintaining healthy trees. There will be a Q&A after discussion.

April 23 Tree Seedling Giveaway - John R. Fisher Pavilion at Mt. Lake on Saturday, April 23 between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm to pick up your free tree seedlings while supplies last. Come see the nearby Wildflower Meadow sprouting with annual plants. Please visit the garden this year to learn more about the native plants in our community!

RECREATION COMMISSION (LTRC)

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



Sports Offered

Spring Soccer
Summer Recreation Camp
Soccer
Basketball

Registration periods

February - March
April - May
June - July
October - November



Yoga & Tai Chi: Join certified instructors every Wednesday starting in May at 6:00 pm for Yoga and Tai Chi (3rd Wednesday of every month). Classes are \$5 per person and held at the John R. Fisher Pavilion at Mountain Lake.

Summer Recreation is a 5-week day camp starting July 4 through August 5, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Registration will begin in April. Children ages 6-12 are welcomed. Day campers enjoy a variety of activities throughout the week, including swimming at the Mountain Lake beach on Fridays.



1926 Elected Officials

President of the United States - Calvin Coolidge, 30th President 1923-1929

Governor of New Jersey - A. Harry Moore, 39th Governor

Mayor of Liberty Township - John L. Sharp

TAX INFORMATION Property taxes are due to the Tax Collector on the first of August, November, February and May.



**PAY YOUR
PROPERTY TAXES
ONLINE**

There is a 10-day grace period. New tax bills to be mailed out by August.

Check our website for making online tax payments.

Farmland Assessment applications are due to the Tax Assessor by August 1.

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.



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

RECYCLING EVENTS



Pollution Control Financing Authority in Oxford is accepting electronics for recycling on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. See more details at www.pcfawc.com

April 24 8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Household Hazardous Waste Event at PCFA in Oxford

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

Decorations and lights **must be removed** from trees.

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)

Liberty Township is proud of our natural beauty and healthy environment. Every person who lives here has a hand in keeping it clean. How we use our land and what we put in our drains eventually runs off or seeps into our water. The above ordinances help to protect our surface and drinking waters.

