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FALL 2023

Township

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to our second edition of the Hainesport Township newsletter, brought to you once again by the generosity of our local businesses and advertising sponsors. I hope you found the last newsletter informative with the many wonderful happenings occurring in our great town. As the fall season comes to close and we prepare for cool winter weather, I am pleased to provide a review of past events and spotlight upcoming events and information on everything Hainesport.

I am delighted to say that Hainesport continues to be debt free! It is a delicate balance to maintain this level of fiscal responsibility, while not sacrificing the quantity, but more importantly, the quality of services for our residents. I am continually grateful for the hard work of our past and present committees, advisory groups, volunteers and our township staff for helping us remain in this exceptional financial position. Our township committee is also working hard to actively pursue additional ways to be energy efficient in Hainesport. We will continue to explore options that we feel will be best for our residents, while also reducing our carbon footprint.

A highlight from this summer was the addition of "Big Rusty", a 20-foot sculpture made of mostly recycled materials and created by Denmark artist Thomas Dambo, at Creek Turn Park. She is the only troll sculpture in New Jersey! It was a great pleasure of mine, members of the governing body, staff, volunteers and community to welcome Thomas and his team of builders to Hainesport, his first stop of 10 sculpture-builds of his USA road trip. He has named this American Tour "The Way of the Bird King". You can find information about Thomas Dambo and his 120 troll sculptures built around the world on all media platforms by searching "Thomas Dambo".

Additionally, over the summer, our recreation staff planned and executed several successful events for our residents to enjoy. Once again, the Concerts in the Park series was a highlight during summer evenings. I would like to thank the generous sponsors who made the concerts possible for all of us to enjoy. Additionally, our tennis program and Movies in the Park were enjoyed by many Hainesport and surrounding towns' families throughout the summer. I am thankful to Donna Casey and Liz DiBenedetto for their hard work in planning so many enjoyable events.

During the fall season, many people take time to reflect on what they are thankful for. I wanted to take this time to express my immense thanks to my fellow committee members, our hardworking dedicated staff, our valuable volunteer first responders and of course, you. I am thankful that together, we are part of the Hainesport community and wish many blessings on you and your family as we transition into the new year. As always, if you need anything, please reach out to me or any of the other township committee members. I know I speak for all of us when I say, we are truly thankful for the opportunity and privilege to serve you.



Mayor Gerry Clauss



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communications

Connecting with the town is essential for various reasons, from seeking information to addressing concerns. Hainesport provides many ways to obtain information and get in touch with municipal officials:

- Phone:** 609-267-2730
- Website:** www.hainesporttownship.com
- Email:** <https://www.hainesporttownship.com/webforms/contact-us> or direct email
- In-Person:** 1401 Marne Highway
- Social Media:** Facebook – “Hainesport Township” (Official)
- E-Newsletter:** www.hainesporttownship.com/about-hainesport/pages/hainesport-e-newsletter
(can have them auto-sent via email blast)
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Did You Know? Township Committee and Joint Land Use Board Meetings can be viewed on YouTube Live (Search “Township of Hainesport Live Stream”) or through our GoToMeeting link on each month’s agendas.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

The Township Committee meets once a month on the SECOND Tuesday at 6:30 pm (*except when noted) in the meeting room of the Municipal Building, 1401 Marne Highway.

Advanced copies of the meeting agenda can be picked up after 9:00 am the day before the meeting at the Township Clerk’s Office in the Municipal Building or they are also available for download by clicking on the appropriate link below:

DATE/AGENDA	TIME	MEETING TYPE/MINUTES	LOCATION
*November 9, 2023	6:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
December 12, 2023	6:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
*January 2, 2024	6:30 pm	Reorganization	Municipal Building
*January 2, 2024	7:00 pm	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building

JOINT LAND USE BOARD MEETINGS

Joint Land Use Board Meetings are generally held on the FIRST Wednesday of each month (*except as noted) at 6:30 pm in the meeting room of the Municipal Building.

DATE/AGENDA	TIME	MEETING TYPE/MINUTES	LOCATION
November 1, 2023	6:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
December 6, 2023	6:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building
January 3, 2024	6:30 pm	Reorganization	Municipal Building
January 3, 2024	Immediately following Reorg. Meeting	Regular Meeting	Municipal Building

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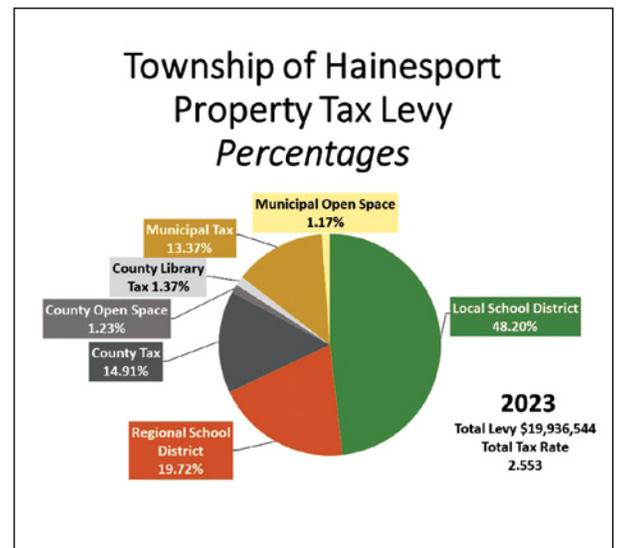
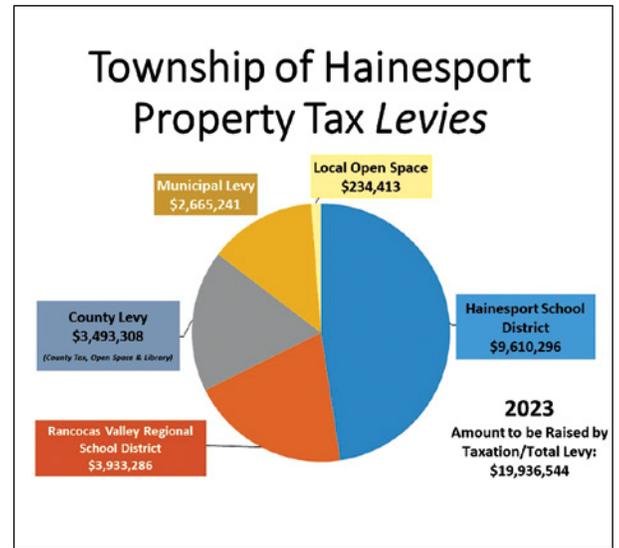
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- Mail payment – Check or money order
- Drop box located on the right side of the parking lot:
Check or money order only
- In person – Check, cash, or money order only
- Credit card payments – Online Only

Hainesport Residents can view their present tax status via our website: www.hainesporttownship.com. Residents can also make payments through the website by credit card or check. There will be a convenience fee charged by the processing company. Please review the fees prior to submitting.

Please be aware if your online banking is used to pay your taxes, the bank sends us a physical check (not electronic payment). Therefore, the payment is applied the day received by mail.



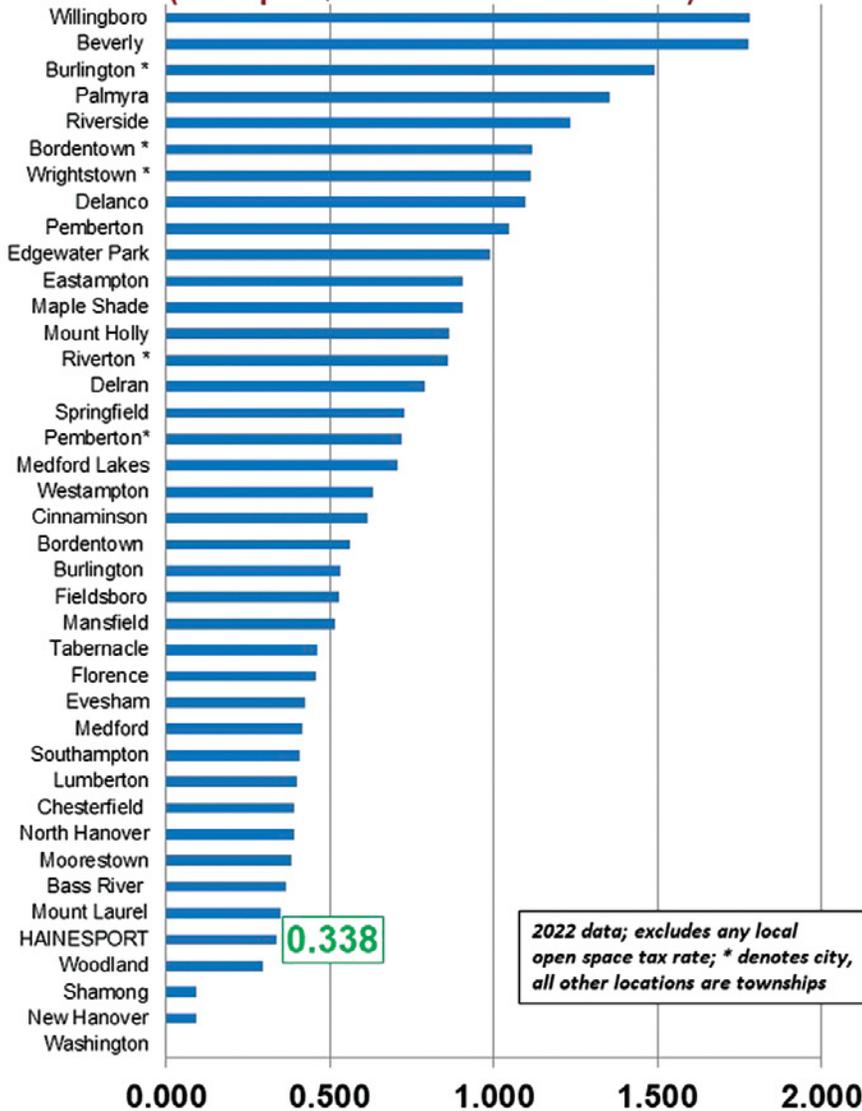


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NOTICES/TAX APPEALS**

The Assessor shall file the 2024 Preliminary Assessment List with the Burlington County Board of Taxation on November 1st, 2023. Upon filing the Preliminary Assessment List, the Assessor shall mail notices to each taxpayer by November 15, 2023 providing the 2024 assessed value and the preceding year's taxes.

Tax appeal information will also be on the notice. Appeals must be filed with the Burlington County Board of Taxation by January 15, 2024 or with the Tax Court of New Jersey for properties with an assessed value exceeding 1,000,000.

Contact the Tax Assessment Office with any related questions.

UPCOMING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Continuing its commitment to maintaining your local roadways and park facilities, Hainesport Township has applied for another NJDOT grant and committed capital fund dollars for upcoming projects.

Project	Distance	Grant Request	Anticipated Completion
2022 – Pulaski Ave, Laurel Ridge & Fenimore Roads	1.4 miles	\$185,000	<div style="border: 2px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Both Awarded! </div> Spring, 2024
2023 – Pulaski Ave, Laurel Ridge & Fenimore Roads	1.4 miles	\$226,340	
2024 - Longfellow Ln, Emerson Ln & Pine Alley	.66 miles	\$384,153	Summer, 2024
Capital Funded Projects			
2023 - Municipal Hockey Rink Resurfacing			Spring, 2024
2023 - Chase Basketball Court Resurfacing			Spring, 2024
2023 - Chase Tennis Court Resurfacing			Spring, 2024

Have You Met Her Yet?



Hainesport was happy to welcome Big Rusty to Creek Turn Park this June

Artist Thomas Dambo chose Hainesport for the beginning of his latest Troll saga, "The Way of the Bird King". He and his team travel across the country building trolls for this story.

Building Big Rusty was a project two years in the making. We would like to thank the Sylk family, our volunteers and all the businesses that donated time and food for the project.

Hainesport Township

Thank You To Our Sponsors

Troll Project "Way of the Bird King Tour" June 2023

HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS

<https://recyclingpartnership.org/>



1. **Keep the planet in mind while wrapping your gifts.** Purchase wrapping paper made with recycled materials and that will also be recyclable.
2. **Put out the recycling bin during parties.** Make it easy for guests to recycle their glass bottles and aluminum cans by putting the recycling bin next to the trash can.
3. **Holiday lights and tinsel belong on the naughty list.** Stringy decorations like holiday lights and tinsel look good on trees but create a mess once inside recycling facilities. A costly nuisance, lights and tinsel should be thrown into the trash.
4. **Recycle your cardboard.** During the Holidays, living rooms across the world can look a lot like an Amazon warehouse. When you're done unwrapping your gifts, be sure to break down the boxes and put them in your recycling cart.
5. **Choose experiences over products.** When deciding on what to get your loved ones for the holidays, consider looking beyond material goods. Gifting an experience, like concert tickets, a long weekend out of town, or a donation to their favorite charity in their name, reduces waste and makes lasting memories.
6. **Shop sustainably.** More brands than ever before are using recycled materials in their products. When shopping for your holiday gifts this season, consider choosing brands that are made with ocean plastic, reused fibers, or recycled paper.
7. **Bring your own shopping bag.** Plastic bags are big troublemakers for the sorting equipment at recycling facilities. Use a low-cost reusable shopping bag every time you head to the grocery store or mall.
8. **Recycle your old gadgets.** Get a shiny new computer or phone this holiday season? Don't toss out your old model – recycle it responsibly by bringing it to your local electronic recycling drop-off.
9. **Rinse your recyclables.** Before you toss your empty eggnog carton into your blue bin, make sure to give it a quick rinse. Hit the big stuff – gloppy food waste and the like – then recycle.
10. **Check your recycling day.** The holidays may alter the days that your town or city is picking up trash and recyclables. Check the website of your local recycling program to make sure you put your cart out on the right day.



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- Place curbside Sunday evening.
- Includes major appliances that have coolant such as air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers.
- Includes pallets, pressure treated wood and fencing (cut in 4 foot lengths and bundled/tied), televisions, computers.
- Disassembled wood and metal swing sets and small sheds – must be in 4-foot sections and bundled.
- Move outs and home flipping-generated waste (household or bulk) is the responsibility of the homeowner.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER 100 BROAD STREET

- Residents only. No contractors.
- Has 24-hour surveillance for monitoring illegal dumping which also includes contractor dumping.
- Electronics Bin (televisions, computers).
- Small electronics such as CD players, fax machines, stereos, coffee pots, toasters, etc. can be placed with your residential trash.
- Paint Bin – cans must be sealed. If there is a small amount of paint in the can, dry it out and throw away with household trash.
- Oil Bin – waste oil must be in a closed container.
- Cardboard Bins
- Absolutely no bulk items, household waste or appliances are to be dropped off at this location.

BULKY WASTE FOR WEEKLY TRASH COLLECTION

- Includes wood and upholstered furniture, small appliances, bedsprings, mattresses (must wrap in plastic). One item per collection.
- Bulky construction material such as plasterboard, dry wall, carpet, building materials resulting from home remodeling and home repair work done by homeowner only. Contractor must remove materials generated by contracted work.
- Carpet, wood (no pressure treated), boards, dry wall must be bundled in 4-foot sections or less. 2-3 bundles will be accepted at a time.
- Construction debris shall be stored in acceptable trash containers, weighing no more than 30 pounds. No more than a total of 60 pounds per collection.
- Intact glass must be taped on all sides and the middle to secure from breaking and protect hauler. Broken glass must be put in a closed plastic bin to protect hauler from being injured.
- Move outs and home flipping-generated waste (household or bulk) is the responsibility of the homeowner.

LEAVES

- During the Spring months of March, April and May and the Fall months of October, November and December leaves can be placed at curb loose. The leaf vacuum machine will remove these piled leaves.
- Please paper bag leaves during the months of January, February, June, July, August and September. Our drop-off source will only accept paper-bagged leaves. Bags can be purchased at local hardware stores.
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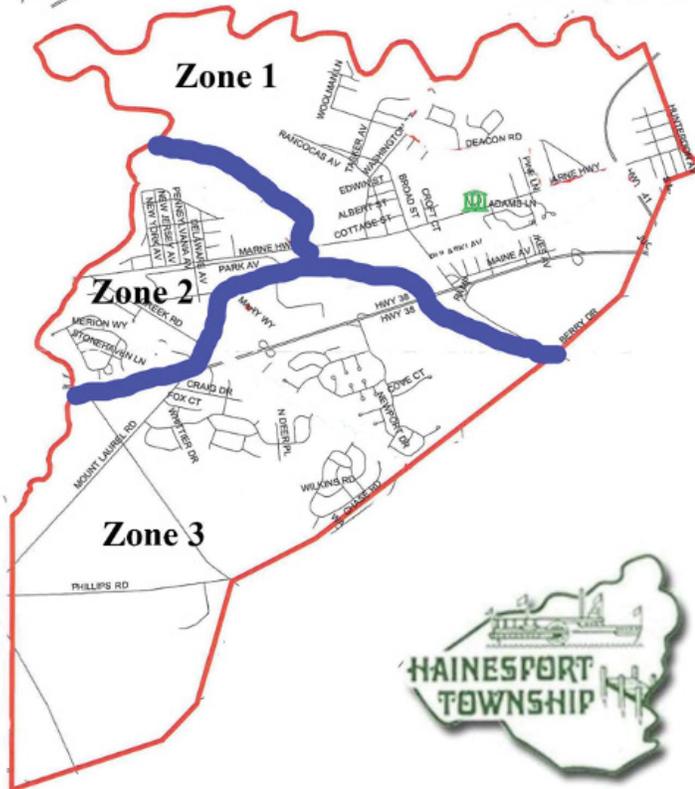
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- Zone 1 - 1st Full Week of Month
- Zone 2 - 2nd Full Week of Month
- Zone 3 - 3rd Full Week of Month



ZONE 1 STREET LISTING

First full week of the month

- Beacon Hill** – Deacon Rd, Emerson & Longfellow Lanes
- Clermont** - Atlantic, Cumberland (North & South), Hunterdon (North & South) & Middlesex Avenues, First, Second & Third Streets
- Cooper Springs** – Deacon Rd, Breezy Ridge, Woolman Lanes
- Creek Woods** - Deacon Rd, Washington St, Woodford, Woodgreen & Hollybourne Lanes
- Deacon Woods** – Washington St, Jennie, Melodie Taft Courts
- Franklin Estates** – Adams Ln, Colonial Ct, Patriot Way
- Hillcroft** – Croft & Lark Courts
- Mosside** – Lumberton Rd, Engleside, Haines, Iowa, Maine, Northampton, Princess, Pulaski, Royal Stokes Avenues
- Oakdale** – Deacon Rd, Maple, Oak, Pine & Spruce Lanes
- Proper** – Washington, Albert, Broad, Cottage, Edwin Streets, Pine Alley, Rancocas, Tasker Alloway Avenues
- Major Roads** - Marne Hwy – East of Washington St
Route 38 – East of Lumberton Rd

ZONE 2 STREET LISTING

Second full week of the month

- Glen at Mason's Creek** – Stonehaven, Tartan, Devon & Glengarry Lanes, Merion Ct, Merion Way, Paisley Pl
- Masons Woods** – Masonwoods Ln & Weatherhill Ct
- Rancocas Heights** – Chestnut, Delaware, Elm, Evergreen, Lake, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oak, Pennsylvania, Spruce, Trenton & Walnut Avenues
- Major Roads** - Creek Rd – North of Rte 38, Marne Hwy – West of Washington St, Mt. Laurel Rd – North of Rte 38

ZONE 3 STREET LISTING

Third full week of the month

- Hainesport Chase/Laurel Ridge** – Bernwood Rd, Braxton Rd, Colfax Ln, Craig Dr, Deer Place (North & South), Easton Way, Eckert Rd, Elsinore Dr, Fox Ct, Glen Ct, Laurel Ridge Rd, Prickett Ln, Sandra Ln & Whittier Dr
- Lakeside/Creekview** – Anchor Ct, Ardsley Pl, Bancroft Ln, Chaucer Circle, Cove Ct, Dorset Circle, Edgewater Dr, Hastings Ln, Heather Ln, Lansbury Cir, Lenox Dr, Newport Dr, Newton Place, Sailor, Spinnaker & Tidewater Courts, Tyler Place, Weldon Cir, Wharton Pl, Whitney Pl & Winchester Ct
- Sage Run** – Barclay Rd, Brandywine Dr, Parry Dr, Thackery Rd, Village Green Ln, Wells Ct, & Wilkins Rd
- 208 Line** – Applewood Ct, Ark Rd, Cloverdale Ct, Fenimore, Fostertown & Phillips Roads
- Major Roads Creek Rd** – South of Rte 38 and Bischoff Ave, Mt. Laurel Rd – South of Rte 38, Rte 38 – West of Lumberton Rd

December & January – No Brush Pick-up



Snow Removal

Our Public Works Department work hard to make driving safer and easier in snowy weather. The type of snow storm we get affects the type of snow clearing operation that takes place and with heavy amounts of snow fall, the Township may plow your street several times. As the snow rolls off the plows, it sometimes accumulates in driveway aprons. Please understand that this is unavoidable and it is the homeowner's responsibility to clear it. Here are some helpful tips to make the snow removal process easier for residents and the Township.

Please remove the following items from the street in front of your home:

- Trash/recycle cans.
- Portable basketball systems, hockey nets or any other movable sporting equipment.

Do not park cars on the street during the storm and at least 12 hours after the storm. This speeds up the removal process, prevents cars from being plowed in and allows us to clear the entire street curb to curb. Please do not shovel or blow snow back on the street. If we have already completed plowing, this will create a hazard for residents.



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Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Officer investigates code violations and issues letters of abatement and violation warnings. The duties and responsibilities consist of the following:

- Enforces ordinances and property maintenance code.
- Handles citizens' complaints of code violations and determines whether it is a township code violation or a violation that the NJSP should handle.
- Reactively investigates township code violations and determines a course of action.
- Prepares a descriptive summary report on conditions and findings regarding each case investigation to document potential violations for case preparation.
- Prepares notices of violation to be sent or served directly upon violators after inspection; communicates with alleged violators regarding findings, procedure, and the resolution of the violation.
- Re-inspects violations for compliance, issues citations and notices to appear in court. Prepares reports as necessary.
- Appears in court or other judicial proceedings to submit evidence and case summaries for the enforcement/prosecution of criminal infractions of codes, ordinances and/or laws.
- Coordinates with other departments and agencies that are engaged in code compliance tasks. (i.e., building inspector, public works, fire codes, etc.)
- Research land ownership records, permitting records and past or current code violations for complaints that are received.

Not all violations that are seen by the public are handled by Code Enforcement, the NJSP has jurisdiction over anything that is on a public roadway and any criminal complaints.

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NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

Operation RISE

Recovery Initiative Support & Engagement

Operation RISE was developed to perform outreach and enhance programs such as Operation Helping Hand. RISE uses data to provide linkage to care for individuals and families impacted by substance use disorder (SUD) and was launched January 5, 2023.

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(833-657-4737)

✉️ NJRISE@njsp.gov

Program Milestones

As of June 30, 2023:

- 📍 • 5,436 doses of naloxone distributed.
- 📈 • 88% client success rate (individuals accepting additional recovery services).
- 🚓 • 1,009 first responders trained.

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RENEWALS: Renewal paperwork will be mailed out to dog owners the end of December. Please pay by January 31st to avoid the \$15 late fee. If you no longer have your dog, or if you have any questions please contact the office - 609-267-2730 X100 twicker@hainesporttownship.com.

FREE RABIES CLINICS: Burlington County Animal Shelter and many municipalities offer free rabies vaccination clinics throughout the year. Bring your dog's (or cat's) previous rabies certificate with you, if applicable, so the three year expiration date will apply. Please check with the office for an updated list of clinics for 2024 in January.

CONSTRUCTION AND ZONING

Planning any new fall Projects? Have a Contractor doing your job?

Give us a call to make sure all the correct permits were pulled, licenses are up to date, and inspections are completed. No one likes a violation around the Holidays!

Call or email Kathy Newcomb: 609-267-2730 ext. 109, knewcomb@hainesporttownship.com

Call or email Jen Koutsouris: 609-267-2730 ext. 114, jkoutsouris@hainesporttownship.com

**Contractors must remove bulky construction materials such as plasterboard, dry wall, carpet and building material trash generated by contracted work. *If you have an HOA, please check with the HOA first as they may have more specific requirements than the township does.*



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ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING EVENT

A small parade with the New Jersey State Police, Members of the Hainesport Volunteer Fire Company and Emergency Squad. Antique Cars are bringing Santa, Mrs. Claus, Elsa, and Rudolph to the Township Pavilion on Friday, December 1st, 2023. (Rain Date Sunday December 3rd, 2023) Festivities will begin with entertainment at the pavilion at 6:00 PM.

The Fire Company will be collecting unwrapped toys for the "Toys for Tots".

There will be crafts, games, light refreshments and surprises!

Come and celebrate the beginning of Hainesport Township's Holiday Season with Family and Friends.

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- Ladies Auxiliary
- Administrative Roles and Committees

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- We have one company meeting every month
- There are two training drills per month
- Every Wednesday night is an optional weekly duty crew
- Like us on Facebook and visit our webpage at www.hainesportfire.org

CALL 609-261-2141 to get started

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As autumn comes to an end and the leaves have fallen, it is time to prepare for even cooler temperatures ahead. Before arranging a bonfire or tapping into your winter decorations, make sure to acknowledge the fire hazards involved. Here are some fire safety tips to help keep yourself and others safe during the festive winter season:



1. Be aware of burning regulations and monitor fire closely.
2. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries.
3. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources.
4. Use battery operated lights instead of candles.
5. Do not leave space heaters unattended.
6. Store flammable substances such as paint and gasoline away from your home and garage, preferably in a shed.

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Greetings from the Hainesport Township Environmental Commission!

Let's talk about the birds and bees. The reduction of their numbers and variety has become widely known, but is there anything that we can do to help? Yes! We can plant native! Wildlife populations are dwindling in part because their native habitat has disappeared. Did you know that 83% of land in US is privately owned? This means that what we plant on our own private property matters in the effort to support our native wildlife.

Exotic plants (non-native) are plants that have been brought here from other parts of the world. Although non-native plants can be beautiful, often they are invasive or don't provide any benefit to the surrounding wildlife. An invasive plant is one that spreads aggressively and is not kept in check by native insects and animals. Some examples of invasive plants that you should avoid planting are Wisteria, Burning Bush, English ivy, and Japanese Barbary. Butterfly bush is also a common and unfortunately invasive plant which although providing some nectar does not support the other stages for a butterfly life cycle.

The pollinators, butterflies, and birds in our area depend on native plants. Native plants are the ones that occur naturally in our region. Besides supporting wildlife, native plants tend to be well suited to our climate requiring less water or fertilizer. There are many beautiful and beneficial native plants, here are just a few -



CARDINAL FLOWER

Attracts humming birds and butterflies. It blooms from July to September.



BLACK-EYED SUSAN

Attracts pollinators and butterflies and seeds enjoyed by birds. Blooms late summer to fall.



BUTTERFLY WEED

Attracts butterflies. Is a type of milkweed - Host plant for Monarch butterfly larvae. Blooms June to August.



WINTERBERRY HOLLY

Attracts bees and butterflies. The winter berries are great for birds. Blooms late spring to early summer.

Winter is a great time to begin planning for your spring gardening. Even converting a small portion of your landscape to native plants will make a difference. A great resource for what to plant and where to buy native plants is www.jerseyyards.org. We'd also recommend Doug Tallamy's book *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*. And be sure to check out www.monarchwatch.org/waystations on how to create a critical Monarch migration waystation. When you plant your native garden, register it on www.homegrownnationalpark.org and let's get Hainesport on the map!

Check Out the Rain Garden

If you haven't yet noticed, there is a new garden area next to the Municipal Pavilion. It is not just any garden, but a Rain Garden – designed to manage stormwater runoff. During a rain storm, water from a portion of the pavilion roof is directed into the rain garden. The garden was planted as a shallow depression with native plants that can tolerate wet conditions. The water in the garden will slowly infiltrate through the plant roots into the ground. By allowing the water to soak into the ground rather than directing it into a drain, pollutants like road sediment, fertilizers, pesticides, and eroded soil remain in the ground and not in our waterways. Plants specifically chosen for the rain garden allow significantly more water to be absorbed than the patch of grass that was there previously. As an added bonus, these native plants add beauty and provide a habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. The municipal rain garden is meant to be a model for our residents in the hopes that home owners will join the effort to keep our water clean. Funding, coordination and support for this project was provided by Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Pinelands Preservation Alliance. For more information and help in designing a rain garden to capture runoff from your home and paved surfaces, follow the QR code on the garden sign or reach out to a member of the Environmental Commission.

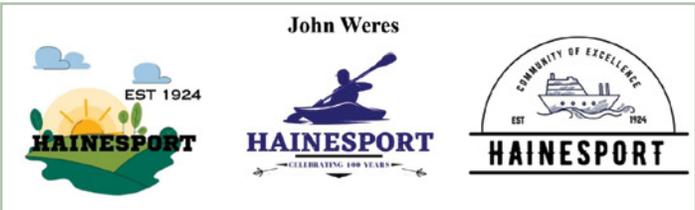
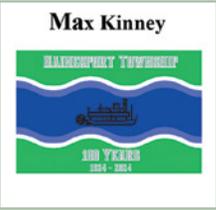
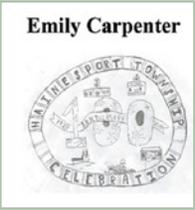
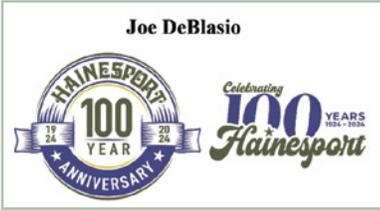
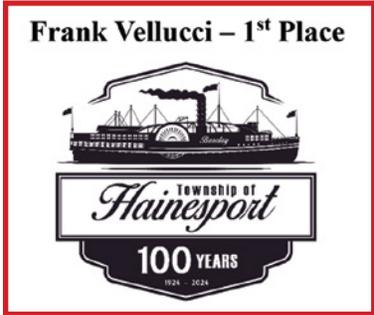


100TH Anniversary Logo Contest

This past June, we held a logo contest to help celebrate Hainesport's upcoming Centennial. There were sixteen logos submitted by eight residents. The top three logos were selected and made available for popular vote over the course of two weeks. Of the 148 votes, the first place logo received 73 votes, with the second and third place logos receiving 38 and 37 votes respectively.

Congratulations to Frank Vellucci for creating and submitting the winning Centennial logo. Joe DeBlasio's logos came in 2nd and 3rd place. Community spirit and participation are among the many reasons why Hainesport is a strong, celebrated community. We want to acknowledge all of the contestants and celebrate their creativity and participation.

100th ANNIVERSARY LOGO CONTESTANTS



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Get your party hats ready because next year marks Hainesport Township's Centennial! By an act of the NJ State Legislature, Hainesport 'set-off' from Lumberton on March 12, 1924. The 100th Anniversary Committee, comprised of resident volunteers and staff from our local schools, has been meeting monthly since the beginning of the year. Many events are being planned to honor the past, celebrate the present and look toward the future. We hope you enjoy the many 2024 activities that will honor and celebrate Hainesport's 100th birthday!

- **Tea & Fashion Show Fundraiser** - March 3, 2024 at The Bradford Estate
- **Hainesport Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser** - Chance for Hot Air Balloon Ride over Hainesport by Stellar Hot Air Ballooning
- **Historical Markers** engraved and installed at landmarks around the town
- **Historical Walking & Driving Tours**
- **Historical Artifacts Display** at the Street Center
 - o Traveling Historical Artifact Display at Municipal Pavilion
- **Live & Streamed Presentations** on Hainesport's History
- **100th Anniversary Logo Coloring Contest**
- **Beast Coast Racing 100th Anniversary Running Event**
- **The Centennial Celebration** - June 1, 2024 from 4pm-10pm at the Municipal Complex
 - 3 Stages of Entertainment
 - Pure Petty Band Tom Petty Tribute Band
 - Hollywood Nights Nationally-touring Bob Seger Tribute Band
 - DJ
 - o Fireworks
 - o Childrens Events, Food Trucks
 - o Secure your group's VIP 10x10 area to provide a home base for your family and friends! *(Proceeds will go toward event costs)*
- And more to come . . .

CHAPTER 227, LAWS OF 1924

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1. The inhabitants of that portion of the township of Lumberton in the in the county of Burlington . . . , are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate in face and in law by the name of the township of Hainesport . . .
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Municipal Park & Playground Highlight

RANCOCAS HEIGHTS PARK Maryland and Spruce Avenues

Nestled in the Rancocas Heights residential community, this municipal park sits next to South Branch Rancocas Creek. In 2018, grant funds were used for park upgrades and improvements. A 20' x 30' shade system over a new concrete slab was added. Picnic tables, trash/recycle receptacles and concrete, fully accessible interconnecting paths were installed around the new shaded picnic area, playground and park entrances. Sections of the playground component were upgraded. Sand volleyball and basketball courts are existing park amenities.



Just across the street from the park are two open lots that offer a beautiful view of the Rancocas Creek. Around 2009, Burlington County purchased these lots, which used to be the location of Flo's Tavern. The Burlington County Commissioners maintain this open space, parking area and portable restroom. Alongside this area is "Flo's Boat Ramp". Several years after purchasing and making these improvements to the neighboring lots, Burlington County was in discussion with the township to acquire the paper street in front of the ramp and make improvements to it. This did not happen and the ramp remains as it has for decades. There are renewed discussions to upgrade the ramp for improved creek access.

Visit this quaint community park next to the Rancocas Creek.

"Thow77" wrote on paddling.com/paddle/locations/Hainesport-boat-ramp: *"First time - easy to park, felt safe, beautiful playground across the street. Upstream currents were not too bad. Wear water shoes. Clean water area."*

2023 – 2024 Recreation Events

NOVEMBER



- 11/10 Veterans Appreciation Luncheon
11:30am Hainesport Township Firehouse
- 11/17 Pre-School Story Time 10am – 11am
Kenneth Street Community Center
Ages 3 yrs. old & up

DECEMBER



- 12/2 Twp. Tree Lighting Event 6pm
(Rain Date Dec. 4th)
- 12/7 Twp. Menorah Lighting Event 6pm
- 12/9 Gingerbread House Contest & Story Time
12pm – 4pm, Kenneth Street Community Center
- 12/14-16 Holiday House Decorating Contest

JANUARY



- 1/19 Pre-School Story Time "Snow"
10am – 11am
Kenneth Street Community Center
Ages 3 yrs. old & up

FEBRUARY



- 2/1 Applications available for Deceased Veterans
Hero Banners
- 2/12 A Heart to Give Shoeboxes Dropoff 11am – 1pm
Kenneth Street Community Center
- 2/16 Pre-School Story Time 10am – 11am
Kenneth Street Community Center Ages 3 yrs. old & up

MARCH



- 3/3 Tea & Fashion Show 1pm – 4pm
"100 Years of Fashion 1924 – 2024" at
Bradford Estates (tickets required)
- 3/12 **Happy 100th Birthday Hainesport Township!**
(Check website & app for latest event details)
- 3/16 Pre-School Story Time "Hainesport History" &
Surprises 10am – 11am, Kenneth Street
Community Center, Ages 3 yrs. old & up
- 3/23 Easter Parade 12pm (Rain Date March 30th)
Municipal Pavilion

APRIL



- 4/21 Earth Day Event
9am – 12pm
Municipal Complex

MAY



- 5/27 Memorial Day
Event - 9am
Municipal Complex

Big Rusty Gets a Clean House

On June 14th the Hainesport Environmental Commission held a Clean Up Day for Big Rusty's home at Creek Turn Park. They had 8 volunteers for the day, shoveling and sweeping up debris from the buildings to make the site safer and cleaner for Big Rusty and her visitors. They filled ¾ of a large dumpster!

We thank Environmental Commission Chair Janice Ludden for coordinating the Clean Up, Guy Hessel for the wonderful photos, New Jersey Clean Communities for providing funding for supplies, all our volunteers and Jersey Mike's for donating delicious subs for lunch.



Rancocas Valley Soccer Club

Recreational & Travel Soccer practices on week nights. Recreational Soccer Games on Saturdays Travel Soccer Games on Saturdays & Sundays.

SPRING SEASON
March – May

Registration opens in February

FALL SEASON
August – November

Registration opens in June



Travel Team Tryouts held in April

*If interested, contact Damon Petras:
coachpetras2424@gmail.com or
www.rvsoccerclub.org for more information*



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- Fall rec in September and October available for all local residents. Ages 4-12
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- Full year travel softball for ages 7-15, including fall ball, winter training, spring and summer tournaments.
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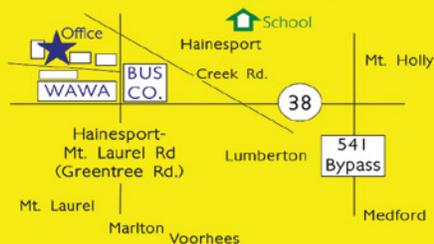
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