

# Barrington's On Track

## Barrington Celebrates The Seasons!

### Independence Day Parade and Fireworks Dodge The Raindrops



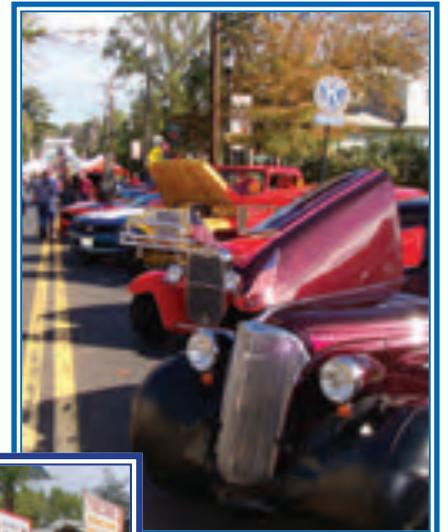
While the Summer of 2013 was busy going down in the record books as the wettest one ever, things were looking gloomy on the morning of July 3rd. Our Independence Day Parade was due to step off at 6pm, and the weather forecast called for showers well into the evening, threatening the fireworks show scheduled for dusk.

Organizations working on floats, and parents working on decorated bikes for the first time in years, all kept a wary eye on the skies. The enthusiasm and fortitude must have worked, because the showers held off just long enough to get both events in on schedule.

Crowds lined up along Barrington's streets to watch the town's first responders, scout troops, and sports teams show their pride. The Camden High School Marching Band provided some patriotic music that served as a preview to the Barrington Band's traditional concert that was enjoyed by the crowd as they awaited the fireworks.

Sure enough, as darkness fell, and the rain held off, everyone was delighted by an awesome display of fireworks to top off the day. Our thanks to the Fire Company and the Public Works Department for all their hard work behind the scenes.

### Harvest Festival Scores Big Hit For 16th Time Around



It should have been no surprise that it rained for three days leading up to the Harvest Festival. It seemed like it had rained all summer.

The surprise was that, despite depressing weather forecasts all week, the morning of October 12th dawned with bright blue autumn skies and the Harvest Festival was on!

Although the forecast had prompted some vendors to sleep in, nearly 200 booths sprung up and the food trucks lit up their grills and ovens. Volunteers that have been running the Festival for many years have been joined by a fresh set of hands who have stepped up to help keep it going well into the future. By 10 am, everything was set up and running. Officials estimate that 10,000 people turned out to enjoy it.

There were blocks and blocks of arts and crafts, gifts, jewelry, food, kiddie rides, a wandering juggler on stilts, balloon animals, facepainting, and socializing galore. There was something of interest to everyone including novelties, sports memorabilia, Halloween decorations and merchandise, services, local organizations and businesses, a wide variety of food, snacks and desserts ...with two separate food court areas to sit and enjoy a beautiful autumn day. *(Continued on Page 20)*

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## The Mayor's Desk



Robert Klaus, Mayor

### GREETINGS FELLOW RESIDENTS & FRIENDS:

The great Borough of Barrington has been blessed; we have made it through the summer of 2013. Some of us not as lucky as others, but we made it. Through the heat and humidity, the heavy down-pours and the speed that summer always comes and goes.

We appreciate all of those who planned and worked the Summer Recreation Program, always a great success, with plenty of fun activities for our younger residents. And now that our children are safely back to school and the autumn routine, of which we are all well aware, has settled in as we prepare for the Holiday Season.

Speaking of autumn, if you were unable to attend our Annual Harvest Fest you missed another great event. From Vendors row, the great foods available, the Classic Car Show, the Music, the Entertainment, the great company of neighbors/friends/relatives, the gathering at the Firehouse in the afternoon and into the evening. Thank you to the

newly formed Harvest Fest Committee, Our Police, Our Ambulance, Fire Department and our Public Works Employees.

The Harvest Fest is a great event that brings thousands of people to the Borough, which brings Barrington and its volunteers, businesses, employees and residents to the forefront in South Jersey. You won't find this type of event in any other municipality that brings the people as close to one another as this event does.

Our next event is the Barrington Fire Department's Holiday Parade, to be held Friday November 29th, 2013. This is always a great evening of celebration with a long line of parading fire equipment decorated for the Holiday Season. (Continued on Pg.8)



On August 13, 2013, Dave Roberts was sworn into office as Barrington's new Chief of Police replacing Chief Joe Eisenhardt who retired. Dave was sworn into office by Mayor Klaus and Councilman DelVecchio with his wife, Donna, at his side. Dave is a life-long resident of Barrington and his whole career has been in law enforcement. He has been with the Barrington Police Department for the past 19 years with service as a patrolman, sergeant and most recently as lieutenant. We wish congratulations to Chief Roberts and know that he will continue to be a great asset to the Borough of Barrington.

## Do You Need the Winter "Function Better Program"?

Each winter, many folks perform activities such as bundling-up for afternoon walks, shoveling snow, clearing snow and ice off the car, visiting friends, attending children's shows and shopping in town. If you find yourself in a position where the bending, reaching, endurance, balance, standing, walking, carrying and climbing requirements of these activities are too difficult, too painful or even impossible, the "**Function Better Program**" at WORK-UP PHYSICAL THERAPY may be just what you need to perform your tasks and activities this winter!

The "**Function Better Program**" at WORK-UP PHYSICAL THERAPY emphasizes muscle strengthening and stretching exercises, activities to decrease pain, conditioning exercises on equipment as well as personalized instruction to promote safe and independent function. After completion of the "**Function Better Program**", many people report that they are pain free and able to lead a more active and independent lifestyle.

WORK-UP PHYSICAL THERAPY is conveniently located at 135 East Atlantic Avenue in Haddon Heights (just off Station Avenue). Due to high demand, slots for the upcoming winter session of the "**Function Better Program**" are limited and filling quickly.

To reserve a slot for the program, call (856) 546-0377.

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### TREATING

- **Low Endurance**
  - **Knee Replacements**
  - **Balance Problems**
  - **Walking Problems**
  - **Pain Problems**
  - **Arthritis Issues**

Jim Clements, PT, DPT, MS is the Director of WORK-UP PHYSICAL THERAPY in Haddon Heights. Dr. Clements completed his physical therapy training at Thomas Jefferson University and went on to receive a Doctoral degree from Boston University as well as a Master of Science degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

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## WORK-UP PHYSICAL THERAPY



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## Council Corner

### MESSAGE FROM COUNCILWOMAN PATTI NICHOLSON

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the planning of the Independence Day Parade and Fireworks display. On July 3rd at 8am we began to track the weather and by 2pm with the help of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works Superintendent, EMS Chief and the Fire Alliance it was decided that Barrington would not allow the weather to stop its celebration. The parade which included numerous participants from sports organizations to music venues marched down Clements Bridge road as the crowds cheered. The sky was lit by 9:30 as the fireworks were sent into the air. The day proved once again to be amongst the best around.

Summer Recreation was held at Avon School with over 60 kids in attendance. Special thanks to our Directors Bob and Lisa Haas, the Asst Directors and counselors. The kids had a great time.

The 16th Annual Harvest Festival was held on October 12th with over 10,000 people in attendance. After watching weather forecasts all week long, on Friday October 11th a decision was made to go ahead with the Festival. As if on cue the clouds disappeared the sun showed its face. And the festival began. It was a beautiful day. I would like to thank Meg O'Donnell, Denise Moules, Barb Hanson, Mindy Berwick, Becky Bierbach, Jeff Zolla, Mike Drumm, Renee Coppola,

Kim Kellogg, Bill Patton, Holly McCauley, Nicole Lukaitis and Kelly Neiman for putting so much of their time, energy, heart and soul into planning such a great event. To their families I say thank you for your patience and support during what seemed like endless meetings, conference calls and last minute running around. It takes a great many hours to put on a spectacular event of such magnitude.

Special thanks to the Barrington Police, Fire, Public Works and EMS, The Camden County Fire Police, The Camden County OEM, Bellmawr Public Works, The Borough of Runnemede, Eileen Holcombe, Terry Shannon, Kristy Emmett, Jen Trace and Carol Fultano

A big thanks to the students from Woodland School, Avon School, Haddon Heights High School, St Theresa, Beth Powell, Sandy Duganitz, Lisa Nichols, and The Landolts.

Most especially a huge thanks to the volunteers from Grace Bible Church who so graciously gave up their day assisting with everything from setting up, selling bracelets, the basket auction, cleaning up and anything that came up during the day. I don't think we could ever express how grateful we are for your help.

Congratulations to Barrington Little league who received a \$15,000.00 open space grant from Camden County, the grant will be used to upgrade the Shreve Avenue clubhouse, bathrooms and fields. Barrington public Works will assist Little League with the building upgrades thru a shared service agreement.

I would like to take a moment to thank Mayor Klaus, Councilman Popiolek, Councilwoman Bergeron, Councilman Delvecchio, Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt for their continued support during my 2nd year on Council. I have truly enjoyed my role as Director of Civic & Community Services, Constituent Services, and Parks & Recreation. Most of all I thank my family, friends and fellow residents for giving me the opportunity to represent you. I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of this great town in 2014.

On behalf of myself, my husband Dan and our children Danny, Emily & Aidan we wish you and your family a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season!

### Holiday Fire Truck Parade Friday, November 29, 7:00pm

The annual holiday Fire Truck Parade will be held Black Friday beginning at 7:00pm. The parade will follow the usual parade route beginning at the railroad tracks. Join us back at the firehouse after the parade to visit with Santa Claus and for hot chocolate and cookies.



If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer for the Recreation Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me at 547-8585 or email me at pnicholson@barringtonboro.com



### Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 7, 2013 9am-12 noon

Join Santa Claus for breakfast at the VFW Memorial Senior Center on Shreve Avenue. Kids get their picture taken with Santa. Free admission--just bring a new unwrapped toy or a non-perishable food item.



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# Borough Bulletin

This feature is in every issue of "Barrington On Track" where we try to keep you informed about upcoming meetings as well as recap business that has transpired at prior meetings. Our goal is to keep our residents as informed as possible about borough business. You can also visit our website at [www.barringtonboro.com](http://www.barringtonboro.com) for full copies of meeting minutes, resolutions and ordinances. Also, we post public hearing notices on ordinances that are being considered for adoption in the Retro-spect and/or Courier Post and on Channels 19 (Com-cast) and 33 (Verizon). The channel postings can also be viewed on the web-site. For full copies of any ordinance you can e-mail the borough clerk at [tshannon@barringtonboro.com](mailto:tshannon@barringtonboro.com).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Caucus meetings:  
December 10 at 6:30pm;  
Council meeting December

17 at 6:00pm.

The annual Reorganiza-tion meeting will be Sun-day, January 5, 2014, at 2:00pm.

Recently adopted ordi-nances:

- Ord. 1004, 2013 Salary Ordinance for Non-union Employees
- Ord. 1005, Amend-ing Chapter 58, Fees (hall rental fees)
- Ord. 1006, 2013 Bond Ordinance for Capital Im-provements
- Ord. 1007, Approving Acquisition of an Easement over Certain Land Owned by Medford Village East
- Ord. 1008, Amending Chapter 120, Vehicles and Traffic (don't block the box relative to the Harvey's project)
- Ord. 1009, Approving Acquisition of Land owned by Vernon Duckery
- Ord. 1010, Approving Acq uisition of Land from 111 LLC

All of the land acquisition ordinances pertain to the White Horse Pike Rede-velopment Project. Copies of the full ordinances can be requested via email to [tshannon@barringtonboro.com](mailto:tshannon@barringtonboro.com).

Just a reminder that all pet licenses expire Decem-ber 31. We will be send-ing out renewal notices in January. You will have until April 30 to renew your license without a penalty. We need current rabies in-formation in order to renew any license.

All Borough offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday fol-lowing; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Day; and President's Day.

Borough offices are open until 7pm on **Thursday** evenings for your conve-nience.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive at the VFW Memorial Senior Community Center on Shreve Avenue on Feb-ruary 24 and 25. Watch the Borough sign or the web-site for more information.

### TEEN CENTER OPEN

The Teen Center at Bor-ough Hall is now open for the season.

- 5 th and 6th graders are welcome on Friday nights from 7pm-9pm.
- 7th and 8th graders are welcome on Saturday nights from 7pm-9pm.

Come out and shoot some pool, play ping pong, watch movies or just hang with your friends.

### DRIVE 25

"Drive 25" stickers are an effort to slow down drivers and protect our children. These very visible stickers are available at the Tax Office for just \$2 each.

Place them on your trash cans and recy-cling buckets to remind motorists.



### \* HOURS CHANGE \*

Evening hours for the Tax Office have changed from Wednesday to Thursday evenings. We will be open on Thursdays until 7pm so our residents can come in to transact borough business. The Tax Assessor will be available on Thursdays from 4:45 to 5:45pm.

### REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS HOURS

Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri:  
9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Thursday:  
12:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Marriage License Applications By Appointment  
Call 856/547-8585

Certified Copy of Birth or Marriage Record: \$10 each  
Certified Copy of Death Certificate: First \$25; each subsequent ordered at same time \$2

AN APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED TO RECEIVE A CERTIFIED COPY OF A VITAL RECORD.  
PHOTO ID WITH CURRENT ADDRESS AND/OR 2 PIECES OF MAIL WITH CURRENT ADDRESS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH RECORD REQUEST.

### Attention All Residents and Businesses!

Would you like to receive town notifications via e-mail? We are developing a database of e-mail addresses so we can send out e-mail "blasts" about things that are going on in town. If you would like to receive these notices, send an e-mail to [residentinfo@barringtonboro.com](mailto:residentinfo@barringtonboro.com) with your name, postal address and e-mail address and we will add you to the list!

## VFW HALL RENTALS

The Borough now owns the VFW Memorial Senior Hall on Shreve Avenue. Rental information is as follows:

- Private rental rate \$400.00
- Civic Groups \$250.00

All rentals require a \$100.00 security deposit. Rentals are for six hours.

Daily rate for meetings is \$25.00 per hour Monday-Thursday.

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# Public Works Department

## DPW HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- November 28th & 29th (Thursday & Friday) DPW closed (Thanksgiving Day & Day after)
- December 24th & 25th (Tuesday & Wednesday) DPW closed (Christmas Eve & Day).
- January 1, 2014 (Wednesday) DPW closed (New Years Day).
- January 20, 2014 (Monday) DPW closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).
- February 17, 2014 (Monday) DPW closed (President's Day).

## SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING AND TRASH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

As everyone should be aware of by now you can commingle your plastics, aluminum and bottles together with your mixed paper into one container for pick up on Thursdays or you can continue to separate as you have always done. You can now also recycle #'s 4, 5, & 7 plastics along with your # 1 & 2 plastics. All other numbered plastics are not accepted. Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday falling on a Thursday recycle pick up will be done the following day, Friday, 11/29 the same day as trash. Please separate your recycle containers from your trash containers so the crews can easily distinguish between the two for proper pick up.

Concrete and Stump holiday schedule – Due to Thanksgiving Day falling on a Thursday concrete and stump pickup will be on, Wednesday, 11/27, please call prior to the pickup day to be put on the schedule.

Scrap Metal holiday schedule – Due to Thanksgiving Day and Thanksgiving Day after, holiday falling on a Thursday and

Friday scrap metal pickup will be on, Wednesday, 11/27. Please call prior to the pickup day to be put on the schedule.

Bagged and Containerized leaf holiday schedule – Due to Thanksgiving Day holiday falling on a Thursday bagged and containerized leaf pickup will be on Wednesday, 11/27.

Brush holiday schedule – Due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and President's Day falling on a Monday brush pickup will be the following day, Tuesday 1/20 and Tuesday 2/17/2014.

## RECYCLING NEWS

**VEGETATIVE WASTE/ LEAVES** During the winter months from January until the end of March, the DPW will continue to do courtesy bagged or containerized pick ups weather and manpower permitting on Thursdays. This type of waste is recyclable and costs less to dispose of as compared to being disposed of as trash waste and is much more GREEN and environmentally responsible. If you can, please wait until the spring regular pick up schedule resumes to put out. There will also be a loose-leaf pick up week that will occur again in the spring of 2014.

Brush Year round pick up performed on Mondays. Tree limbs and trimmings, brush with roots removed and stumps no larger than twelve inches in diameter with all dirt washed off. Stumps in excess of twelve inches in diameter must arrange for a special pick up which is performed on Thursdays by calling the DPW prior to Thursday to be put on a pick up list. Any tree removals performed by a contractor and/or homeowner is the responsibility of the contractor and/or homeowner to arrange for disposal of

all resulting debris. The DPW will not pick up any debris resulting from the above mentioned.

**SCRAP METAL** Over the past few years the Borough has seen a steady decline in our recycling rate for scrap metal due to scavengers. In an effort to curb scavengers residents are asked to wait until the morning of pickup to put your items to the curb, you can also bring your scrap metal items to the DPW yard Monday thru Friday during normal business hours, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for disposal in our scrap metal dumpster or if you can contact the DPW ahead of time we may be able to make arrangements for pick up prior to your regularly scheduled pick up date if our schedule and manpower allows. By increasing our scrap metal recycling rate the Borough will receive increased revenue shares, increase our overall recycling rate which will increase our recycling grant funding because it is based on how much you recycle and help in achieving the State goal of recycling 50% of our solid waste stream Statewide. In 2012 the Borough residential recycling rate was 57.17%.

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Residents can bring their E-Waste to the DPW yard for disposal. Hours for drop off are Monday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The following items can be disposed of as E-Waste:

- 15,17,19,21 Inch Monitors, Flat Screens and All-In-Ones
- Towers, Desktops and Laptops
- Uninterrupted Power Supply
- Keyboards, Mouse, Speakers
- All Type of Wire
- Gold Clip Ends
- Printers, Fax Machines, Scanners, Modems and Copy Machines
- All Type of Memory
- Any Hard Drives
- Fans and Power Supplies
- Mother, B,C, Tweeter and

- Finger Boards
- AC Adapters, Yokes and Motors
- Plastic, Baled or Loose
- Aluminum, Brass, Light Iron and Copper
- Metals, Baled or Loose
- Any and All Related Computer Parts
- Phones, Cell Phones, Cell Phone and Laptop Batteries
- PC Scrap and Stereos (No Wood)
- VCR's, DVD's, CD Players and Boom Boxes
- Any Audio and Visual Equipment
- Scanners and Pagers
- Cash registers and Scales (Electronic or Mechanical)
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Household Appliances Not Containing Compressors
- Televisions

As of January 1, 2011, it is now mandatory to recycle covered electronic devices according to State Law entitled "The Electronic Waste Management Act". The Borough of Barrington DPW began accepting electronics in 2010 and recycled 3.30 tons for the year, 10.61 tons in 2011, 19.38 tons in 2012 and 11.41 tons so far in 2013. If residents have electronic items such as televisions that are too heavy or burdensome to drop off to the DPW please call and we will we make special arrangements to pick up. Please be advised that any electronic items put to the curb for trash will not be picked up. For more information on electronic recycling you can go to the NJDEP website at: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/electronicwaste/index.html> or the Borough electronic waste vendors website at [www.thanksforbeinggreen.com](http://www.thanksforbeinggreen.com).

## SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL MAINTENANCE

Borough Ordinance requires that all homeowners and business owners remove snow and ice from the public sidewalks bordering their properties within (12) hours of daylight after snow and ice have formed. Don't be caught unprepared as storms come up quickly.

Get your shovels and ice melt now and give the snow blower a start up so you are ready for old man winter.

## SNOW REMOVAL

With winter fast approaching and the possibility of snow, residents need to be aware of several things. If your street is designated as a snow emergency route, which is sign posted no vehicles shall be parked on either side of the street once snow has accumulated and until snow has ceased and roads are plowed sufficiently to allow parking without being a hazard. If at all possible please park your vehicle off street even if your street is not an emergency route, this will allow for a more efficient snow removal job. Also the following streets are County Roads and are the responsibility of the County, Clements Bridge Road (CR573), Gloucester Pike (CR659), Atlantic Avenue (CR727), Highland Avenue (CR573), Warwick Road (CR669), Hutchinson Avenue (CR665), Copley Road (CR666), 3rd Avenue (CR653), if you have any complaints please direct them to the Camden County Dept. of Public Works at 566-2980.

The following roads are State highways and are the responsibility of the NJDOT, I-295 and the White Horse Pike (SR30), if you have any complaints please direct them to the NJDOT maintenance yard at 486-6600.

Again this year the DPW will be treating the roads with regular salt and/or treated salt only. Also, the Borough again will not be entering into a shared services agreement this winter season with the Camden County Dept. of Public Works to assist them in snowplowing and treating the County roads. If there are any questions in regards to this article please contact the Department of Public Works @ 547-2486.

## BARRINGTON STARTS T-N-R PROGRAM

A group of concerned citizens have formed a Trap-Neuter-Return (T-N-R) program in Barrington. You may have seen our table at the Harvest Fest. The mission of the T-N-R Program is to trap feral and stray cats, have them neutered and vaccinated and return them to the area where they were found. In recent years, the Camden County Animal Shelter has euthanized tens of thousands of cats because feral and stray cats are such a problem throughout the County. Obviously killing cats is not something anyone wants to do. T-N-R Programs are a humane and very effective alternative.

Trapping cats and removing them does not work. Research shows that new cats just move in because there is a food

source. Neutering the cats DOES work. In Gloucester City, the town had a huge problem with feral cats down near the river. They endorsed and supported an aggressive T-N-R Program and the feral cat population was reduced by 40% in only three years. T-N-R works—similar evidence exists all across the country and overseas as well.

We have partnered with the CSTAR Animal Care program. CSTAR holds monthly SOS (Spay our Strays) Clinics where for only \$35.00, they will neuter/spay, vaccinate and ear tip a feral cat (ear tipping involves cutting the tip of the cat's ear so they can easily be identified as already being neutered). We need volunteers! We need help with trapping, taking cats to the clinics and recovery until the cats can be released. If you would like

to volunteer to help, please send an email to [tshan-non@barringtonboro.com](mailto:tshan-non@barringtonboro.com).

There are other ways to help too. We can always use donations, either of supplies or of money. We can use cat food—both wet and dry—for the cats that are being fostered during recovery. We can use monetary donations to help with the costs of neutering. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

If everyone works together, we can stop killing cats and work towards responsibly and humanely reducing the feral cat population throughout our town. For more information, please email to the address shown above or you can call 856-547-0706. You can also visit our website at [www.barringtontnr.com](http://www.barringtontnr.com).

## 295 CONSTRUCTION LEAVING SOME HOMELESS

With the onset of construction on Rte. 295, the project has taken over properties for the expansion of the highway. While the expansion and extension has affected many property owners, it is also affecting the natural habitat of wildlife native to the areas adjacent to the highway. Drainage areas along the highway corridor have long been the home for various species with wooded havens for shelter and fresh water availability. Marsupials, ground hogs, squirrels, and other rodents (mice and rats) have long made these areas their home. In addition, the mild winter of this past year has increased activity and their population.

The construction has caused many of these natural areas to be disturbed to provide for the required expansion of storm water collection areas needed to handle the additional runoff. This disturbance has caused many of these animals to seek somewhere new to reside. With no-

where else to go, some are seeking refuge in now residential areas of local towns. They are finding refuge under sheds, wood piles and overgrown hedges or shrubs. Some will actually seek shelter in crawl spaces, if access is available.

While none of this wildlife is desirable in residential settings, they will harbor and make a home if the ingredients for easy survival are available. Listed below are some things you can do to insure your home and property doesn't become theirs.

- Seal off any and all penetrations in your foundation walls. The smallest of opening can provide access for field mice. Cable wire penetrations should be sealed, foundation vents should be secured or replaced, and cracks should be repaired.

- Seal any space in or under a garden shed that could provide safe haven for nesting, and protection from the elements.

- Clear out gardening areas now that the growing season is finished, and remove piles of leaves or branches.

- Keep lids on trash cans, and recycling containers as open containers can provide an easy food source, making your property a desirable stop.

- Keep firewood stored above ground and away from your dwelling.

- If you have a pet, clean up after them daily. Whether or not you believe it, one animal's excrement can be another's dinner. As gross as this seems, animal feces is a prime attractor of rodents.

If you find evidence of rodent infestation, contact an exterminator immediately, especially if you believe they might be present in your home or crawl space. They have environmentally safe methods of baiting and poisoning. Do not bait the exterior of your property

as the bait is initially an attractant that could draw more attention to your property, as well as being harmful to domestic pets. The best methods to insure your home doesn't become theirs are to follow the guidelines listed above. If you remove the necessities for their survival SHELTER, FOOD, and WATER they will go elsewhere to find them.

## PREPARING FOR SNOW REMOVAL

While last winter was unusually mild with little or no snow accumulation, this winter is expected to be quite different. The following is a list of tips to both ease your burden and advise everyone of the Borough requirements regarding snow.

Obviously no parking is allowed on "Snow Emergency Routes". If you are not sure if your street is a designated route please contact either the Police or Public Works Departments for clarification.

Pull all vehicles in the driveway as tight as possible to each other and tight to one side of the driveway where you would pile your shoveled snow. Use a soft bristled "push broom" to clear all snow off your vehicle right to your lawn. With two vehicles you now have 30-40 feet of your driveway already cleared.

Start your vehicle after broom cleaning, with your defrosters on high. Shovel your apron and behind your vehicles BEFORE moving them. This will prevent you from having to shovel hard packed snow that will eventually freeze. Clear off any small amounts of snow remaining on the vehicle.

Plows will now be able to pass straight runs along the curb line quicker getting more streets done in less time and providing you curbside parking to finish the remaining side of the driveway not previously covered by your vehicles.

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