

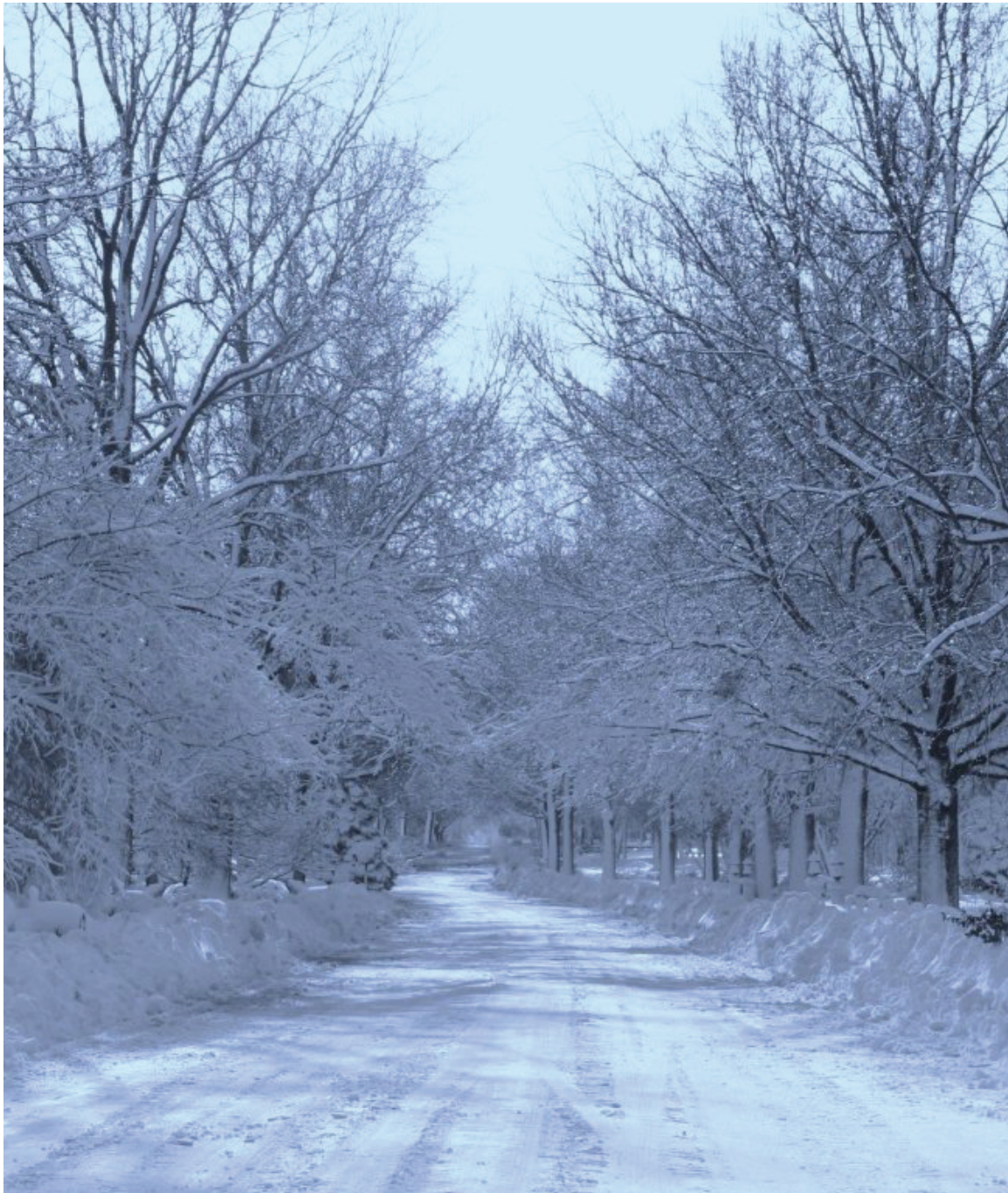


# RUMSON

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Our 2012 winter landscape thus far is quite a change from the scenery last January, when Recreation Director John Hird shot this photo on Wardell Avenue.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE  
RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Dear Rumson Resident:

Our community has experienced a large number of residential burglaries over the past year. It has come to the attention of this department that a large portion of these burglaries have occurred when the home alarm system was not being utilized and the residence had been left unsecured. We have spoken to a number of the homeowners, and found the security systems were not being actively monitored due to one of the following reasons: The homeowner forgot to activate the system, or the homeowner received a false alarm warning from this department during the past year. We have reviewed all the home burglaries that have occurred in Rumson during the past five months and found that almost 90% of the alarms involved were inactive at the time of the incident.

**YOUR HOME, VALUABLES AND VEHICLES  
ARE ONLY SECURE IF THEY ARE LOCKED.  
REMEMBER TO TURN THE KEY AND  
PROVIDE THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE!**

The Police Department is reaching out to you, the members of our community, for your assistance in apprehending the suspect or suspects responsible for these invasions of privacy and losses of valuables. We ask you to be ever vigilant.

**BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Some small thing that you report to us may become an invaluable piece of information in this case, or others we may be investigating. For this reason **the Rumson Police Department will suspend the Home Monitoring False Alarm Ordinance for a 6-month period until July 1, 2012.** Please **LOCK YOUR HOME WHEN YOU LEAVE**, remove all valuables from your vehicles, secure all vehicles and arm your home security system.

At this time we also urge you to sign up for the **Rumson Emergency Notification System**. This system enables us to communicate important information to you in a timely manner. To enroll, visit [www.rumsonnj.gov](http://www.rumsonnj.gov) and click on the *Municipal Wire* link at the bottom of the page

Please don't hesitate to contact us at 732-842-0500 if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Chief of Police Richard Tobias  
Sergeant Damien F. Brennan  
Detective Christopher Isherwood



## 2012 Mayor's Address

The following is a report of the Borough events and activities of 2011.

### THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

As I begin my next four years as the Mayor of Rumson, I am honored and privileged to have a Borough Council that provides unlimited support on issues important to our fine community. I am grateful for all they have done and continue to do, without reservation, throughout the year for our community.

### YEAR IN REVIEW

The Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> drew record crowds to cheer on the marchers in celebration of the men and women who are serving as well as those who have served our Country with distinction. Our local Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts displayed true colors of patriotism for all to enjoy. The children participating in Rumson Recreation programs proudly marched with teammates down River Road. The Rumson Police, Fire Departments and First Aid Squad displayed the vehicles that serve and protect our fine community. A service following the parade was held at Victory Park to commemorate the day and honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation.

One of the many exciting events of 2011 was the dedication of **Pomphrey Pond** on June 11<sup>th</sup>. A formal dedication to commemorate the newly restored and improved Pomphrey Pond, located just across from Borough Hall, was a trip down memory lane for many family members and long-time residents. The two year coordinated effort by State agencies, the County, and the Rumson Administration and DPW employees is now showcased in the improved and beautiful Pomphrey Pond.

During the summer of 2011, the Borough of Rumson and Rumson School District joined together to address the much needed field project on the **Deane-Porter/ Forrestdale School** campus. Thanks to the many private contributions and matching funds from a private donor, the field project is complete. The total refurbishment of the ball fields included infield improvements and new bases, backstops, fencing and seating. The grass field had a complete makeover and now incorporates a full-size soccer field and tee-ball field. Other issues addressed were new and improved drainage and irrigation, as well as surface grading. A wonderful new playground was also added and paid for through private donations.

The **Independence Day Celebration** took place on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with another spectacular fireworks display on the Navesink River. Victory Park was standing room only and crowds gathered on the Oceanic Bridge for the perfect vantage point. Thanks to the advanced planning, coordinated by the Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, First Aid Squad, Fire Departments and the Department of Public Works, the evening flowed smoothly.

**Hurricane Irene** announced her arrival with strong winds and rain on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and storm surges of 5 to 6 feet, forcing mandatory evacuation of certain low lying areas in Rumson. Power outages in some areas were restored in approximately a week's time; however the havoc of the clean up of downed trees, branches and debris lasted for weeks. The Borough collected over 5,000 cubic yards of

debris from our streets during the aftermath of the storm. The Borough did receive FEMA Funding following both Hurricane Irene and the Christmas snow storm of 2010. The amounts totaled over \$92,000.

A **Collegiate Rowing Classic and Regatta on the Navesink** had center stage the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Army, Drexel, Rutgers and Villanova participated in the 2011 Rumson Rowing Event, followed by the presentation of the Governor's & Mayor's Cups in our own Victory Park. The event, chaired by Dan Edwards, was an overwhelming success.

We were honored to have 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. James Duffney of the NJ National Guard address the audience on **Veterans Day**. Boy Scout Troop 201 presented The Posting of the Colors, and the National Anthem was beautifully sung by 7<sup>th</sup> grader Owen Doherty. Each year names are added (by an application process) to the Victory Park monuments in honor of our veterans and are announced at the Borough's Veterans Day Service.

A **Traditional Rumson Christmas Tree Lighting** with all the trimmings couldn't have been more perfect in 2011. The Deane-Porter/Forrestdale Chorus sang holiday selections that set the tone for the spirit of the season. Tim McLoone and The Shirleys, with select members of Holiday Express, kept everyone singing along in anticipation of Santa's arrival. The Elves and Mr. Snowman passed out candy canes to all the children as others indulged in delicious homemade cookies, hot chocolate and cider. The tree came alive with the flick of a switch and the crowd cheered as the countdown of the days until Christmas began.

### ORDINANCES

The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Rumson are now available on line by logging on to the Borough Web Site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.rumsonnj.gov"](http://www.rumsonnj.gov). A number of General Ordinances were added in 2011 and are listed for your review on the Borough of Rumson website.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 2011, the Rumson Police Department Juvenile Division, consisting of Sgt. Ronald J. Vilaridi and Ptl. Bryan P. Dougherty, led another successful year of the D.A.R.E. program, giving Rumson's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students valuable knowledge about alcohol, drugs, and peer pressure, and teaching them good decision making and important life skills for their future. One hundred and twenty-five students successfully graduated from the informative program with Rumson resident, Army Brigadier General Peter M. Dawkins, Retired, as a guest speaker at the graduation ceremony. In addition, Juvenile Officers regularly visit classes from pre-school through high school, presenting vital curriculum that is age appropriate.

Sgt. Nixon conducted CPR Training and AED Training for Holy Cross School, Deane Porter/Forrestdale Schools, and the Rumson First Aid. Approximately 75 individuals were certified through his training.

The Rumson Police Department supported and assisted with various community events including the July 2011 Fireworks Display, the Bob Kelleher Kids Triathlon, the Holy Cross Turkey Trot, the Rumson Run, and the Holiday Tree Lighting. Ptl. Ciambone also provided students of RFH with a woodcarving seminar on his own time. Lt. Scott Paterson, Sgt. Jeff Nixon, and Sgt. Robert Boyer provided security and first aid support for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Stokes State Forrest.

Ptl. Richard M. Torres also provided security for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip.

The Rumson Police Detective Division led by Detective Christopher J. Isherwood conducted extensive investigations into motor vehicle thefts, motor vehicle burglaries, home burglaries, and various drug related offenses. Detective Christopher J. Isherwood will continue in this roll in 2012.

#### **POLICE PERSONNEL NEWS**

Police Dispatcher/Special Officer I Angel Marrero Jr. was appointed to a Special Officer II and will be completing the Special Law Enforcement Officer II Program at the Monmouth County Police Academy, on his own time, beginning February 2012.

Police Dispatcher/Special Officer II Cody T. Lovgren successfully completed and graduated from the Special Law Enforcement Officer II Program at Monmouth County Police Academy in May 2011.

Two part-time Police Dispatchers Michael Glynn and Paul Murphy Jr. were hired in December 2011.

#### **RUMSON EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Rumson First Aid Squad has responded to 452 calls to date this year, an increase of 13% over 2010. In addition, we assisted at 47 mutual aid calls in surrounding towns. Our all-volunteer squad also provided stand-by coverage at our annual fireworks display, local athletic races, numerous sporting events, and last but not least, Hurricane Irene, when a cadre of members slept at the EMS building to be available at all times during the storm emergency. The Squad currently has 47 members: 32 active and 15 corporate/exempt. We have also recently welcomed eight qualified and enthusiastic new members.

2011 saw the much-anticipated arrival of our brand new ambulance, a 2010 Ford E-450 diesel, Type III, fully-stocked emergency vehicle that replaced our oldest ambulance. It was dedicated to the memory of former Captain Bob Kelleher at a special dedication ceremony held following the Kelleher Kids' Triathlon in June.

The Squad also replaced our older-style manual stretchers with two new heavy-duty, battery-powered stretchers, with hydraulic systems that allow members to raise and lower patients with the touch of a button. The reviews are in—our patients love them! They drastically improve the quality of patient care, as well as saving the backs of our Squad members.

The Oceanic Hook & Ladder Company No. 1 and Rumson Fire Company of the Rumson Volunteer Fire Department continued to provide countless hours of selfless volunteer service protecting Borough resident's lives and property in 2011.

2011 was marked by two major incidents in the Borough. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department was called out for a vehicle fire located close to a home on Sailers Way. Borough Firefighters arriving on the scene found a pool company truck engulfed in flames and loaded with chemicals in the driveway of the residence. Despite the large volume of toxic smoke and explosions from the reacting chemicals, the firefighters were able to contain the fire with only minimal damage to the home. With assistance from neighboring fire departments including Sea Bright, Fair Haven, Middletown and Oceanport, in addition to Rumson EMS and Fair Haven EMS, Monmouth County and NJ State Hazmat teams, the first responders were able to stabilize the scene and ensure the safety of surrounding residents. Rumson's fire units remained on scene

for over 12 hours, well into the early morning hours, assisting in the cleanup of the hazardous chemicals.

From August 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> the Department's Volunteer Firefighters again provided exemplary service with the approach of Hurricane Irene, braving torrential rain, wind gusting to 70 mph, falling trees, downed wires and severe flooding. Borough firefighters responded to over 55 fire calls during the storm and its aftermath. The Volunteer Firefighters manned both fire stations for 24 hours during the height of the storm despite the danger posed to their own families and homes.

#### **RECYCLING**

The Recycling Program, managed by Jamie Mellish, continues to be one of the most efficient recycling programs in Monmouth County. Along with the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the Recycling Center held two very successful Rumson Green Day events. The team collected over five tons of paper and 1,500 pounds of electronics during the two events.

The Borough's mandatory recycling regulations are supported by the New Jersey Clean Communities Campaign. With that financial support, two Borough employees engaged in cleaning the main roads in Rumson of all litter, one Saturday a month, for six months.

With tonnage grant money, the Recycling Department purchased a second Roll-off Recycling Truck without the need of taxpayer's money.

The Borough continues to provide curbside recycling for residents as well as a drop-off center for your convenience with daily, weekend and holiday hours.

We are truly appreciative of everyone's continued efforts to improve their recycling habits within their households. Please help us keep Rumson clean and recycle.

#### **WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT**

The Wastewater Management Department saw several upgrades in 2011 to the eleven wastewater pumping stations we have throughout the Borough. These upgrades included the replacement of some of the original gate and check valves. We also replaced sections of an eight-inch force sewer main. We hope to begin to repair several sections of main sewer lines where we are experiencing leaking joints in the coming year.

Residents are reminded that roof drains and sump pumps are prohibited from being hooked up to the sanitary sewer line. This extra water costs the taxpayers money to process and treat. The Borough will be looking for these illegal connections in 2012. Residents found with the connections will be fined and required to appear in court.

The Borough pumped over 500,000,000 gallons of wastewater to the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority in Monmouth Beach to be treated during 2011. Thank you to Superintendent Fred Shea and his assistant Bob Savoth for keeping the system up and running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

##### **TOY DRIVE**

Mark Wellner, Superintendent of Public Works and members of his department once again volunteered their time, for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, to collect toys for those less fortunate. This year, a total of 1050 toys were collected thanks to the generosity of residents, friends and Borough employees. The toys were distributed to children associated with Family and Children's Services of Long Branch and the

Salvation Army in Red Bank. In addition, both agencies received a check for \$1,000 donated by a resident for this worthwhile cause.

Thanks to everyone for your generous gifts. Once again, you have made Santa's job a little easier.

#### TREE CITY, U.S.A.

Again in 2011, The National Arbor Day Foundation has honored the Borough of Rumson with the designation of being a Tree City U.S.A. Community. In recognition, a variety of seedlings were distributed to our Borough Schools in addition to the planting of saplings, which add to the beautification of our town.

#### RECREATION

Parks and Recreation in 2011 not only continued to provide outstanding programs for our residents but also experienced some major improvements to its parks due to the efforts of the Mayor and Council and Parks and Recreation Commission. Meadow Ridge Center was renovated for soccer and lacrosse, while Meadow Ridge East had a grass infield installed and a new backstop with new fencing, dugout slabs and sprinklers.

The project will be completed by March 2012 with the addition of above ground dug outs and benches. Additionally, three worn areas of the soccer field were sodded. In an effort to upgrade our basketball facility at Victory Park, the court was resurfaced and repainted; fiberglass backboards were also installed. This provided an upgraded facility for our Summer Hoops basketball program, Thursday Night Lights, D Team games and our men's basketball league games.

In an effort to train and improve our volunteer coaches, Positive Coaching Alliance was hired to conduct workshops for coaches. The Recreation Department also continued to require and implement a fingerprint background check and the Rutgers Coaching certification clinics for all volunteer coaches.

There were also numerous special events for residents this year. The Halloween Parade was another successful program that included a parade, candy treats and a concert by the Little Rockers band. Providing four children's summer concerts at the gazebo in Victory Park during July and August, parents of younger children were able to enjoy evenings of entertainment. The tree lighting ceremony was supported by the Recreation Department, which provided Santa and his helper characters for the ceremony in Victory Park. In October the in-town soccer tournament engaged all third through eighth grade Rumson Recreation soccer teams in a round robin tournament. This was a highly successful tournament, which brought out large crowds of parents, who provided support and tailgating at the games. Championship and finalist shirts were awarded to the two teams in the championship games.

RFH Rowing, the very successful Rumson Recreation crew program, provided interested high school rowers with programs in the spring, summer and fall, as well as a winter conditioning ERG program. The summer-Learn to Row Camps were available to children in grades 6-8 who met the minimum age requirement of 12 years. A new Women's Masters Crew program provided adult women with an opportunity to learn how to row in the summer and fall.

Rumson Recreation continued to run flag football, soccer, baseball, softball, tee-ball, basketball, travel basketball, travel baseball, travel soccer, lacrosse clinics for boys and girls (grades 1 & 2) and girls lacrosse (grades 3-8).

The travel soccer program expanded into the spring season after a successful initial fall season. Flag football continued to create additional interest and will include 9 and 10 year old children in addition to the existing 5-8 year old children for the 2012 season.

The Summer Playground program remained a very popular program with an excess of 400 children attending. The summer camps program continued to have a great deal of support and success. Camps for lacrosse, soccer, golf, basketball, crew, and football ran in June, July and August. A new addition to the summer camps program was the chess camp for children ages 7-14. USA Soccer Academy continued to run fall and spring soccer clinics in the morning and early afternoon for younger children-ages 3-5. Recreation was not just for children in town. "An Evening With Rumson Residents" provided workshops, seminars and informative lectures to adults in the community. These well attended Bingham hall gatherings included flower arranging, bridge lessons, yoga, digital photography and a host of other informative meetings.

#### ROAD AND DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT

The 2011 road improvements highlight was the completion of the total reconstruction of Shrewsbury Drive. The project included drainage with an outfall pipe to the Shrewsbury River, curbing and repaving. The State of New Jersey Department of Transportation awarded the project a \$300,000 grant to off-set the overall project cost.

The Borough also continued to complete the municipal complex site work behind Borough Hall. Additional replacement paving was also completed in a variety of areas extending the life of roadways throughout the Borough.

#### RUMSON ENDOWMENT FUND

The Rumson Endowment Fund, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization formed in 1997, is the financial backbone of many projects and events throughout the Borough.

This year generous donations paid for projects including the Forrestdale Field Improvements, the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks display and the December 4<sup>th</sup> Traditional Rumson Tree Lighting program.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Rumson Endowment Fund, Inc., please note that your donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. You will receive a formal confirmation for your records. If you choose to make a donation in the form of securities, please contact our Chief Financial Officer, Helen Graves, at Borough Hall (732-842-1170). Your charitable donation is truly appreciated. Your gift will make a difference in our community.

#### WHO'S NEW AT BOROUGH HALL

Hope Richardson has moved to a new position in the Tax and Finance Department as the Finance Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer.

Helen J. Meehan was hired as an Administrative Assistant in the Administrative Office.

#### RETIREMENTS

This year the Building Department acknowledged the retirement of one employee, Herbert Moore. Mr. Moore worked part-time as an Inspector from 2005 until his retirement on December 7, 2011.

#### IN MEMORIAM

William J. Scalzo, Jr. passed away at the age of 87 on June 10, 2011. Mr. Scalzo worked for the Borough as a full-



time Dog Warden and Welfare Director from June 1972 until his retirement on December 31, 1990. He continued to work part-time until spring of 1998.

John "Jack" Clinton Doremus, Jr. passed away on July 17, 2011 at the age of 79. Mr. Doremus served as a member of the Planning Board from August 10, 1985, then Chairman from January 1, 2001 until he retired on April 25, 2004.

Charles J. Tomney, passed away on November 29, 2011. Mr. Tomney joined the Rumson Fire Company in May 1980, served as President in 1994-1995 and continued as a long time member of the Rumson Fire Police.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

I want to extend a special thank you to all the members of the various Boards and Commissions who spend endless hours attending meetings and reviewing issues important to this community.

Our Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad are personal assets to this municipality. They give their time, without reservation, to address every emergency with courtesy and respect. These departments save lives and protect us year-round.

The Borough and its municipal staff strive to provide the best and most courteous services available to the residents of this community.

Thank you for attending our 2012 Re-organization meeting of the Borough Council. On behalf of all our Council Members and myself, I want to extend my sincerest and most heartfelt best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

*May God Bless Us All And God Bless America.*

Sincerely,  
John E. Ekdahl  
Mayor

### CALLING ALL DOGS!



Dog licenses are due for renewal in January of each year. If you have forgotten, be sure to come in to Borough Hall as soon as possible to make your four-footed buddies "legal". There is a \$5 late fee for each month after January, so the sooner the better! And feel free to call Borough Hall to check on your dog's rabies shot expiration date. As required by the State, all rabies shots **MUST BE VALID THROUGH OCTOBER 31 OF THE LICENSING YEAR.** If your pet's shot expires any time before that date, you will need an updated rabies certificate to license.

### RUMSON GARDEN CLUB TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIP



**Are you a candidate?** For the second year, the Rumson Garden Club will award its annual scholarship in memory of Rita Morgan Boyle, a past president and dedicated member of the club and a long-time Rumson resident. The scholarship is presented to a Rumson resident who plans to attend or is attending an accredited college and who has a demonstrated interest in any area of horticulture, landscape

design, or environmental studies, i.e., conservation, marine sciences or earth science. The applicant is required to write an essay outlining his or her interests and accomplishments, which may include academic studies or extracurricular activities. Essays should be mailed to the Rumson Garden Club, Attention: Scholarship Chairman, PO box 121, Rumson NJ 07760. The deadline for applications is **May 1, 2012.**

## RUMSON RECREATION

### SPORTS REGISTRATION DATES



Registration forms for the various sports programs in town are distributed to children through the public schools. Residents with children who do not attend the local public schools may register at the Rumson Borough Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30 PM. There is also a night drop box in the front lobby available for after hours.

Registration forms are typically available as follows:

**DECEMBER:** Baseball/softball/tee ball, crew/winter conditioning, girls lacrosse (Grades 3-8), boys and girls lacrosse clinics (Grades 1-2) and spring crew. **APRIL:** Soccer, flag football, summer basketball, summer crew and various summer camps. **SEPTEMBER:** Crew and basketball.

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE & TEAM SIZE

The registration deadline for baseball, softball, tee ball and lacrosse was January 27, 2012. All forms received after that date must include an additional \$10 late fee. Additional forms may be completed at the Rumson Borough Hall. This program is for children in grades K-8.

Recreation teams that play in travelling team leagues will have a limited roster size of 12 players per team. Rumson teams are at a disadvantage when they have rosters of 16 players who have to compete with other towns with 12-player rosters. Players on travel teams must play within the designated age guidelines (not grade) required by the various leagues. Please **register on time** for all the sports programs so we can plan ahead to include all players in our recreation programs.

RFH Rowing is conducting its 2012 spring rowing program registration at this time. Students who live in Rumson and Fair Haven are eligible for this program. The fee is \$300. All participants will be required to register and pay the fee to become a member of US Rowing, [www.usrowing.org](http://www.usrowing.org), and purchase the uniform (if not already owned).

The program will be based at Victory Park in Rumson. It will begin in early March and run through May. Specific practice dates and times will be emailed to you by the coach.

All participants will need a swim test if not previously tested. Swim tests can be arranged by contacting the Community YMCA in Red Bank.

For additional information please contact Supervisor of Parks and Recreation/Recreation Director John Hird at 732-842-3300 or [jhird@rumsonnj.gov](mailto:jhird@rumsonnj.gov). More information on our recreation programs may be found on the town web site at [www.rumsonrec.org](http://www.rumsonrec.org)

## A BUSY SEASON FOR THE RUMSON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB



Our Christmas Bazaar was a huge success, and many thanks to all who supported us. We would also like to thank all the stores and members that donated such beautiful gifts and gift baskets. Thank you to co-chairs Gina Cesario and Jeanette Dispirito, and all members who worked together to make it such a wonderful affair.

This year's Christmas luncheon, held at the Navesink Country Club, was a delicious and festive gathering, with all members decked out in their finery for the occasion. It was a lovely way to kick off the holiday season.

Also in keeping with the holiday theme, a number of members attended the play *It's a Wonderful Life*, presented at RFH, and pronounced it lots of fun, and as good as any New York show!

We have lots of entertaining trips coming up. The Fair Haven seniors are running a trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster PA to see *Jonah* on April 11. For further information contact Sonia Reevey at 732-747-5583. On April 17, the Shrewsbury seniors have organized a trip to the Tomasello Winery in South Jersey. Contact Ann Lettieri at 732-741-4639 for details. Watch for our update in the May Borough Bulletin for information on upcoming adventures May through July.

Our lively club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, September through June, in Wilson Hall at Rumson Presbyterian Church at the corner of East River Road and North Park Avenue. If you're over 55, please join us! All Rumson Seniors and their friends who live outside Rumson are welcome. We can't wait to meet you!

### Rumson Boy Scout Troop 201 News



Troop 201 has been quite active this fall and early winter. Our scouts participated in a number of community service projects in the area which included clean-up work at the Fair Haven Fields Garden Club plots and wrapping toys for the needy at Holy Cross School. One of our older scouts, Ryan Wade, coordinated a food drive for the Monmouth Council of Boy Scouts. The troop participated in the Veteran's Day celebrations at Victory Park with Troop 201's own Owen Doherty singing the National Anthem.

Our scouts are looking forward to their annual ski trip to Windham in January and some winter camping at Forrestburg Scout Reservation in February.

We want to again congratulate our newest Eagle Scouts, AJ Mayro Jr, John Motley and Avery Peterson. We wish you all the best!

New scouts are always welcome to join our troop! We meet every Wednesday night from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Forrestdale School cafeteria. For more information, contact our troop coordinator Lourdes Lucas at llucas@lm-lawfirm.com

## YOUR LIBRARY THANKS YOU!



2012 has brought some changes to OFL. We welcome new Board President Ann Roszbach to the helm. We are also happy to welcome longtime patrons and supporters Anne Marie Erwin, Nancy Haaren Schuster and Teresa Sperber as new Board members, and the return of Lindsey Hintelmann after a brief absence. But our Board will not be the same without the hard work and valuable input of retiring members Bill Strong and Pat Alcaro. Thank you both for all you have done for the library, and the Rumson community.

To continue our list of thank yous, we must include our very generous patrons. The response to our holiday toy drive for Foster and Adoptive Children's' Service was **AMAZING!** They had to make two trips to pick up all the goodies!

Still more thanks to the Rumson Garden Club for the beautiful handmade wreaths that decked the library for the holidays. Adding to the festive air was the lovely handcrafted menorah donated by Mrs. Olshansky. Thank you, Ruth!

Last but far from least on our thank you list is Frank Davis. Frank has been a long-time loyal patron, and our "go to" guy when we need little (and not so little) things done around the library. He has cheerfully done all sorts of jobs and chores for OFL. His easy manner and sense of humor - to say nothing of his meticulous work and generosity - have made him invaluable to us. Thanks, Frank!

Finally, thank you to all who have helped make the Oceanic Free Library what it is today. 2012 promises to be a wonderful year, with many exciting projects planned for the year ahead. Consider joining our Friends of the Library group if you'd like to take part. The time commitment is minimal and the rewards are huge.

Remember to check our NEW web site at [www.oceaniclib.org](http://www.oceaniclib.org), which is now up and running, for the latest news on what's happening at the library. And don't forget a glance at our new front sign for current events as you drive by!

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Mon. & Thurs. 10 AM – 7 PM

Tues., Weds. & Fri. 10 AM – 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM

#### UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Presidents Day 2/20

Easter Weekend 4/6 & 4/7

Web site: [www.oceaniclib.org](http://www.oceaniclib.org)

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(732) 842-8941

**CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY**

- 6 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 13 Rumson Senior Citizens 11:00 AM Rumson Presbyterian Church  
Borough Council 7:30 PM (Monday)
- 20 **PRESIDENT'S DAY BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED**  
**GARBAGE WILL BE COLLECTED**
- 21 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 22 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 27 Senior Citizens 11:00 AM Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 28 Borough Council 7:30 PM

**MARCH**

- 5 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 7 Shade Tree Comm. 4:00 PM
- 12 Senior Citizens 11:00 AM Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 13 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 15 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM;
- 20 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 21 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- 26 Senior Citizens 11:00 AM Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 27 Borough Council 7:30 PM

**APRIL**

- 2 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 6 **GOOD FRI DAY BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED**  
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