



OLIVE CONNECTION

MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome to the Olive Connection



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Welcome back to the Olive Connection!! I hope you are enjoying the quarterly newsletter. The newsletter will continue to feature updates on official Township business, provide information of upcoming events and dates to remember, highlight Department services and provide relevant information about what's happening around Mount Olive. I hope you find this newsletter beneficial, engaging and an effective means of strengthening our great community. If you have suggestions on how to improve the newsletter or ideas on what information you would like to read about, please contact me at atatarenko@mtolivetwp.org.

Official Township Business

The Township recognized July as Parks and Recreation Month and praised our recreation professionals for being vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community.

With that being said, starting November 25, 2022 - January 1, 2023 the Mount Olive Recreation Department will host its first annual walk-through Holiday Light Display at Turkey Brook Park. This five week event will be held Thursday - Sunday, 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm. More information will be forthcoming.

The Township completed its first phase of the Cloverhill Development shade tree removal and sidewalk replacement project. Nineteen (19) trees which were causing damage to sidewalks have been removed and corresponding sidewalks have been replaced. If you live in Cloverhill and would like a new shade tree planted, please contact my office for details.

In addition, the Township completed the 2022 road resurfacing project and paved over 8 miles of road way.

The Township also joined a National Opioid Settlement agreement and will be receiving \$324,213 to put toward our efforts in implementing strategies to combat opioids in Mount Olive.

A grant of \$112,500 has been awarded for the purpose of purchasing a new Senior Transportation Bus and \$336,868 has been awarded to continue restoration work at the Seward House. Most notably, for the fourteenth (14) year in a row, the Governing Body authorized the acceptance of the 2021 audit which resulted in no audit recommendations from our auditor.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 8 - Oktoberfest
- November 5 - Drive in Movie
- November 10 - Taxes are due
- November 25-January 1 - Holiday Light Display

Leaf pick up will commence and the chipper service will resume the first week of October through the last week of December.

Ordinances & State Laws

The Governing Body amending the Property Maintenance code which expands the Township's power to regulate vacant and abandoned properties and established a limited reimbursement program for Cloverhill residents who have removed shade trees and repaired damaged sidewalks at their own expense. Two State laws took effect which will be implemented by the Township to inspect residential rental units built prior to 1978 for lead based paint. The law requires inspections within two years on certain one- and two-family home rentals and multi dwelling units. In addition, all business owners and owners of multifamily rental units will be required to maintain certain levels of liability insurance and annually register a certificate of insurance with the Township where the business or rental unit is located.

Other Developments

A new turf soccer field has been installed at Turkey Brook Park along with refurbished basketball courts, a new pavilion at the Activity Field and water fountain in the retention basin. In addition, tennis courts at Powerline Park were also refurbished and lined for pickleball. Two open space purchases were finalized at 67 Crease Road and 5 Pondview Drive, a scenic 25 acre property with a pond, boardwalk and a 4,000 square foot building which was home to the historic Tarn Mill. The property will be rehabilitated for passive recreational use and a public meeting space.



Employee Recognition



**Michael Cordileone -
Lieutenant**

Lt. Cordileone was hired by the Mount Olive Police Department in 1997.

Following his graduation from the Academy, he was assigned to the Patrol

Division and later transferred to the Communications and Records Division in 2005 and was assigned Corporal. In 2011, he was promoted to Sergeant and again promoted in 2016 to Lieutenant, Communications and Records Commander. During his 25 year tenure, Lt. Cordileone has created database programs to improve efficiencies, oversaw the installation of new technology and was the grant coordinator who received funding for AEDs, the 911 system and body worn cameras. In addition, Lt. Cordileone is a firearms and tactical rifle instructor, the terminal agency coordinator, an instructor in 911/EMD/Fire Communications and has been an Accreditation Manager which represents a significant professional achievement. Lt. Cordileone has received numerous awards for Educational Achievement, Honorable Service, Exceptional Duty, Physical Fitness, Grand Cordon, Program Development and Life Saving. Chief Stephen Beecher said: "Lt. Cordileone has been integral in the Mount Olive Police Department leveraging technologies to improve effectiveness and efficiency. His contributions and influence have positively impacted the entirety of our organization across all four division and is grateful to have worked with him."

Department Highlight

Recreation Department

The Mount Olive Recreation Department strives to provide safe, high-quality, low-cost recreational opportunities keeping pace with local demand and changing trends. A robust variety of classes for all ages and interests, sports, camps and special events are held throughout the year, open to all regardless of residency. Whether inside or outside, the programs and events promote physical health, provide life-long learning opportunities and offer engaging family friendly entertainment. Over nineteen events were planned in 2022 with the addition of a Township wide block party, cultural events, and e-sports programing. New at Turkey Brook Park, the Recreation Department has added two interactive areas for families with the addition of The Story Walk and Biba (also available at Flanders Park). The Recreation Department partners with businesses throughout the year who take advantage of sponsorship and marketing opportunities. Field and facility rental is also available for groups and parties. For more information visit www.mountolivetwpnj.org.

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