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Annual Report for 2016

General Organizational Activities

Twelve monthly meetings were scheduled and public notices were published for each second Wednesday of the month. Twelve meetings were held at the Municipal Building in 2016. The January 2016 reorganization meeting re-elected Mindi Arcoleo as Chair and Joseph W. Halifko III as the Vice-Chair. Our commission consists of seven others including, Denise Summer, Beth Miller, Peter Longo, Stacey Draper, Julie Soleil, MaryAnn Boyne and Richard Ambrosio with one alternate, Will Heyniger.

The E/STC routinely reviews and provides environmental and shade tree feedback with comments and written memoranda for all development applications submitted to the Planning and Zoning Boards. The review process strives to conform with and maximize the utilization of the Townships Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") Ordinance on all new development and re-development projects. Neptune's EIS, known as Ordinance #04-23 was approved with the help and support of the E/STC.

Flyers, legal notices, publications, training, educational events and all general business correspondence received are made available to all commissioners and kept readily available by the E/STC Secretary in Township Offices along with minutes of meetings and other E/STC business documents.

Commissioners are encouraged to attend community, county, and state environmental and educational programs and report back to the E/STC. The E/STC has continued to keep its memberships with ANJEC and Clean Water Action for 2017.

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS

January 20th – We partnered with Food & Water Watch, Clean Ocean Action, and Bayshore Regional Watershed Council to bring together an event regarding oil & gas fracking and wastes. In December 2015 with our help, the Township Committee created and put into place an ordinance banning fracking and fracking waste in Neptune Township. We felt it would be beneficial to organize an event and invite all the local commissions to attend to share our ordinance as well as information in the hopes that may do the same in their Townships and Boroughs. It was well attended and we were grateful to be able to share our experience.

March – We submitted our application for the Green Communities Grant to aide with costs for the renewal of our Community Forestry Management Plan.

We also submitted our first application for Tree City USA. We are proud to able to get this process going as this was on our list for the last 10 years of our CFMP.

April - We all concurred the importance of having a Tree inventory done, especially after the tremendous loss of trees following Superstorm Sandy. We submitted a CSIP grant to get aide in the process. Unfortunately with the limited number of grants, we did not receive the grant, but do plan to reapply in 2017.

April 30th - In our continuing effort to include each area in Neptune, we chose the Gables section for our Arbor Day Project. We chose Gables Park which is a passive Township park and is located across the street from the Jersey Shore Medical Center. Located on Route 33, it is located on one of the main thoroughfares through the township. This park sustained quite a bit of tree loss after Superstorm Sandy and we felt replacing the trees would not only show our commitment to the community, but also bring members of the neighborhood out to help restore their park. We were joined by neighbors, the Lions Club, friends

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and the Middle School Honor Society. I am happy to report we only lost one White Pine to date, all the other trees survived, which considering the dry summer we had, it is a blessing. We planted 5 White Pines, 3 American Holly, 2 American Hornbeam, 3 Yoshino Cherry, 2 Eastern Redbud and 2 Tonto Crape Myrtle. *please see pictures following report

One of our commissioners, Peter Longo had purchased seedlings from the American Chestnut Foundation and grew it to a point of transplant. He planted one at Gables Park. He secured the tree within a protected cage while it grows and hung published information about the restoration on the cage for all who may frequent the park.

In addition to these projects, we also partnered with the Township Library for the entire month of April utilizing their display window. The installation depicted the history of Arbor Day. We wanted to bring awareness to not only the holiday, but to the history and legacy of what one man's love and commitment for trees inspired. *Please see labeled photos following the report.

May 7th –we participated for the third year in the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. We chose to incorporate this offering in which we received 300 seedlings which were distributed to the residents of Neptune Township as part of our Arbor Day offerings. 300 seedlings were received and most were given out at the Township Arboretum. Mindi Arcoleo, Julie Soleil, Denise Summer, Joseph Halifko, Denise Summer, Chris Bedrosian, Beth Miller, Stacey Draper and Will Heyniger were each there to represent the commission for the tree seedling give-a-way. There were hand-outs printed so that the residents had information on each tree as well as instructions on how to plant. Remaining trees were planted in a continued attempt to reforest the wooded areas that were damaged by Sandy. This year we offered the give-a-way outside the Township Library. It was our hope this would be a great way to get the trees and information to a good number of people.

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July – We started the process of our renewal for the Community Forestry Management Plan. We gathered information, quotes and our goals of the next five years of things we would like to accomplish. We worked again with Forester William Brash to get this completed.

We received our letter of acceptance that we were recognized as a Tree City USA from the Arbor Day Foundation. We are so proud of this accomplishment and will continue to reapply every year moving forward.

September - The E/STC hosted a table at Neptune Day. Beth Miller, Julie Soleil, Joseph Halifko, Mindi Arcoleo, Denise Summer and Will Heyniger manned the table. We announced our approval of Tree City USA status for our first time and made a presentation to the Township Committee with the plaque and flag in which both are displayed at the Municipal Building. The street signs will be installed by Public Works with a purchase of 3 additional to make 5 that would be placed throughout the township. We offered information at the booth of what it means to be a Tree City USA as well as hand-outs about the importance of trees on public and private land and the benefits they bring to our lives. We also had a contest for a give-a-way for two trees and also launched our Most Beautiful Tree contest. We offered a contest advertised to the Township residents to email pictures to us of their most beautiful trees on their property. We then would choose from the submittals for first, second and third places. Winners would receive gift certificates to a local nursery in the hopes they would plant more trees with their winning certificates. This contest we felt would be a way for our residents to gain awareness and pride of ownership of the trees on their properties. *please see pictures after report

October - Mindi Arcoleo, Julie Soleil, Peter Longo and Denise Summer attended the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation annual conference. Peter and Denise both became CORE trained, which now have six commissioners that are CORE trained and keeping in regards with our Community Forestry Management Plan.

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November – We chose the winners for our Most Beautiful Tree Contest and had a ceremony in which the winners were awarded their prizes. All who had participated loved the idea. The winners were thrilled and look forward to next year. *see pictures following report

We received the wonderful news that our renewal of our Community Forestry Plan had been accepted! We are so ecstatic to show our continued commitment to our trees and urban canopy.

We also plan on using old tree inventory information to identify and inspect Ash trees for EAB. This will be done early 2017. We will then share the information gathered with the Committee, Publics Works and Forestry if indeed any evidence is detected.

Chairman's closing comments: Neptune's E/STC continues to support municipal and local environmental efforts to fight overdevelopment and proactively protecting our trees. We strive to improve and maintain resident's quality of life by our continued fight against storm water pollution, flood waters and additional vehicle traffic as well as regional issues in the Shark River watershed. This Commission supports the Township's Committee's environmental efforts in any way it can such as getting the Shark River dredged, for not only to keep it as a functional recreational water use and boating facility, but for the wildlife that inhabits the areas surrounding the river. Dredging had begun in the latter part of 2015 in the river's channel and finished by this year's end.

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The support of the Township Committee has been truly appreciated by all of our commissioners. To seek opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle and as well as keep our urban canopy from being depleted. With opportunities to educate the public in ways to utilize these methods, it is part of our continuing efforts. In 2014 we were given the opportunity to have an E/STC page. It showcases our projects as well as gives us a place to share valuable information to the residents. We have also utilized township email blasts to get out information and offerings of the commission. We plan to continue to utilize that avenue for 2017.

I would like to offer much gratitude to the dedicated members of the commission for their ongoing efforts and passion to keep Neptune green, clean and vital. I would also like to thank the Administration for your continued support and Public Works for your much valued partnership in all of our projects.

For your consideration, best, Mindi Arcoleo, Chairperson

Arbor Day Library Window 2016





Help to replant communities damaged
by Superstorm Sandy with free tree seedlings!

Seedlings planted today will create forests for our future.



Seedlings are currently available at:

Location: Township Neptune Municipal Library

Date: May 7, 2016 Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Contact: Chris Bedrosian 732.988.5200 x249



NEW JERSEY
TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN



Arbor Day Foundation

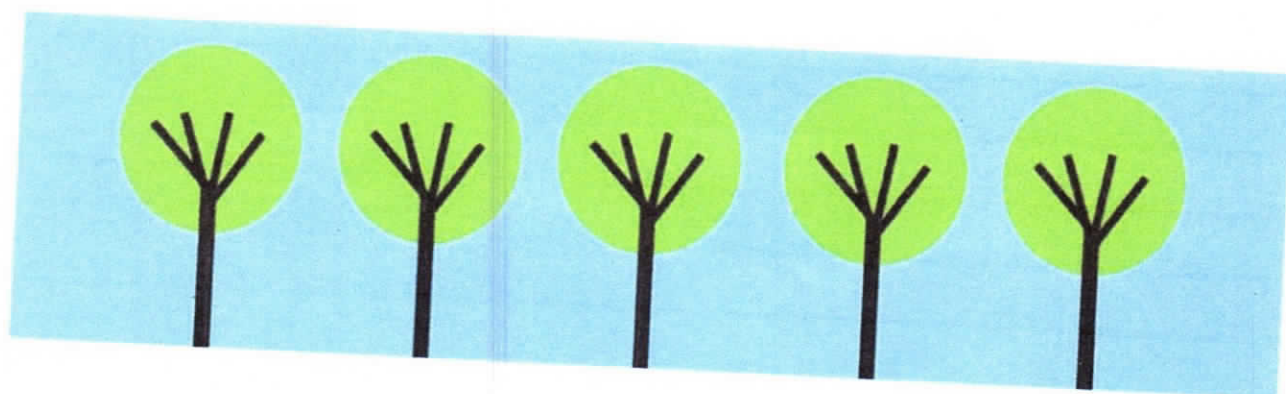
Program Partners: New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey State Department of Agriculture, New Jersey State Department of Transportation, New Jersey State Department of Public Safety, Arbor Day Foundation, Bill Woodcock's Kids, Tree's, Earth's, Inc., and Wyndham Vacation Resorts.



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Township NJ

FREE TREES!
NOV 27TH
NEPTUNE LIBRARY
9:00AM - 12:00PM

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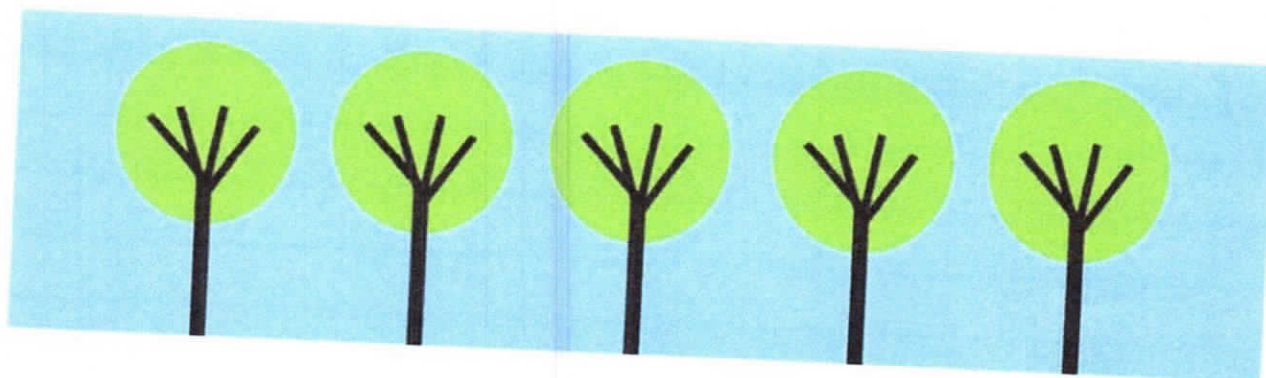
Celebrate
ARBOR
DAY

Do you love to be
outside?

Join us at Gables
Park on Route 33

on Saturday, 4/30/16 @ 9:00 am to
plant trees in our community park and
celebrate Arbor Day ☺

email Mindi at mbarcoleo@yahoo.com to let us
know or have any questions. Hope to see you!



Arbor Day
2016



Neptune
Township - NJ

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY
JOIN US AT GABLES
PARK ON ROUTE 33
TO PLANT TREES!

APRIL 30TH
AT 9:00AM

watchfire

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Town Talk

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up, Clean Sweep on Sat., April 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. There will also be a shredder truck available at City Hall for all residents from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity will host a table offering free exterior sprucing up and repairs to residents who sign up.

Any Monmouth County residents interested in composting can pick up an Earth Machine backyard compost bin at the Ocean Township municipal complex at 240 Whalepond Rd., Ocean Township.

Cost of the composter is \$35. Call the municipal building at 732.531.5000 ext. 3364 for further information.

The borough of Bradley Beach is seeking volunteers to assist in the preparing and participating in its annual Memorial Day Festival, which runs from Fri., May 27 to Mon., May 30.

All are welcome to bring their unique talents to this event. Please email a letter of interest and your area of expertise to memorialday@bradleybeachnj.gov.

On May 21 Heal my Soul, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Tabernacle of Prayer, 1325 Asbury Avenue and Dunlewy Street in Asbury Park. Anyone needing spiritual

healing, deliverance, protection or prosperity is welcome to attend, and bring a friend.

Speakers include: Overseer Sandra Gonzalez and Rev. Barbara Gibbs. Please register for this event at sflmin@aol.com, or Evangelistgibbs@comcast.net.

The Avon Woman's Club is holding a meeting May 2 featuring guest speaker Mandy Enright, a dietician.

The Friends of the Library are holding a Psychic Fair and Wine Tasting fundraiser on May 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Bradley Beach Fire Department Banquet Hall, 815 Main St (rear), Bradley Beach. Tickets are \$20 per reading with some of the proceeds going toward making the Bradley Beach Library accessible to all.

The Township of Neptune Environmental and Shade Tree Committee is celebrating Arbor Day with a project at Gables Park April 30. The park in Neptune across the street from strip mall where Irv's restaurant is located.

The Neptune City Police Department will be participating in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day April 30. The department will accept unwanted prescription drugs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby of the police department located at 106 W. Sylvania Ave.



At the Three Kittens Sale in Asbury Park were Cathy Rice, Sandra Andrus, Alison Weir, Laurie Smith, Sam Covers, Dee Williams and Chris Golda.

Free Movies at Paramount

The free movie series returns to the Paramount Theatre on the boardwalk in Asbury Park May 6 with the screening of "Dazed and Confused."

The movies will be held on Fridays throughout May and are free to the public. Area residents are invited to attend and all ages are welcome.

Following the film May 6 guests are invited to attend a free after party at the Asbury Oyster Bar inside Convention Hall

where complimentary light fare will be served. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the film which starts at 7:30 p.m.

On May 13 it will be "Friday the 13th. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the film starts at 8 p.m. The after party, free to those attending the movie, begins right after the show at Anchor's Bend inside Convention Hall where complimentary light fare will be served.

On May 20 it will be a double feature with "The Wizard of Oz"

and "Dark Side of the Rainbow." Doors open at 6 for the Wizard and the film starts at 6:30 p.m. Doors for the Rainbow are at 9 p.m. and the film starts at 9:30 p.m.

On May 27 it will be "Across the Universe with doors at 7:30 p.m. and the film at 8 p.m.

The free series is presented in conjunction with the Asbury Park Film Initiative. Concessions and a cash bar are available at the theater. No tickets are required.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT YOUR DOG?



Michael Gast of Asbury Park with Sydney. He's an Australian Labradoodle. He's 2 years old. He's poodle, lab, Irish cocker spaniel, English & American cocker spaniel and wheaton terrier.

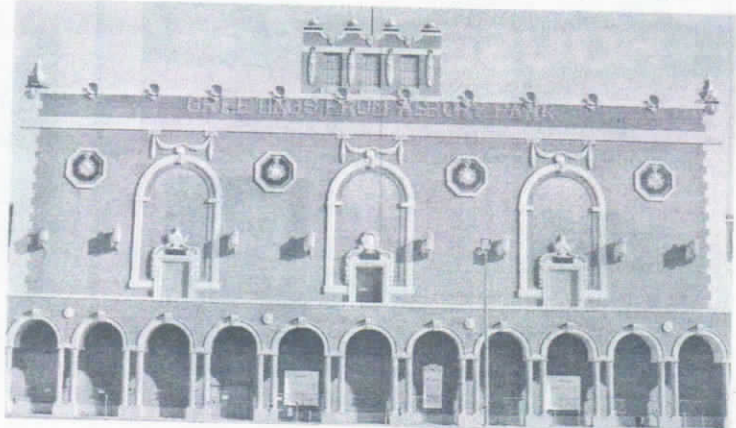
They bred them to be service & therapy dogs.



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513 Bangs Avenue
Asbury Park, NJ

All Natural Food & Treats
Tuesday-Sunday 10am to 6pm

If you have a special dog, call us at 732-455-3145



Free movies will be shown at the Paramount Theatre in May.

Coaster File Photo

Super Crossword



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

6	4	7	1	8	3	9	2	5
5	9	2	4	7	6	3	8	1
3	8	1	9	5	2	6	4	7
9	1	3	7	6	4	8	5	2
4	2	8	5	1	9	7	3	6
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2	7	5	3	9	1	4	6	8
8	3	4	6	2	7	5	1	9

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HOPPING TOWN NEAR YOU.

ASBURY HOTEL

Arbor Day 2016



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NTMS National Junior Honor Society and Neptune Environmental/Shade Tree Commission

On Saturday, April 30, members of the Neptune Middle School's National Junior Honor Society paired with the Neptune Environmental/Shade Tree Commission to plant trees in

honor of Arbor Day. Other volunteers included township employees, personnel from public works, and community members. The planting occurred at Gables Park located

on Route 33. The group spent almost three hours digging the holes and planting 17 different trees/bushes in order to help improve an already beautiful area.

Gables Park planting – Arbor Day 2016





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Neptune Township
Environmental/Shade Tree
Commission is sponsoring a
Most Beautiful Tree photo con-
test. Neptune residents are
being asked to submit a photo
of their Most Beautiful Tree on
their property. Submissions are
currently being accepted at
the Commission's booth on
Neptune Day, September

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17th or emailed to the
Commission Chair @ mbar-
collee@yahoo.com until
October 30th. Conrad Smith
Nursery gift certificates will be
awarded for first, second and
third places.

25 S. Main St. Neptune, NJ

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF NEPTUNE'S ENVIRONMENTAL SHADE TREE COMMISSION'S 2016 BEAUTIFUL TREE CONTEST!

1st Place and winner of a \$50 gift certificate: JOHN SCHIAVONE
2nd Place and winner of a 25 gift certificate: LAWRENCE & BEATRICE O'NEIL
3rd Place and winner of a \$25 gift certiciate: KATHY BAUER



We would like to express our gratitude to all of the contestants who entered to show pride in the trees on their properties. We look forward to next years contest!

We would also like to thank Conrad Smith Nursery in Tinton Falls for providing the gift certificates for the winners.