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Seasons Greetings"*



Santa Arrives in Township for 10th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



BUENA - On Friday, December 11th the Buena Vista Township Special Events Committee held their 10th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The evening began with a Welcome by Mayor Chuck Chiarello and an Invocation by Pastor Ken Albert. Kim Albert led the Abundant Living Church Children's Choir in Holiday Songs. There were about 200 people in attendance and music was provided by the Bud Dennis Holiday Band.

Santa arrived by Fire Truck along with a Parade of firetrucks provided by the Richland, East Vineland, Collings Lakes, Milmay and Newtonville Volunteer Fire Companies. Also in the parade was BVT EMS, AtlantiCare NJ EMS Task Force and the Bacigalupo Family's Special Christmas Train.

Special thanks to our Public Works Department and Employees for helping & decorating our Municipal Building. Santa and Mrs. Claus along with the a group of elves visited

with each child. The children each received a stocking with goodies in it. Refreshments were also on hand for everyone. Stop and see the beautiful lights on the Municipal Building on Route 40 as you travel around for the Holidays also see the lights in Richland Village on Route 40.

Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open for 4th Season

RICHLAND VILLAGE - Locals and visitors alike will get to see this year's improvements to the Patcong Valley Model Railroad display. During the past year the thirty members of this group of craftsmen have been further developing their



HO train layout. Their open house for the public will take place from 10 am to 4 pm on the following Saturdays and Sundays: January 2nd and 3rd, 9th and 10th, 16th and 17th 2010. The exhibit is free, though donations are accepted. Young and old will love this beautiful display. For more information you can visit www.patcong-valley.com. They are located at Fir Avenue and Route 40 (Harding Highway) in Richland Village.

Mayor - Chuck Chiarello
Deputy Mayor - Teresa Kelly
Committeeman - Peter Bylone
Committeeman - Mike Rivera
Committeewoman - Sue Barber
Administrator - Ron Trebing
Finance - Cindi LoGuidice
Mayor's Office - Joan Stahl
Acting Township Clerk - Linda Gonzales
Acting Deputy Clerk - Pamela McDaniels
Clerk Typist - Kathleen Merlino
Tax Assessor - Bernadette Leonardi
Assessor's Office - Stefanie Cervini
Tax Collector - Terry Graff
Tax Collector's Office - Diane Wertz
Township Solicitor - Mark Stein
Foreclosures - Joseph Gindhart
Township Engineer - David Scheidegg
Township Auditor - Glen Ortman
Court Administrator - Mannelta Bylone
Deputy Court Admin. - Milina Miller
Judge - William Cappuccio
Prosecutor - Robert Pinizzotto
Public Defender - Michael Peyton
Acting Court Constable - Carlo Merighi
Court Recorder - Arlene Soto
Zoning Officer - Albert Pellegrini
Planning & Zoning - Diane Morgan
Planning & Zoning Solicitor - Jeff Waldman
Planning & Zoning Engineer - David Scheidegg
Fire Marshal - Brain Murray
Public Works Director - Rich Calareso
Public Works Supervisor - Gene Sykes
Public Works - Keith Dorris
Public Works - John Klawitter
Public Works - Ed Kalla
Public Works - Robert Pagluighi
Public Works - Frank Sedio
Public Works - Charles Mallory
Public Works - Wayne Joslin
Public Works - Soren Hudyma
Public Works - Kurt Renart
Public Works Support - Carlo Merighi
Seasonal/Parks -Pat Aloisio & Ron Grattini
Insurance/JIF Agent - John D'Agostino, Jr.
Emergency Mgmt. Cord. - Carlo Merighi
Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Cord. - Ron Ruggeri
911 Coordinator - Michael Burshtin
School Crossing Guard - Diana Wilcockson
School Crossing Guard - Helen Riley
MLK Center Coor.- Debra Patton-Stalling
Animal Control - John & Joann Hill

Enjoy our Community Calendar compliments of our Sponsors and Buena Vista Township. Happy Holidays!

HOMETOWN HAPPINESS PROGRAM

The Christmas Season brings "Hometown Happiness" to life with donations from the Atlantic County Toys for Tots, local businesses, and BVT residents.

If you would like to donate, you can drop off unwrapped gift(s) for children at the Buena Vista Township Municipal Building or the following Post Offices: Buena, Richland, Milmay, and Newtonville. We will be accepting donations till Monday, December 21, 2009.

Please contact Diane Morgan in the Planning Office at 856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650 extension 9.

**Buena Vista Township
Re-organization Meeting
will be held on
Monday, January 4, 2010
at 7:00 pm in the
Township Municipal Building.
Everyone is welcome to attend.**

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The ACUA will pick-up Christmas Trees on January 8th in selected areas of the Township and on January 22nd in all areas of the Township.

Laugh Your Troubles Away- Comedy Night in BVT

Saturday, February 20, 2010 is your chance to forget all your troubles. For one night don't worry about the family, the job, or anything else that is bugging you -- just come out for a night of laughs, great food, and a little socializing. Buena Vista Township Special Events is hosting our 9th Comedy Review. The evening will feature three great comedy talents. MC and Comedian Joey Novick along with Craig Carmean and Chris Rich will have you rolling in the isles. The event will be held at the Buena Tavern and will feature food and a cash bar. All this for only \$25 per person. It is as good an evening as driving all the way to Atlantic City-right here in Buena Vista! Help support our Special Events Committee-they do great things all year round for our community. For more details call Joan in the Mayor's Office at 856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650 then press 8. **Reserve a table today.**

Calendar Offers Valuable Information

Residents of Buena Vista should use the enclosed calendar to be aware of various municipal services which are listed in the back pages. You will find important phone numbers, meeting dates, trash rules, and a Township map.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8718 & Catholic Daughters, Court 2262 will be holding an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Hall, 19 Malaga Road, Collings Lakes, NJ 08094. For an appointment contact Amy or Vince Moschella at 609-567-0143 or 609-230-9680.

Watch Township meetings every Wednesday on Comcast Cable Channel 9 from 5 pm to 10 pm. Also find the latest Township information at www.buenavistatownship.org.

Pedestrian Warning Lights to be Installed on Route 40 in Richland Village

The New Jersey State Department of Transportation approved several flashing warning signals to be installed on Route 40 in Richland Village. The lights are being placed in an effort to get motorists to slow down as they come through this section of our community. The warning lights were received as a grant with a value of more than \$150,000 from NJDOT.

The lights can be activated by pedestrians on either side of Route 40 or can be turned on and remain flashing during events or when the train is in town or when the Patcong Valley Model Railroad is open. These improvements are expected to be completed by early 2010.

Mayor Chiarello Becomes League Executive Officer

Mayor Chuck Chiarello has been involved with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM) for as long as he has been in office for the past 18 years. About ten years ago he was selected to be on their Executive Board. On Friday, November 20th Mayor Chiarello was selected to become the First Vice President of the NJLM for 2010. The organization helps every municipality in the State of New Jersey deal with important issues and find common ground in finding solutions. Chiarello moderates seminars, heads various committees, and has fought for legislation through the League.

In 2011, Mayor Chiarello will become the President of the NJLM the highest honor that can be achieved by a local elected official. "The challenges that lie ahead for the State of New Jersey are becoming more difficult every day" said Chiarello.

Buena Regional High School Choir Performs Holiday Magic



Township residents can be very proud of the Buena Regional High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Michael McCausland. The choir performed a mini-concert at the Township's November 23rd televised meeting. That meeting will be shown several times each Wednesday evening on Comcast Channel 9 during the month of December.

The choir performs a delightful medley of both Christmas and Holiday tunes. Their annual Holiday Concert was held at the Buena Regional High School Auditorium on Tuesday, December 15th. The choir has had an active year of musical presentations including a Phillies game, a Holiday Mini-concert at Atlantic City International Airport, and a Holiday performance on Channel 40 TV (Comcast Channel 247) which will be shown numerous times. We wish these bright young stars much success in the future.

Buena Regional Middle School to Open in January 2010

The long awaited new Buena Regional Middle School is set to open on January 6, 2010. The beautiful new facility is located on Weymouth Road next to the Buena Regional High School. Local elected officials received an advanced preview tour of the facility on Saturday, December 19th.

When students leave the Cleary Middle School for their holiday break in 2009 they will return with their books and supplies to the new Middle School in 2010 to launch a new era in local education.

*We hope all
your wishes
come true
during the
season
of giving.*