

Lower Alloways Creek Township
A BRONZE CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE-NJ COMMUNITY
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2011 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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Municipal Building 935-1549

APRIL

5-TRASH / RECYCLABLES
12-TRASH
19-TRASH / RECYCLABLES
25-BULK WEEK
26-TRASH

Stickers are required for any trash/bulk that is not in a Twp issued Trash Container and is placed in a separate pile for pickup on Bulk Week. They are also required for certain recyclables including {TVs, air conditioners, appliances and tires}, which are to be taken to the PW Dept. Sat or Wed. Microwaves require no stickers but are to be taken to Public Works also.

The Township Committee has introduced its 2011 Municipal Budget. A Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget will be held on April 19, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building. The budget of \$10,011,649.60, calls for no local purpose tax again this year and once again fully funds the school. The budget anticipates revenues of approximately \$ 7,267,649.60, with the shortfall being taken from the self-insurance fund and unspent monies from last year. This trend cannot continue. Each time reserves are withdrawn, we earn less interest income for the next year.

The Township Committee has implemented several difficult changes in an effort to reduce the budget. Some of those changes are as follows:

1) The Senior Lunch Program lost over \$123,000 in 2010. The true cost of each meal served in 2010 was over \$11, while we charged only \$3. Recent menu and personnel changes, as well as increasing the price to \$ 4 are expected to cut the losses by over half. We continue to explore any and all options with the goal of achieving a break even cost structure by year end and ensuring that our seniors have access to an affordable meal program.

2) The true cost of Sewer operations was in excess of \$900 per connection in 2010, while we charged a maximum rate of \$400. This cost total does NOT include \$65,000 spent installing backup generators, \$ 67,000.00 on a discharge dilution study, and \$ 50,000.00 that will be spent this year moving the discharge piping to a new location. These expenses were mandated by NJDEP. The Township Committee has adopted fee increases of \$100 per year for the next 5 years per connection in an effort to end Township subsidies of this system. At the end of the 5 years, our sewer rates will still be at least 30% lower than any surrounding municipality.

3) The Road Department saw 6 retirements in the last 6 months that will not be replaced, for a net savings of approximately \$300,000. Please be patient and understanding that our workers continue to do a great job with fewer resources.

4) The Township Committee has entered into a shared services agreement with Salem County for the 911 Call Center to provide **Police Dispatch** services to the Police Department for a net savings of over \$260,000 in the first year alone. Realize that the County 911 Call Center has provided our Ambulance and Fire Dept. with dispatch services for many years. We continue to work with our Unions to minimize the impact of this change on our affected employees.

5) The Township Committee continues to negotiate with our unions for common sense **contractual changes** that will better position our township for long-term fiscal responsibility, while maintaining a fair living wage and benefits for our employees.

We will continue to monitor the effectiveness of these changes and adjust accordingly.

However, these changes are expected to only result in approximately \$800,000 in savings out of a **deficit of \$3,000,000**. In 2012, if we are to continue providing the services we provide, there will be no more to cut. Our options will be to not provide some services at all, de-fund the school (resulting in a school tax), or institute a local purpose tax.

In addition the Township's **Equalized Tax Ratio** dropped from 79.49 to 70.92 which will cause an increase in our County Taxes and if the ratio continues dropping will cause us to have to do a re-evaluation of all properties and their improvements.

**SALEM COUNTY HOUSEHOLD
 HAZARDOUS WASTE SPRING
 COLLECTION DAY**

**SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2011 at the County
 Solid Waste Facility 52 McKillip Road off
 Route 540 near Alloway
 THEY WILL ACCEPT (Please Bring)**

Oil base paints
Solvents, thinners
Turpentine, varnish
Metal polishes nail polish
Pesticides, herbicides
Cleaners
Rechargeable batteries
Fertilizer / weed killers
Pest poisons
Swimming pool acids
Gasoline & antifreeze
Used oil filters
Kerosene
Motor oil
Used cooking oil
Fluorescent bulbs

**THEY WILL NOT
 ACCEPT**

Unidentified waste
 Explosives or water reactives
 Shock sensitive chemicals
 Radioactive / infectious waste
 Latex- water based paints
 2,4,5, - TP Silvex
 Excess quantities

**THEY WILL NOT
 ACCEPT**

Maximum Quantities per participant
**200 Lbs Dry material, not over 100 Lbs per
 container**

**20 gallons of liquid, not over 5 gallons per
 container**

**DONATE BLOOD
GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE**

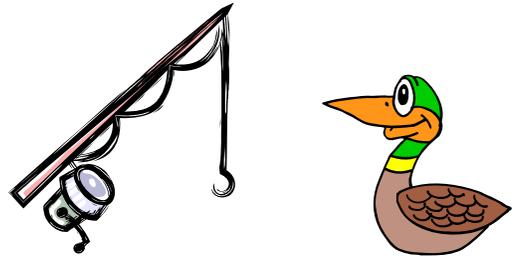
April 18, 2011	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Lower Alloways Creek Police Site: Lower Alloways Creek FIRE HOUSE SECOND ST Hancocks Bridge
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April 17

OUTDOOR SPORTSMAN DAY

**COME SEE DISPLAYS OF
FISHING AND TRAPPING GEAR
& DECOYS**

**TURKEY CALL
DEMONSTRATIONS**



**NEXT MONTH ON SUNDAY MAY 22
TRAINS AND HOMEMADE ICE
CREAM**

**LEISURE ARMS SENIOR LUNCH
WILL INCREASE TO \$ 4.00 daily
AFFECTIVE APRIL 4th and any
additional lunches purchased are \$8.00**

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
Benefits Students of Lower Alloways Creek School
(Field Day & Class Trip Fund 2010-2011)

Sunday, April 3rd 7 am to 11 am
At the Hancocks Bridge Fire House

Country sausage, link sausage, pan fried
potatoes, scrambled eggs, pancakes,
biscuits, coffee, tea & juice

Adults \$7.00 Kids under 10 \$4.00

For ticket information Contact:

Kelley Fisher 935-1264 or

Kimberly Hill 935-9309

SAVE THE DATE!!!

LAC Youth League Annual Dinner Dance

April 16th, 2011

At the Alloway VETS

6-8 Dinner 8-11 Dancing

\$25.00 per person (keg included)

Contact Holly Wygand: 455-5867

**Lower Alloways Creek Township
Community Newsletter APRIL 2011**

PO Box 157
Hancocks Bridge, NJ 08038



Current Resident or:



MAPSA SPONSORED EASTER EGG HUNT

Date: Saturday, April 16th

Rain Date: Saturday, April 23th

Time: 11:00 AM **Place:** Jersey Oaks

on Battercake Lane (Off of Maskell's Mill Rd.)

Ages: Toddler through 4th grade

Bring your own basket!

Egg hunt is free— Refreshments and
baked goods will be on sale.

Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be
available.

**LAC HISTORIC LOG CABIN WILL BE OPEN
FROM 1 TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY**

**SENIOR HEALTH CHECKUP AT THE LEISURE
ARMS COMMUNITY BUILDING 622 NEW
BRIDGE ROAD, IN THE VILLAGE OF
HARMERSVILLE**

**FREE HEALTH SCREENING FRIDAY MAY 6,
2011 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

BLOOD PRESSURE

GLUCOSE

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL

Sponsored by the Salem Health and Wellness
Foundation, Inc. & the Cooper Institute

**DOG AND CAT LICENSE LATE FEE
OF \$ 10.00 BEGINS MAY 1, 2011**