



# OLIVE CONNECTION

MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP  
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

## Welcome to the Olive Connection



**ANDREW TATARENKO**

Welcome back to the Olive Connection!! I hope you enjoyed the first issue of 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](mailto:atatarenko@mtolivetwp.org).

### ***Official Township Business***

The Township recognized Local Government Week, from April 3rd - 9th, and encouraged all residents to support Township employees. Local government is the closest to most residents and one with the most direct daily impact on the quality of life for residents. Our 199 employees (160 full time & 39 part time), are directly responsible for keeping our township growing in a fiscally responsible direction, providing excellent public safety resources, offering recreation opportunities for residents of all ages, maintaining township infrastructure, and practicing responsible sustainable efforts. Our employees are dedicated and strive to provide exceptional customer service to our residents, businesses, and visitors.

In addition, National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week was recognized from April 11th - April 17th as our Communications Officers are the ones whose faces are seldom seen, but their voices are strong and provide many with comfort and hope during stressful incidents. Our Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days year. Last year, 9,205 9-1-1 calls were answered and dispatched resources to 3,247 emergencies in addition to tracking over 70,000 annual calls for service for the the Mount Olive Police Department.

The Mayor also proclaimed the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning and Plus Pride Awareness Month and recognized June 19, 2022 as Juneteenth Day throughout Mount Olive Township.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- July 7 - COVID19 Vaccination Clinic
- July 13-17 - Carnival
- July 22 - Art in the Park
- August 10 - Taxes are due
- August 2 - National Night Out
- August 5 - Music & Movie in the Park
- August 13 - Touch a Truck
- August 19 - Salsa in the Park
- August 27 - Food Truck & Fireworks Festival
- September 16 - Country in the Park
- September 24 - Raiders of the Lost Park

### ***Ordinances & Resolutions***

A 4 ton weight limit has been imposed on a section of Waterloo Valley Road, an adjustment to the zone boundary was corrected for the Village Green Apartments, and the DEP model noise ordinance was adopted. In addition, the Council adopted an installment payment plan for delinquent water and/or sewer charges that have unpaid balances accrued between March 9, 2020 - March 15, 2022 due to the pandemic and authorized a contract with Greenspot JC, LLC for the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on Township owned property.

# Other Developments

Two open space purchases were finalized at 20 Lenape Trail and 204-1 Waterloo Valley Road which consists of a piece of the Morris Canal, the Planning Board approved a site plan application to reoccupy the former bank at 202 Route 46 to sell stone memorial monuments and Paragon Senior Living was approved for an expansion project. A Zoning Permit was also issued for a new supermarket to occupy the former A&P in Budd Lake. The Budd Lake Beach Redevelopment Concept plan was also approved and will now be submitted to the DEP and DOT for review and comment before moving forward with final design and a Public Access Channel for Altice customers can now be viewed on channel 78.



# Employee Recognition



**Susan Gouveia - Deputy Township Clerk**

Susan has been employed with the Township since 2013 as the Assistant to the Township Clerk, was promoted to the position of

Deputy Township Clerk in 2015 and has obtained her Registered Municipal Clerk's Certification. Susan has the responsibility of assisting with records retention, public record requests, providing secretarial services to the members of the Council, handling games of chance license applications and making preparations for elections. Susan has an active role in training staff members on statutory responsibilities, has a key responsibility during virtual Council meetings, and will be assisting with the implementation of a new agenda management software which will be launched later in the year.

Susan is always eager to assist our residents and provides exceptional customer service.

# Grant Applications

The Township applied for a \$1.9M Community Project Grant to construct a Health & Wellness Center at the Municipal Complex, a \$400K Stormwater Management Grant to improve the water quality in Budd Lake, \$85K Open Space Grant to acquire property adjacent Budd Lake boat launch, and \$300K Transportation Trust Fund Grant to rehabilitate the intersection of Rt. 46 and International Drive along with a bridge that spans over Rt. 80.

# Department Highlight

## Construction Department

The Mount Olive Construction Department is responsible to insure that all construction, renovations, and repairs conform to the State of New Jersey Uniform Construction Code and New Jersey approved building codes. In addition to servicing Mount Olive residents, a shared service agreement is in place with the Township of Roxbury for Fire-Sub Code.

When do I need a permit? Chances are if you need to ask yourself this question, a permit is probably required. If you have any questions concerning permit requirements, we suggest you call our staff during the planning stage of your project.

In 2021, the Construction Department collected over \$1,300,000 in revenue, issued over two thousand construction permits and over sixteen hundred certificates of occupancy. In addition, over seven thousand inspections were conducted.

The Construction Department will continue to bring the best possible service to the residents, business owners and contractors of Mount Olive.

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