



*Welcome to the*

TOWNSHIP OF

**FLORENCE, NJ**

Press Release for Friday, December 22, 2023

### **1. Municipal Offices – Holiday Observance**

On Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> all Florence Township Municipal Offices will close at 1pm. Township offices will remain closed through Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Normal office hours of 9:00am to 4:30pm will resume on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Florence Township Police Department window will close at 1:00pm on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The police window will be open on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am to 1:00pm and then will reopen again under normal business hours on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911. Should you visit our municipal complex and need officer assistance, please locate the call box located outside the front entrance of the township municipal building (711 Broad Street) when you will be connected with Burlington County Central Dispatch, where they will contact an officer to respond.

The Florence Township Recycling Center will be open on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> until 5:00pm and on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The recycling center will then not re-open until Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

### **Trash and Recycling Collection**

Trash Collection Scheduled for Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> will shift to be collected on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. The first collection of the New Year will follow the same and will be collected on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Recycling Collection will have its first collection of the New Year on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **LEAF COLLECTION UPDATE**

The final leaf collection rotation covering each zone in the township is underway. Please take this time to place your leaves curbside as our collection season will conclude at the end of the year. 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

Not so Gentle Fitness: Every Wednesday at the Florence Community Center from 7:15pm – 7:45pm.

Weekly Gentle Fitness – Every Thursday afternoon at the Florence Community Center 11:00am – Noon.

Yin Yoga – Every Thursday evening at Florence Twp Community Center 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

## 3. Project Freedom

Project Freedom continues property clearing 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.

## 4. Meetings – Boards, Commissions, Committees

### Township Council Meetings

The next Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 3, 2024 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](http://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](http://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 Thursday, January 23, 2024 at 7:30pm.

The **Zoning Board’s** next Regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

The **Economic Development Committee’s** next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00p.m.

The **Recreation Committee’s** next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00PM

The **Environmental Commission’s** meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00p.m.

## **5. 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

## **6. Fire District**

### **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

## **7. 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.

## **8. 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](http://waterassistance.nj.gov) or call NJ211. Payments can be made online [www.florence-nj.gov](http://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.

## **10. 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.

## **11. 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/> (**December 25<sup>th</sup> & December 26<sup>th</sup>**).

## **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*

