



Welcome to the

TOWNSHIP OF

FLORENCE, NJ

Press Release for October 13, 2023

Florence Township Fire District: Sunday, October 8th begins fire prevention week. Although fire prevention is something that should be considered in our daily lives, our fire district along with others throughout the country reinforce safety and prevention measures that help to minimize the chances of a fire to your home or business. Join the Florence Township Fire Department for their annual Open House on Friday, October 13th from 5pm to 8pm at 401 Firehouse Lane for a fun, enjoyable and educational evening.

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.

3. Road Program

The 2023 Road Program work remains in progress. Be aware of the new traffic pattern going east at Walnut Street. The concrete work is being completed from Spruce to Broad St. When completed they will pave the bike path in this area. The remainder of the concrete curbing will be following along with the milling and final paving of 5th. The new bike path extension from Eyre St. to Front Street has begun. Currently work is being completed at West 3rd and Bodine and on Foundry Street. The road may be closed periodically and we ask you avoid this area if 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, October 18, 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, October 24, 2023 at 7:30pm.

The **Zoning Board’s** next Regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

The **Economic Development Committee’s** next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

The **Recreation Committee’s** next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:00PM

The **Environmental Commission’s** meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 2 7:00p.m. has been **canceled.**

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

Every year, people are injured or die at home due to preventable fires. Do you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms? Do you test and maintain them? These important devices provide critical advanced notification of life-threatening emergencies in your home and are so often overlooked or ignored. Do you have a home fire escape plan with a meeting place and does your family know and practice it. Safety should be practiced as if it were a sport, so your home team always performs at their peak level.

On Friday the 13th between 5pm and 8pm there will be an open house at the Florence Township Fire Department located at 401 Firehouse Lane, Florence, NJ. There you will be able to learn important safety information for your home, review your fire station, talk to your firefighter and EMT's, participate in an obstacle course, and learn about the important life operations performed by your fire department who protects the residents and visitors of Florence Township.

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 CURRENTLY FLUSHING TOWNSHIP 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

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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