



Welcome to the
TOWNSHIP OF
FLORENCE, NJ

Press Release for May 26, 2023

What's New?

- Memorial Day services-
 - Sunday, May 28th: American Legion Post 194 will leave from their post home at 6th and Broad Street at 10am. First stop will be the Veteran's Memorial at 5th and Oak Street. They will then proceed to all the cemeteries in Florence Township to honor the dead.
 - Monday, May 29th: American Legion Post 39 will conduct a memorial service 10am at their post home located on 4th Avenue in Roebing. They will then conduct services at the cemeteries and the memorials in the Village of Roebing.
- There will be no trash collection on Monday, May 29th (Memorial Day). Trash will be collected with the next regularly scheduled Thursday collection.
- Recycling center will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.
- The Roebing Carnival is set to return on Wednesday, May 31st - Saturday, June 3rd at Nyikita Field located across the street from Roebing Elementary School on Hornberger Avenue in Roebing.
- The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023 starting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Florence Township Water and Sewer

Florence Township Water Department 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 January 12, 2023 we received notice that the sample collected in December, 2022 was 0.0078 ppb and below the regulations. On April 17, 2023, we received notice that the sample collected on March 15, 2023 result was 0.0079 ppb and this brings our 4 quarter RAA under the PFOA MCL. Since October, 2022 the water has remained in compliance; and the running average (4 quarters of testing) 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.

For frequently asked questions and answers regarding PFOA Levels, please go to the township web-site main page, under “Departments” click on “Water and Sewer” scroll down and click on “PFOA Questions

2. Recycling

Recycling center will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. 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:

Health & Wellness: Weekly gentle fitness classes are held every Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Florence Community Center (69 Main Street)

Free Computer Classes: 4th Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM at the Florence Community Center

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 Firehouse Lane, Florence, NJ 08518

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 Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

6. Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee’s Regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00PM (In-Person Front Conference Room).

Roebing Carnival: The Roebing Carnival is set to return on Wednesday, May 31st - Saturday, June 3rd at Nyikita Field located across the street from Roebing Elementary School on Hornberger Avenue in Roebing. Hours of Operation are: Wednesday & Thursday 5pm to 10pm. Friday & Saturday 5pm to

11pm. (For presale tickets please visit the Florence Township Clerk's Office. Sheet of 20 tickets for \$15)

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

The New Jersey Transit Police Department's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will conduct a training exercise on Saturday, May 20th at the Florence, NJ station on the River LINE Light Rail beginning at 8 a.m. To accommodate the emergency response drill, River LINE trains will bypass the Florence station in both directions from 7:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m.

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

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. 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 7, 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

Water and Sewer bills are due by May 31st. **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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