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# FLORHAM PARK UPDATE

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## Town Talk From Mayor Mark Taylor



As I begin this update, I wonder where summer went. It was here and gone so fast this year. I hope that everyone reading this update had a great summer of relaxation, possibly some time away from home with family members.

This year, we marked the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001. I must stop for a moment to remember all those lost on this tragic day in our country's history. I can remember exactly where I was and what I was doing the entire day on September 11, 2001. As the tragedy unfolded, we learned of many friends, neighbors, and relatives who were lost on 9/11. Let's never forget.

Thank you to all of our volunteers here in Florham Park and beyond. Throughout spring and summer, volunteers coordinated many great events which make our community a special place. The Florham Park Memorial First Aid Squad continued the Memorial Day celebration at the First Aid Squad building as they have done for many years. For all the 4th of July parade volunteers, this year was particularly trying because of the very bad storm the night before at about 7:30 PM. This storm caused major power outages throughout the town. The combined work and dedication of our great DPW staff, our Police Department and all the volunteers of the 4th of July Committee enabled Florham Park to keep our almost 70 year old tradition going strong with the parade, social garden, picnic as well as a last-minute decision to host the fireworks that evening. Everything went very smoothly. Thanks to the Gazebo Committee who capped off each summer weekend with a terrific concert as part of the 2026 concert series; this was a great series without any rain-outs.

A big thank you to Councilman Nick Cicarelli and the Borough staff for organizing a long overdue project to honor our veterans on the front lawn of the Borough Hall. Although the project schedule has shifted slightly, the contractor is working as diligently as possible to complete the project later this fall. I invite you to take a walk along the Great Lawn to see the progress! Phase Two of the project will include telephone pole banners along Ridgedale Avenue to honor our veterans. Please keep an eye on the Florham Park Borough website and social media pages next year for more information.

I have received e-mails, phone calls, and Facebook posts related to the former AAA property and the construction that commenced there in the past few weeks. This project was part of our 2015 through 2025 low-moderate income housing requirements under the Fair Share Housing mandates from the State of NJ. We were able to lower the number of units on that property to 52; originally the prescribed amount was 89 high-density units. There will be 11 affordable units, 41 market rate units, and some retail stores on Columbia Turnpike with a breezeway between these buildings. This property has adequate parking for what is planned. Building of high-density units is inevitable because of our prescribed amount mandated by Trenton, NJ (DCA) and the Fair Share Housing Center.

The property that was formerly known as Automatic Switch Company on Hanover Rd is also part of our housing obligation under the Fourth-round mandates, which began in 2025 and continue through to 2035. Demolition has begun on the former buildings of Automatic Switch Company at 50-60 Hanover Road. We await their formal application to the Planning Board where there will be hearings on the project. More to follow on this project as time permits and the Application advances.

The Borough continues our Semiquincentennial celebrations at the Little Red Schoolhouse on October 3 and 4, 2026 from 10 AM-4 PM as part of the Pathways of History program. Join our Historic Preservation Commission and the Florham Park Library on October 4 from 1-3 PM for special activities in partnership with Liberty Hall Museum. Hope to see you there!

All the best for a great fall season and winter right behind that!
Mayor Mark

MTaylor@florhamparknj.gov or (973) 410-5302



# THANK YOU,
# Charles J. Malone, Jr.

The Borough of Florham Park extends a sincere thank you to a truly special, steadfast Florham Park volunteer. This September, Councilman Charles Malone retired from his life as a community volunteer after serving 4 full terms and 1 unexpired term on the Borough Council, including multiple terms as Council President.

Charlie grew up in Florham Park, and he chose to return to the Borough after college. Charlie and his wife Kelly raised their family in his hometown. Following the precedent set by his parents and grandparents, Charlie quickly became an active volunteer in the Borough. Whether it was coaching youth sports, serving as a Florham Park Little League Board Member, or volunteering at Holy Family Church, Charlie became an integral member of our community. As his children grew, Charlie would go on to serve as vice president of the Academy of St. Elizabeth's Parent Association, Chairman of the Knights of St. Elizabeth, a Second Degree Knight of Columbus, member of the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Party Committee, manager of the All Stars baseball team, and chair of the Baseball Opening Day Parade Committee. He was also a member of the Florham Park Soccer Association from 2007 to 2017. He also managed and coached with the East Hanover/Florham Park Girls Softball League and spent three years building floats for the Girl Scouts for the Florham Park 4th of July Parade.




As time went on, Charlie became involved in our local government where he made a tremendous impact on our community. Serving first on the Borough's Planning Board, Malone was elected to the Borough Council in 2012. Councilman Malone pioneered the "Meet Me in FP" campaign which championed Florham Park businesses and encouraged residents to "Shop Local." His Council portfolio has included serving as liaison to the Borough's Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Recreation Department, Municipal Parks and Facilities, Florham Park Athletic Foundation, Economic Development and Commerce and the Morris County Chamber of Commerce. During his time steering the Finance Committee, Malone was instrumental in helping the Borough retain a Moody's AAA bond rating while maintaining a high level of service to residents and one of the lowest effective tax rates in Morris County. "Charlie's financial expertise and commitment to our community have been integral to the Borough's fiscal stability and affordability for families," said Councilman Scott Carpenter.

"I can't thank Charlie Malone enough for his years of service to this community as a volunteer and Council member. He worked tirelessly every year with our budget committee on the budget process. Municipal budgets are a several months long process, and Charlie was always willing to help every step of the way," said Mayor Mark Taylor.

In our Community of Volunteers, Councilman Malone's dedication to the Borough of Florham Park reminds us to ask not how we can benefit, but how we can help to serve others. Thank you, Councilman Malone, for your many years of service to our Borough. The Borough is grateful for your example of volunteerism. Your talents will be missed by the entire Borough community.

# Check out our website!

**DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY RESOURCES @ WWW.FLORHAMPARKNJ.GOV?**

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at facebook.com/florhampark1899 and instagram.com/florhamparkborough

# Community Calendar!

**The Florham Park Community Events Calendar is now available! Do you have an upcoming event that you'd like others to know about? Complete the Florham Park Community Events form (https://tinyurl.com/FP-events-form) to have your event listed or send an email to fpboroevents@gmail.com. The calendar is available on the Florham Park Library website (https://florhamparklib.org/about/our-library/borough-of-florham-park/) and florhamparknj.org.**




## We Need You!

Florham Park is a community of volunteers. If you'd like to become a member of one of our boards, commissions, or committees, please email the Clerk's Office at clerk@florhamparknj.gov.

## Sponsor the Florham Park Update!

If you're interested in sponsoring future editions of the *Florham Park Update*, please contact the Borough Administrator's Office at 973-410-5313 for more information. Thank you for your ongoing support!

## New to Florham Park?

Visit the Borough Clerk's Office to receive a New Resident Information Packet!

## Did you know?

The Borough website contains a myriad of important information! Visit www.florhamparknj.gov to find:

- Grass and Garden Debris, Branch and Limb, and Leaf Collection schedules
- Online bill payment options
- Meeting calendars, agendas, and minutes
- Contact information for municipal employees

# 2026 General Election Dates and Deadlines

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| Tuesday, October 13, 2026 | Voter Registration Deadline for General Election |
| Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | Mailing of Sample Ballots |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | Deadline to Apply for Mail-In Ballot for General Election |
| Saturday, October 24, 2026 to Sunday, November 1, 2026 | Early Voting Period |
| Monday, November 2, 2026 | Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election by 3:00pm |
| Tuesday, November 3, 2026 | Election Day – 6:00am to 8:00pm |

Please note that Early Voting Locations are NOT the same as your assigned polling place. There are currently an Early Voting Locations in Hanover at 15 N. Jefferson Road, Morristown at 200 South Street, and in Madison at 50 Kings Road. For an entire list of Early Voting Locations in Morris County, please visit the following link: https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Government/Voting-and-Elections/Early-Voting-Information/Early-Voting-Locations

**Looking for your polling place for Election Day? Please visit the following link and enter your street address and zip code: https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/polling-place-search**

# Florham Park Free Rabies Clinic

**The Health Department will host a free rabies shot clinic on Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 9AM and 11AM at the Florham Park Recreation Center.**
**Appointments are not required. Call or email Josiah Williams at (973) 410-5319 or jwilliams@florhamparknj.gov with questions.**



# FLORHAM PARK POLICE

## An Update From Chief Svenningsen

Residents,

As the summer of 2026 draws to an end, I hope you had time to travel and spend time with family and friends. With the Labor Day weekend in our wake and the Fall season ahead of us, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things.

As of September 2, SCHOOLS ARE OPEN! This creates many challenges for all of us. There will be a greater presence of pedestrians walking to and from our local schools. Be attentive to their presence and monitor your speed as you travel through the residential neighborhoods. Remember, it is the law to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks!

Second, fall sports have begun. There will be increased presence of traffic and pedestrians in and around our parks and fields throughout town. Please exercise caution when traveling through the parking lots and adjacent roads. You never know when someone could "pop out" from behind a parked vehicle. With the arrival of Fall weather, this is a great time to come to the fields and catch a game! So, bring a chair and support our youth.

Finally, we must continue to be vigilant as there are bad actors looking to victimize our residents and guests of our community. Lock your vehicles and your residences at all times. Ensure you have access to your surveillance systems and all components are operational. Be suspicious of callers asking for personal information as the scammers continue to prey on our residents.

The fall season is an exciting time! Take a moment to be outside for a walk or to enjoy the fall foliage. Keep an eye out for upcoming information about Safe Night Out.

Stay healthy and be safe!

Karl E. Svenningsen
Chief of Police

## National Night Out Highlights






# From the Department of Public Works

Our DPW staff provides services to our residents, from yard waste and leaf pick up, snow removal, and the bi-annual Heavy Item Pick Up, to maintenance of our roads and storm water infrastructure, parks and trees, sports fields, Borough-owned buildings and fleet vehicles, as well as operation of the Environmental Center.

**Curbside Leaf Collection** is scheduled to begin in the Red Zone the week of October 13. The DPW will make two scheduled collections in each zone, followed by a final mop up through all four zones (time and weather permitting). Please place leaves above the curb **(not in the street!)** either loose or in biodegradable paper bags by 7 AM on Monday of your scheduled week. Once a street is completed, it will not be picked up again until the next scheduled collection for your zone. Between pick ups, leaves can be brought to the Environmental Center.

**Grass and Garden Debris Pick Up** continues every other week through the beginning of October. Please place items in containers at the curb by 7 AM Monday of the scheduled week.

**Heavy Item Pick Up** is scheduled for the week of May 10, 2027. Residents can register on the Borough website, by scanning the QR code, or by calling the Department of Public Works at 973-410-5330.

SCAN ME

**Heavy Item Pick Up Registration**

**FLORHAM PARK PUBLIC WORKS**

**MAKES IT HAPPEN**

Please refer to the Borough's website for information on all services offered by DPW, including printable pick up schedules and guidelines. You can also call the Public Works office at **(973) 410-5330**.








# THANK YOU, Glen Johnstone!

Thank you to Councilman Glen Johnstone as he completes his term as Councilman! Glen was elected to the Florham Park Borough Council in 2023 and will retire from the Council at the end of the year. He remains an active volunteer throughout our community and a devoted grandfather.

Previously, Johnstone supported the Borough through 25 years of service as Florham Park Police Officer and 3 years as a SLEO Class 3 in the Florham Park Public Schools. During his time with FPPD, Johnstone served as a DARE officer. "Glen's impact on Florham Park during his career with the Police Department cannot be underestimated. He helped countless students while serving in our schools and was instrumental in the development of our Community Policing program," said Chief Karl Svenningsen. Johnstone served as PBA delegate, treasurer, and president throughout his time as an Officer. Glen continues to remember sacrifices made by his fellow officers, giving 10 years of participation and service to the Police Unity Tour.

Prior to serving on the Borough Council, Johnstone volunteered for 12 years on the Hanover Park Regional High School Board of Education, including 3 years as the Vice President. He served for three years on the Florham Park Board of Education.

As a Councilman, Glen Johnstone served as the liaison to the Florham Park Historic Preservation Commission, the Florham Park Senior Citizens, the Morris County Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Health. Suzanne Herold, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission noted, "We're grateful to Glen for his time as a member of our Commission; he was always willing to help and learn more about the Borough's history."

For more than 20 years, Glen has been a Hanover Park Youth Wrestling Coach where he is committed to his wrestlers' success on the mat and their character development. He has also served as President of the the Hanover Park wrestling club.

Thank you, Councilman Johnstone, for your service to the Borough of Florham Park!

## AI AND THE BUILDING CODE

In recent months, I've encountered discrepancies in the field during inspections involving information obtained through Artificial Intelligence (AI). Residents and contractors are increasingly relying on AI when seeking answers to questions regarding building codes and construction requirements.

In New Jersey, we are required to comply with the NJ Uniform Construction Code (UCC) which incorporates several subcodes including Building, Plumbing, Electric, Fire Protection and Mechanical. These subcodes are based on specific editions adopted by the state of NJ. Relying solely on AI information can result in code violations, failed inspections, and expensive remedies to become code compliant.

A list of all codes can be found on the Department of Community Affairs (www.DCA.gov) under Codes and Standards.

Kevin Guilfoyle
Construction Official

# ENGINEERING & UTILITY UPDATES




## Beacon Hill Waterspheroid

The Florham Park Water Utility has completed the rehabilitation of the water storage spheroid. The project included the painting and cleaning of the interior and exterior of the waterspheroid. Rehabilitation of the Tower Lane Standpipe has begun and is expected to continue into early winter. Work on the Borough's new well continues, and plans to meet DEP requirements for bringing the well into service are in process. Please continue to help identify service line materials for our Lead Service Line Inventory. Call (973) 377-1330 with questions.

## Fall 2026 Tree Planting Program

The Borough's Fall 2026 Tree Planting Program is underway, with approximately 40 trees expected to be planted throughout the community. Trees will be planted on Borough-owned property, including parks and fields, as well as within the public Right-of-Way (ROW) along Borough streets.
Would you like a tree planted in the ROW in front of your home at no cost? Residents interested in participating in the next planting event can contact Isaac Raymond at iraymond@florhamparknj.gov or 973-410-5473 to be added to the planting list.



## Roadway Safety Improvements

Drivers may notice a new roadway alignment on Fernwood Road. The roadway width has been reduced in one area to increase motorist safety. The roadway has been narrowed in one area to increase the distance between moving vehicles and an immovable object, providing an additional safety buffer for motorists. Additionally, this will also act as a traffic-calming measure and discourage drivers from exceeding the speed limit.

## Changes to the Tree Ordinance Chapter 229

The Borough Tree Code has been revised effective August 14, 2026. Changes to the ordinance include:

·All tree removal permits must be submitted with a $75 application fee.
·All required tree replacements must be planted at the site where the trees were removed.
·The contribution to the tree fund for each required replacement is now $450 per tree.
·All approved permits will be issued a brightly colored permit card, which must be prominently displayed for two days before and two days after the tree removal activities.

These changes are intended to prevent the indiscriminate removal of trees without prior approval. Preserving the Borough's urban forest is important to maintaining a healthy environment and protecting the benefits that trees provide to the entire community. Residents are encouraged to review the code in its entirety before considering the removal of any trees. Residents can anonymously report concerns about tree removal to the Engineering Department. Questions regarding the ordinance may be directed to the Engineering Department.

## Sewer Jetting

The Florham Park Sewer Utility will continue routine sewer main jetting and cameraing throughout the fall. Sewer jetting removes any grit and debris accumulating throughout the collection system. This prevents sewer blockages and enables the steady flow to the main plant on Vreeland Road.



# Environmental Commission Update



This quarter, the Environmental Commission is pleased to feature a guest contributor from The Raptor Trust. With nearly two decades of hands-on experience in wildlife rehabilitation, Barbara Franko offers valuable insight into how tree removal and yard maintenance affect local bird populations. Her perspective highlights simple, practical steps residents can take to protect nesting sites and support the wildlife that depends on our community's trees and shrubs.

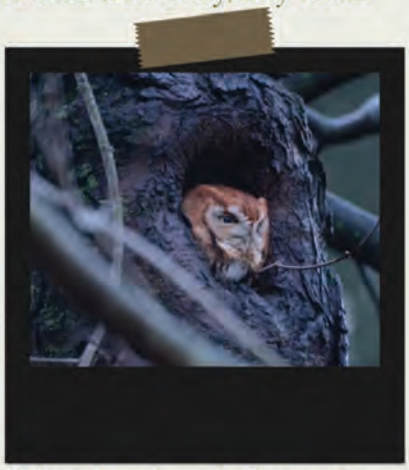
Barbara resides in Florham Park and has volunteered at The Raptor Trust for 17 years, gradually taking on more responsibility as her experience grew. Over time, she trained in wild bird rehabilitation and now serves in a unique volunteer role assisting Senior Rehabilitation Technicians in the critical-care area, helping with exams, medications, and feedings for both raptors and songbirds. She also brings long-standing leadership experience through her 15 years of service on the organization's Board.



The Raptor Trust, located in Millington, New Jersey, is a nonprofit dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured and orphaned wild birds. In addition to caring for thousands of birds each year, the organization provides educational programs that promote wildlife conservation and responsible coexistence with native species. Its mission centers on compassion, environmental stewardship, and preserving New Jersey's bird populations through hands-on care and public outreach.

*The Effect of Cutting Down Trees on Wildlife – By Barbara Franko*

Trees provide food, shelter, and nesting places for many animals. When trees are cut down, wildlife loses its natural habitat and struggles to survive. Birds may lose their nests, mammals may have nowhere to live, and insects can disappear from the area. Dead trees play a very important role in nature as well. They provide homes for woodpeckers, owls, bats, squirrels, insects, and fungi. As dead trees decay, they return nutrients to the soil and support many forms of life. Removing dead trees can reduce these habitats and make it harder for some species to survive. If there are dead trees on residential properties and they are not harmful to the home, it's best to leave them. My 17 years of volunteer experience at The Raptor Trust has taught me a lot about leaving properties as natural as possible. Though we don't rehabilitate mammals, the same goes for them.



Clear-cutting and removing healthy trees from properties also forces animals to move into places where they may not find enough food or water. Some species become endangered because they cannot adapt to the loss of their habitat. Protecting both living and dead trees helps maintain healthy ecosystems and supports wildlife for future generations.



It is recommended that dead trees that become harmful be taken down before nesting season in late winter or after nesting season in early autumn. As a precaution, they should be examined by a professional to be sure nothing is roosting in open cavities. Spring and summer "clean-up" sends us many evicted and, at times, injured screech owls and woodpeckers, as the trees they have been roosting or nesting in have not been examined before being cut down.

Everyone loves nicely trimmed trees and shrubs, but the same care should be taken with anything needing trimming or pruning—before or after nesting season—as many species of birds make nests in shrubs. Disturbing shrubs can destroy a nest full of baby birds or cause the parents to abandon them. Summer is our busiest time for orphaned baby birds or for baby birds whose nests have been cut down.

By following the above instructions, we can do better to live harmoniously with nature while also keeping our properties clean and neat!

# RECREATION UPDATES

## ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Santa Claus is coming to town on Friday, December 4, at 6:30 PM. The Mayor and Council will light the tree outside of the Recreation Center. Santa is planning to arrive by fire truck to take pictures with everyone beginning at 7 PM. Treats will be provided. There are two new additions this year, so be sure to join us for this longtime community tradition!




## TENNIS BADGES

If you're a Florham Park resident, you'll need a badge to enter the newly updated tennis and pickleball courts. Visit the Community Center Monday through Friday to obtain a card. Cards are $5 per person/year. You must bring a driver's license to obtain a card; a photo will be taken. The card allows access for the resident and 1 guest. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (973) 410-5390.



## RECREATION BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Volunteer Basketball Coaches are needed! There is a 20% registration discount for all head coaches from grades 3-8. Contact the Recreation Department for more information! Keep an eye on Community Pass for registration.



## Play Pickleball!

Session 1: September 8 - October 6

Session 2: October 20 - November 17

4 PM-5 PM - Newbies/Beginner

5 PM-6 PM - Advanced Beginner

Florham Park Courts

$110/per player - FP residents only -Register on Community Pass



## RUTGERS S.A.F.E.T.Y CLINIC

The Recreation Department is hosting an online safety clinic for all interested in coaching youth sports throughout New Jersey.

Advanced registration is required.

This is a **virtual** program.

**November 17, 2026**
**from 6:30 PM-9:30 PM**
**$40/per person**

## CHECK COMMUNITY PASS!

Keep an eye on Community Pass or the Borough website for program alerts on these exciting programs:

Basketball - Clinic - 8th Grade

Cheer

Pilates

Country Line Dancing

Robotics

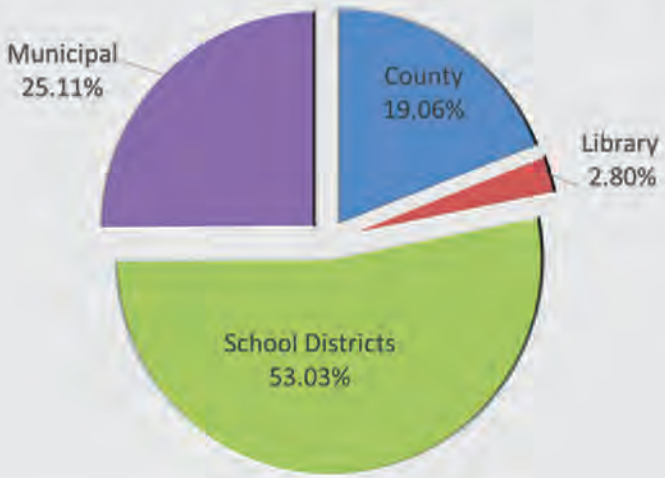
Ski Club - Registration for grades 6-8 opens in October

Sparkle Hearts Club

Yoga

# 2026 Municipal Tax Rate Components

**This chart illustrates what percentage of each dollar goes to the schools, municipal government services, Morris County, and the library. The Borough works hard to meet resident needs with that $.25/dollar, but municipal officials have no control over the remaining $.75. The County of Morris and our two local school boards pass their own budgets which determine their portion of the municipal tax rate.**




## New Book Recycling Bin at the Environmental Center!

Have old books you don't know what to do with? Recycle them in the new BookDrop at the Environmental Center! BookDrop gives every book the best chance at a second life.
We accept hardcovers, paperbacks, textbooks, magazines and more. The only things we can't take are books that are water-damaged or moldy. The Environmental Center is open on Saturdays from 8 AM-12 PM.



## Visit the Bocce Ball Courts!

Interested in playing bocce ball? Visit our newly refurbished Bocce Court located across from Rec Center next to Paddle Tennis area. The Bocce Court is first come first serve.

During the day, a bocce ball set can be borrowed from the Recreation Department. Residents are invited to leave their driver's license and borrow the set.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FLORHAM PARK SENIOR CITIZENS

The Florham Park Senior Club will have an Executive Board Meeting on October 7, and a General Meeting at 11AM on October 14.

Join Florham Park Senior Citizens' Club members at the Annual Holiday Luncheon! This is a treasured time to celebrate the holiday season. We are excited to let all Florham Park Senior Citizens know the holiday luncheon will be at The Park Savoy Estate, 236 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, on Wednesday, December 16, 2026. Cocktail Hour will start at 11:30 AM. Combining a wide variety of delicious appetizers with a cash bar, lunch will be served starting at 12:30 PM. Entertainment will be provided by the fabulous Anthony Duke Claus.

FP Senior Club Membership dues must be paid to get member price. Additional information on member and non-member per person cost and the reservation form will be included in the November – December Senior Club Newsletter or pick up the form at the Florham Park Senior Center in the month of November. Please note that valet parking is available. There is no take home for non-attendees. Hope to see you there!

# FLORHAM PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 4TH QUARTER UPDATE

As summer comes to an end and we move into the holiday season, the Florham Park Fire Department would like to share an update with our community and offer several seasonal fire-safety reminders.

**By The Numbers**

1. We have responded to 424 calls as of September 5, 2026.
2. We have the potential to reach over 600 calls for aid this year.

**At the current call volume, the department will exceed 600 calls for aid this year - substantially more than in 2025.**

**Seasonal Fire Safety Reminders**




A few simple precautions can help prevent fires, carbon monoxide incidents, alarm activations, and equipment-related problems during the colder months:

- Gas-fired appliances: Have gas-fired appliances cleaned and checked to make sure they are in proper working condition.
- Keep the area clear: Do not store combustible materials within 24 inches of gas-fired appliances.
- Cooking safety: Make sure cooking appliances are in safe working order, and never leave cooking unattended.
- Fireplaces and wood-burning stoves: Have wood-burning stoves, fireplaces, and chimneys cleaned and checked before use.
- Smoke and CO alarms: Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms to make sure they are working properly and are not out of date. Replace old batteries as needed.
- Construction and dust: If work in your home will create dust, ask your contractor to use appropriate temporary dust covers on detectors where necessary. Covers must be removed when work stops or is completed so the alarms can operate normally.



**VOLUNTEER WITH FLORHAM PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Florham Park Fire Department needs volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or have a fire-safety question, please reach out to us.

Phone: 973-377-3241 | Email: pmcgann@florhamparknj.gov

**WE WISH ALL OUR NEIGHBORS A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.**



## STORMWATER POLLUTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- You may think littering is no big deal (it is).
- You may think that whatever runs into the storm drains gets treated before it reaches local rivers and streams (it isn't).
- You may think motor oil and other hazardous materials doesn't harm the water very much (it does).

Pollution seeps into the ground and is carried by stormwater (rain and snow) directly to our drinking water, streams, lakes and oceans. Contaminated stormwater is the #1 cause of water pollution in New Jersey. Simple things, like proper clean-up after oneself and careful use of chemicals in the home, office and yard, are helpful ways for businesses and residents to protect the water.

Florham Park Borough has ordinances aimed at reducing pollution from litter, fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, animal waste, grass clippings and other debris. For details, see florhamparknj.gov/stormwatermanagement . Thank you for keeping them in mind and doing your share.

Clean Water NJ

Keep grass, leaves and trash out of storm drains



Don't feed wildlife



Clean up after your pet



Limit use of fertilizers & pesticides



Properly handle hazardous products



**NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

www.nj.gov/dep/dwq

www.cleanwaternj.org







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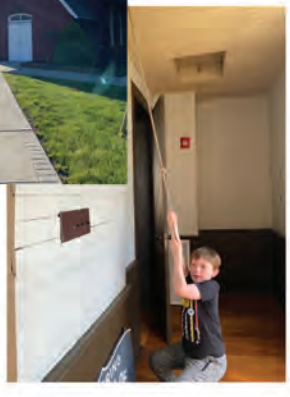
# Join us on October 3-4, 2026!











The Florham Park Historic Preservation Commission invites you to visit the Little Red Schoolhouse on October 3-4, 2026, from 10 AM - 4 PM. Historic sites are open for free throughout Morris County. Visit https://pathwaysofhistorynj.net/tour-info/ for more information and a tour map!

On Sunday, October 4, from 1 PM-3 PM, we will have colonial games organized by Liberty Hall Museum and in partnership with the Florham Park Public Library. Come ring the bell!

# FLORHAM PARK Public Library

## Upcoming Special Events for Adults at the Library!

Every month of the upcoming fall season has something exciting for adults at the Library! Register through the Library website at www.florhamparklib.org.

### OCTOBER

10/6 – Plate Decoupage for Adults

10/7 –Autumn Adult Book Tasting

10/11 – Second Sunday – Briz Voices of Rock

10/28 – Introduction to Mystery Writing with The Writer's Circle

### NOVEMBER

11/2 – Community Tiny Art Show Pickup All Day and Until Supplies Run Out

11/8– Second Sunday – *Hamilton The Musical and The Duel*

11/10 – Sandra Charlap Mosaic Frame for Adults

### DECEMBER

12/1 – Community Tiny Art Show Drop Off begins

12/3 –Holiday Romance Book Party

12/7 – Winter Trees Adult Pottery Program

12/13 – Second Sunday – The Kootz

12/14 – Tiny Art Show Reception







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## TECH HELP

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Complete our online form to request an appointment




OR complete the form in person at our Circulation Desk

www.florhamparklib.org

# Upcoming Library Events for Families




## FALL YOUTH EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

### *Ongoing Storytimes*

Busy Bookworms is held every Tuesday at 1:30 PM. Explore creative stories, crafts, and fun for ages three to five years.

Family Storytime is for ages 2 and up on the last Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM.

### *Ongoing Programming*

Little Learners is held on Monday mornings from 10:30- 11AM. Join Ms. Kate for songs, stories, and more at this storytime best for children aged 2 to 3 years and a caregiver.

Manga Mondays are held monthly on Monday evenings from 5:30-6 PM for students in grades 2-4. Join fellow Manga fans to talk about different kinds of manga, favorite series, what we've been reading lately, and choose a book for the next meeting.

**Check the Library Events Calendar for dates and registration.**



## Bump to Baby

Each session will be offered in person and online.

**Getting Ready for Baby - Preparing Your Mind, Body + Space for Birth**
**with Michelle Goitia, Yoga Instructor ERYT 200, RPYT, CD/PCD(DONA), CLC**
Support your body in late pregnancy, calm your mind as birth approaches, and prepare your home so the first days with your baby feel a little less overwhelming.
Thursday, October 1 | 6:30PM

**What to Expect for Labor, Birth, and Immediately Postpartum**
**with Marise Angibeau-Gray, Full Spectrum Doula, CD, CLSC**
Led by a birth doula, this session will walk you through the stages of labor, what to expect as things progress, when to head to your birth location, pushing, and the Golden hour after birth.
Thursday, October 8 | 6:30PM

**Birth Day - Choices, Support + Feeling Confident in the Room**
**with Marise Angibeau-Gray, Full Spectrum Doula, CD, CLSC**
Explore common medical interventions, pain-management options, comfort measures that you and your partner can use, and self advocacy during your birth experience.
Thursday, October 22 | 6:30PM

**Hello, Baby! - Your Newborn's First Days at Home**
**with Kimberly Ebel, MBA, BSN, RN, CLC, CD/PCD(DONA)**
Led by a NICU RN/postpartum doula, this session covers newborn behavior, bathing, soothing, safe sleep, cord care, and what's normal in the first weeks.
Tuesday, October 27 | 6:30PM

**Finding Your Rhythm - Feeding, Sleep + Life at Home With Baby**
**with Kimberly Ebel, MBA, BSN, RN, CLC, CD/PCD(DONA)**
Learn what to expect with feeding, newborn sleep, wake windows, soothing, and early routines.
Thursday, October 29 | 6:30PM

Register from our events calendar florhamparklib.org/events

TUMBLE BOOK LIBRARY

LOTE 4Kids

Did you know that your Library card enables you to access several digital resources for kids and families? Visit the Youth Services tab of the Florham Park Library website to learn more about resources such as Tumble Book Library which provides online access to animated, talking story books and LOTE4Kids which offers audio-picture books and interactive learning materials in over 100 languages for children of all ages.

The Library's digital collection also includes access to e-books and pre-recorded story times. Younger children can be registered for the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program which has been shown to improve early literacy!

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## Sewer, Tax, and Water Bills

**Sewer Utility**: Q4 2026 sewer bills are due October 1 with a 10-day grace period. **Look for 2027 bills in early December.**

**Water Utility**: Q3 2026 water bills are due December 15 with a 10-day grace period. **Please be aware that per unit water rates increase with higher consumption levels.**

**Tax Department**: Q4 2026 tax bills are due on November 1 with a 10-day grace period.

You can drop off your payment in the drop box located in the lobby of Borough Hall, pay by mail, or at https://www.florhamparknj.gov/OnlinePayments. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at (973) 520-1980.

# Mark Your Calendars



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