ONLINE TAX & SEWER PAYMENTS
The Township accepts online payments for tax and sewer. System is secure and easy. Click on this button on the Township’s homepage.

Pay Taxes or Sewer Online

RECYCLING REMINDERS
Please visit the Somerset County Recycling Page https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle for information on recycling schedule and many other recycling topics. For a missed pick-up, please call the Somerset County Recycling Center at 732-469-3363. Please remember to place your recycling out the NIGHT BEFORE collection and be sure that the recycling bin is placed with the wheels closest to the house.

Mayor’s Message...
Green Brook is a great place to live, work, and raise a family...
and it is my responsibility as your mayor to make sure it stays that way. As a fellow taxpayer, I am always concerned about the things that are concerning you and keeping our community safe and happy. Recent concerns about school bus/car conflicts, particularly on Warreenville Road, are being addressed with stepped-up enforcement by our Police Department, as well as researching possible road or signage improvements with Somerset County.

In a small town like Green Brook, you are all the eyes and ears for the community and I love that we all look out for one another. If you have an issue that is public safety related, please do not hesitate to call contact our dedicated police department at 732-968-1188. They thrive on community interaction and helping us stay safe. If you see something, say something! If you have another kind of concern, please report it, whether it is zoning or tree removal, potholes or street light outage. We have a system on our website (www.greenbrooktwp.org) to Report a Concern.

The members of the Township Committee, staff, and volunteer committees do a tremendous amount of work in an effort to keep Green Brook the special place that it is. Annual Rec events such as the Egg Hunt, Tree Lighting, and Oktoberfest, our doggie Halloween parade and Santa Paws, are all made possible by the support of community volunteers. We recently held a successful shred event with our partners at Somerset County, with planning already underway for 2019 improvements. With the help of staff and our DPW, community volunteers recently collected dozens of bags of garbage and recyclables that lined some of our wooded streets. We are always looking for volunteers to help with these events and on our committees and boards. Send me a note to become involved, along with an area of expertise or concern where you would like to help out.

And as always, myself and the other elected officials and staff are here for you. Please feel free to reach out, we like hearing from you! Also, if you know of residents celebrating a special milestone, please send me a note for consideration for a special proclamation.

May you have a wonderful Autumn!
Mayor Patrick Boccio, pboccio@greenbrooktwp.org
Arthur Lewis Park to Open in 2019

The Township, with assistance from the Somerset County Freeholders and the County’s Open Space Trust Fund, acquired the former Green Brook Swim Club property at the end of 2016. This property has been added to the adjacent Township-owned land, to form a 22-acre park for recreational purposes. This year the Township named the park after former mayor Arthur Lewis (1923-2015), one of the founders of the original Green Brook Swim Club. Art, an engineer by trade, was involved in many local organizations and was past president of groups such as Green Brook Lions Club, Green Brook Senior Citizens and member of Elks, VFW and American Legion—a true community gem. The Township is in the final design stage of a park to be constructed on the site, which will include swings, slides and climbing and play structures for ages 1-5 and 5-12. It will also include a spray park, renovation to existing basketball and handball courts, a sand volleyball court, an amphitheater-style pavilion with concession area and restroom facilities as well as the reconfiguration and resurfacing of existing parking lot. In a partnership with the National Fitness Campaign and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset, the park will also feature a state-of-the-art fitness court, the best outdoor gym in the world! Off-site improvements will include installation of a crosswalk and ADA improvements from existing sidewalks along Greenbrook Road. Future expansion will include walking and hiking trails on the property. Stay tuned for more information about the expected grand opening date for the park in 2019!

CERT—Community Emergency Response Team

Green Brook CERT assists our local first responders in cases of emergencies. We might be called for various tasks such as, traffic assistance, sheltering or search & rescue. In order to become an official CERT member you need to participate in a training program. Somerset County CERT usually offers training once or twice a year for interested volunteers. Total training is usually about 20 hours, scheduled in 2-4 hour modules, over a period of weeks or months, in order to address the scheduling needs of team members. It's held in the community or county where you live. All training and supplies are provided free and include the following subjects:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Fire Suppression
- Light Search and Rescue Operations
- CERT Operations/Incident Command System
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism Awareness
- Disaster Simulation

Additionally, you can find more information via the link below: https://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams

If you are interested in becoming a CERT member or have questions, please reach out to our CERT Chief, Bob Longo at Bob_Longo1@Yahoo.com.
GREEN BROOK REC SEEKING IDEAS & VOLUNTEERS!

Green Brook Recreation is looking for suggestions! In 2019, we will hold our 4th Annual Oktoberfest, and we are looking to celebrate other cultures too, such as Chinese New Year, Diwali, or whatever other cultural event that is special to you! Please email us at rec@greenbrooktwp.org with any ideas you have. The Rec Committee meets once a month and is looking for volunteers! GB Rec is involved in the Spring Egg Hunt, Oktoberfest, Dog Park Halloween Costume Contest and Santa Paws, the annual Tree Lighting as well as Volleyball and Basketball programs. Volunteering is always a great way to be involved and get to know your community in a fun setting. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm in Town Hall. JOIN US!

CENTRAL BARK

Upcoming Events:

October 27— Halloween Costume Contest, 12pm

December 8— Santa Paws! Pose your pooch with Santa! 12pm

CLEAN & GREEN

KEEPING OUR WATERWAY CLEAN

In cooperation with The Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership's Central Jersey Stream Team, Green Brook Township will be holding a "Stream Clean" on December 8th from 10am-1pm. Last year over 70 volunteers gathered 50 bags of trash and over 100 bags of recycling. Meet at 275 Greenbrook Road (parking lot to the right of the Regional Center) and wear boots! See you then!

DECEMBER 8, 2018
10AM–1PM
275 GREENBROOK ROAD (REGIONAL CENTER)
GB PET WASTE LAW
No person shall cause, suffer, or allow a pet to soil, defile or defecate upon private property without permission from the owner of the property, or upon any public property except between the curb lines of a public street; and provided further, that any person who shall permit a pet to deposit solid waste between the curb lines of a public street shall immediately and properly dispose of their pet’s solid waste.

WHAT IS NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION?
Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution is water pollution that is generated by everyday activities, such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil or gasoline, and littering. NPS pollution is caused when contaminants deposited on the land surface are washed off and carried into nearby waterways or ground water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has identified NPS pollution as the nation’s largest water quality problem, causing impairment of approximately 40% of surveyed rivers, lakes and estuaries in the Country.

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RABIES CLINICS

The Middle Brook Regional Health Commission will be offering several rabies clinics this fall. All residents are encouraged to have their dog or cat vaccinated against rabies. Throughout the spring and summer, cases of rabies were reported throughout the state, including around our area. Rabies vaccination is the best defense for our pets. If your pet has been previously vaccinated the health department recommends that your dog or cat be vaccinated every other year. If your pet has not been vaccinated against rabies now is the time. The clinics are free to all.

Saturday, November 3, 2018
9:00 am to 10:00 am
South Bound Brook Public Works Garage
South Bound Brook, NJ

Saturday, November 3, 2018
11:00 am to 12:00 noon
Green Brook Town Hall
Green Brook, NJ

Saturday, December 1, 2018
9:00 am to 10:00 am
Watchung Fire Department, Mountain Ave
Watchung, NJ

Saturday, December 1, 2018
11:00 am to 12:00 noon
Bound Brook Police Department
Bound Brook, NJ

GREEN BROOK RECEIVES VILLAGE COMMERCIAL STUDY

In 2015 the Township applied for a competitive grant with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Planning for Emerging Centers Program for the Township’s existing Village Commercial District along the Washington Avenue corridor. The goal of the study was to examine the existing zoning rules for the study area, and make suggestions about how the rules could be changed to promote a more vibrant neighborhood.

NJTPA awarded the zoning study to Group Melvin Design. The study team met with focus groups, including school-age children, senior citizens, residents and local business owners. The team solicited public feedback at an open house and through an on-line survey.

The process included a study of regional development data, demographics, housing needs, traffic, and other data to develop final recommendations. The report was recently received by the Township Committee, who will review the report and the proposed zoning modifications over the next several months. The report can be found here on the Township’s website, www.greenbrooktwp.org (on main page go to View Documents > Other Documents > NJTPA Village Center Report).

ATTENTION ALL GREEN BROOK SENIORS

Now is the time to join a fun-loving group of friends like yourselves, The Green Brook Senior Citizens. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month and enjoy a short business meeting followed by a free catered luncheon. Our meetings also have great speakers and/or entertainment. We are always looking for new members so why not give us a try. Meetings start at 11:00 AM and are held in the Green Brook Seniors Building, 111 Rock Avenue, Green Brook. Have any questions? Call Bob Schweyher at 732-968-3320.
GREEN BROOK FIRE-EMS
NEEDS YOU!

Did you know that Green Brook has an all-volunteer fire department? Not only do these men and women get up in the middle of the night to protect us, but they also do many other great things in our community. During the holiday season the department raises the Washington Rock “star”, participates in the Holiday Tree Lighting and also does a “Santa Ride” around town. Our department is in need of volunteers and will sponsor and pay for you to attend fire school. If interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the department at gbfirechief@optonline.net or visit the Fire House on Monday nights between 7:30pm-8:30pm.

GREEN BROOK REC
HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018 - 7PM

Holiday themed performances by Green Brook students
Free hot cocoa & goodies by Green Brook businesses
Stay and see Santa arrive on a fire truck!
Held at Town Hall, 111 Greenbrook Road

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