



Welcome to the
TOWNSHIP OF
FLORENCE, NJ

Press Release for October 27, 2023

Florence Township Fall Festival This Saturday!



LEAF COLLECTION UPDATE

Beginning Monday, October 23rd leaf collection will enter ZONE 3. This zone includes the areas of the East side of Broad Street to Railroad Ave from Front Street and Delaware Avenue to Cedar Lane to Florence Meadows and every street within these borders. Click on our website link to learn about our leaf collection rotation and what zone your property is located within. We will continue looping the zones throughout leaf season.

[Click to view 2023 Florence Township Leaf Collection](#)
[Click to view 2023 Florence Twp Leaf Collection Routes](#)

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. Beginning the week of October 30th bike path areas in town will be the focus. Scope of work will include excavation, fabric & stone compaction, concrete work and paving in different areas. During work there may be periodic road closures in the areas of E 5th & Bodine Streets.

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, November 1, 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, November 28, 2023 at 7:30pm. (October 24th meeting has been canceled).

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 is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

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

COOKING SAFETY:

Cooking fires are preventable and safety in the kitchen should never be overlooked. A moment for safety can avoid a disaster for your family. Always watch what you heat, have a safety perimeter around the stove, and keep the handles pointed inward away from the burners to prevent the pot or pan from accidentally being knocked over. Also, set a timer in case you become distracted and avoid multitasking. Focus on cooking and then enjoy time with your family.

Never put water on a grease fire, always have a lid for the pot or pan you are cooking with, never move a pot or pan which is on fire, and most importantly avoid panicking. Easier said than done, remain calm, take your time, have a plan, be safe, and avoid unsafe choices.

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY:

Always make sure to properly charge your lithium-ion batteries with their approved charger and follow these safety tips below.

- Always make sure they comply with and meet the requirements of (UL) Underwriters laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging and storage.
- Always plug the charger directly into an outlet (i.e., no extension cords).
- Always keep batteries at room temperature and avoid temperature extremes either hot or cold.

- Always charge and store your batteries from combustible materials (i.e., excessive papers, clothing, wood, etc.) or flammable liquids.

For more information, please go to either:

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Lithium-Ion-Battery-Safety>

<https://www.fdnysmart.org/be-fdnysmart-when-using-any-devices-powered-by-lithium-ion-batteries/>

SMOKE ALARMS:

Have working smoke detectors, test them regularly, have a family escape plan with a meeting place, practice it, and call 911 from your meeting place or outside during an emergency.

SAFETY MESSAGE:

BE safe, stay safe, and grow old with your family:)

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 31ST 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!



Great job Melanie Houseworth, designing the Florence Township Police Department Trunk or Treat display!

Please use caution driving our neighborhood streets as trick or treaters will be out and about on Tuesday afternoon/evening. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Halloween!

Mayor Craig Wilkie

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