



OLIVE CONNECTION

MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome to the Olive Connection



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Welcome to the Olive Connection!! This is the first issue of a quarterly newsletter which will be released by the Business Administrator. The newsletter will 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

On January 4, 2022, the Township held its Re-organization Meeting and Mayor Greenbaum provided the 2022 State of the Township Address. Many exciting updates were given, most notably, the continued development of Valley Brook Park, the Budd Lake Beach Redevelopment project and the anticipated acquisition of 5 Pondview Lane. Also emphasized was the importance of tax stability and the announcement that there will be no municipal tax increase for the tenth year in a row.

Over the past several months, Departments have been working hard and focusing on developing the 2022 budget which was formally adopted on March 22, 2022. The Township has budgeted over \$10 million in capital spending to include over \$1 million toward road resurfacing, embarking on a sidewalk replacement project in the Cloverhill development, refurbishing tennis and basketball courts, adding a pavilion at the Turkey Brook Park Event Field, installing a new soccer turf field by partnering with the Mount Olive Soccer Club and purchasing a new Budd Lake Fire Truck, Flanders Fire Brush Truck and Public Works Sweeper. The Township is also soliciting proposals for Architectural Services for a potential Senior Center expansion project to provide the Health Department a dedicated space in order to best serve the community and to create additional space at the Municipal Building for the Police Department as the Township's needs continue to grow.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 23 - Community Yard Sale
- April 30 - Seedling Pick up
- May 14 - Fairy & Pirates Festival
- May 15 - Property Taxes Due
- June 18 - Bubble Palooza & Color Run
- June 24 - Block Party

Chipper Service and Yard Waste Collection starts in April

Ordinances & Resolutions

The Township Council has amended several ordinances to reflect the current environment. Salary and wages were established for Township employees, the towing ordinance was updated to meet State guidelines, and the service charge for insufficient funds through ACH transactions was lowered in accordance with State statute. The Council also approved a resolution to help support and improve water quality throughout the State, approved the Mount Olive Township Employee Union contract, and applied for over \$600,000 in grant funding to continue work on the Seward House.

Other Developments

A grant was received in the amount of \$75,000 to construct an outdoor fitness area at Flanders Park, Altice has been running new fiber optic cable throughout the Township to improve reliability and public Wi-Fi is being installed at Turkey Brook Park. In addition, a new commercial real estate company has purchased ITC South with plans on re-vitalizing the development with a new facade, over \$80,000 was secured from the DEP to continue HAB treatment at Budd Lake and the Council has agreed to purchase approximately 2 acres at 67 Crease Road for open space and conservation purposes.

The Mount Olive Community also came together in support of a humanitarian effort for the people of Ukraine by collecting over 50 boxes of supplies which was donated to a local Ukrainian charity.



Employee Recognition



Lisa Brett - Mayor's Assistant/Special Events Coordinator

Lisa has been employed with the Township since 2012 and is the glue that keeps the Administration together. Her responsibilities include coordinating the Mayor's schedule, facilitating Township events, soliciting donations and sponsorships and staying connected with the business and residential community. Lisa's latest accomplishments range from securing over \$70,000 in sponsorship for recreation events and was instrumental in obtaining thousands of dollars worth of PPE during the pandemic. Lisa will be assisting with the new outdoor fitness gym at Flanders Park, maintaining the Township's Bronze Level Certification for Sustainable Jersey and keeping our residents informed through Social Media.

Public Meeting Videos

Available on our website are archived videos of Planning Board and Township Council meetings along with a series of informative videos on the following topics: Snow Removal, Where Do My Taxes Go?, Township Parks & Future Developments, Recycling and Cannabis Legalization. Please take some time and watch the educational videos.

Department Highlight

Health Department

The Mount Olive Health Department continues to provide public health services for Mount Olive, Mt. Arligton, Netcong, Wharton and Mine Hill which generates over \$300,000 in revenue through shared services. Since the beginning of the pandemic, over 6,200 COVID19 cases have been investigated in our Township. In addition to disease prevention, other responsibilities include promoting healthy behaviors, assuring accessibility of health services, senior transportation, vital statistics, public health nursing and environmental health. The Health Department has also conducted a Township Health Assessment in order to develop a comprehensive plan on health concerns of our residents. The full report can be found on our website.

Please note, that a new contract has been awarded for Veterinarian/Impoundment Services of lost animals with Common Sense for Animals located in Stewartsville, NJ. This is a temporary solution as we search for a closer provider.

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