



TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

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Press Release 9/16/22

- 1. Florence Township Tax Bill Update:** The property tax bills were mailed on August 12th. **The grace period for the 2022 third quarter tax bill was extended to September 12, 2022.** Payments had to be received in the office by September 12, 2022 to avoid interest. Any payment received after September 12th will be charged interest back to August 1, 2022.
- 2. The Water Department will be flushing hydrants from September 12th through October 31st.** Please visit the website <https://florence-nj.gov/departments/water-sewer/hydrant-flushing/> or call (609) 499-2518 for flushing dates and times in your specific area. During hydrant flushing the water will become cloudy and it is not recommended to wash laundry during or immediately following the flushing procedure in your area. Additionally, it is recommended that you flush your water heater to remove any sediment that may accumulate. Please contact us at 609-499-2518 with any questions you may have concerning hydrant flushing or water quality.
- 3. Township Projects:** The below projects have started. We apologize for any inconvenience these projects may cause the residents.

CBDG Grant (sidewalks): The following locations will have sidewalk work done over the next few weeks: 400 Block of W. Front Street, Bodine Street from Richardson St. to W. 4th Street, 8th Street (Roebing), and Hamilton Ave. next to the FAAD park.

2022 Road Program: W. 2nd from Broad to Boulevard St., W. 5th Spring to Church, Winter St. Front to W. 2nd and 3rd to 6th Street, Summer St. Front to W. 3rd Street, Spring St. W. Front to W. 2nd, Church St. from W. Front to W. 3rd, Zinc St., Iron St. from Front to W. 3rd, Bike Path on 5th Street from Spruce to Eyre Street, and Main St. in Roebing from 2nd to 5th Avenues both sides.

Wilbur Henry Drive: The installation of sidewalks, milling and paving is completed. Raised crosswalks and striping will be completed within the next week.

4. Township Activities:

Health & Wellness: Weekly Gentle Fitness classes are held **every Thursday 11 a.m. to Noon** at the Florence Twp. Community Center, 69 Main Street, Roebing.

Library Association: The crochet group meets **every Friday from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

September 17 - American Legion Food Truck and Music Fest being held at Florence American Legion Post 194 located at Broad Street & W. 6th Street

The Florence Yacht Club will be holding “The Charlie Bauer Memorial Catfish Tournament”

September 18 – Pit Club 2nd Annual Bacon Bread Sale
St. Nicholas Outdoor Service & Picnic

September 24 - St. Stephen’s and Barnabas Car Show
Florence Historical Society Open House

- 5. Police Department:** **If you have an emergency, dial 911. If it is a non-emergency requiring police response, call (609) 267-8300.** The police lobby window will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you require

police assistance, please use the yellow call box located by the Municipal Building Main Lobby doors. A police officer will subsequently be dispatched to handle your matter. Please see Police Department website on how to obtain Police Reports, Handicap Placards or call (609) 499-3131.

6. Water Service Lines Letters: In July 2021, P.L.2021, Ch.183 (Law) was enacted, requiring all community water systems to replace lead service lines in their service area within 10 years. Under the law, Florence Township is required to notify customers, non-paying consumers, and any off-site owner of a property (e.g., landlord) when it is known or unknown, if they are served by a lead service line. A letter was sent out on 9/1/22 to those residents this new law may affect. Note that per C.58:12A-41, section 2, the definition of a lead service line now includes lead connectors (lead gooseneck, lead pigtail, or other lead fitting) and galvanized service lines. Our service line inventory is available at www.florence-nj.gov. A service line is a portion of pipe that connects the water main to the building inlet. In Florence Township, the service line is owned entirely by the property owner. The service line materials are [lead/galvanized/unknown]. Florence Township is developing a lead service line replacement program. If you are planning to replace your lead service line, contact us at (609) 499-2518 prior to replacement so that we can coordinate our efforts. This will also be discussed during the September 21, 2022 Council meeting.

7. Recycling Center: The recycling center hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

8. E-Mail Notification for Website Updates: The e-mail sign-up page is now functional on the website. Unfortunately, individuals who signed-up under the old website, will have to sign-up again. When there are website updates, an email notification will be sent out that day around 4pm.

To sign-up, go to the township website home page, www.florence-nj.gov, scroll to the middle of the page and click on yellow box “Get Started Now”; fill in your information on the left side “Register for Florence Township Website e-bulletins”.

9. Zoning & Planning Board Meetings: For the safety of our board members, professionals and the public, residents are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually. Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township’s Home Page website www.florence-nj.gov.

The next Regular Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

The next Regular Zoning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person or virtual, you can review the zoom version of the meeting by going to the Home Page of the township website. To view the recorded meeting:

1. Click on “Documents” tab, then click on “Recorded Zoom Meetings”.

10. Municipal Offices: The municipal building is open to the public. For the safety of our employees and the public, we encourage individuals to wear a mask while inside the municipal building, especially if you are not feeling well. We encourage the public to continue to use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building for all payments, license renewals, construction permits, etc. Normal office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

11. Township Council Meetings: The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2022 starting at 7:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting in-person. Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township’s Home Page website www.florence-nj.gov or by calling the Clerk’s Office at 609-499-2525, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person or virtual, you can review the zoom version of the meeting by going to the Home Page of the township website. There are several ways to view the zoom recording:

1. Click on “Documents” tab, then click on “Recorded Zoom Meetings”.
2. Click on “Government” tab, then click on “Recorded Zoom Meetings”.
3. Click on “Documents” tab, click on “Agenda & Minutes”, click on 2022 Township Council, and at the top of the page “Click Here to View Township Zoom Recordings”

12. Tax Bills & Water/Sewer Bills: Water/Sewer bills have been mailed out and were due by August 31, 2022. Payments can be made online www.florence-nj.gov or use the Drop Box located next to the trophy case in our front lobby. **The Drop Box will be checked multiple times daily for your convenience. Payments must be check or money orders, NO CASH.** Please provide a phone number with your payment and we will call to confirm payment was received. Please allow 48 hours for your payment to be posted to our online account portal. Feel free to call the office with any questions, 609-499-2525. The office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any documents left in the drop box will be processed and mailed back to residents as needed. The Drop Box is available 24/7 for resident’s convenience.

13. Construction Office: The office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents and developers dropping off permits, plans, etc. are encouraged to use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building. Any questions, please call the Construction Office at (609) 499-2130.

14. Municipal Court: We encourage individuals paying tickets and/or fines to continue to pay on-line or use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building. Please contact the Court Office at (609) 499-2222 if you have any questions. The office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

15. COVID COMMUNITY IMPACT - If you would like additional information on COVID-19, including county-wide totals for daily new cases from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), please visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/> .

TESTING: COVID-19 Testing to include PCR & Rapid Testing: The only Burlington County COVID-19 testing site still open is in Willingboro. Visit the Burlington County Health Department website for dates and times: co.burlington.nj.us/1927/COVID-19-Testing.

VACCINATION: For those who are homebound, vaccinations can be scheduled by calling the Burlington County Health Dept at 609-265-5548.

The CDC is updating its recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least 4 months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. Individuals can book their appointments on the NJVSS website or use the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Finder to get an appointment at locations throughout New Jersey at <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>.

The Burlington County Health Dept. will be offering Covid Vaccinations for those Burlington County residents ages 6 months to 5 years. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are approved under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for this age group and will be available at each listed clinic. Vaccinations will be by appointment only. Appointments can be made at www.signupgenius.com/go/peeweclinics.

MASK RECOMMENDATIONS: KN95 or N95 or double layered well-fitting surgical and cloth are still recommended by the CDC in certain situations (immunocompromised, etc.). Websites for looking up approved KN95 and N95 masks are: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html> and www.ProjectN95.org

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