



Welcome to the

TOWNSHIP OF

FLORENCE, NJ

Press Release for September 8th

Reminder: Florence Township 3rd Quarter Property Tax Bills are due by Friday, September 15th.

1. 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.

2. 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 – Every Thursday at the Florence Community Center from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Free Yard Sale Day – Saturday, September 9th (Rain Date September 16th)

3. Road Program

The 2023 Road Program work has remains in progress. Pine Street work has been completed. East 5th St. work is progressing. At this time East 5th St. has been paved and all of the concrete work has been completed between Pine St. and Spruce St. The concrete work between Spruce St. and Walnut St. will begin on Sept. 5th. The work in this area may include some road closures from 7am until 4pm. We ask that residents avoid this area when possible.

4. 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.

5. Meetings – Boards, Commissions, Committees

Township Council Meetings

The next Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 20, 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

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 Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

The **Economic Development Committee** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

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

6. 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

7. Fire District

Smoke detectors save lives period. Take care of your equipment and your equipment will take care of you! Smoke detectors should be on every level of your home at a minimum. Newer homes have them on every level and in every bedroom. Never decrease the level of protection in your home and always keep what is required by the code at a minimum. Remember, codes are minimum safety standards so they are the least you have do!

DO MORE FOR YOUR FAMILY. Check your detectors, make sure they are less than 10 years old, have a escape plan for your family, PRACTICE IT, and have a MEETING PLACE! It is so easy to say you're going to do it tomorrow until an emergency happens and tomorrow never comes.

Always practice safety, be safe, live safe, stay safe;)

The Florence Township Fire District is pleased to offer the following classes for our residents to consider:

Child Safety & Babysitting

CPR Training

First Aid Class

8. 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.

9. Water & Sewer Department – Hydrant Flushing

THE TOWNSHIP WATER DEPARTMENT WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS AS FOLLOWS:

FLORENCE: SEPTEMBER 11th TO SEPTEMBER 22ND 2023

(Woodlawn Avenue to Olive Street bordered by Front Street and Delaware Avenue.)

ROEBLING: SEPTEMBER 25TH TO OCTOBER 6TH 2023

ROUTE 130 TO OLD YORK ROAD: OCTOBER 9TH TO OCTOBER 18TH 2023

These dates are approximate and, due to conditions, may change. Please call (609) 499-2518 for flushing dates and times for your specific area. Please note, during this time 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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/>

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>.

What's Happening This Week in Florence Township?!

Interested in finding out what's going on in and around town? Please subscribe to our township website to receive alerts when information is uploaded onto our site.

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

Are you following us on Facebook?

Search Florence Township and look for our logo to follow our page for local updates.

Skim your local searches for our police, fire, school district, civic organizations and any other group, sport or business of interest. It's a great way to stay connected and never miss a local happening!

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