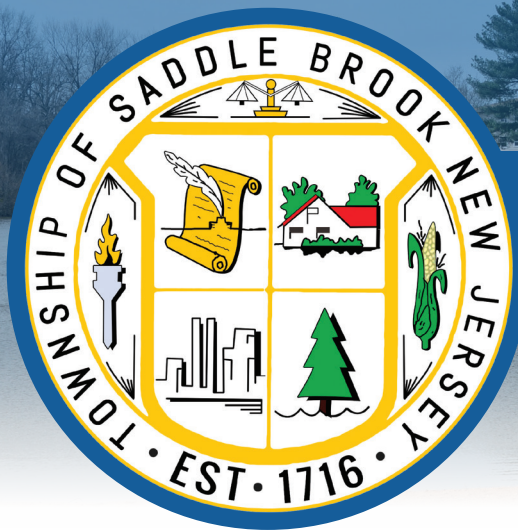




Saddle Brook 2020 Update

"Saddle Brook is Moving Forward!"

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ROBERT WHITE



Saddle Brook is one of the best places to live in all of New Jersey thanks to our warm and compassionate residents and small town feel. When you consider the quality of our schools, low crime rate, recreational services and access to transportation, it's clear that our community is the crown jewel of Bergen County.

Together over the past five years, we have stabilized taxes, improved senior citizen and youth programs as well as supported our small businesses throughout town. We have been recognized by multiple publications over the past few years for being one of the best places to live in the area, and I couldn't agree more.

This past year alone, the township began plans to build a new Municipal Complex and Civic Center, allocated money to give our police department new equipment and aggressively pursued grants to get state and federal money into our township.

As you browse this newsletter, you will find countless examples of what makes our town stand above the rest. We have 14,000 incredible people living here that I am proud to represent in my sixth year as your Mayor.

Robert White



Brand New Municipal Complex & Civic Center Breaking Ground Soon

The township is excited to announce that they are moving forward on the brand new Civic Center and Municipal Complex that will include Municipal Offices, Court, Fire and Ambulance Corps. Saddle Brook will be closing on the property which will house the new building located at 55 Mayhill Street around the end of March of this year.

The existing structure on the property will be retrofitted and renovated in order to build the much needed Civic Center and Municipal

Complex. The township submitted an application with the Bergen County Improvement Authority in order to finance the cost and take advantage of the county's AAA rating.

Last November, Business Administrator Peter LoDico and Mayor White attended a Bergen County Freeholder meeting where the project was presented and approved unanimously by the Board. As the township moves further along through this process, more information will be made available to the public.



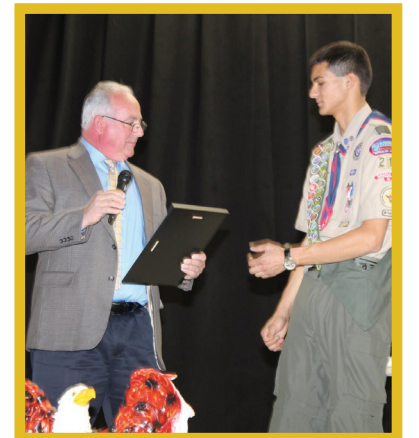
Avon Park Playground Renovation Completed

On July 20th, the township held an unveiling ceremony for the new and improved Avon Park Playground. The new playground was completed as the Eagle Scout project of Michael Maniscalco, a young man who managed the entire project by himself. This project not only delivered a renovated park but Michael was able to bring the community together to help make this a reality. Michael was given the support of his family and volunteers from his Boy Scout Troop 213, the Saddle Brook (SB) High/Middle School Music Association, the SB Angels Sports Program and SB Community Partnership Committee.



Residents and local businesses also contributed by donating construction materials, equipment, money and their time. Additionally, the township was awarded an Open Space Grant from Bergen County in order to build an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant playground that can be used

by individuals with special needs and disabilities. The beautifully revamped playground is already being enjoyed by families throughout Saddle Brook. All of this could not have been possible without the tireless work of Michael Maniscalco and the members of the community that helped him complete this project.





Governor Murphy Visits Saddle Brook Senior Center

Governor Murphy visited Saddle Brook seniors at the Senior Center on March 28, 2019. During his visit, the Governor signed the *Secure Choice Retirement Savings* bill which authorizes the state to create a retirement savings program for certain private-sector workers whose employers don't offer a retirement plan.

"I would like to thank Governor Murphy for coming to Saddle Brook and signing this incredibly important bill into law," said Mayor White. "This will without a doubt help many

of our residents have a secure and stable retirement. I encourage all Saddle Brook residents to find out how this new law may affect their retirement plans."

This program applies to private sector employers with 25 or more employees that do not offer a plan. Payroll deductions for these employees will now automatically be placed into IRAs. This law will help residents in their quest to have a secure retirement.

Police Department to Get Revamped Equipment and Communication Systems

The township introduced a bond ordinance during the July 2019 Council Meeting which authorized the improvement of Police Department equipment and communications systems. The approved ordinance allocated funds to update the Police Communications desk, including a state of the art 911 system, and the placement of solar speed radar signs near the schools and main thoroughfares in town.



New Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Firefighters Sworn in



With the township Council in attendance, Mayor White swore in new Ambulance Corps and Firefighters during ceremonial dinners in early 2019. During the Ambulance Corps reception dinner, there were also certificates given out to members for length of service and number of calls made in 2018.

The Mayor and Council are extremely proud of the work that the volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps do every day and ask for the community to continue to support them with a donation. For information about volunteering with the Fire Department, please call 201-587-8184 and for the Ambulance Corps 201-587-2939.

Senior Holiday Party

Members of the Saddle Brook Senior Club and AARP Chapter had a holiday party at the Venetian Banquet Hall in Garfield on December 16th. There was outstanding food and drinks and everyone in attendance had an exceptional time! Friends and family enjoyed an afternoon of dancing and laughs. The event was put together by Senior Center Director Joe Lecce, AARP Vice President & Councilwoman Karen D'Arminio, Senior Club President Cecilia Lipari, and Township Secretary Christine Genuario.

Trunk or Treat Event

The township held a *Trunk or Treat* event for Halloween and it was a tremendous success. It was very well attended by families in the community. The event took place inside the high school gym and was full of trunk or treaters in amazing costumes! The Council and Mayor White were thankful to everyone including Township Secretary Christine Genuario that worked so hard to make this a great event for the children.

Safe and Secure Grant Would Allow Township to Hire Additional Officers

A large part of having a fiscally responsible budget involves applying for and receiving grants from various sources. The township is constantly looking for ways to save taxpayers money to fund different projects. One particularly exciting grant that the township has applied for is the Safe and Secure Grant Program which aims to address crime through a community-oriented manner. This \$30,000 state funded grant allows municipalities to offset the cost of two officers.

2018 Township Audit

An audit of the township's 2018 financial statements was performed by an independent auditor in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The findings of the report can be found on the township webpage at www.saddlebrooknj.us.

2020 Budget

A temporary 2020 budget was reviewed by the Township Administrator Peter LoDico and Mayor White and was approved by the Town Council during the January 2nd council meeting. The Township Auditor and Chief Financial Officer have been asked for an assessment of the township's finances and to provide an overview of anticipated revenues, expenses, surplus, and debt services. A permanent 2020 budget will be prepared and introduced during the March council meeting and will be available on the township website.

Administration Efforts Continue to Make Saddle Brook More Sustainable

In order to make Saddle Brook more sustainable and environmentally friendly, the township has applied for the highly competitive Sustainable Jersey grant. Sustainable Jersey has partnered with the Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) Foundation to contribute \$200,000 to support the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program for municipalities across the state. Sustainable Jersey will be making grants in three categories: four \$20,000 project grants, eight \$10,000 project grants, and twenty \$2,000 project or green

team support grants; the township hopes to be awarded some of this money. This grant would allow the township to accomplish a wide range of sustainability initiatives. Should the township be awarded the grant, it will immediately begin plans to put the money to use which will undoubtedly have a positive, long term impact on the community at no cost to Saddle Brook taxpayers. The township will find out if it will be receiving any of these sustainability funds later in 2020.



Count everyone under your roof.

Hundreds of billions of dollars are at stake every year for the next 10 years.

The results of the 2020 Census inform funding and planning for new clinics, school lunch programs, emergency services, and more. So make sure you count everyone living in your home as of April 1, 2020.

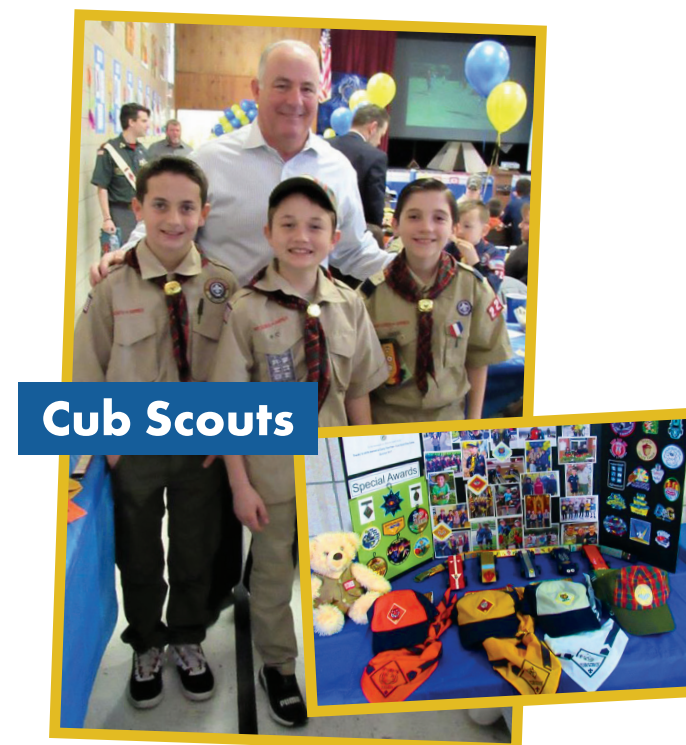
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The township works incredibly hard and takes great pride in putting together as many quality events as possible every year.

In 2020, Saddle Brook will continue to plan events that will bring the community together throughout the year.



New Senior Housing Development

On September 9th, Mayor White and town council members attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new senior housing complex on Caldwell Avenue, led by the Bergen County Housing Authority. The complex contains 30 one bedroom, handicap accessible units. This was a much needed addition to the community as it will help Saddle Brook seniors live in safe, affordable housing and will keep them in town.

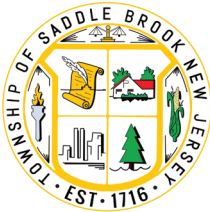
Senior Tax Freeze Program

The Senior Tax Freeze Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax or mobile home park site fee increases on their principal residence. To qualify, you must meet all the eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the application year. The income requirement for 2019 is \$91,505 or less. For more information, contact the Senior Property Tax Freeze Reimbursement Information Line at (800) 882-6597.

Infrastructure Improvements

In 2019, Saddle Brook aggressively pursued and was awarded a number of grants. These grants included a community development grant of \$227,169 for paving Rochelle Parkway, an open space grant for Avon Park of \$15,000, a New Jersey Department of Transportation grant of \$192,000 for paving of Fairlawn Parkway, a \$182,000 grant to pave Mayhill Street from VFW Circle to Route 80 bridge, \$26,342 from Clean Communities, and a \$24,956 Recycling grant, saving taxpayers over \$650,000.

The township continued with the street paving program that included Leswing Avenue, Erie Street, Legregni Street, Claremont Avenue, Nedellec Drive and Hayes Drive. The paving program has continued into 2020. Saddle Brook is coordinating with PSE&G to pave roads after they have completed the underground utility work. In 2019, PSE&G paved President Street, Bell Avenue and Kuhn Drive.



Township of Saddle Brook 2020 Recycling Schedule

RECYCLING SCHEDULE	FRIDAY	FRIDAY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 251 – 2ND STREET (201) 843-3064	COMMINGLED Glass containers, aluminum, plastics, steel and tin cans	NEWSPAPER Newspaper, magazines, paper and broken cardboard
JANUARY	3rd, 17th & 31st	10th & 24th
FEBRUARY	14th & 28th	7th & 21st
MARCH	13th & 27th	6th & 20th
APRIL	10th & 24th	3rd & 17th
MAY	8th & 22nd	1st, 15th & 29th
JUNE	5th & 19th	12th & 26th
JULY	3rd, 17th & 31st	10th & 24th
AUGUST	14th & 28th	7th & 21st
SEPTEMBER	11th & 25th	4th & 18th
OCTOBER	9th & 23rd	2nd, 16th & 30th
NOVEMBER	6th & 20th	13th & 27th
DECEMBER	4th & 18th	11th & 26th (No Pickup 12/25)

Grass Clippings

Homeowners **must** place grass clippings in a covered trash container or paper bag that **does not exceed 30 pounds** per container and place curbside on your scheduled yard waste pick-up day no earlier than **7PM** the night before. Homeowners are encouraged to compost their yard waste by leaving grass clippings to mulch gardens.

Solid Waste Collection

Regular garbage, including bulk items (household items like couches, chairs, mattresses, box-springs, dressers, tables or non-appliance type items) are picked up by Gaeta Sanitation every Wednesday and Saturday, excluding holidays. For missed collections, call **(201) 843-3064**.

Leaf Collection

Leaf pick-up is the same day as yard waste collection schedule. Bags should **NOT** be placed at the curb before 7PM the night before collection and leaves **MUST** be placed in container or paper lawn bags.

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK
93 MARKET STREET
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663

Township Directory

Mayor Robert White
(201) 587-2902

Tax Department
(201) 587-2914

Water Department
(201) 587-2905

Police
(201) 843-7000

Senior Center
(201) 845-4594

Recreation Department
(201) 403-3281

Building Department
(201) 843-7111

Township Clerk and Council
(201) 587-2909

Town Hall
(201) 587-2900

Department of Public Works
(201) 843-3064

Health and Registrar's Office
(201) 587-2900

Township Public TV Channels

The township television station is Cablevision Channel 77 or Verizon Fios Channel 38

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