



TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

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1. Florence Township Water and Sewer routinely monitors for the presence of federal and state regulated drinking water contaminants. New Jersey adopted a standard, or MCL, for PFOA in 2020 and monitoring began in 2021. The MCL for PFOA is 0.014 parts per billion (ppb) and is based on a running annual average (RAA), in which the four most recent quarters of monitoring data are averaged. On September 13, 2022, we received notice that the sample collected on August 24, 2022 showed that our system exceeds the PFOA levels. The RAA for PFOA based on samples collected over the last four quarters to be 0.015 ppb. After receiving notice, Florence Township immediately began testing our wells to locate the cause of the elevated PFOA results. We have identified the wells with the higher levels and will be taking them offline until corrective action is taken. Florence Township will consult with our water engineer to develop a corrective action plan. The wells that have been tested and are in compliance will continue to provide the main source of our drinking water. We will continue to test the wells to ensure the safety of our residents. We anticipate resolving the problem by October 2023. For more information, please contact David Lebak at (609)-499-2518. **For frequently asked questions and answers regarding PFOA Levels, please go to the township web-site main page, under “Latest News In Florence” click on “See All News” and scroll down to October 28th and click on “Frequently Asked Questions Regarding High PFOA Levels”**
2. **The Township of Florence has issued this affordable housing Very Low-Income Monitoring Report as required by the Township’s Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center. These reports can be found on the township web-site under “Departments” “Affordable Housing”. Members of the public may arrange to inspect/obtain a paper copy of the Very Low-Income Monitoring Report by calling Administrator Fazekas at (609) 499-2525, or by emailing sfazekas@florence-nj.gov. Any interested party may submit comments to the Township, with a copy to Fair Share Housing Center, regarding whether the Township is complying with its very low-income housing requirement. Any comments must be received within 30 days of the December 1, 2022 posting date.**
3. **Trash Collection: Once-a-week trash collection has begun and will remain once-a-week until the first full week in April, 2023.**
4. **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 Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

The next Regular Zoning Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 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”.

5. **Economic Development: Local Business Outreach.** We are asking all local business owners to take a moment to fill out a brief questionnaire as the first step in beginning to coordinate opportunities to help further promote the support of local business in our community. <https://florence-nj.gov/florence-twp-economic-development-committee-local-business-outreach-project/>
6. **Township Projects:** The below projects have started. We apologize for any inconvenience these projects may cause the residents.

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

9th Street: Some sidewalk work, curbing, milling and paving has begun. Please be aware there will be temporary no parking in these areas. Signs will be posted the day before work will be done.

7. 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, Roebling.

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

Township Tree Lighting & Visit with Santa – December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building

Christmas Bazaar – December 3rd, Trinity United Methodist Church, Hornberger Ave.

Christmas in Roebling Event – December 10th at Roebling Museum (Story of Nutcracker 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) & Tree Lighting at the 5th & Main Street Circle at 5:30pm.

Breakfast with Santa – December 11th at the Community Center, 7th & Main Street 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

8. 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 8:00 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Municipal Offices: 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 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

12. Township Council Meetings: The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, 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”

13. **Tax Bills & Water/Sewer Bills:** 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 9:00 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.
14. **Construction Office:** The office hours are 9:00 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.
15. **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 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.
16. **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.

VACCINES OFFERED:

- Primary Series (Monovalent)
 - Pfizer: 6 months – 4 years/5 – 11 years/12 years and older
 - Moderna: 6 months – 5 years/6-11 years/12 years and older
 - Novavax: 12 years and older
- Booster Shots (Bivalent)
 - Pfizer: 12 years and older only
 - **Moderna: 6 years and older only**

For clinic days, times and locations, please visit <https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/290/Health-Department>. Appointments: <https://patientportal.advancedmd.com/149623/onlinescheduling/v2/providers> or call (844) 569-0390. Vaccinations for homebound individuals can be scheduled by calling the Health Department at 609-265-5548.

Individuals wishing to book appointments elsewhere can visit NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Finder to get an appointment at locations throughout New Jersey at <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>.

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