Welcome to the TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, NJ

Press Release for June 9, 2023

What's New?

- The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 starting at 7:00 p.m.
- Not so Gentle Fitness at the Florence Community Center will be held every Wednesday from 7:15pm – 7:45pm. This class is a combination of body weight exercises to improve mobility, flexibility, core strength, and cardiovascular health. This is a low impact class that is easily modified for any experience level!

1. Florence Township Water and Sewer

The drinking water remains in compliance, and the running average (4 quarters of testing) for PFOA is under the NJDEP limits. We are still required, however, to send out a notification letter to the residents and businesses each quarter until our new PFOA treatment plant is constructed. Florence Township has consulted with our water engineer and the NJDEP to develop a corrective action plan, and the design for the plant is underway. We will continue to test the wells to ensure the safety of our residents. For more information, please contact David Lebak at (609)-499-2518.

2. Recycling

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. Check out our township website for Spring Cleaning & Recycling updates: https://florence-nj.gov/spring-recycling-update/

3. Township Activities:

Dungeons and Dragons: Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Florence Community Center
Community CPR Training: 3rd Tuesday of the month starting in May from 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM at 401
Free Computer Classes: 4th Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM at the Florence Community Center
Not so Gentle Fitness: Every Wednesday at the Florence Community Center from 7:15pm – 7:45pm.
Weekly Gentle Fitness classes are held every Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Florence Community Center (69 Main Street)
Yin Yoga: Every Thursday from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM at the Florence Community Center

4. Fire District

The Florence Township Fire Department reminds you to have an escape plan and practice home fire drills.

5. Zoning and Planning Board Meeting

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. Zoom recordings are made available on the website (www.florence-nj.gov) the next day.

The Planning Board's Regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

The Zoning Board's Regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

6. Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee's Regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2023, at 7:00PM (In-Person Front Conference Room.

7. Township Projects

The below projects have started. We apologize for any inconvenience these projects may cause the residents and thank you for your patience.

2022 Road Program:
The 2022 Road program is 90% complete. The bike trail crossing at Broad St. will have a lighted pedestrian crossing installed. The contractor is waiting on materials. The contractor will also return in the Spring for some final clean-up and grass restoration.

9th Street:
The 9th Street project is 90% complete and waiting on some material for the pedestrian crossing at Olive St. and Cedar St. Please note, construction detours will be in effect as they finish the project in the coming days and weeks.

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 8:00a.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 the Police Department website (https://florence-nj.gov/public-safety/police/) to obtain Police Reports, Handicap Placards or call (609)

499-3131.

9. Water Service Lines Letters – August

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 and to notify residents if their water service may include any lead materials. In Florence Township, the service line is owned & maintained entirely by the property owner. The newer water service line materials are typically copper and polyethylene. Prior to 1970, galvanized piping was used for water services. Galvanized piping usually includes a lead tail piece of approximately 3' long to complete the connection to the water main. Florence Township is developing a lead service line replacement program. If you have a galvanized water service or if your service material is unknown, you will receive a letter from us in August to raise your awareness of galvanized and lead service lines. If you are planning to replace your lead service line or if you have additional questions, contact us at (609) 499-2518.

10. Municipal Offices

Municipal Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For your convenience the Drop Box in the Lobby of the Municipal Building is open 24/7 and can be used for payments, license renewals, construction permits etc.

11. Township Council Meetings

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 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 website (www.florence-nj.gov), on our Facebook page (Florence Township), or by calling the Township 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 recording of the meeting beginning the next day by going to the township website or the link posted on our Facebook page.

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 and Water/Sewer Bills

Need help paying your water and sewer bills? The State LIHWAP program can help! To apply, go to waterassistance.nj.gov or call NJ211. 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

13. 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.

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 court office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

15. COVID Community Impact

If you would like additional information on COVID-19, please visit https://covid19.nj.gov/. Individuals wishing to book appointments can visit NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Finder to get an appointment at locations throughout New Jersey at https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder.

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