

June 2015

Dear Residents,

Summer is fast approaching and the City will be bustling with activity. Below you will find some highlighted events, news and happenings in and around our “little city with a lot of charm” in the coming weeks/months:

- ❖ The Public Works Department has been compiling a list of potholes and other pavement problems to be addressed. The City has entered into a Shared Service Agreement with the County to utilize their contractor to try to complete minor asphalt/pavement repairs. If you have any comments or know of anything we should be made aware of, please feel free to contact one of us or call City Hall at 609-298-0604 ext. 6.
- ❖ The Mission First Project on Ann and Spring Streets had its groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, May 18th with construction to begin in early June 2015. This 48 unit senior housing complex complete with parking lot and rehabilitation of the existing historic building will be a welcome asset to the community.
- ❖ The Water Utility has been moving forward with the construction of new wells and upgrades to the Water Treatment Facility. Water quality, testing and monitoring has been ongoing and the City has been working with the NJ DEP to improve the quality of the water provided to the residents of our service area. If you wish to discuss the water quality or treatment facility upgrades, feel free to contact Mayor Malone or Commissioner Targonski.
- ❖ Leaf and brush pick up will continue every Wednesday. Please remember that leaves and brush should be placed in open containers or recyclable paper bags, **NOT** in plastic bags. **Also, leaves, grass and brush should NOT be piled in the street. *Grass may be disposed of with your regular trash.***
- ❖ For some time now, residents of the City have asked about the ability to make their water utility and property tax payments online. Well, we’re happy to announce that a system is being put into place on the City’s website where ***water customers will be able to make their water payments and residents will be able to make property tax payments through an online service.*** Residents and water customers will be able to access their water and property tax accounts online through the City’s website and be taken to a secure payment processing program. There will be a convenience fee for online payments that will be assessed by the host website much like the convenience fee assessed by the State and other entities who accept online payments. We hope to have this system in place by July 1 prior to the due date for the next water and tax billing cycle. As with all new programs, there will be questions and the City Hall staff will be as helpful as possible in answering your questions or providing assistance.
- ❖ The Boating season has arrived and boat permits for the boat launch at the City Beach are available during the week at the Bordentown City Police Department. During the summer months, permits may be obtained on the weekends from the Beachmaster, when available.
- ❖ We have worked tirelessly with the owner/developer of the housing project on the corner of Park and Second Streets. A local contractor has finally been hired by the developer to complete the project and materials have been ordered. Residents should see work beginning within a short period of time.
- ❖ The Memorial Day Observance Ceremony was well attended on the 23rd of May; a special thank you goes out to Master Sergeant Chris Hofrichter for his touching and moving speech.
- ❖ With the weather warming up, work will begin on the gazebo at the Lime Kiln Alley Park and Hilltop Park very soon.
- ❖ The City has awarded a contract to Interface Studio LLC a planner who will assist in the redevelopment of the Ocean Spray property.
- ❖ The City Commissioners continue to address properties in disrepair, dilapidated conditions, etc. and has recently appointed a new part-time housing inspector, Joan Gruca, who will begin employment in June 2015.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

- ❖ For Trash Collection information on Holidays, residents are encouraged to go to the City website to check the calendar. Most holidays there will be no trash pick-up, however, there are exceptions dependent upon the day upon which the Holiday falls and events going on in the City. The City Clerk does her best to make sure the calendar is updated with the most recent information available.
- ❖ The Bordentown City Farmers' Market returns on **Wednesday, June 3rd from 3:00 PM until dusk** at the Carslake Community Center, 207 Crosswicks Street.
- ❖ The City Youth Work Program will be active again this summer beginning early July. To participate, you must be a City youth between the ages of 14 and 18 and obtain working papers from your local school district office. If you are interested in the program, contact City Hall at 609-298-0604 ext. 6; or stop by the office to obtain a job application after June 1.
- ❖ The **Burlington County Senior Nutrition Program** is available to seniors 4 days per week; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am until 1:00 PM. If you or someone you know is interested in the program, stop by the Carslake Community Center, 207 Crosswicks Street, during that time and speak with Cynthia of Burlington County or call the City Clerk at City Hall.
- ❖ The Bordentown City Green Team continues to work with the City officials and volunteers in promoting environmental sustainability for the City. A Green Fair will be held at the Carslake Community Center on **June 13th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM.** (See the attached flyer for details)
- ❖ Members of the Bordentown City Environmental Commission are working hard on providing a community garden to the residents of Bordentown City. (See the attached letter for details)

In conclusion, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to one or all of us and we'll be happy to chat with you.

Have an enjoyable Summer and keep an eye on your elderly neighbors when the Summer heat begins.

Respectfully,

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