



# RUMSON

## Borough Bulletin

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Settled in 1665



This original artwork was created by Mary Connell Gaynor and was commissioned by the Mayor and Council to thank the generous benefactor who renovated Bingham Hall with historical accuracy and tender loving care. Bingham Hall was built by Thomas Hunt in 1842 as a non-denominational house of worship. The Rumson First Presbyterian Church began there and sold the building back to the Borough in 1956. Bingham Hall has been used by most Rumson organizations as a meeting place and has served the school district many times as extra classroom space. Now, it will once again be ready for community events thanks to the generosity of a Rumson philanthropist. Residents will get great enjoyment from the formal gardens that were added. The donor has said that anyone who notices a weed has permission to pull it out!

## ALL ABOUT RUMSON

### Riverside Park

On Saturday, April 1, 2006, Riverside Park was officially re-opened after a major renovation. Rumson Recreation sports team members and their coaches and families marched to the music of RFH band members behind Oceanic Hook & Ladder's newest fire truck from Ivins Place to the Park. After Alexandria Howley's superlative performance of The National Anthem, Supervisor of Parks and Recreation Director John Hird opened the dedication ceremony with a description of all that has been done to improve the park. He and Mayor John Ekdahl described its history from poorly drained dredging backfill to unirrigated and dusty playing fields. Now, the shoreline which was being lost to erosion is bolstered by huge rocks that seem likely to weather any storms. Underground sprinklers keep the grass green on the two baseball fields and two to three soccer fields. Spring will find tee ball, baseball and 12 and under softball being played there. In the fall, 3rd and 4th grade soccer will be using the park. The walking trail is ready for use, and it is a pleasure to follow the path as it meanders among the reeds along the shoreline. Benches are on order and will be placed along the trail to offer a pleasant place to rest and enjoy the beautiful view. There are new clamshell backstops and a state of the art playground.

Rumson resident and former professional baseball player Bobby Ojeda spoke to the Recreation team members and gave a reality check to those who dream of becoming professionals. He said that there are billions of people in the world and only 800 professional baseball players, so our athletes should concentrate on playing their best for their teams and for the sheer enjoyment of the sport.

Mayor John Ekdahl proudly described how Rumson was honored at the Annual Park and Recreation Dinner hosted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners on March 30th. At the dinner, the Charles M. Pike Award for Park and Recreation Facilities was presented to Mayor Ekdahl in recognition of the exceptional restoration of Riverside Park. The Award is given to "outstanding Monmouth County park and recreation facilities designed to meet the recreation needs of the community." In the Mayor's words, "We won for having one of the best new parks in the County."

Many thanks to Rumson Recreation Coach Jack Howley for generously donating the refreshments that were served at the ceremony. It is also most appropriate to thank Tony and Michelle Vlahos of Precise Construction for their careful work and for completing the project on time. As always, the professionalism and hard work of the Department of Public Works employees has been outstanding. Thanks also to all whose donations and enthusiasm helped to make "the best new park in the County" a reality.

### RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ptl. Christopher York received an award from the Monmouth County Bias Crime and Gang Officer's Association for his continued dedication and service to the organization as Secretary and his commitment to the fight against bias and hate crimes. Ptl. York has been involved in organizing training programs for

Monmouth County Police Officers and in the investigation of bias incidents. He has attended bias and hate crime investigation training programs in Washington, DC, Los Angeles, New York and New Jersey. In the photo, Association President Sgt. Chris Hill of the Howell Township Police Department and Det. Dave D'Amico of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office are shown presenting the award to Ptl. York at Brookdale Community College on March 17, 2006.

### Dog Licenses were due for renewal in January.

It is required by the State of New Jersey that all dogs over the age of 6 months be licensed and have proof of a rabies vaccination that is valid through October 31st of the licensing year.

License fees:           \$ 8.00 – neutered or spayed  
                              \$11.00 – non-neutered or non-spayed

Plus applicable late fees

Beginning in 2006, a \$5.00 per month delinquency fee for each month the license is late (up to \$55.00) will be imposed. Get your dog licensed now to avoid further fees and summonses.

### Rumson Fire Department Request

Last year, the number of fire calls for carbon monoxide and fire alarms grew to over 200. The overwhelming majority of those calls were due to batteries being low and setting off a warning signal in the carbon monoxide detectors and fire alarms or old detectors and alarms that were no longer working properly. Only a few were actually real emergencies! Having the Fire Department respond to unnecessary calls could take precious moments away from responding to actual emergencies and risk possible injuries, loss of life or property damage.

Change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors and fire alarms on a regular basis, just as you do your smoke detectors. A good idea is to change them on the dates in the fall and spring when you change the time on your clocks due to Daylight Savings Time. If your carbon monoxide detectors and fire alarms are old, perhaps it is time to purchase new models. If you do not have fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, it is time to get them. All hardwired alarm systems should be tested and serviced annually to insure that they are in proper working order. The safety of your family may depend on it.

Our Volunteer Fire Department and your family members will thank you for your cooperation!

### IN MEMORIAM

2nd Lt. Brian D. Boyer

The Rumson Fire Department has lost a member whose dedicated service to the Rumson Fire Company contributed to the safety and peace of mind of all residents in the Borough of Rumson. Following in his father's footsteps, Brian D. Boyer served this community as a fireman for 27 years and as a member of the First Aid Squad. His sudden passing on February 12, 2006 was a shock and has brought sorrow to his fellow firefighters and innumerable friends. The Borough would like to express sincere condolences to the Rumson Fire Company and to the entire Boyer family.

## **RUMSON EMS**

The Rumson First Aid Squad would like to thank all of the residents who have participated in our annual fund drive. Your generous donations, combined with our annual budget allocation from the Borough Council, helps defray our annual operating costs and allows us to continuously update and upgrade our equipment. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank about a dozen Girl Scouts from the Rumson Troop who helped us write our thank you letters to donors.

With respect to our new equipment, you may have noticed that our Captain is now driving a brand new Dodge Durango, which we acquired through a special NJ State contract and donations from several very generous residents. The First Aid Squad provided the balance of funds needed to outfit the vehicle, which is essentially a mini-ambulance. This is critical in an emergency, since the Captain is typically the first person to arrive on scene (excluding members of our Police Department). Special thanks to our Borough Mechanics Don York and Mike Trivett for all the work they did to outfit the new Captain's car with the necessary lights, radios and other equipment. Don and Mike are also members of the First Aid Squad. We should also note that they have been instrumental over the years in keeping our ambulances, crash truck and other equipment in a general state of readiness.

We are purchasing a new "stair chair" that allows us to maneuver a conscious patient up and down tight staircases or around smaller, confined spaces. The old stair chairs required at least 2 of our members to utilize as much strength as they could possibly muster to move people. In contrast, the new chairs are designed with automatic braking tracks that make the process easier and more efficient. We are evaluating the purchase of new patient cots this year. The new models are stronger and designed to hold an oxygen bottle and other important supplies directly under the patient. This purchase would greatly improve our effectiveness.

We are very pleased to announce that we have recently had a few residents decide to join the First Aid Squad. Several of these new members have recently attained, or are planning to attain, the advanced first aid training associated with becoming a certified emergency medical technician (EMT). We would particularly like to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of one of our young cadets, Dan Petrucelli, Jr. Dan is a senior at Rumson Fair Haven HS and also attends Monmouth County Vocational School for Law Enforcement. He is a member of Rumson's "Police Explorer" program and is interning with the Long Branch Police Dept. Dan has been instrumental in training our new members in the operation of our ambulances and other equipment, and he has been keeping our ambulances gassed-up, fully stocked with supplies and in a general state of readiness over the past few months. Dan's contributions are very much appreciated.

We were disappointed that the weather did not freeze our local ponds, and we were forced to postpone our planned ice-rescue training drills. But, we were fortunate enough to have ESI Training from Pennsylvania visit us on March 13th. We hosted the 3-hour training course, which was entitled "Vehicle Extrication 101." The class was also attended by members of our town's volunteer fire departments, police force and public works departments, as well as by members of first aid and res-

cue squads from several surrounding towns. We'll be having some actual vehicle extrication training sessions down by the boat ramp in the spring and early summer. Please keep an eye out for these important training sessions, and feel free to stop by and watch us in action.

Finally, the Rumson First Aid Squad has also commenced a project to develop a historical membership database. As a volunteer organization, it is sometimes hard to maintain institutional knowledge, since volunteers come and go with time. If you were once a member of the Rumson First Aid Squad, please contact us at [www.rumsonems.org](http://www.rumsonems.org). or leave a message at Borough Hall. We would love to hear from you so that we can keep you apprised in a timely manner of the many developments and events that we'll be planning over the next year.

### **BOROUGH INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is a new service available to residents. When Borough Hall is closed, an Auto Attendant answers the telephone. There is a menu of different options available. Option 2 is for Borough Announcements such as upcoming events, general information and emergency announcements. Information on this site is changed on a regular basis. (732-842-3300 Option 2) For information regarding Rumson Recreation, call their hotline which has information on registration deadlines and sports events. (732-842-6603)

The Borough of Rumson and Borough of Sea Bright Offices of Emergency Management now have an AM Radio Station to announce any type of emergency announcements affecting the residents of Rumson and Sea Bright. These messages can be heard on 1630 AM. The station also broadcasts the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service Local Weather Channel 24 hours a day. Please set 1630 AM as a preset in your car and home radios.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE POLLING PLACES**

Several Polling Places have been changed. Please take note of the polling place for your voting district. This is where you will go to vote for all elections except school elections.

District	Former Polling Place	New Polling Place
1	Oceanic Fire House	Rumson Borough Hall
2	Rumson Fire House	Rumson Borough Hall
3	Holy Cross School	Forrestdale School Library
4	B'nai Israel Synagogue	SAME
5	Rumson Country Day School	B'nai Israel Synagogue
6	Forrestdale School Library	SAME

Voting at Borough Hall will be in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom.

### **NOISE POLLUTION CHANGES IN ORDINANCE**

Everyone who lives in a small town such as Rumson has the right to expect the opportunity to enjoy many hours of peace and quiet. The roar of lawn and construction equipment disturbs our quiet time and is, at specific times, against the law. Chapter XXV, Hours of Operation-Construction and Maintenance Activity of the Code of the Borough of Rumson has been amended, and it is important that residents know when they can and can not use noisy lawn and construction equipment. There is no change to the weekday restrictions: prohibited hours of operation are before 7:30 am and after

5:00 pm during the periods of the year when Daylight Standard Time is in effect and after 6:30 pm during Daylight Savings Time. On Saturdays and most Federal Holidays restrictions are in effect before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm. A change has been made to the Ordinance for Sundays and major holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas) when there are major restrictions on the use of noisy machinery. Only lawn mowers, aerators, trimmers, edgers, chippers, blowers and similar landscaping equipment may be used between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, and permission to use this equipment is limited to the owner of the property or tenant. No commercial contractors are permitted to work with noise creating equipment in Rumson on Sundays or major holidays. This applies also to repair, reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing structure for the purpose of maintenance which may be done between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm only by homeowners or tenants. Activities for which a building permit has been issued are not permitted on Sundays or major holidays.

Barking dogs and loud music also disrupt the peace and quiet that our residents seek here. According to a Borough Ordinance, "No person shall keep, harbor or maintain any dog which barks or cries so as to disturb the public peace." There is also a loud noise ordinance which states, "No person shall, within the limits of the Borough, operate or use any...sound producing instrument, device or apparatus in such manner that the sound thereof shall annoy any person or disturb the comfort, rest or repose of any person being in his place...of abode." Beyond being inconsiderate, noise pollution is against the law in our community. Let's keep the noise down and be considerate of our neighbors during this spring and summer season.



## MONMOUTH COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND WINNER

For the second year in a row, the Borough has received a plaque from the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund recognizing us as being tied with several other safety minded towns as first place winners for the best safety record of 2005. A large banner commemorating this award is hanging above the bins in our Recycling Area. The Borough was honored for the fine safety record of our Departments of Public Works, Parks and Wastewater Management as well as the Police Department, Fire Department, EMS and the Mayor and Council and Borough Hall Administrative Staff. Borough

employees accumulated points when they attended quarterly meetings of the Joint Insurance Fund, conducted safety meetings and showed training videos in each Department, and performed motor vehicle record checks; they also scored for having the least number of days lost due to accidents. The Borough was awarded \$1,000 earmarked for safety equipment, and lunch was provided by the Joint Insurance Fund for the entire Borough Staff. This award is a reflection of the dedication of all Borough employees who safely perform their jobs each and every day.

## OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY

An informative SPCA pet care program was presented for school aged children on April 18th at the Library.

Rumson artist Michael Horn exhibited his artwork at the Library in February and March. Richard Sass's exhibition entitled POST CARDS AS ART, OLD VIEWS OF RUMSON, N.J. was on display during the month of April and has been generously donated to the Library by Mr. Sass. The beautiful historic prints are now a part of our permanent collection. The New Jersey Bead Society will be displaying jewelry in our showcase during the month of May. Local artists wishing to display their work should call the Library at 732-842-2692.

We are happy to accept donations of used books, but we must ask that they be in 'nearly new' condition. Due to limited space, we must be selective in what books we accept, therefore we can not use textbooks or books that are in fair to poor condition. Please bring donations into the Library and do not leave them outside where they may be ruined by weather conditions.

Children's Programs on Tuesdays

Baby Storytime Series: Ages 10 months to 2 years (with parent caregiver) 10:00-10:20 am

Toddler Storytime Series: Ages 2-3 (with parent/caregiver) 10:30-10:50 am

Preschool Storytime Series: Ages 3-5 11-11:30 am

School Age Programs: Grades K & up 3:30-4:15 pm

Children's Summer Reading Program on Tuesdays

"Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" is the theme of the Summer Reading Program this year. The fun begins on Tuesday, June 19 and concludes on Tuesday, August 15th with a party for all participants. (There will not be storytime on August 22 or 29; this program will resume on Tuesday, September 5.)

Book Club meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Book discussion is on the last Thursday of each month. Book Club will not meet during June, July and August. It will resume on September 7th.

Knitting Group meets on Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm.

### Library Hours

Monday and Thursday 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00-2:00 pm

Library will be closed on Saturdays from the third Saturday in June until the third Saturday in September

## **RFHRHS POST PROM PARTY**

Plans are under way for this year's Post Prom Party for students at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School. The PTSA has hosted this event each year in order to provide our students with a night of safe entertainment in an alcohol and drug free environment.

The "Midnight Magic" will begin on Friday, May 20th directly after the prom and will enchant prom-goers until 4:00 AM. The event will transform the school into a magical backdrop for an assortment of activities, entertainments, foods and prizes. Our goal is to make this a truly memorable event for our students. Since the Post Prom is entirely funded by parents, the community, and groups within the school, we depend on the generosity of our residents to make it a success. Letters have been sent out to the families within our school system and some local businesses. Even if you did not receive a letter or do not have a child in the high school system, please consider a contribution of funds or prizes to help support this activity for the young people of our community.

Helping the Post Prom is a step toward making our community safer for young and old alike. Donations may be made and mailed to RFH PTSA/Post Prom, Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, 74 Ridge Road, Rumson, NJ 07760. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact Louise Hall at (732) 219-6809 or Beth Puma at (732) 758-9514. We appreciate everyone's help and support.

## **RUMSON SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

The town's Tree Protection Ordinance is designed "to prevent clear cutting and to restrict the removal of other trees, thereby maintaining the beauty and character of the Borough...". The Shade Tree Commission would like to advise residents that amendments to the original ordinance now include a greater number of significant specimen trees. A tree falls within the significant specimen category if its diameter at breast height exceeds 60% of the largest similar tree listed in either "Monmouth County's Largest Trees" compiled by the Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission or "New Jersey's Big Trees" published by the NJDEP, Division of Parks and Forestry, State Forest Service. For clarification on a particular tree, please contact Doug Spencer. (732-747-8207)

Another critical improvement to the ordinance is designed to protect trees during construction. Now, prior to the start of construction, a protective barrier must be placed at the drip line (or canopy line) of any tree that is not to be removed. No equipment, chemicals, soil deposits or construction material shall be placed in any areas so protected by the barriers.

Ultimately, all residents are asked to check with the town prior to removing any tree to ensure that its removal remains within the guidelines.

The Shade Tree Commission has undertaken a major project in 2006, and your help is needed. The Commission is in the process of cataloging the Borough's large and unique trees. Many of Monmouth County's finest specimen trees are located right here in Rumson. Some have been identified; others are located in backyards or in areas not visible from the street,

and it will take some interested tree sleuths to discover them! If you have a large or unique tree, please call Commission members Doug Spencer (732-747-8207) or Nancy Haaren (732-842-4022)

Finally, when you are doing your spring/summer sprucing up, please remember the potential danger of "MULCH VOLCANOS". Never pile more than 2-4 inches of mulch up against the trunk. Mulching over this depth can smother the root system, harbor rodents and increase soil moisture and temperature to harmful levels. "Mulch volcanos" can cause decline and death of your valuable trees.

## **RUMSON RECREATION**

Summer Hoops, Fall Soccer and Flag Football registration continues at the Borough Hall Mondays-Fridays 8:30am-4:30pm. The Summer Hoops program is for children who are currently in grades 3-8. This is a co-ed basketball program which will run from June 19 through July 21. Coaches will call with specific game times and dates. Games are played outdoors in the evenings at Forrestdale School.

There will be two soccer camps offered this summer. The US Premier Camp will run July 10-14. The Metro Stars Camp will run July 31-August 4. The camps will be held from 9:00am-12:00noon at the Meadow Ridge Park fields on Ridge Road.

Additional sports camps offered this summer will be publicized with flyers/registration forms sent home through the schools; additional forms may be found at the Rumson Borough Hall.

The Flag Football program is for children who are 5, 6, 7 & 8 years of age. (Children must be 5 years old prior to August 1, 2006.) The program will run clinics in late August. The coordinator will call with specific dates and times. Games are played on Saturday mornings from 8:00am-12:00noon September-November.

The Fall Soccer program is for children enrolled in grades K-8 for the 2006-2007 school year. Kindergarten children participate in a Saturday morning clinic. Practices for grades 1-8 are during the week with games played on Saturdays.

Soccer officials needed: Anyone 14 years old or older who would like to be a paid soccer official for the 2006 season should contact John Hird at 503-6607 or jrhird@comcast.net.

## **ST. GEORGE'S BY THE RIVER CANTERBURY FAIR**

St. George's by the River will host its 58th Annual Canterbury Fair on Saturday, June 10th from 9:30 am-2:30 pm, rain or shine.

The Fair appeals to all ages and will feature a wide variety of booths including home-made baked goods, beautiful plants and flowers, fresh vegetables, books, jewelry and sporting goods, as well as White Elephant and Shabby Chic treasures. There will be a Silent Auction featuring theater, symphony and sporting event tickets, antique furniture, artwork, gift certificates, crystal, vacation or condo weeks, exercise equipment and much more. Children will enjoy a petting zoo, clown, balloons, cotton candy, face painting and lots of fun games such

as golf putting, fishing for goldfish and some fun surprises. Fabulous food is available ranging from hotdogs and hamburgers and Tea Garden refreshments to the famous lobster salad luncheon served inside Ralph Hall. All proceeds support local Outreach and Charitable organizations.

### **RUMSON GARDEN CLUB**

The Rumson Garden Club will hold its Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 13th from 8 am to 1 pm at Rumson Borough Hall. The event will be held rain or shine, and admission is free.

The Plant Sale will include over 800 exceptional and hardy plants grown in their home gardens by members of the Club. A special feature of the sale will be the "heirloom" perennial plants from local Rumson and Locust estates. A variety of colorful annuals will also be available. To assist customers, plant experts from the Rumson Garden Club will be available to answer questions and provide their advice and expertise. This is the ideal way to shop for Mother's Day, which is on the day following the sale. Our vases and baskets of fresh cut flowers will be the perfect instant gift!

Mrs. J. Howard Carter and Mrs. Ross Barnes, co-chairs of the Plant Sale, are gearing up their committee to make this year's fundraiser the best ever. "All of our members have participated in this effort to make it a success, so that we can strongly support our community programs," commented Mrs. Francis S. Branin, Club President.

The Rumson Garden Club is involved in many civic projects including the design, planting and maintenance of Rumson traffic islands, the Borough signs, park gardens and the Oceanic Free Library window boxes. The Club has also sponsored the Millennium Garden at Forrestdale School and the Schoolyard Wildlife Habitat, which is currently under construction at the Deane-Porter School Pond.

The Annual Plant Sale proceeds will support all of the above as well as a scholarship awarded annually to a Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School graduating senior who plans to study landscape design, horticulture or environmental science. The Rumson Garden Club, a member of the Garden Club of America, was founded in 1914.

### **RUMSON WOMEN'S CLUB**

During the winter months, the Women's Club has been quite active. We have an ongoing project, headed by Doris Doherty and President Linda Babeuf, called Blue Bears. Several club members and friends of club members are busy sewing stuffed blue bears to distribute to Rumson, Fair Haven, Highlands, and Atlantic Highlands First Aid Squads and Police departments. These bears are offered to comfort children who are involved in a crisis. The children keep the bears. This will be an ongoing project because we do not want the departments to run out of bears.

Program Director, Sallie Tillman, has provided many interesting speakers over the past few months. At the February meeting Chiropractor Dr. Gary Szitanko came and talked about the benefits of chiropractic visits. At the meeting he offered free screenings and free 5 minute massages. The massages were a big hit.

At the March meeting Sallie had Nancy Walzog, President and Founder of Tapestry International, a video production company, speak to the club. Their productions include programs that can be seen on the Discovery Channel, HBO, A&E network, and other stations worldwide. She brought a video documentary about herself & others who traveled to Alabama to rebuild an elderly man's home that had been destroyed by hurricane Katrina. Her production company is located in Sea Bright, and they have won two Emmys & an Oscar.

April was a business meeting and a chance to finalize all details of the chance auction. The chance auction was held on April 7th at The Church of the Nativity in Fair Haven. This year's auction saw a big increase in attendance and gift baskets. The lottery vest raised funds specifically to purchase calling cards to send to our injured soldiers in Walter Reed Army Hospital. Additional funds will also be sent to Brooke Army Medical Center to aid in the building fund for Fisher House to provide housing for families staying with their loved ones.

Muriel Walker organized the members to bake cookies for Valentine's Day to be delivered to the Atlantic Highlands Nursing home. Eight trays of cookies were delivered, and from all accounts the residents thoroughly enjoyed the goodies. For Easter, the club donated flowers for the residents at the nursing home, and Muriel delivered them.

For Dr. Seuss Day Linda Babeuf delivered copies of Green Eggs and Ham, by Dr. Seuss, to Deane-Porter School, Sickles School, Atlantic Highlands Elementary School, Highlands Elementary School, and Oceanic Library.

Upcoming events for May include the Installation dinner on May 2nd at The Quay. The new officers for the upcoming year will be: Thea Davis-President, Judy McMaster-Vice-president, Ellen Skowron-Recording Secretary, Connie Calandriello-Corresponding Secretary, and Sallie Tillman-Treasurer.

Other events in May include our own Linda Babeuf being installed as 3rd Vice-president of the NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs at the state convention in Atlantic City on May 9th. On May 27th the Women's Club is taking a trip to the Garden State Wine Growers Blues & Wine Festival at Waterloo Village.

The meeting in June is for reorganizing with the new officers selecting the committee chairs and welcoming the members to help them through the next administration.

As always, we encourage new members to join us at any of our meetings. Soon we will finally be back in our home in the newly renovated Bingham Hall. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month with the exception of September, January, and May. For more information, please contact Judy McMaster at 732-842-1522. We would like to give a big thank-you to the Rumson Presbyterian Church for accommodating us during the work on Bingham Hall.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 201

Nine enthusiastic Webelos-turned-Scouts were welcomed into Troop 201 just in time to pack their backpacks and set up tents for their first campout at Alpine Scout Camp in northern New Jersey. Senior patrol leader Andrew Veasey, with the help of other veteran Scouts, set up four skill stations to guide the newcomers through the basics including safe use of knives, saws, and axes, fire safety and The Outdoor Code, which stresses the importance of respecting our natural resources. Then the fun began! One by one, the boys scrambled to the top of the 40-foot climbing wall, and, afterward, aimed for a bull's-eye at the camp's Archery Center. To cap off the evening, patrol leaders Justin DeBernardis, Steven Fuschetti, and Sam Wilson led their patrols in a cooking competition. The senior patrol had the "tough" job of sampling the varieties of delicious camp cuisine to determine the winners!

In April, Troop 201 spent the night on the legendary Battleship New Jersey, a floating museum on the Camden Waterfront. Nearly three football fields long and eleven stories high, this Iowa-class battleship was built to "keep floating and keep fighting." The scouts toured the gun turrets which once held nine 16-inch guns that could reach land targets over twenty-two miles away. They climbed up and down the original ladders and companionways and slept in the ship's "cozy" bunks. A trip highlight was a ride in the Flight Simulator, which recreated the catapult launch and recovery of a WWII Kingfisher fixed wing aircraft, complete with 3-D visuals and air blasts.

Also in April, a crew of eight boys and three leaders from Troop 201 joined another nine crews from Monmouth Council on a weekend backpacking trip as a "dress rehearsal" for the Philmont Scout Ranch adventure in July. Why is such careful preparation necessary? Philmont, the BSA's oldest high-adventure base, covers 137,000 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico, with elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. The boys will hike nearly 75 miles during their ten days on the trail, carrying everything they need in their backpacks, which average 45 pounds apiece. Of course, there are many "distractions" along the way such as fly fishing, trapping, and black powder shooting. Stay tuned for details of the actual Philmont trip in the next issue of the Borough Bulletin.

Mother Nature is being asked to cooperate for the Troop's annual water adventure. In May, the boys will embark on a four-hour rafting trip on the Lehigh River near Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania. Afterward, they will set up camp in Hickory Run State Park. At this time of year, the boys must expect the unexpected; the weather can prove to be as challenging as the river and has ranged from snow showers to thunderstorms to blistering heat. And, speaking of unexpected, Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Peterson has been known to throw in a few surprise challenges for the boys along the way! They never know when they'll be called upon to rescue a "dummy" who wasn't paying attention and

rolled down the side of the bank!

Another upcoming May event is participation in the Troop's annual service project at the Rumson Cemetery on the corner of Rumson Road and Conover Lane. Begun as Jon Erwin's Eagle Scout project several years ago, the Troop righted and reset the toppled gravestones, and cleaned up fallen branches and overgrown plants and vines. Each year since, new and old scouts have come equipped with shovels, rakes, shears, and gloves for a spring cleanup. Beforehand, the boys learn a bit of the history of the cemetery-- as well as some history of the Borough-- as the names on the graves resemble a map of Rumson street names.

Mark your calendars for Flag Day, June 14, and join Troop 201 for the annual Respectful Flag Disposal Ceremony at Victory Park at 7:30 p.m. The United States Flag Code states: "The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." The Troop would like to invite all our neighbors and friends to witness this patriotic event. As a bonus, the boys will receive merit badges and awards at the accompanying Court of Honor.

In their spare time, the Scouts are pitching in to help with fellow members' Eagle Scout projects, earning advancement and merit badges, participating in orienteering activities, marching in the annual Memorial Day Parade and preparing for another fun week at NoBeBoSco summer camp in July!

**PARENTS, PLEASE READ:** Are your sons bored? Playing too many video games? Looking for a calling? Any boy who has completed fifth grade, is 11 years old, or who has earned the Arrow of Light is welcome to join Troop 201. Just come to the Forrestdale School cafeteria any Wednesday night during the school year from 7:30-9:00 and try it out!

## **Recycling: Grass...cut it and leave it!**

Rumson supports the Monmouth County “grasscycling” program of “cut it and leave it” for environmentally friendly lawn care. Grass is banned from the landfill, and the Borough does not pick up grass. Cutting your lawn on a regular basis and letting the cuttings return to the lawn saves time (no bagging), returns nitrogen to the lawn (a free fertilizer) and saves disposal cost. “Grasscycling” has worked very well in Rumson for the last six summers. The Borough of Rumson thanks all residents for co-operating with our recycling program.

Everyone in Rumson must properly separate and recycle the items listed below.

- NEWSPAPERS-must be tied; with no other paper mixed in (do not bag newspapers).
- MIXED PAPER- (magazines/catalogs/ office paper/junk mail/regular mail only) separate from newspapers; may be tied or put in a brown paper bag for the drop off; but must be in a tied bundled (no bags) for curbside.
- CARDBOARD BOXES-must be empty and flattened; brown waffle-weave boxes or cartons only; at the drop off for residents; curbside pick up for businesses.
- GLASS/ALUMINUM/TIN/PLASTIC-empty bottles, jars and cans should be mixed in a 20-gallon or smaller container (with the lids off; do not bag) for curbside pick up. All food/pet food/beverage glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, tin cans and pourable plastic bottles with #1 or #2 on the bottom are recyclable mixed together.
- Please bring your recyclables to the drop off daily from 7am-7pm or weekends/holidays 9am-3pm and put them into the labeled bin or storage box. Only recyclables are accepted at the drop off. No one is allowed to bring garbage or bulky items to the Drop Off.

Or

Put recyclables at the curb on your monthly pick up day listed below.

### **Residential 7:30 am**

1st Wed. Commingled glass/aluminum/tin/plastic east of Bingham Ave.  
2nd Wed. Commingled glass/aluminum/tin/plastic Bingham Ave. & west  
3rd Wed. Newspapers east of Bingham Ave  
3rd Thurs. Mixed Paper east of Bingham Ave.  
4th Wed. Newspapers Bingham Ave. & west  
4th Thurs. Mixed Paper Bingham Ave. & west

### **Businesses 9:30 am**

1st Thurs. Commingled glass/aluminum/tin/plastic  
2nd Thurs. Newspapers and Mixed Paper  
All Wed. Cardboard Boxes

Please cooperate with the following Public Works restrictions to help keep Rumson clean.

- BRUSH—loose at curb, 4 foot lengths, Jan.–Oct. only, 5 cubic yard limit, do not bag
- LEAVES—loose at curb Oct.–Dec. only, free of sticks and debris, do not bag
- BULKY ITEMS—picked up by appointment only, call 732-842-8941 to arrange a Wed. pick up
- RUMSON DOES NOT PICK UP—grass, sod, dirt, stone, concrete, asphalt, construction debris, fuel tanks, logs/stumps/contractor’s work or household hazardous waste (call the Monmouth County Health Dept. at 922-2234 to schedule an appointment at their permanent facility for your paint, oil, etc.)
- No garbage or recycling pick ups on holidays; please wait for next scheduled pick up.

**NO DUMPING OF TRASH/DEBRIS IS ALLOWED AT THE DROP OFF.  
VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED (ORD. 13-6.7).**

For more information, please call 732-758-8233.

Thank you for recycling in Rumson!





In January, a group of members had a bus trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to enjoy the musical, "A Journey Through Time." In March, several members enjoyed the Irish Show at the Brownstone. Rosemary Hulse is in charge of outside activities, and she does a terrific job of offering a nice variety for members to take part in. In April, a full bus traveled to Sight and Sound in Pennsylvania to enjoy the Easter show, "Behold the Lamb". On May 31st, we will be off to the Tropicana in Atlantic City to see the show "Best of Broadway" with a little lunch and a little gambling thrown in.

Margaret Reynolds chairs the in-house activities. The Penny Auction gave everyone a good laugh. Members brought something old or something new in a brown bag. It was lots of fun and added some funds to our treasury. In March, she invited Rich DeFonzo from the Office on Aging to discuss Medicare D with us. This informative program was followed by a Crazy Hat activity. Winners were: Peg Connor, Most Original; Donna Zappia, Prettiest and Vivian McCormick, Funniest. At the April Social, Margaret's two grandsons, David and Michael Pezzolato, entertained the members with their musical talent. This wonderful show was followed by a covered dish luncheon.

The Tower Players invited the members to a wonderful luncheon and performance of GREASE at RFHRHS. This is an annual event that members always look forward to. As always, the show was fabulous.

Members are once again going to be helping with the Rumson Run on May 7th. This is a lot of fun for all of us.

Lillian Haines and Jeanne Cuje volunteered to co-chair the Spring Luncheon at the Old Orchard Manor in June. This is always well attended.

Plans are under way for our participation in the Memorial Day Parade. Channel Three Music will accompany the Seniors as we march in the parade. Members are also looking forward to our annual picnic in Victory Park.

Member Irmgard Thompson received recognition for her generous contributions to Project Linus. She not only makes and donates blankets and quilts, but she also donated a hand-made and furnished doll house. Irmgard also made and donated a second doll house for the Ladies Auxilairy at Red Bank Elks, Lodge 233. Those who have been fortunate enough to win one of her beautiful donates that she donates each year for our Holiday Bazaar know how detailed and lovely they are. Irmgard does a great deal of charity work throughout our community. Emily Wagner and Vienna King make baby sweaters,

hats and blankets for Birth Right.

In January, John and Dolores Kondrup celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary, and Tom and Fran Merkel are looking forward to their 58th this year.

Every month our members attend "Young At Heart" at the Tower Hill Presbyterian Church where they enjoy lunch and entertainment.

At an Executive Board meeting, President Vivian McCormick discussed the idea of inviting members who lived outside of Rumson to become members of our Club. Such membership would be by invitation only, and a candidate for membership would have to be a relative or friend of a current, active member. This change in the current By-Laws was brought to a regular meeting and passed by a majority vote. Nine new members have been welcomed into the Club.

President Vivian McCormick invites any Rumson resident, 55 years or older, to join the fun and activities shared by the members of the Rumson Senior Citizens Club. Meetings are held twice a month at 11:00 am at the Rumson Presbyterian Church in Wilson Hall.

There will be a regular meeting on June 12, followed by the Spring Luncheon on June 23rd. There will not be meetings during the summer. Mark your calendar, and come join the fun!

**Schedule of Meetings:**

May 8 & 22

June 12

Spring Luncheon June 23

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeanne Cuje*

Publicity Chairman

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## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 1 First Quarter Property Taxes Due  
Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
- 2 & 16 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 6 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
- 13 **LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION,  
BOROUGH HALL AND OCEANIC LIBRARY CLOSED**
- 13 & 27 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 11:00 am
- 20 **PRESIDENTS' DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION,  
BOROUGH HALL AND OCEANIC LIBRARY CLOSED**
- 21 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm

### MARCH

- 1 Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
- 2 & 16 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 6 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
- 13 & 27 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 11:00 am
- 15 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
- 21 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm

### APRIL

- 3 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
- 5 Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
- 6 & 20 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 14 **GOOD FRIDAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION,  
BOROUGH HALL AND OCEANIC LIBRARY CLOSED**
- 18 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
- 19 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm

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