

SADDLE BROOK

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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New Splash Pad Opens!

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From the Desk of the Mayor

DEAR SADDLE BROOK RESIDENTS,

We are excited to share that our Summer Recreation Camp at the Municipal Complex has been an incredible success this year! This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our wonderful staff, enthusiastic volunteers, and supportive families who participated. If you are considering enrolling your child for next year's camp, we encourage you to reach out to the Recreation Office, visit our town website, or check our Facebook page for more information.

We are also thrilled to announce the grand

opening of a brand-new splash pad at Veterans Field, located at 20 Sampson Street. This vibrant and fun splash pad is open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is completely free for our residents! We kindly ask all visitors to observe the posted safety guidelines to ensure a fun and secure experience for everyone and to closely supervise your children while they play.

Looking ahead, we have a variety of exciting events planned for August that you won't want to miss:

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

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

JOIN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP

The Community Partnership meets on the fourth Thursday of every month in the multipurpose room at the Municipal Complex - 55 Mayhill Street. Our mission is to help serve the needs of our residents by providing resources.

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.



saddlebrookpartnership@gmail.com



Partnership Helpline - (201) 587-2912

SCAN HERE
to learn more



WALK WITH US TO PREVENT SUICIDE REGISTER TODAY

AFSP Bergen County Out of Darkness Walk and National Night Out!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Saddle Brook Community Partnership and Saddle Brook Mayor's Youth Group will have a table at the annual National Night Out festival on Tuesday, August 4th from 6pm to 9pm. We will be handing out literature for both the Community Partnership and Mayor's Youth Group and interacting with our residents.

This night will consist of FREE food including Pizza, Cotton Candy, Popcorn and much more.

Come out and enjoy the fun in this police community partnership event, including Saddle Brook Public Safety Partners and supporters.

If you are interested in volunteering any time at the table, please send us an email at saddlebrookpartnership@gmail.com.

OUT OF DARKNESS WALK

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>

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to donate or
sign up



Thomas Van Winkle, Community Partnership Chairperson
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Grades 4 to 12

JOIN THE MAYOR'S YOUTH GROUP

BENEFITS

- ✓ Community Service
- ✓ Helping Community
- ✓ College Resume
- ✓ Friends and Fun

SCAN THIS QR CODE
TO SIGN UP



For questions contact

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or

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Youth Group Fun Outing

The Mayor's Youth Group recently had a summer fun outing to Van Saun Park in Paramus. The youth group visited the zoo, and took a ride on the carousel and train.

Many thanks to Mayor White, Christine Genuario and Thomas Van Winkle for organizing this trip and the parents who joined us as chaperones. We also thank former Youth Group President Tyler Pozzi for taking photos that will appear in the September newsletter.

National Night Out

The Mayor's Youth Group will be joining the Community Partnership at their table at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th from 6pm to 9pm. We will be advertising the youth group and recruiting new members. Any time you can volunteer at the table is greatly appreciated!

Township Picnic - Saturday, August 29th from 12pm-4pm

The Mayor's Youth Group will be assisting with bringing food and beverages to the seniors at the annual Township Picnic at the Saddle River County Park - Otto C. Pehle area. Any time you can volunteer is greatly appreciated!



Coming Up This Fall

The Mayor's Youth Group is preparing for another exciting year of service, leadership and fun. Stay tuned for the latest updates! Youth group members can look forward to:

- **Community service opportunities such as the Senior Halloween Party.**
- **Group meetings and special activities like Trunk or Treat and judging the holiday decorating contests**
- **New friendships and leadership experiences.**



New Splash Pad Opens at Veterans' Field

OPEN DAILY FROM 10AM TO 3PM

Beat the Summer Heat at the NEW Saddle Brook Splash Pad located at 20 Sampson St.

The Township of Saddle Brook is excited to announce the Grand Opening of our brand-new Saddle Brook Splash Pad! The new splash pad is located at Veterans' Field where the former field house stood.

Bring the entire family and enjoy a fun-filled summer of splashing, laughing, and cooling off at our newest community attraction.

This exciting addition to our parks is designed to provide a safe, refreshing, and family-friendly destination where residents can escape the summer heat while creating lasting memories.

The splash pad opened for the first time to the kids attending the recreation summer camp on July 15th before officially opening for all Saddle Brook residents on July 17th. Mayor White, Councilman David Gierak, Community Partnership Chairperson Tom Van Winkle and Business Administrator Jimmy Homsy attended the opening of the splash pad.

Cool Off in Style!

Designed for children of all ages, the Saddle Brook Splash Pad offers a safe and exciting environment featuring:

-  Interactive spray cannons and jet fountains
-  Tipping water buckets for exciting surprise splashes
-  Gentle drip and spray features perfect for younger children



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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02	03 7:00pm Zoning Board Meeting	04 6:00pm to 9:00pm National Night Out in Municipal Complex Parking Lot	05	06 8:30am to 3:00pm Junior Police Academy 5:30pm Council Work Session	07 8:30am to 3:00pm Junior Police Academy	08
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16	17 7:00pm Planning Board Meeting	18	19	20 7:00pm Council Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26 6pm to 11pm St. Philips' Festival of Fun	27 6pm to 11pm St. Philips' Festival of Fun	28 6pm to 11pm St. Philips' Festival of Fun	29 9:00am Mayor's Walk 12:00pm to 4:00pm Saddle Brook Picnic 5pm to 11pm St. Philips' Festival of Fun
30 Picnic and Walk Rain Date 5pm to 10pm St. Philips' Festival of Fun	31					

National Night Out



TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH | 06:00PM – 09:00PM | MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Come join the Saddle Brook Police Department for the annual National Night Out! There will be a dunk tank, live music, and free food! Join your neighbors for an evening of community safety activities and family fun while enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement. This engaging event will take place in the parking lot of the Municipal Complex and offers a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our community bonds.

Annual Walk with the Mayor

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH | 09:00AM | SADDLE BROOK PARK

Start your day with us by joining the Mayor's Walk around Pehle Pond, kicking off at **9:00 a.m.** on the day of the Township Picnic. It's a great way to enjoy some fresh air and engage with fellow community members before the festivities begin. Every participant will receive a free T-shirt. The purpose of this walk is to encourage residents to exercise regularly and to enjoy the benefits of better health. The rain date is Sunday, August 30th at 9am.



Annual Township Picnic

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH | 12:00PM–4:00PM | SADDLE BROOK PARK



Save the date for our much-anticipated Township Picnic on **Saturday, August 29th** from **12 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at Saddle River County Park, Otto Pehle Section. In the event of rain, we will reschedule the picnic to **Sunday, August 30th**, so be sure to mark your calendars! There will be plenty of great food, music and activities for the kids to enjoy.

Tickets will soon be available at the Municipal Complex – 55 Mayhill Street. This picnic is open to Saddle Brook residents – proof of ID will be required.

St. Philip's Annual Festival

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH THROUGH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH**

St. Philip the Apostle Church invites everyone to their annual festival. Come on down for the rides, games and food! Lots of fun for the entire family! For more info on purchasing ride credits, please go to **Blue Sky Amusements** on Instagram or Facebook.



Senior Center Lunch Program



Mayor Bob White and Community Partnership Chairperson Thomas Van Winkle visited the Saddle Brook Senior Center on July 8th to check out the new lunch program implemented a few months ago. They were incredibly happy to see a large group of senior citizens participating and enjoying the delicious meals together. A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated senior center staff for running such a successful and seamless program. We also want to thank all the seniors who came out to eat lunch and bring such vibrant energy to the center! As a reminder, this vital program offers nutritious meals for a **suggested price of \$1.25**, but it is completely free for anyone unable to afford it. For more information, please call **Senior Center Director Karen D'Arminio at (201) 845-4594** or visit <https://bergencountynj.gov/division-of-senior-services/food/>.

Senior Center Pancake Bingo



The Saddle Brook Senior Center hosted a successful Pancake Breakfast and Bingo event on Saturday, July 18th. Senior Director Karen D'Arminio, along with Paula Bernstein, Sandy Goodwin, Lorrie Lowry, and Beverly Slowik, made sure everything ran smoothly. Attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast and participated in a lively game of Bingo, with Mayor Bob White joining in on the fun.



Saddle Brook Fireworks

The annual fireworks display was held on July 3rd at the Saddle River County Park - Otto C. Pehle area.

Tommy Hayes of Drums from Heaven also held his annual drum circle at 5:30pm that evening.

Many thanks to the Police Department, Fire Department, and Ambulance Corps. for keeping everyone safe as we celebrated the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence.

Semiquincentennial Bell Ringing Ceremony

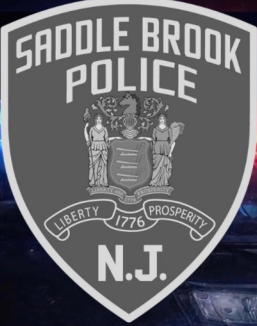
The First Reformed Church of Saddle Brook held a dedication service and bell ringing ceremony on the 4th of July. The church rang its bell along with bells around the nation in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary. This service was attended by township officials, first responders, Father Bruce Janiga of St. Philip the Apostle Church, Interim Pastor Tom Larkin of the First Reformed Church, and Pastor Jiseon Park of New Light Korean Church. Guest enjoyed hot dogs from a food truck following the ceremony. A special thank you to First Reformed Church for hosting and everyone who helped with planning this service and set up.



Saddle Brook Library Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt



The Saddle Brook Free Public Library is continuing to hold many events for the community. One ongoing event is the Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt. Eggs have been 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 started on June 29th and ends on August 28th. Come in to the library for more details!



NEW NJ E-BIKE LAWS NOW IN EFFECT

WHAT IS REQUIRED?
All e-bike riders must now have:

- ✓ **A Valid License:** Age 17+ (Driver's License) or Age 15-16 (Motorized Bicycle License).
- ✓ **State Registration:** All e-bikes must be registered with the NJ MVC.
- ✓ **Insurance:** Liability insurance coverage is now required.

Note: License and registration fees are **waived for the first firt year.**

IMPORTANT RESTRICTIONS:

- ✓ **Age Limit:** Children under 15 are prohibited from operating e-bikes.
- ✓ **Speed & Power:** The new law applies to **all e-bike** classes (Pedal-assist, Throttle, and High-powered).
- ✓ **Sales & Mods:** Online e-bike sales are **banned statewide** for one year. Modification kits to increase bike speed are now **illegal**.

For details & registration, visit
www.njmvc.gov

The State of New Jersey enacted new safety regulations for e-bikes on January 19, 2026 and has started **full enforcement** of these regulations on **July 19th**.

To keep our community safe and informed, the Saddle Brook Police Department is highlighting the most critical changes below.

All e-bikes will now require:

- LICENSE
- Age 17+ (Driver's License)
- Age 15-16 (Motorized Bicycle License)

REGISTRATION

All e-bikes must be registered with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

INSURANCE

Liability insurance is now required for e-bike owners (similar to motor vehicles).

ENFORCEMENT

Summonses and fines for non-compliance will be issued.

NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

Information procedures on licensing and registration can be found on the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) website (www.njmvc.gov)

Please contact the Saddle Brook Police Department Support Services Bureau with any questions: supportservices@saddlebrookpd.com.

Please help SBPD educate and keep our community safe by sharing this with family and friends.

Saddle Brook Community Food Pantry August

The Saddle Brook Community Food Pantry is in need of the following items at this time. Donations can be dropped off at the Saddle Brook Public Library or the Rec Center.

Canned chicken

Spaghetti

Jarred Marinara sauce

White Rice

Oatmeal

Coffee

Peanut Butter

Pancake mix/syrup

Beans

Shampoo

Toothpaste

Household cleaners

Donations of gift cards to Shop Rite or Walmart are graciously accepted also.

Please note: We cannot accept expired food due to government regulations

Please, NO CLOTHING or household items.

Thank you for your support and God bless.



Recycling Schedule - August 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

August 7th - Commingled

August 14th - Newspaper

August 21st - Commingled

August 28th - Newspaper

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.

