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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

Dear Residents & Friends,

Happy Fall/Winter! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Spring/Summer!

On behalf of the Borough of Keyport, I'm excited to share our first Keyport Borough Newsletter. A heartfelt thank you to our local businesses for their support, which helps keep our community informed about the latest happenings.

As we embrace the Fall/Winter season, we invite you to join us for various events organized by Keyport Recreation and the Keyport Bayfront Business Cooperative (KBBC).

You may have noticed the ongoing work at Beach Park Playground. Thanks to grants from the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP), we're making muchneeded improvements to enhance our waterfront and enrich the lives of our children. In the coming weeks, you can expect to see significant progress, including a new pavilion and concrete pad. We look forward to celebrating these enhancements with a ribbon-cutting ceremony once completed.

Additionally, several road projects are set to begin this fall. We will keep you updated on these developments through our Borough Website and social media.

I'd like to take a moment to thank our Borough Council, employees, first responders, residents, and volunteers for their dedication and hard work in making Keyport a great place to live. Together, we will continue to advance the Pearl of the Bayshore! Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season! God Bless You all, Mayor Rose P. Araneo

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On behalf of the borough, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Chief Shannon Torres for her many years of dedicated service to Keyport. We wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Additionally, we extend our congratulations to Patrol Officers Zachary Scully and Michael Devino on their recent swearing-in. We also wish the best of luck to newly sworn-in Sergeants Cassandra Aumack, Eric Devlin, and Richard Leonard as well as Lieutenant Stephen Wheeler. Lastly, we proudly welcome Captain Joseph Rendina to his new rank.

The Keyport Police Department is also excited to welcome Chief Michael Ferm, and we look forward to his leadership and professionalism as he takes on this important role.

Thank you for your continued support of our community.

Kimberly Humphrey, BA

EMPLOYEE SPOT LIGHT

OCTOBER EMPLOYEE SPOT LIGHT



CHIEF MICHAEL FERM

Chief Ferm: was born in Long Branch, N.J., He grew up in the Old Bridge section of Cliffwood Beach before moving to Keyport when he was around 13. He lived on Washing Street and Atlantic Street in Keyport as a child. Chief Ferm lives in Keyport in a house that he had built in 1996.

Chief Ferm was hired as a police officer on August 17, 1988,. He has been working 36 years..

Chief Ferm's hobby is riding his Harley Davidson on cross country trips like Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado.



NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

THOMAS FALLON, CFO

Lives in Red Bank, NJ 30 years as the CFO for Keyport

Hobby-Golf

I enjoy working for the Borough of Keyport because with my expertise I feel I can contribute to the greater good of the community and I get to see firsthand the results. I feel a great sense of pride when Improvements to the community are made that positively affect the quality of life for the residents.

DECEMBER EMPLOYEE OF SPOTLIGHT

MICHELE CLARK, BOROUGH CLERK

Lives in Aberdeen Township for the past two years. Before that she lived Keyport for 33 years.

She has worked for Keyport Borough since 2014. Her hobbies are reading, watching documentaries and trying new recipes.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 732-739-5127

- 1. Mailing Address: PO Box 60 Keyport, NJ 07735-0060
- 2. Hours of Operation are Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
- 3. Quarterly taxes are due February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. A ten-day grace period does apply. On the eleventh day interest is accrued and it goes back to the first of the month as per state law. The tax bill goes out once a year around July/ August. If you do not receive a bill you are still responsible to pay property taxes as per NJSA54:4-64. If the annual bills are mailed out late the due date is still August 1. However, by NJSA 54:4-66.3d a resolution is passed so interest will not start to accrue until 25 days after the bills were mailed. If paid past the date stated in the resolution interest will be charged back to August 1.
- 4. Please advise our department in writing if there are any changes to your account. For example, new mailing address, mortgage company no longer responsible for paying taxes, refinanced with a different mortgage company, etc. This notice can be faxed to 732-739-4701.
- 5. Water/Sewer is billed on a quarterly basis. The due dates are Jan 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. A ten-day grace period does apply. The bills are mailed around the 15th of the previous month. On the eleventh day interest is accrued and is calculated back to the first of the month as per NJ State Statute.
- 6. If a collection day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then you will have the following Monday to pay without interest. If the last day to pay is a Holiday you then have until the next day to pay.
- 7. We have a drop-box located in the front vestibule of 70 West Front Street. Please be advised that we do not accept CASH payments in the box. Payments are posted on the date of pick up. Pick up is between 9-10 am Monday through Friday. If you drop off after 10 am, the payment is posted to the next business day.
- 8. Payments for your Taxes and Water/Sewer bill can be made online using your checking account or a credit or debit card. Go to www.keyportonline.com, from the column on the left click on Tax and Water Sewer Payments. Please read the notices and then click I agree to continue. Please be advised that Credit Card and E-Check payments can only be made via the internet and that there is a convenience fee charged to the user for each transaction. If you use your checking account, the fee for an e-check is a flat \$1.95 per transaction and if using a credit/debit card the fee is 2.95% of the transaction amount. *Convenience fees are retained by the service provider and are not paid to, or shared with, the Borough of Keyport.

If you are moving please be advised that you must call our department to schedule a final meter reading to have a final bill issued.

Residents are responsible for the up keep of their meters. It is suggested to protect them from the elements in the winter. If you need suggestions on how to keep them protected, you can call The Department of Public Works at 732-739-5428.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Borough of Keyport Code Enforcement Department strives to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment throughout the Borough. Our goal is to help maintain and improve the quality of our community by administering fair and unbiased enforcement of State laws and local ordinances to correct violations and reduce hazards that create blight and adversely affect the quality of life of residents in the affected areas of the Borough. We continue to work closely with residents, neighborhoods, public service agencies and other Borough departments to facilitate voluntary compliance.

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ZONING OFFICER

Please be reminded that any alterations, additions or modifications to your property, such as fences, retaining walls, decks, porches, pavers, walkways, driveways, AC units, etc. require zoning approval.

Applications can be obtained at https://www.keyportonline.com/forms

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PUBLICWORKS

Public Works Update: Fall Collection Schedule

As we welcome the Fall season, the Keyport Department of Public Works is hard at work to ensure our community remains safe and beautiful. Our dedicated team of 12 workers is committed to maintaining public utilities, roads, landscaping, borough events, and much more.

Leaf and Branch Collection Schedule:

Zone 1 & 2:

November 6 December 11

Zone 3 & 4:

October 23 November 13 December 18.

Please remember that all leaves must be bagged in appropriate leaf bags. These bags are available at the Keyport Recycling Center every Saturday from 9 AM to 12 PM for residents only.

Additional Notice: Fire hydrant flushing will take place from October 15th to November 1st. Please note that during this time, you may experience low water pressure or discolored water.

For any issues related to roads, water, sewers, or other safety concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Department at **732-739-5428**. Leave a message, and we will return your call at our earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy end to 2024!

KEYPORT GREEN TEAM





The Keyport Green Team is the government half of the public-private partnership between the Borough and Sustainable New Jersey, an NGO devoted to achieving "a sustainable New Jersey, one community at a time." Its mission is to provide the tools and incentives to municipalities and school districts to pursue sustainability initiatives. These include administering and providing grants, offering technical assistance and maintaining an awards program, which assigns points for actions -- ranging from the arts to waste management -- taken by the community. Bronze, silver and gold certifications are awarded once certain point totals are achieved. Keyport Borough is currently a bronze-certified community.

Your Green Team is the agency responsible for administering this Sustainability Program at the Borough level. Members must be residents, appointed by the Mayor each year, and include representatives of Borough agencies and local non-profit organizations, and members of the public at large. Meetings scheduled this year at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall on the third Wednesday of each month are open to anyone who cares about the future of our earth, regardless of municipality of residence.

Since its establishment in 2009, among its many initiatives, the Green Team has overseen the completion of a brownfields inventory, a coastal vulnerability assessment, a residential energy efficiency outreach and dune grass planting. The team has also administered a PSE&G grant for water conservation education, which involved subsidizing rain barrels for residents, numerous workshops and the broadcast and posting of the Conservation Tip of the Month, still available on the Green Team page of the Borough website and by email. (Drop a note to <u>keyportnjgreenteam@gmail.com</u> to add your name to the list. The information is used for no other purpose.)

The past year has seen the Green Team embark on a multi-year program entitled *Explore the Bay*. The spring season was devoted to horseshoe crabs, with short informative items on the Borough website leading up to several presentations at Borough Hall. This fall has seen a joint Historical Society-Green Team program on oysters, a foundational industry for the Pearl of the Bayshore, and on Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, Dr. Michael Acquafredda of the Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory of Rutgers University will present a program on clams, which is, like all Green Team programs, open to all.

KEYPORT SENIOR CENTER

During September, we hosted a lunch at the Senior Center from Broad Street Diner along with a NJ Lighthouse Society presentation. In addition, we hosted an Audio Screening and a Vaccine clinic. The trips in the month of September were to Ellis Island and Atlantic City. Returning from a summer break, Writers Corner and Book Café. Every Thursday Monmouth County Family and Children Services presented the WISE (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education)Program that is a 6 weeks of education that will flow into October.

10/24 11:00 United Nations Celebration Day with

entertainer Frank Rosato along with an International Buffet Lunch by Jacques

11/14 8:30: Atlantic City

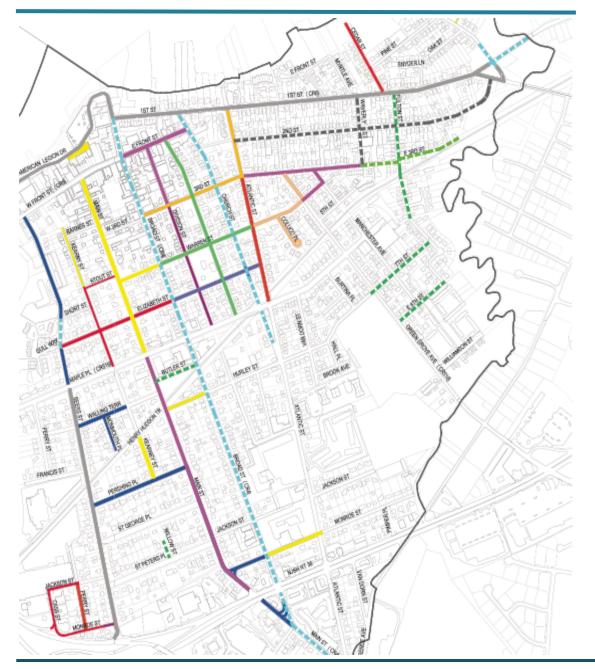
11/15 12:00 100th Birthday party for Ruth Bowen

Thursdays 1:30 Guitar Lessons

11/16 10:00 Music Mountain Theater "White Christmas" and lunch at Lambertville House.

12/11 12:00 a Holiday Party at Jacques.

ROAD WORK PROJECTS FOR 2024/2025



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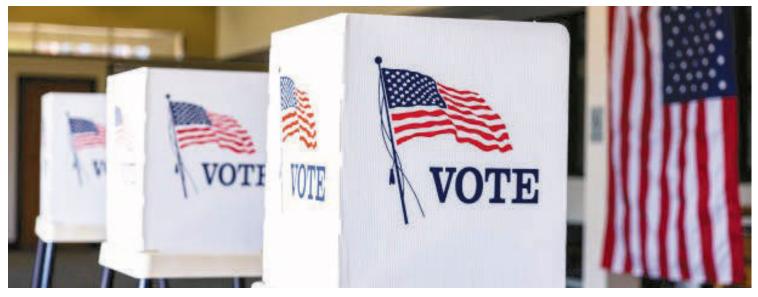
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BOROUGH CLERK, MICHELE CLARK RMC

Election & Voting FAQs

Am I registered to vote?

Check your voter registration status: <u>https://</u> voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check

How can I register to vote?

Download a voter registration application or register online: <u>https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register</u>

Where do I vote?

Find your polling place: <u>https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/polling-place-search</u>

Where are Vote-By-Mail Ballot Drop Boxes located?

Find a Ballot Drop Box: <u>https://</u> www.monmouthcountyvotes.com/voter-information/ vote-by-mail-drop-box-locations/

October 15th – Last Day to Register to Vote in the 2024 General Election

October 26th through November 3rd – Early Voting at Designated Early Voting Polling Locations for the 2024 General Election (Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.) **October 29th** – Last day to receive, by mail, applications for Vote By Mail ballot for the 2024 General Election

November 4th – Last day to receive, by messenger or in person (by 3 p.m.), applications for Vote By Mail ballot for the 2024 General Election

November 5th – 2024 General Election Day (6 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

November 5th – Deadline to submit timely postmarked Vote By Mail 2024 General Election ballot to the U.S. Postal Service

November 5th – Deadline to submit Vote By Mail 2024 General Election ballot (8 p.m.) to the Monmouth County

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KEYPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT—TODAY AND YESTERDAY

(Written October 9, 2024 by KFD members)

The Keyport Fire Department is today as it began in 1877 - an all-volunteer organization. All the originally organized fire companies are in service with many companies members being third, fourth and fifth generation firefighters. Unlike decades ago, attracting new members has become difficult today where spare hours for volunteering has diminished, a common issue state and nationwide. Locally, new challenges are being met to keep up with the modern challenges of firefighting and emergency responses while continuing to provide service as best as possible. Adding to the tasks of being a Keyport volunteer firefighter is the fact that each fire company owns and maintains and pays insurance for their own firehouse. Borough provided financial support does not cover the annual operating costs which are offset somewhat through fundraisers such as the Keyport Firemen's Fair. Prior to today's shortage of volunteers, the department had grown in both size and capability, reflecting the dedication of generations of Keyport's citizens who have stepped forward to serve. Sadly, since 1877, two of our firefighters have given their life in the line of duty. Jacob Leyrer of Engine Co. No. 1 in 1889 and Timothy Pfleger, the Chief of the Fire Department who gave his life at the age of 32 in 2022.

Brief History - The establishment of the Keyport Fire Department in 1877, is rooted in the borough's strong commitment to the protect the citizens from fire. Prior to the formation of the Fire Department, fires posed a significant threat to Keyport, at the time the largest seaport town in New Jersey. On September 21-22, 1877, a conflagration destroyed nearly the entire business district strongly dictating the need for a formal fire department. One hundred local officials and residents came together to create an organized system of fire protection with the creation of the Keyport Hook & Company No. 1 on October 10, 1877.

The Hook & Ladder Company was the cornerstone of Keyport's early fire protection efforts. Although now organized, several ex -volunteers from the New York City Volunteer Fire Department ensured that modern firefighting techniques were brought to Keyport in the early days. Despite challenges, the volunteers' commitment to protecting their neighbors was unwavering, and they would respond swiftly to alarms, often battling large blazes with bucket lines and hooks to pull down buildings to stop the spread of the flames.

As Keyport grew, a second fire company was added in 1889 with the formation of Keyport Engine Company No. 1. With the arrival of the municipal water system in 1893 three additional fire companies were established to bolster the town's firefighting capabilities. Lincoln Hose Co. No. 1, Raritan Hose Co. No 2 and Liberty Hose Co. No. 3. Each of these companies were staffed by volunteers who contributed not only their time but also their personal resources to buy property, build firehouses and before 1920 buy their own fire apparatus. These companies worked closely with each other to coordinate responses, especially during large-scale fires. In 1907, Eagle Hose Company No. 4 was formed and the Fire Police, originally established in 1893, were realigned in 1910 as a separate fire company. The collaborative spirit among the volunteers and their dedication to the community became a hallmark of the Keyport Fire Department which it still maintains today.

KEYPORT RECREATION COMMITTEE

As we embrace the beautiful fall season, Keyport Recreation is thrilled to share highlights from our recent programs and upcoming events!

Keyport 5K Success

On September 21st, we hosted the Keyport 5K, attracting over 260 enthusiastic racers to run through our beautiful town! We're already looking ahead to 2025, as we evaluate this year's event to make improvements for next time. A special thank you to the Keyport Bayfront Business Cooperative for their generous donation of KeyportCash, and to the Keyport Police and DPW for their invaluable support.

Red Raider Night

It was a joy to be a part of Red Raider Night on September 26th. We enjoyed speaking with families about the programs and events they'd like to see in the community. The top request? The return of Keyport Summer Camp! We're excited to announce that we're already working on it!

Halloween Festivities

On October 5th, we gave away over 20 Halloween costumes at the KBBC's Dog Parade Event, which was followed by a fun screening of Scooby Doo in the park. Families are already signing up for our Halloween House Decoration Contest, with judging set for October 26th. We'll be posting participating addresses on our Facebook page for 2024 we're using Sign Up Genius to make entry easier and we have added a Keyport Resident's Favorite Award this year with online voting.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for our 4th Annual Trunk or Treat at Keyport Waterfront Park on October 19th! More details and the sign-up link is available on our Facebook page. Additionally, we'll be hosting a Fall Family Fun Night at the same location on October 23rd, starting at 5:00 PM. Join us for kid's activities including pumpkin decorating, and a live performance by Cranston Dean and Friends from 6-8 PM.

Looking Ahead

After a busy October, we'll be helping with the Keyport Tree Lighting on November 30th.. By popular demand, the Keyport Holiday House Decorating Contest will return in December, along with our Winter Craft and Hot Chocolate event on December 21st.. It's been a fantastic fall for Keyport Recreation, but we're just getting started! If you have suggestions for programs, inquiries about volunteering, or just want to get involved, please join us at our monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall. You can also reach us at Recreation@keyportonline.com or visit our Facebook page, Keyport Recreation Committee.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Welcome aboard two new Commissioners, Lennie Walker and Kathleen Bell de Los Reyes!

In April of 2024, Seniors from Kean University under Project Manager Matthew Wolfe and Dr. Daniela Shebitz, Chair and Professor, Environmental and Sustainable Sciences, partnered with the Keyport Environmental Commission on a Presentation on the Upper Dune/Living Shoreline Project at Cedar Street Park, going into such details as identification of invasive plant species, further developing a restoration plan, research into permits and even included methodology of storm damaging wave mitigation along the shoreline. Please see the attached photo of the Kean University Team!



BOARD OF HEALTH

As per State Statute, dogs are required to be licensed in the Borough of Keyport on an annual basis.

Applications are available at Keyportonline.com under the FORMS tab then Board of Health.

You must present a rabies certification that is valid through October of the issuing year.

The fees are as follows dogs \$8.20 for spayed or neutered and \$11.20 if they are not.



KEYPORT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Keyport Free Public Library is proud to be serving the citizens of Keyport for over 120 years. The Library is a part of the STELLA (**S**haring

& Technology Enhancing Local Library Access) Consortium which has reciprocal borrowing with over 40 libraries in the area. The Keyport Library offers books, audio books, DVDs, magazines, eBooks, eMagazines, electronic resources, museum passes, and a Library of Things (DVD players, fishing poles, telescope, etc.). There are monthly programs for adults, teens, tweens, and children. It is a fine-free Library.

Every summer the Library provides a Summer Reading

Program that helps kids retain what they learned through the school year by reading. It is not reading instruction but rather incentivized reading

to keep them practicing. Kids, teens, and adults can win prizes for reading and attend programs that both teach and entertain.

Important Information

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Library Hours:

Monday 10am to 6pm Tuesday 10am to 8pm Wednesday 10am to 8pm Thursday 10am to 6pm Friday 10am to 6pm