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Check out this month's Saddle Brook Community Connections!

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR



Dear Saddle Brook Residents,

As many of you know, our Town Clerk, Peter "Pete" Lo Dico passed on June 16th. Pete earned the affectionate title of "Mr. Saddle Brook" for his decades of dedicated service to the community. As a respected civic leader, he played a vital role in the town's development and in fostering a strong sense of community, becoming an indispensable part of Saddle Brook's history and identity. He was a mentor and friend to me, and he will be deeply missed.

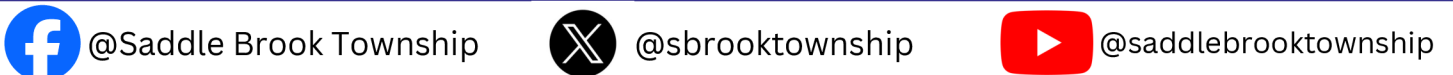
As we reflect on Pete's contributions to our community, we look ahead to a special time in our nation's history - the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Independence Day provides us an opportunity to reflect and give thanks for our freedoms. I am thankful for all the brave men and women who serve our nation's military and fight to protect our freedoms.

I encourage all residents to join us for our Fourth of July celebrations. On Friday, July 3rd, we look forward to gathering for our annual fireworks display at the Otto C. Pehle Park. On Saturday, July 4th, the First Reformed Church of Saddle Brook will host a special Dedication Service and National Bell Ringing Ceremony commemorating America's 250th anniversary. This patriotic and ecumenical event will bring together residents, veterans, faith leaders, and community organizations in a spirit of gratitude and unity as bells ring across the nation in celebration of this historic milestone.

I wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and meaningful Fourth of July.

Sincerely,
Mayor Robert White

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP NEWS

The Community Partnership Committee will serve as a forum to discuss township issues and provide residents in need, with resources, referrals, and guidance to obtain the help they need to improve their quality of life.

REMEMBERING PETER LO DICO



Saddle Brook has lost a true icon, a dear friend, a dedicated leader, and a committed public servant. Peter “Pete” Lo Dico, our Town Clerk, passed away on Tuesday, June 16th. Pete gave many years of service to our town as a board of education trustee, councilman, mayor, town clerk, business administrator and historian - an amazing 54 years of dedication to everything Saddle Brook.

The Saddle Brook Community Partnership wants to express their condolences to Pete’s family and friends. We thank him for all his hard work and dedication to our residents. He will be deeply missed.

SENSORY FRIENDLY CRAFT NIGHT



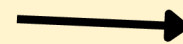
On May 27th, we held the first ever Sensory Friendly Craft Night at the Municipal Complex. This event was a fun, inclusive and relaxed crafting experience for all age groups. We would like to thank the students from the Saddle Brook High School and everyone from the Saddle Brook Mayor’s Youth Group, Saddle Brook Community Partnership, and Saddle Brook Recreation Department for their assistance. Special thanks to the Saddle Brook Woman’s Club for their generous donations of supplies for each craft station, Michelle Nosch for organizing the scrapbook station, and Monica Maniscalco of Legacy Empowerment for her assistance in coordinating this event.

JOIN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP!

 saddlebrookpartnership@gmail.com

 Partnership Helpline → 201-587-2912

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AFSP BERGEN COUNTY OUT OF DARKNESS WALK - SUPPORT OUR TEAM!

WHEN: Saturday, October 3rd - Check in at 9am, Walk starts at 10am

WHERE: Overpeck Park Amphitheater - Ridgefield Park

Join the Saddle Brook Community Partnership team for the Bergen County Out of the Darkness Walk!

The 2026 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Bergen County Out of the Darkness Walk has been scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at Overpeck Park Amphitheater in Ridgefield Park, and the Saddle Brook Community Partnership is proud to be the first team to register and donate this year!



The check-in time is 9am with the walk beginning at 10am.

We're starting early so we can build an even bigger team than last year and continue showing our community's support for mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

You can join our team and/or make a donation by visiting this link or scanning the QR code below: <https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/team/386410>

Mental health matters. Let's come together and show how Saddle Brook Strong we truly are!

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MAYOR'S YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Mayor's Youth Group is open to all Saddle Brook youth in grades 4-12

*Community Service. Helping Community. College Resume.
Friends and Fun.*



The Mayor's Youth Group assisted at the annual Mayor's Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Otto Pehle Lake in Saddle River County Park. The weather was beautiful, and the kids had a great day fishing.

Thank you to Christine Genuario for planning and organizing the event and taking photos. Thank you to the Recreation Department, including Director Andy Gallo and Diane Bonner. Thank you to Dunkin' Donuts for donating coffee and munchkins. We appreciate the assistance of the police department, ambulance corps, and DPW. Thank you to Council members David Gieriek and Sarah Sanchez for attending. All participants received trophies.

The Derby winners were **1st Pl. – AMANDA MORALES with a 14" Large Mouth Bass**; **2nd Pl. – MACKLIN GELENIUS with a 14" Large Mouth Bass**; **3rd Pl. – KINGSTON GELENIUS with a 13" Large Mouth Bass**. Congratulations to all!

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saddlebrookmyg@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Township Council Meetings: Municipal Complex Council Chambers | Work Session on the first Thursday each month at 5:30pm | Regular Public Meeting on the third Thursday each month at 7pm

Planning Board Meetings: Municipal Complex Council Chambers | Third Monday each month at 7pm

Zoning Board Meetings: Municipal Complex Council Chambers | First Monday each month at 7pm

Green Team Meetings: Saddle Brook Senior Center | Fourth Wednesday each month at 7:30pm

Community Partnership Meetings: Municipal Complex Recreation Center Multipurpose Room | Fourth Thursday each month at 6:30pm

★ JULY 2026 ★

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Visit our **community calendar** on our **website** at www.saddlebrooknj.us for a full list of upcoming events

Scan the **QR Code** below to submit an event for the **Community Calendar**



June 29-July 30: Saddle Brook Recreation Summer Camp 8:30am-3pm at the Recreation Center

July 3: Township Fireworks at approximately 9pm at Saddle River County Park - Otto C. Pehle Area

July 4: Fourth of July Dedication Service and Bell Ringing 1:30pm at the First Reformed Church of Saddle Brook - 5 Ackerman Ave. (please park on Saddle River Rd)

July 6: Zoning Board Meeting 7pm

July 16: Council Work Session 5:30pm - Regular Public Meeting to Follow at 7pm - 55 Mayhill Street

July 20: Planning Board Meeting 7pm

July 22: Green Team Meeting 7:30pm at the Senior Center (8 Caldwell Ave)

July 23: Community Partnership Meeting at 6:30pm in Recreation Center Multipurpose Room

July 27: Bergen County Green Team Hub Meeting 7pm in Council Chambers

CELEBRATING OUR COUNTRY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY



Saddle Brook is joining communities across the nation in celebrating America's 250th Anniversary by hosting events including the **annual fireworks celebration on July 3rd** at the Saddle River County Park and **dedication service and bell ringing ceremony at the First Reformed Church of Saddle Brook on July 4th.**



SADDLE BROOK
CELEBRATING
250
 YEARS OF
America!

OUR PAST. OUR PRIDE. OUR FUTURE!

TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK NEW JERSEY
 EST. 1716

FIREWORKS Spectacular!
JULY 3
 AT
OTTO C. PEHLE PARK
 SHOW BEGINS APPROXIMATELY AT 9PM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

Fourth of July

WITH A DEDICATION SERVICE & BELL RINGING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

HOT DOGS AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

All Are Welcome!

COME CELEBRATE FAITH, FREEDOM, AND COMMUNITY WITH US ON THIS HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY OF OUR COUNTRY ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

DEDICATION SERVICE
 1:30 PM

A special ecumenical patriotic service of prayer, thanksgiving, special music, and dedication as we honor our nation and community.

NATIONAL BELL RINGING
 2:50 PM

Following the service, our church bell will ring in unity with churches and communities across the nation in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary!

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SADDLE BROOK
 5 Ackerman Avenue · Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
 Parking available on Ackerman Avenue and Saddle River Road
 (201) 843-6672 · www.fresb.org

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

E-BIKE PRESENTATIONS



Saddle Brook Police Department Support Services Bureau visited the Elementary Schools and Middle School/High School to inform students of E-Bike safety and current laws. Lieutenant Marc Buchak and Officer Kimberly Diaz presented to Saddle Brook students from grades 5-12. This important information is being shared before enforcement of the new laws begin this July.

The Saddle Brook Police Department wishes everyone a fun and safe summer.

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

The Saddle Brook Police Department will be holding its annual Junior Police Academy on Thursday, August 6th, Friday August 7th, and Monday August 10th through Friday, August 14th. This program is open to any Saddle Brook student entering 8th grade in September 2026. This program gives an introduction to what it is like to go through the Police Academy and work as a police officer. Anyone who is interested in signing up their child is asked to send an email to supportservices@saddlebrookpd.com for an application. The deadline to apply is **Thursday, July 2nd**.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2026



The Saddle Brook Police Department is planning the annual National Night Out celebration for **Tuesday, August 4th from 6pm to 9pm** in the Municipal Complex Parking Lot - 55 Mayhill Street. This event will have a dunk tank, live music, and free food, including: pizza, cotton candy, popcorn and more! Join in the fun and take part in this community event, enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement.

STORIES OF COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

2026 NJ LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

The Saddle Brook Police Department joined hundreds of other officers throughout the state in the 2026 NJ Torch Run on June 5th. The annual Torch Run raises money and awareness in support of the NJ Special Olympics program. Saddle Brook PD officers carried the NJ Special Olympics Torch while jogging the length of Market Street from the Garfield/Elmwood Park border to Lodi. Special thanks to all officers, sponsors and supporters of the NJ Special Olympics.



SADDLE BROOK HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT



Saddle Brook High School held its annual Scholarship Night on June 10, celebrating graduating students and the community members and organizations who support their future education. The Saddle Brook Woman's Club awarded three \$1,500 scholarships to Saddle Brook High School students and presented a fourth scholarship to a Saddle Brook student attending Bergen Technical High School at a separate ceremony. A special scholarship was also given in memory of Mr. Howard Weinberg, former Saddle Brook Middle/High School teacher and Coordinator of the Saddle Brook Community Partnership, honoring his dedication to education, service, and community.

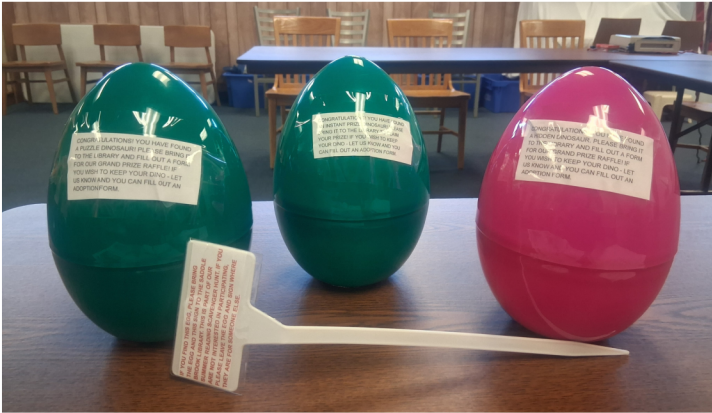
THE OVER 21 ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS BASEBALL LEAGUE



The Over 21 Adults with Special Needs Baseball League, led by Coach Tommy "Purple" Hayes, played at Liberty Field on Sunday, June 14th. It was a hot day, but they managed to get the game in. They were joined by Mayor Bob White and Councilman David Gierek, who came to cheer them on. Mayor White even pitched an inning!

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SADDLE BROOK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

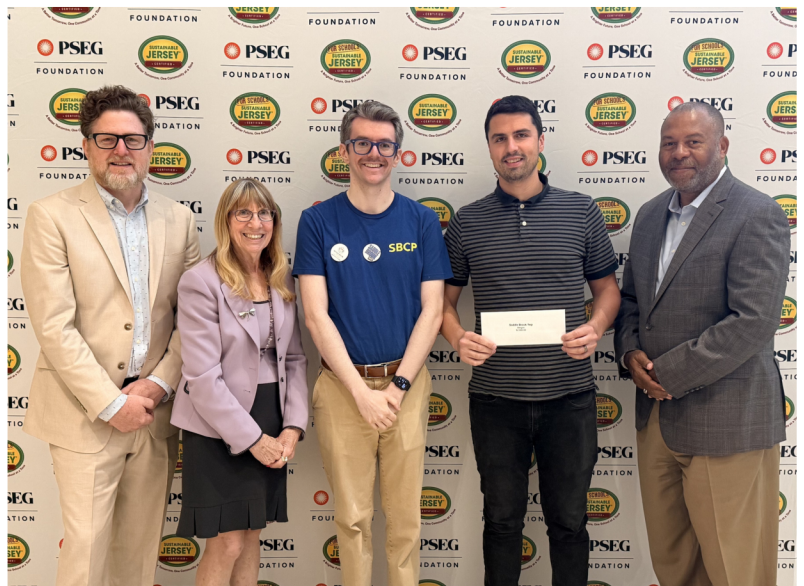


The Saddle Brook Free Public Library is celebrating Summer Reading "Unearth a Story" with a dinosaur egg scavenger hunt. Eggs will be hidden in certain parks around town. Find an egg, bring it to the library and either win a prize or be entered into the grand prize raffle. The hunt starts on June 29th and ends on August 28th. Come in to the library for more details!

GREEN TEAM NEWS

The Saddle Brook Green Team is proud to announce that it is the recipient of a \$2,000 grant from **Sustainable Jersey** and the **PSE&G Foundation** for sustainability initiatives. Sustainable Jersey announced that 56 New Jersey municipalities, schools, and school districts have been selected to receive grant funding for projects that advance sustainability, environmental stewardship, and community resilience.

We will be using our \$2,000 grant to start a pollinator garden at the Saddle Brook Free Public Library and a Adopt-a-Tree Program.



Steve Mariconda, Chairperson of the Saddle Brook Green Team, and Thomas Van Winkle, Chairperson of the Saddle Brook Community Partnership, attended a breakfast on June 15th at The College of New Jersey to accept the grant.

The Green Team would like to thank the following people for their support and hard work in earning this grant: Mayor Robert White, Peter Lo Dico, Frank Barrale, Jimmy Homs, Steve Mariconda, and our grant writers at Bruno and Associates.

The Green Team looks forward to getting started on these projects over the coming months. Everyone is invited to attend the next Green Team meeting on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:30pm at the Saddle Brook Senior Center.

STORIES OF COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND SERVICES



The Saddle Brook Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Day services on May 24th and May 25th brought residents, veterans, local officials, emergency services, and community organizations together to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. We would like to thank Dr. Dave Caldwell, Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, for participating in this year's Memorial Day Parade.

This meaningful day reflected the strong partnership between the Township of Saddle Brook, VFW Post 3484, the American Legion, the Saddle Brook Fire Department, the Saddle Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and many community members who helped make the observances possible.

Through the parade, ceremonies, prayers, and moments of remembrance, Saddle Brook showed its deep respect for our fallen heroes and its continued commitment to preserving their legacy. The Saddle Brook Community Partnership is proud to recognize the collaboration and dedication that helped make this important community tradition a meaningful tribute.

VFW Freedom Festival



The Saddle Brook VFW Post 3484 held their annual Freedom Festival fundraiser on Sunday, June 7th. This event featured cornhole, live music by **Southern Shift**, awesome prizes and raffles, and a dunk tank staffed by members of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Fire Department to support our first responders! In addition, Operation K9 Beethoven was in attendance.

We thank the Saddle Brook VFW for all they do to support our veterans and community!

RECYCLING SCHEDULE - JULY 2026

Recycling is picked up **every Friday**. Pickup alternates between **paper (newspapers and cardboard)** and **commingled (glass)**.



Newspaper = Newspapers, Magazines, Paper and Broken Cardboard

Commingled = Glass Containers, Aluminum, Plastics, Steel and Tin Cans

July 3rd - Newspaper

July 10th - Commingled

July 17th - Newspaper

July 24th - Commingled

TRASH AND YARD WASTE PICKUP

Trash pickup is every **Wednesday and Saturday for the entire Township**. If there is not to be trash pickup due to a Holiday or Emergency, the Township will post the modified pickup schedule on the Saddle Brook website and Social Media Pages.

Yard waste is scheduled for different days through the week (Mondays-Thursdays) depending on which section you reside in.

To look up trash, recycling, and special pickups for your street go to:
<https://saddlebrooknj.us/dpw/look-trash-recycling-special-pickups-street/>

For further information, please call the **Saddle Brook DPW** at **201-843-3064** or visit www.saddlebrooknj.us/dpw.



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(201) 587-2902

Tax Department
(201) 587-2914

Water Department
(201) 587-2905

Police (Non-Emergency)
(201) 843-7000

Senior Center
(201) 845-4594

Town Hall
(201) 587-2900

Building Department
(201) 843-7111

Recreation Department
(201) 403-3281

Department of Public Works
(201) 843-3064

Township Clerk and Council
(201) 587-2909

Community Partnership Helpline
(201) 587-2912

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

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Optimum = Channel 77, Verizon FiOS = Channels 38 and 39



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