



Welcome to the
TOWNSHIP OF
FLORENCE, NJ

Press Release for November 10, 2023

2023 Veterans Day Observances

(All Florence Township Offices are closed on Friday, November 10, 2023)

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
VETERANS DAY
REMEMBRANCE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023**



“Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere,
who bravely bears his country’s cause.
Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his
brother in the field and serves, as he best
can, the same cause.” – *Abraham Lincoln*

**VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE 2023
FRONT & BROAD STREETS
11am**

Welcome	American Legion Post 194
Invocation	Matt Pietrzykowski, Legion Post 194
Presentation of Wreath	Commander Ernest Long & Deb Long
Rifle Squad	Florence Twp. Police Dept./Legion Post 194
TAPS	Legion Post 194

**VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE 2023
711 BROAD STREET
11:30am**

Welcome	Craig H. Wilkie, Mayor
Invocation	Deacon Gary Richardson
Pledge of Allegiance	All
Speaker	Craig H. Wilkie, Mayor
Presentation of Wreath	Honored Veterans
Benediction	Deacon Gary Richardson
Salute to Veterans Florence Twp. Police Dept./Legion Post 194	Rifle Squad
Taps	Legion Post 194

Refreshments are being provided by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194, the American Legion Riders and the Sons of the American Legion. Please join us at the Post Home on Sixth & Broad Streets immediately following.

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.

Reminder: All Municipal Offices are Closed on Friday, November 10, 2023.

LEAF COLLECTION UPDATE

Beginning Monday, November 13th leaf collection will enter **ZONE 1**. This zone includes the areas of Amboy Avenue to Second Avenue, covering thru Tenth Avenue. Alden, Norman and all intersecting streets are part of Zone 1 collection. No Parking Signage will be placed where one side of the street will be completed on Day 1, then opposite side of street will be completed on the following day. 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.

Please DO NOT place cut grass in leaf collection piles.

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

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 – **Class is canceled for Wednesday, November 16th.**

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 November 13th, the contractor continues the remaining concrete work on East 5th Street and Bodine Street. At this time, E. 5th Street and Bodine are milled and paving will take place on or about Tuesday, November 14th. Please use caution in these areas.

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, December 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

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 Monday, December 4, 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, December 7, 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

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK -CHANGE YOUR BATTERY:

Saturday evening November 4th, 2023, when you go to bed remember to set your clock back one hour. This is also a great time to check your detector and/or change its battery. If your detectors are powered by 9-volt batteries, they need to be changed twice a year. However, this type of detector is becoming a thing of the past. Newer battery powered detectors have sealed 10-year power cell and never require battery replacement until the unit either reaches the end of its service life or a failure occurs. Hard-wired units can have either battery back or have a sealed battery as well. If the hardwired unit has battery backup, you should change the battery annually.

Regardless of the type of detector you have you need to check your detectors and keep it clean in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. You should always take care of the equipment that takes care of you. Practice fire drills at home, have a meeting place outside the home, and call 9-1-1 from outside the home. Meeting places are so important. That way everyone in your home knows where to go in an emergency and the head count of everyone is easy to obtain. Children should be taught at a young age that hiding in their room during a fire emergency is unsafe.

A moment for safety can provide a lifetime for happiness.

Your friends at the Florence Township Fire Department

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/>

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 Completed

The township water department has completed the seasonal hydrant flushing throughout the community. They thank all of the residents for their support and communication of any questions or concerns during the hydrant flushing process. The tentative hydrant flushing schedule will appear on the 2024 Florence Township Community Calendar and reminders will be shared on the township social media platforms in the New Year.

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/>

Florence Township Recycling Center will be CLOSED on Tuesday, Friday, November 10, 2023 in Observance of Veterans Day.

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!

Mayor Craig Wilkie

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