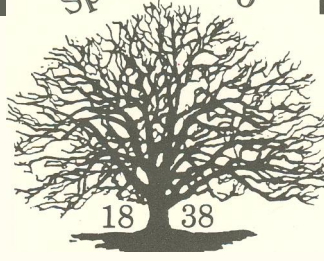


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What Date is That Again?

Make sure you read this issue from cover to cover - there are many important dates for upcoming events and activities you will want to know about and participate in.

For example, the Township's spring brush and log collection schedule is included in this issue - important information you need to know to keep our town safe and beautiful. Don't forget to check the date for our highly successful computer and electronics recycling day. New this year we added paper shredding. Come get rid of that old junk and participate in a fun event!

Speaking of recycling, we've included in this issue the remaining dates for curbside collection right at your fingertips.

Do you have household chemical waste you need to properly dispose of? We have a date for you, too.

If you're an animal lover you'll certainly want to check out the date of our upcoming rabies clinic.

The *Spirit of Princeton* has set the dates for Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July fireworks.

And please don't forget to check out the activities we have planned for our Arbor Day celebration.

New Laws

This issue also brings to your attention some new laws you should know about. For example, do you know about the new helmet law? How about our new zoning regulations? Or our new construction code records clearance requirements?

Happy reading and welcome to Spring!

Earth Day Celebration!

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes and the Mercer County Improvement Authority are pleased to announce an Earth Day Celebration at the Mercer County Park Ice Skating Center on Saturday, **April 22nd** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Township of Princeton is a proud co-sponsor of this event, and will provide a paper shredding truck for all Mercer County residents. Bring your old tax returns, bank statements and any other sensitive paper material that you would like to have shredded to the parking area located directly behind the ice skating rink. Help protect your privacy and start on your spring cleaning by using this free service!

For more information on the paper shredding service, call the Princeton Township Department of Public Works at 609-688-2566. For more information on the Earth Day Celebration, call the Mercer County Improvement Authority at 609-278-8100. No tax dollars are being used for this event, and all funding is being provided through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Princeton Township Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding Day May 13

On May 13, 2006 the Princeton Environmental Commission and the Public Works Department will take those old computers, TV's, broken Palm Pilots, and even cell phones.

A new service will be added this year. Residents may bring old tax returns, bank checks etc. and they will be shredded on the spot.

Date: May 13 Time: 10 AM — 2 PM
Place: Township Hall parking
lot 400 Witherspoon Street

Property Tax Reimbursement

The State of New Jersey is continuing to offer its Property Tax Reimbursement (PTR) program for the eighth year. This program reimburses qualified applicants for the property tax increases they incur each year. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the property taxes due and paid in the "base year" (the year they first became eligible for the program) and the property taxes for the current year. Applicants must continue to meet all the income eligibility and residency requirements and must file an application each year to receive the reimbursement.

Residents applying for the 2005 reimbursement must have total income for 2004 that was less than \$40,869 for single applicants and \$50,113 (combined income) for married couples, and total income for 2005 that was less than \$41,972 for single applicants and \$51,466 (combined income) for married couples.

More details about this program can be found on the Division of Taxation website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.htm or through the Automated Tax Information System at 1-800-323-4400. The public can also email the Division at: taxation@tax.state.nj.us.

Applications for the 2005 Property Tax Reimbursement will be available at the Township Tax office and must be filed with the State by June 1, 2006 for the 2005 reimbursement.



Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance member Cecilia Mathews was recently honored as the "2005 Municipal Volunteer of the Year" at a dinner sponsored by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. On hand to offer congratulations were (pictured from left to right) were Gary De Blasio, Corner House Executive Director, Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, Ms. Mathews, and Township Committeeman Lance Liverman.

Property Owners, Tenants Occupants and Real Estate Agents

Construction Records Clearance

As of November 14, 2005 a new ordinance was passed requiring a CONSTRUCTION RECORDS CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (CRC). This certificate will be required on the sale of all residential, commercial and/or rentals of commercial premises.

The purpose of the CRC is to ensure that all permits obtained through the building department for the particular location, have been inspected and closed by the appropriate sub-code (inspector). This will give the new occupants assurance that all work performed with a permit has been completed in accordance with the current building code at the time of work.

An application for a CRC can be obtained through the Building Department at:

400 Witherspoon Street
Princeton NJ 08540

If you should have questions please call 609 921-7078

Your application for a CRC should be submitted at least 10 business days prior to the closing date.

Shade Tree Commission News

2006 Arbor Day Celebrations - On Friday, April 21st the Princeton Township Shade Tree Commission will host a gathering at the Princeton Charter School at 10:45a.m., Part of the program there will be a tree planting sponsored by the Commission. If you have any questions please contact Claudia Ceballos, Shade Tree Commission Secretary, Department of Engineering at 921-7077, ext. 220.

The Commission would like to remind every Township resident that permits are required before removing or pruning any trees in the Township's right-of-way. A permit is also required if the trunk or the tree canopy is over the right-of-way even though the tree may be on private property. Township residents should call the Township Engineering Department to determine if a permit is required before cutting or pruning any tree at 609-921-7077, ext. 220.

