

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

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The April newsletter discussed several of the cost savings initiatives that have been undertaken. The Township Committee will continue to monitor the effectiveness of these actions, and will report progress from time to time in this newsletter. Several updates are provided below:

During the transition of Police Dispatch services to the County 911 call center, a few problems were encountered with the Medical Alert phone system. These problems were corrected by Verizon in the first few days and the system is functioning properly. Negotiations were completed with the CWA union for the creation of two part-time Administrative Assistant positions. The positions have been filled, and priority was given to employees affected by the recent layoffs. The primary purpose of these positions is to answer calls and walk-ins at the Police Department during normal business hours. Other administrative duties will be assigned as time allows. Additionally, a direct ring line has been installed outside the Police Station door for any off-hours walk-up concerns. This phone will automatically ring the 911 center. Overall, the transition to County 911 has been successful.

Contract negotiations are nearly complete with both the CWA and Police unions. The Township Committee wishes to thank our Police and Public Works employees for being partners in this process. As noted previously, the Public Works Department had 6 retirements in the last 6 months, yet they continue to provide a high level of service to our residents.

THE LAC PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE APPLYING HERBICIDES (weed abatement) ALONG TWP ROAD SIDES, AROUND SIGN POSTS AND OTHER RELATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP FROM NOW THROUGH THE FALL

However, large, expensive jobs they have performed in the past simply can no longer be supported, such as ditching and creek bank repairs on private property. Many other tasks will only be supported as time allows, such as curbing and sidewalk replacement, senior firewood, and private walkway snow removal.

In addition to reducing costs, another way to balance a budget is to increase revenue. One item being considered is to install solar electrical panels on Township property. A consulting company will be reporting back to the Committee soon as to what options are available, such as rooftop on Township buildings or centrally located at one site. A 4-6 year payback on installation costs with a 25-30 year life span is expected, while greatly reducing the electric bill.

The Pennsville School system recently reported that their system will be paid off 2 years ahead of schedule and they recently sold 6 months worth of Solar Energy Credits for about \$110,000. Monies generated after payback would be purely revenue. This represents an approximate 10-15% rate of return, while Township reserves are currently seeing an approximate 2% rate of return. The Committee views this concept not as an expense but rather as a reinvestment for better results. This is in the concept stage only at this time, and the consulting firm is providing this report at no cost.

Residents are encouraged to continue suggesting ways to improve efficiency and reduce costs. More information will follow on all these issues as it becomes available.

SCHOOL'S OUT TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

As the school year comes to a close, the LAC Township Committee reminds motorists and students to take extra traffic safety precautions during summer break.

Tips for Motorists

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws, speed limits and traffic signals.
- Keep an eye out for children walking or bicycling in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- Be alert for children playing and for those who may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking, biking skating or skateboarding.

Tips for Students

- Always buckle up when riding in a car. Always ride in the back seat. It is the safest place for young people.
- Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.
- Learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. It is extremely important for you to use the sidewalk when available, look left-right-left when crossing the road, and always walk facing traffic.



MAPSA SUMMER CAMP 2011

WHEN The Camp will be held weekdays, June 27 through July 15, 9 AM to 1 PM daily

WHO For those Children entering Kindergarten through those graduating Eighth Grade

WHERE At the LAC Municipal Building & Park
501 Locust Island Road, Hancocks Bridge

WHAT GAMES, ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS and SPECIAL TRIPS AND Fourth of July Float

HOW PRE REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN IN JUNE AT THE LAC MUNICIPAL BUILDING

\$50.00 per Camper, \$40.00 each additional child from the same family or \$5.00 a-day OR YOU CAN REGISTER ANY MORNING OF THE CAMP



For more information Call
Lisa Prouse at 609-501-5815 or
935-1549 ext 623

Find the forms and information at lowerallowayscreek-nj.gov either from the events calendar or through Local Links -> MAPSA

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Current Resident or:

**CANTON METHODIST CHURCH
BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 27 to July 1, 2011
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



- JUNE**
- 7-TRASH/ RECYCLABLES**
- 14-TRASH**
- 21-TRASH/ RECYCLABLES**
- 27-BULK WEEK**
- 28-TRASH**

Residents are reminded to have the proper amount of Bulk Stickers on those items set out for Bulk Pickup. This will ensure quick and efficient pickup of all Bulk items. Call the Public Works Department for more information "Let us help you" 935-5252