



Welcome to the

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FLORENCE, NJ

Press Release for August 18th

New to this week's Press Release: The Planning Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd has been cancelled due to lack of business. The next scheduled meeting for the Planning Board will be **Tuesday, September 26th**.

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 Firehouse Lane

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 – Every Wednesday at the Florence Community Center from 11am – Noon.

Yin Yoga: Yoga will **NOT** be held on Thursday, August 17th (Next Class – Thursday, August 24th)

4. Fire District

The Florence Township Fire Department reminds residents for all outdoor chimneys, fireplaces or fire pits they are to be placed at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.

5. Zoning and Planning Board Meeting

Residents are encouraged to attend the meetings in person. If you are not able to attend in person, instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township's website (www.florence-nj.gov). Zoom recordings are posted to the Township's website the day after the meeting."

The Planning Board's next Regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

The Zoning Board's next Regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

6. Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee's Regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00PM (In-Person Front Conference Room)

7. 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. Please see the Police Department website (<https://florence-nj.gov/public-safety/police/>) to obtain Police Reports, Handicap Placards or call (609) 499-3131.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Township Council Meetings

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 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 2023 Township Council, and at the top of the page "Click Here to View Township Zoom Recordings"

11. Tax Bills and Water/Sewer Bills

Florence Township 3rd Quarter Property Taxes: The grace period for the 2023 third quarter tax bill has been extended to September 15, 2023. Payment must be received in the office by September 15, 2023 to avoid interest. Any payment received after September 15th will be charged interest back to August 1, 2023.

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

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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>.

15. Road Program

The 2023 Road Program will be starting the week of August 7th. This work will include realigning East 5th Street from Walnut to Spruce, and paving East 5th from Pine to Broad, Pine Street from 5th to Front, the expansion of the bike path from Walnut to Spruce and Eyre to Front with safety improvements and signaled crossing at Front St., the Florence Township Library parking lot and the expansion of the Wilkie Park parking lot.

16. Project Freedom

Project Freedom has begun clearing the property at Rt. 130 and Hornberger Ave. This project is part of Florence Townships affordable housing obligation and will have 72 deed restricted units that will provide barrier free housing to enable individuals with disabilities to live independently.

What's Happening This Week in Florence Township?!

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<https://florence-nj.gov/get-notified-of-important-announcements/>

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