

2011 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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Next Committee Meeting is Monday, November 14, 2011

NOVEMBER 2011

- 1-TRASH/RECYCLABLES**
- 8-TRASH**
- 15-TRASH / RECYCLABLES**
- 22-TRASH**
- 28-BULK WEEK**
- 29- TRASH**

DECEMBER

- 6-TRASH/RECYCLABLES**
- 13-TRASH**
- 20-TRASH / RECYCLABLES**
- 26-BULK WEEK**
- 27-TRASH**



LAC LOG CABIN OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY November 20, 2011
1:00 TO 4:00 PM
CABIN COOKED PIES

PIE BAKING will take place. There is nothing better than pumpkin pies made in the fireplace.

Also "Scrapple" making

"Caution you may not want to know what it is made from"



On October 30, the LAC Ruritans will host a country breakfast at the fire hall in Hancock's Bridge. Hours are 7 to 11 for an all you can eat breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage links, home fries, sausage gravy, biscuits, toast, molasses cakes, orange juice and coffee. Donation is \$7. Children 5 and under free. Tickets available at the door until sold out. Molasses cakes will be available for \$5 donation per baker's dozen. Takeouts available. For tickets and molasses cakes pre-orders, call 935-4649. Proceeds benefit community projects and scholarships. Local delivery is available to shut ins.

LAC Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary RAFFLE
 1st prize Xbox 360 4GB;
 2nd prize \$250.00 Wal-Mart gift Card;
 3rd prize \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card
 Tickets are \$2.00 each, to benefit the Sunshine Foundation, Cancer Society & LAC Ladies Auxiliary.

Drawing is November 8, 2011 @ 1:00 pm at the HB Fire House. Call Lois Coleman 935-4899 or Joan Pancoast 935-4221 or See any member for tickets



Election Day Nov 8, 2011
Polls are open from 6 am
to 8 pm at the LAC
Municipal Building



LAC LADIES FIRE CO. AUXILIARY
SOUP SALE

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2011
VEGETABLE BEEF OR BEAN \$5.00 QUART
CONTACT JOAN 935-4221 OR LOIS 935-4899
ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY
NOVEMBER 4
PICKUP SOUP AT THE HANCOCKS BRIDGE
FIRE HOUSE BETWEEN 11 AM AND 2 PM



Friends of the Hancock House

Sunday November 6, 2011 the Annual Meeting will be held at 1:30 PM at the LAC Municipal Building 501 Locust Island Road, Hancocks Bridge, NJ

A Special Program begins at 2 pm featuring Guest Speaker Charles (Chick) Harrison who will speak about and be available to sign copies of his book "A History of Salem County: Tomatoes and TNT". This is a free event and all are welcome, call Joan at 856-935-4221 or Doris at 856-279-2230 for more information. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday November 19, 2011 there will be a Colonial Door Arrangement Workshop, participants will learn to assemble this decoration using fresh greens and fruit. Space is limited, reserve your spot ASAP. Two sessions the first starting at 10 AM to Noon and again 1 PM to 3 PM. MATERIALS will be provided, please bring garden clippers and gloves. For this event, there is a fee of \$20.00

On October 18, the Township Committee unanimously approved going forward with solar installation at various locations in the township. Here is how the process worked. First, the township advertised a "Request for Proposals", known as an RFP. Three companies submitted RFP's with a variety of lease, lease-purchase, and ownership options. All were given careful consideration and each had some pros and cons. One company was eliminated because they reserved the right to sell the lease to another entity much like mortgage companies sell a home mortgage. Of the two remaining companies, ALL-SOLAR, LLC of Vineland was selected because the terms of their lease-purchase option was deemed to be most favorable to the township.

In a direct ownership option, a 30% Federal match grant would not be available because the township is a governmental organization. This grant is available and can be applied in lease or lease-purchase options. In a simple lease option, the system owner would sell electricity to the township at a reduced rate (not free), but would require little to no expense on the part of the township. In a lease-purchase plan, options ranged from a large capital outlay with free electricity and rights to the Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC's) retained by the township, to a minimum capital outlay and rights to SREC's retained by the vendor. The minimum required lease purchase term is 15 years. The township will have the option to purchase the systems for a nominal fee at the 15 year point. The systems are warranted for 25 years. The township selected the option with a minimum capital outlay, free electricity, and SREC's retained by the vendor. The township committee approved a capital ordinance for up to \$1,000,000. The contract came in at approximately \$817,000. We expect to save approximately \$100,000 per year on electricity costs. At worst then, it would take about 8 years to recover the money spent. Factoring in that over the last 6 years, electricity costs have increased an average of 4% per year; the system should pay for itself in a little over 5 years with free electricity for at least 15 years, maybe 25.

An 8 year payback represents a 10% rate of return, while a 5 year payback represents a 13% rate of return. Township reserves have been earning at or less than 2% interest over the last few years. The township committee views this project not as an expense but rather as simply reinvesting our reserves for a higher rate of return. This meets the suggestion raised by many residents during last year's budget discussions to find ways to improve our investment earnings.

The committee has approved installation of these solar arrays in the old tennis courts to service the Municipal Building and Hancock's Bridge Firehouse, in the field behind the Leisure Arms Community Center to service it, and in the field near the Public Works garage to service two of their buildings and the Ambulance Squad. In addition, solar panels will be installed at the two Sewage Treatment Plants and near the well house at Leisure Arms. Assuming timely approvals from the BPU, Atlantic City Electric, and obtaining the necessary permits, construction will begin before Christmas with final system tie-in projected for January 2012.



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Current Resident or

Discover Salem County's Historic Treasures

With over 350 years of history to explore, Salem County is renowned for its museums, tours and programs. The County claims a diverse and fascinating past that remains a very visible part of the present.

This Fall and Holiday season we invite you to discover the County's historic treasures yourself. Special exhibitions, programs and events, and wonderful tours of private homes all showcase our distinctive agricultural, maritime and architectural heritage.

Enter the Discover the Treasures Prize Drawing

Collect 4 stamps by December 11th to enter a special prize drawing at Churchlanding Farm's Christmas Candlelight Tour, Sunday December 18. Simply have a brochure stamped at each participating museum and program you visit. When you collect 4 stamps, complete the entry form, and leave it at any of the participating locations for the drawing. For details go to visitsalemcountynj.com

**MAPSA Meeting; November 1, 2011 @ 6 PM
at the LAC Municipal Building all are welcome**