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"Stay Informed & Stay Safe Randolph: Sign Up for RAVE Alerts Today!"

Emergency Preparedness

In an effort to keep our community safe and informed, Randolph Township is urging all residents to sign up for our emergency alert system, RAVE. This system delivers critical notifications directly to your email, phone, and text messages, ensuring that you receive important updates during emergencies or urgent situations.

Why is it important to sign up for RAVE alerts? Here are a few key reasons:

Timely Notifications: In the event of emergencies such as severe weather, natural disasters, or public safety threats, receiving timely notifications can make all the difference. RAVE alerts ensure that you are among the first to know about any urgent situations affecting our community.

Emergency and Non Emergency Alerts: With RAVE, you can personalize your alert preferences to receive both critical emergency notifications and non emergency alerts such as weather alerts, road closures, recycling or trash pickup updates and more!

Always Be Notified

Sign up for Randolph alerts and receive important notifications via text message and email.



SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS



TRAFFIC UPDATES



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS



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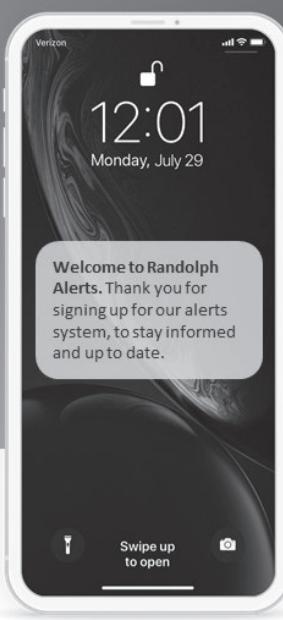
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THE LATE NIGHT DATES FOR
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AND COMMUNITY CENTER
ARE CURRENTLY
SUSPENDED.



RANDOLPH KIWANIS CLUB

RANDOLPH PARKS & RECREATION

FREEDOM FESTIVAL 2024

Join us for an
incredible event!

JULY 11 - 13

6 PM - 11 PM

County College of
Morris, Lot 1

Carnival Rides, Games,
Gourmet Food Trucks,
Live Music & More!

Parade July 13

Time: 10 AM

Fireworks July 13

Time: 9:45 PM

Location: County College
of Morris

MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE

EMERGENCIES DIAL

9-1-1

(All numbers Area Code 973, unless indicated otherwise)

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Main Number	989-7100
Police Main Number.....	989-7000
Accounts Payable	989-7046
Animal Control.....	989-7050
Animal Shelter	543-9333
Assessor	989-7075
Building Department	989-7070
Clerk.....	989-7041
Engineering	989-7066
Finance	989-7045
Fire Department.....	989-7098
Health Department.....	989-7050
Manager	989-7060
Municipal Court.....	989-7056
Parks & Recreation	989-7081
Planning & Zoning	989-7080
Public Health Nurses	537-7118
Public Works.....	989-7066
Recreation Hotline	866-802-0837
Recycling/Solid Waste.....	989-7050
Senior Services.....	989-7084
Tax Collector.....	989-7047
Water & Sewer	989-7063

2024 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR Christine Carey	985-2623
DEPUTY MAYOR Joe Hathaway	862-213-8630

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Helene Elbaum	862-500-1445
Mark Forstenhauser	886-7255
Lou Nisivoccia	713-6004
Denise Thornton.....	214-1228
Joanne Veech	328-7175

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Gregory Poff.....	989-7060
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WEBSITE

www.randolphnj.org

RANDOLPH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education.....	361-0808
Center Grove.....	361-7835
Fernbrook.....	361-0660
Ironia	584-8588
Shongum	895-2322
Randolph Middle School	366-8700
Randolph High School.....	361-2400

OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

Brundage Playhouse	989-7092
Chamber of Commerce.....	361-3462
County College of Morris	328-5000
Ironia Post Office	584-5659
Lakeland Bus.....	366-0600
Library	895-3556
Morristown Med. Center.....	971-8005
Mt. Freedom Post Office	895-2383
Motor Vehicle Commission	888-486-3339
N.J. Transit.....	800-772-2222
Randolph Lake	584-1358
Rescue Squad.....	366-7900
St. Clare's Hospital	989-3000

RANDOLPH *in brief...*

Enjoy Summer in Randolph

Randolph Residents,

Although there may be different opinions about when summer actually begins - is it Memorial Day or June 20 or when school ends? I think we can all agree that Randolph is a great place to be during the summer months. We are very fortunate to have so many beautiful parks and recreation facilities and a variety of activities and events planned. Here are just a few of the reasons to enjoy summer in Randolph.

What is summer without a beach? Randolph Lake will be open every day from June 17 through August 25 from 11 am to 7 pm. A beach membership is a great way to enjoy a full summer of special events and family activities. With a water spray feature, concession stand and Wibit inflatable activity area, there's plenty to enjoy at the lake.

Want to see a play? Randolph's very own thriving community theater, Brundage Park Playhouse, is staging two Disney productions this summer, The Little Mermaid, which will run from July 19 through July 28 and Moana, Jr. with shows scheduled August 23 through September 1.

The Randolph Kiwanis, in partnership with Randolph Township, is again hosting the Randolph Freedom Festival which will open Thursday, July 11th and run through Saturday, July 13, from 6 pm – 11 pm each evening at the County College of Morris. This three-day festival will showcase live music, amusements, carnival games, a variety of food trucks and food vendors and an expanded Beer Garden. The popular Freedom Festival parade will take place on Saturday, July 13th beginning at 10 am and the spectacular fireworks display is scheduled for later that evening at 9:45 pm.

Randolph Parks, Recreation and Community Services will also be hosting some special events this summer, including a car show at Veterans Community Park on June 22, Breakfast with the Mermaid at the Community Center on July 13 and a Summer Luau at Veterans Community Park on August 17.

If you're more interested in physical fitness, Randolph's 16 miles of trails are open daily from dawn to dusk for leisure strolls or a brisk run. Randolph parks have basketball courts for pickup games and memberships are available for tennis and pickleball.

The Randolph Library hosts an outdoor summer concert series with live music entertainment on Monday evenings throughout the summer. The library also runs a very popular summer reading club for children and continues to host storytime events during the summer.

If you want to learn more about the history of Randolph, why not take a tour of the Historical Society of Old Randolph or learn about Randolph's past while attending the peach festival at the Randolph Museum on August 18.

More information about all these summer events can be found on the township website, www.randolphnj.org.

I hope you enjoy your summer in Randolph.

Mayor Chris Carey



Tax Q&A

When are Tax bills generated and mailed?

Tax bills are generated and mailed once per year in July. Once the certified tax rate is received from the County of Morris the bills are generated and mailed to the last known owner on record. Change of mailing address must be done in writing to the Tax Assessor. Please call Tax Assessing by dialing 973-989-7075 or 973-537-7129 for a change of address form.

When are Tax payments due?

Tax payments are due quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, of each year.

Is there a Tax payment grace period?

Yes, there is a ten (10) day grace period for each quarter. If the payment is received after the grace period the quarter is considered delinquent and interest is charged back to the due date. Interest is charged at 8% for the first \$1,500 and 18% for amounts over \$1,500. A penalty of 6% shall be charged on any delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt you from paying taxes or the interest due on delinquent taxes. Please note that postmarks are not accepted. Payment will be applied on the day it is received in the tax office.

What if I have a question about my Tax bill?

Please call Linda Ann Roth, Tax Collector, by dialing 973-989-7048/7047.

When are the Water and Sewer bills generated and mailed?

Water and Sewer bills are generated and mailed quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, of each year.

When are Water and Sewer quarterly payments due?

Water and Sewer payments are due quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year. If payment is received after the due date, the quarter is considered delinquent and interest is charged at a rate of 8% for the first \$1,500 and 18% for amounts over \$1,500. A penalty of 6% shall be charged on any delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year. Failure to receive a water and sewer bill does not exempt you from paying water and sewer charges or the interest due on delinquent water and sewer charges. Please note that postmarks are not accepted. Payment will be applied on the day it is received in the water and sewer office.

What if I have a question about my Water and Sewer bill?

Please call Kelly Jacobus, Utility Collector, by dialing 973-989-7063.

How do I make a tax or water and sewer payment?

Online through the township's webpage www.randolphnj.org.

In person during normal business hours – Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (excluding holidays).

Drop Box located at the main entrance of the Municipal building. It is available 24/7.

Your bank bill pay system. The bank will mail us a check as instructed by you. Please note that postmarks are not accepted. Payment will be applied on the day it is received in the tax, water and sewer offices.

US Postal Service. Please note, post marks are not accepted. Payment will be applied on the day it is received in the tax, water and sewer offices.

Direct Debit. Visit the township's website www.randolphnj.org or call 973-989-7047/7063.

TAX SALE 2024

Tax Sale for delinquent 2023 and prior years' **taxes, water & sewer, and other municipal charges** will be held on or about October 16, 2024. To prevent tax sale and a lien being placed on your property, please pay all your outstanding delinquent charges immediately.

Questions may be directed to Linda Ann Roth, Tax Collector by dialing 973-989-7048/7047.

New Hire Spotlight

Leila Uhl

Leila Uhl was recently hired as our Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Coordinator/Purchasing Assistant. She is a former Administrative Assistant at West Morris Mendham High School. Having grown up in Randolph, she attended both RMS & RHS, with two siblings currently in the school district. Leila is excited to continue her career in public service in the community she grew up in and have the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful parks and trails Randolph has to offer.



Arthi Shri Selvaraj

Randolph Parks & Recreation Services department welcomes the new Parks & Recreation Services Coordinator Arthi Shri Selvaraj. Arthi has been working in recreation for more than three years. She and her husband Guru live in Mount Olive with their lovely daughter Lakshana. Arthi is very passionate and creative in her thoughts and is looking forward to bringing new ideas and approaches into the recreation department and to the community.



Diana DiRezze

Randolph welcomes Diana DiRezze as our new Personnel Coordinator. Diana previously worked in several HR and HR related positions at Atlantic Health System and County of Sussex and most recently worked as classroom support for special needs students at Lenape Valley HS. She and her husband Dino live in Stanhope and recently welcomed their 2nd grandchild. Diana is thrilled to join the Randolph Township team!



2024 Township of Randolph Budget Adopted

Slight tax increase to sustain programs and service levels

The Township Council unanimously adopted the 2024 budget at its April 18 meeting, consistent with the mission statement to make the township the best it can be by providing effective governance, enhanced customer services, and excellent community facilities.

Like prior years, where the focus has been on sustaining programs and services, the 2024 budget does just that, it maintains, and in a few areas, enhances current service levels. This year's budget reflects that continued effort and satisfies the operational objectives of each department while balancing the Council's goals of improving financial accountability and meeting the service demands of our residents and the infrastructure needs of our community.

The proposed 2024 budget calls for appropriations of \$36,610,146. This represents a 3.82% increase or \$1,346,200 from the adopted 2023 budget. Significant dollar increases are seen in the following appropriations: insurance, recycling, recreation services, and capital improvements.

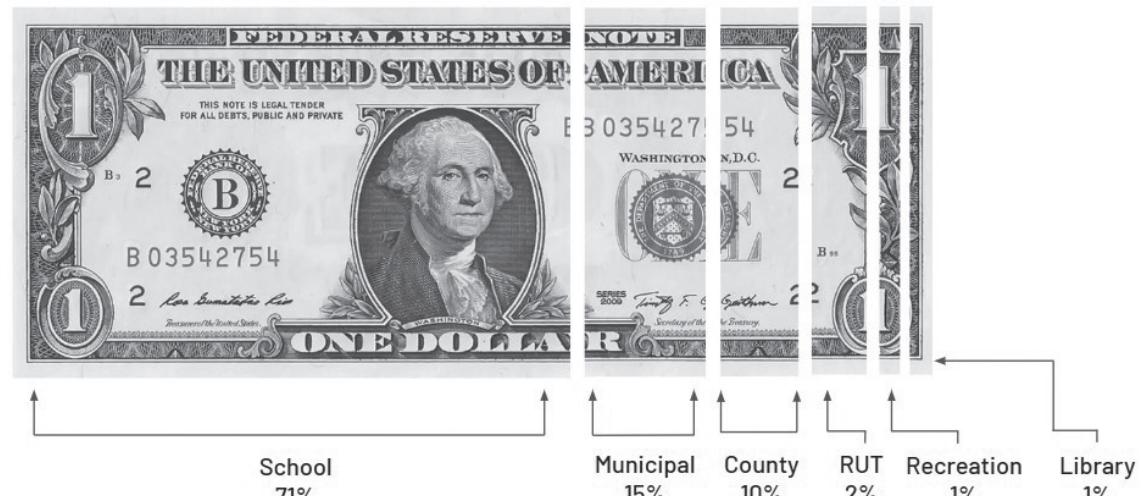
The expense side of the budget is assigned by department and divided within each department into "Salary and Wages" and "Other Expenses." These expenditures are presented in a line-item budget format. Appropriations are the mechanism that allows local government to deliver services to its taxpayers.

The 2024 budget advances several key initiatives including:

1. Restoring the position of a full-time Township Engineer. This initiative will allow the township to address a number of projects and facility improvements, which have been deferred.
2. Implementing a customer relationship management solution that empowers residents to report issues, identify repair needs, share feedback, and ask questions of their local government. The system will allow for more efficient and transparent workflows, fostering accountability and trust.
3. Funding a Community Health Needs Assessment & Improvement Plan. This work will identify the most pressing health issues and facilitate the development of collaborative action plans to address them.
4. Advancing cybersecurity. The information technology budget includes expenses for the deployment of cybersecurity services. The township has implemented and continues to comply with the Joint Insurance Fund's cybersecurity standards.

The cumulative impact of the modifications results in a reduction to the tax rate increase from \$0.009 to \$0.007. The decision to increase taxes is carefully considered in the context of the township's long term fiscal integrity and the increase in a number of non-discretionary expense items. The proposed rate increase of 1.49% represents an annual increase of \$39.00 (or \$3.25 per month) for the average assessed home of \$491,284.

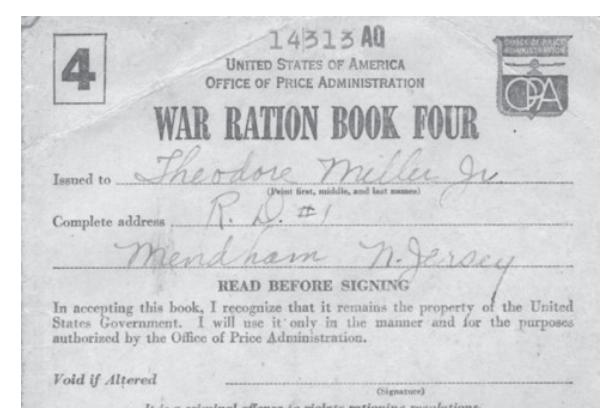
This year's budget uses a greater amount of fund balance to limit the increase in the municipal portion of property taxes. Notwithstanding, this year's budget maintains a prudent level of surplus in order to avoid potential spikes in future tax rates. The 2024 municipal budget, as presented, maintains current service levels. These services are being provided as best as can be in accordance with residents' expectations and contribute to the quality of life for all taxpayers in Randolph Township.



The Historical Society of Old Randolph

The United States Office of Price Administration issued War Ration Books starting in 1942 when the United States officially entered World War II. At that time, consumer goods took a 'back seat' to military production and the nationwide rationing of goods began. This photograph is an example of a real "War Ration Book Four" issued to Theodore Miller, Jr. from Miller's Hill Farm, one of Randolph Township's three local working farms. Four different series of ration books were issued. Book 4 was released during the second half of 1943 and contained eight pages of 384 stamps in colors of blue, red, green and black. Green stamps were used along with blue stamps for food items such as juice and bottled fruit. Red stamps were used for meats, and the black stamps were used as 'extras' in case adjustments were made to the food program. A shopper could not buy a rationed item without providing the grocer the proper ration stamp. Food rationing meant planning meals carefully, being creative with menus, and not wasting food. More than 8,000 ration boards across the United States administered the program.

(Photograph courtesy of Ruth McAndrew, Miller's Hill Farm)



A Letter from the Superintendent

Randolph is a community that has achieved many successes. Our students, staff, families, and community members continue to live and lead extraordinary lives. This credit can be attributed to several decades of leadership in both our schools and the township. As I reflect on the beginning of the upcoming 2024 – 2025 school year, I am reminded that the year 2025 will be the end of the first quarter of the 21st century. Over the past 25 years, many advancements have been made in society that have shaped both education and our world. Beginning this fall, we hope to reflect on the past while also looking to the future. Through this reflection, we will explore how the past 25 years has shaped where we are presently, while analyzing ways the world may shift in the next quarter century and how we will adapt to those changes.

The advancements which have happened in our world socially, politically, and economically since 2000 have been widely influenced by science and technology. Prior to this century, social media, smart phones, and many other tools we find to be so common today now seem to be resources we simply cannot live without. The ways we have evolved with technology as an addendum to our lives has changed how we communicate with one another as social beings. This includes how our educators teach and subsequently how our students learn. As we move forward, advancements in education

are being highly driven by artificial intelligence, innovations in digital learning as a complement to in-person instruction, and many other technological breakthroughs that will help us educate the next generation of leaders in our world. By constantly seeking innovation, we are creating an exemplary learning community whose graduates are prepared to excel in a complex interconnected, and changing world.

It is amazing to marvel at what we have already experienced this century, and I would encourage all members of our extended Randolph learning community to look forward retrospectively with us. As we prepare to enter the 2024 – 2025 school year, I look forward to witnessing student leaders of all kinds including scholars, athletes, artists, and musicians, as a few examples, being developed in our exceptional schools. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by endless talent, and we look forward to cultivating new, exciting experiences for these gifts to grow for generations to come.

Have a wonderful, fulfilling summer!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fano
Superintendent of Schools

Police Department News

Reaccreditation

The Randolph Township Police Department proudly announces its recent reaccreditation by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP). This marks the department's fourth successful accreditation process, underscoring its unwavering commitment to excellence and service. The initial accreditation was awarded in 2013, with subsequent reassessments in 2017 and 2020. On November 29, 2023, the department underwent a comprehensive on-site assessment, demonstrating adherence to the highest law enforcement standards. The New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission conducted a thorough review of the Final Assessment Report on March 15, 2024, and recommended the department for reaccreditation without any suggestions for improvement. This achievement is a testament to the department's dedication to maintaining the highest level of professionalism and accountability.

Accreditation is a rigorous ongoing process that evaluates a law enforcement agency's performance against established best practices and standards.

It involves a voluntary commitment to meet 112 stringent standards that span across five key functions: Administrative, Personnel, Operations, Investigative, and Arrest/Detainee/Prisoner Handling. These standards reflect the best professional practices in each area of police management, administration, operations, and support services. The standards prescribe what agencies should be doing but not how they should be doing it. That decision, the how, is left up to the individual agency and its Chief.

Randolph Police Department's reaccreditation reflects its ongoing efforts to enhance community trust, ensure effective policy administration, and uphold the principles of honor and integrity. The department remains devoted to continuous improvement and operational effectiveness, adopting a benchmark for law enforcement agencies nationwide. Our department serves the community with a focus on safety, service, and community partnership.

Safe Walking and Biking Review

Sergeant Matthew Rispoli and Patrolman Michael Shoudy of the Randolph Police Department's Support Services Unit met with all of the 1st graders in Randolph elementary schools to review and teach safety tips on walking and riding their bicycles safely. 2024 is the third year that the police department has performed this program with the first-grade classes. The program started in the spring of 2022, when the Support Services Unit met with Principal Mario Rodas of the Center Grove Elementary School, who liked the information presented and invited the unit to the elementary school for the presentation. The program was well received by students and faculty and was soon being taught at all of the elementary schools in Randolph.



Crossing Guard Completes 5th Year

Crossing Guard Paul Samuelson will be completing his 5th year as a school crossing guard at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Crossing Guard Samuelson joined the crossing guard team in 2018 as a substitute crossing guard. Before long, he became the full-time crossing guard at the Fernbrook School post. Samuelson, a 40 year resident of Randolph, enjoys his profession because he gets to work with kids and their parents to ensure that they get to school and back home safely.



Prevent Burglaries

Residents should remember to always lock their homes, as well as their vehicles to prevent property from being stolen. The majority of motor vehicle burglaries that have occurred in Randolph were those in which the vehicles were not locked. Do not make your home appear to be an easy target. Make sure locks work properly, there is good lighting, and activate your alarm if you have one. If you have surveillance cameras, make sure they are working properly and you know how to review the footage.

See Something, Say Something!

Residents should contact the police department when suspicious activity is occurring, so that an officer may respond and have the possibility of observing and addressing the activity immediately. Often, residents will wait hours or days after the activity has occurred to report it, which results in little to no chance of determining who was involved and what may have occurred.

Fire Department News

School is out and summer is here, but don't worry, the Randolph Township Fire Department (RTFD) is not going on vacation!

Along with the nice weather and summer vibes, comes grilling and fire pit season. Did you know that on average 10,600 fires are started by grills each year. July is the peak month for grill fires. Roughly half of injuries involving grills are from thermal burns. To ensure a safe time at your BBQ make sure that your grill is in proper working condition.

BBQ Grills

- Keep your grill clean by removing grease and fat and never leave your grill unattended.
- Never use an outdoor grill indoors.
- Check the gas tank hose line for leaks.
- Keep lighter fluid out of the reach of children.

Fire Pits

- If you are using a fire pit, ensure that it is at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.
- Do not use it on a flammable surface.
- Use a metal screen over wood burning fire pits to keep sparks from floating out.
- Obey all local ordinances regarding outdoor fires.

Fireworks are dangerous to people and pets. The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them. Instead, attend a public fireworks display put on by professionals. While the fire department is comprised of your friends and neighbors, we want to come to your house as an invited guest, not because there is an emergency.

Please stop by our table during the Freedom Festival on July 11-13, 2024 from 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm, to meet members of the Randolph Fire Department.

The RTFD is continuing to look for new members, visit randolphfire.org for more information or stop by one of the four firehouses on a Monday night between 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Have a safe and fun summer!



Randolph Rescue Squad

Join Us & Be the Hero Randolph Needs!

In every issue of the Randolph Quarterly we have stated: "The Randolph Rescue Squad (RRS) hopes you will JOIN US. Reward yourself with a sense of satisfaction and pride. Extend your life skills. Become a better listener, collaborator, and leader. Learn about and respect those who face difficult health challenges. Save lives."

Right now, we need more members, especially drivers and EMTs willing to deliver basic life support services to those who live, work, visit, and/or travel in Randolph. No previous experience is required, and all necessary training will be provided at no cost. Consult our website at www.randolphrescue.org for additional information about membership and submit an application. If you want additional information, send an email to us at info@randolphrescue.org.

For over 50 years, the members of the fully volunteer Randolph Rescue Squad have served our community delivering emergency medical care completely free of charge. We hope to spend another 50 plus years serving Randolph Township. In 2023 we responded to 900+ calls. The Squad functions as a team, giving all members the chance to contribute to the effectiveness and competency of the entire Squad. There are three categories of membership: Adult/Active, the Junior program, and Auxiliary. Our active members include several Life members who have served for 10, 20, 35, and even 50 years! In addition to emergency patient calls and on-site emergency medical assistance at fire calls, our volunteers provide on-site first aid at community and sporting events, the Country Fair, and the Freedom Festival. We also host scout and community groups at our Headquarters.

You may ask: "What if joining RRS is not an option for me? Can I help in other ways?" That is certainly true! We are hugely grateful for your generous monetary gifts donated throughout each year. Your attendance at our Food Truck Festivals helps, too. Donating at our frequent Blood Drives adds to our practical and positive reputation of offering community assistance. Even "drop-ins" of used clothing and shoes into our HELPSY bins positioned in the parking area at Headquarters on Route 10 West yield financial assistance for RRS.

Remember... Join Us! Be the 'Heroes' Randolph needs!



Reminders:

- ✓ **DIAL 9-1-1** in an emergency. Provide the location and nature of the emergency. Give a list of the patient's medications and/or special needs for the Crew.
- ✓ **STAND-BYS:** Send an email to info@randolphrescue.org or captain@randolphrescue.org. Make a detailed request with as much prior notice as possible.
- ✓ **FUTURE BLOOD DRIVES** at RRS Headquarters on Route 10 West are scheduled for August 15, October 10, December 26. Hours are 10:45 am to 7:45 pm. Register via our website or stop in.
- ✓ **OUR NEXT FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL** is scheduled for Oct. 26 at County College of Morris.
- ✓ **RRS PRESIDENT:** contact Christopher Zelley via president@randolphrescue.org.
- ✓ **FOLLOW US** on Facebook and Instagram.
- ✓ **VISIT THE RRS PAGE** on LinkedIn via <https://www.linkedin.com/company/randolph-rescue-squad>



Brundage Park Playhouse

Disney's "THE LITTLE MERMAID"

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater
Book by Doug Wright

Performance Dates:

July 19, 26 at 7 pm
July 20 & 27 at 2 pm and July 21 & 28 at 3 pm.

The Little Mermaid is a stage musical produced by Disney Theatrical, based on the animated 1989 Disney film of the same name and the classic story by Hans Christian Andersen about a mermaid who dreams of the world above the sea and gives up her voice to find true love.

Disney's "MOANA JR"

(All performers are under age 18)

Music & Lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda Opetaia Foa'i & Mark Mancina

Book by Susan Soon He Stanton

Performance Dates:

August 23, 30 at 7 pm
August 24 & 31 at 2 pm and August 25 & September 1 at 3 pm

This thrilling and heartwarming coming-of-age story follows the strong-willed Moana as she sets sail across the Pacific to save her village and discover the truth about her heritage.

Brundage Park Playhouse Celebrating 45 Years!

Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Russ Newman along with members of the Advisory Board - Jill Ellermeyer and Christine Cullin and Theater Manager, Ray Gelpke presented an overview of the Playhouse operations, its history, successes and challenges.



Mayor Carey, Deputy Mayor Hathaway, Councilmembers Nisivoccia, Veech and Forstenhauser were in attendance to celebrate their anniversary!

Artworks STUDIO

Located at 502 Millbrook Avenue (next to the Municipal Building).

Fine arts instruction for ages 3-1/2 through adult.

Build your art skills and produce creative works of art with our experienced professional instructors. Learn techniques such as painting, drawing, sculpting, weaving, and much more. Art classes encourage critical thinking, social, emotional, and intellectual abilities. We offer a variety of classes and workshops for all ages throughout the year.

2024 Fall Session

Young Artists (Ages 3 1/2 -6)

Art Explorer (Grades K-3)

Art Explorer II (Grades 4-8)

Drawing and Painting (Grades 4-6)

NEW! Drawing and Painting II
(Grades 7-12)

Mixed Media Adult Classes

Registration for Fall classes open!

Review the full schedule of classes and workshops on the Township website or call the Recreation Department at 973-989-7081.

Follow us on social media:

Facebook:

Artworks Studio Randolph NJ

Instagram: @artworksrandolph



Parks, Recreation & Community Services

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information and updates, visit <https://www.randolphnj.org/400/Special-Events> or [Facebook.com/RandolphSpecialEventsNJ](https://www.facebook.com/RandolphSpecialEventsNJ).

SUMMER LUAU AT VETERANS COMMUNITY PARK

August 17, 2024, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Veterans Community Park
In case of inclement weather, join us on August 18, 2024.

MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS 'LEGO BATMAN'

September 7, 2024, at 7:45 pm at Veterans Community Park located at 100 Calais Road.

GET READY FOR A WILD RIDE AT RANDOLPH'S COUNTRY FAIR!

September 14, 2024, from 11 am to 5 pm at Veterans Community Park located at 100 Calais Road.

JOIN THE SPOOKY FUN AT BRUNDAGE PARK'S TRUNK OR TREAT EXTRAVAGANZA

October 26, 2024, from 2 pm to 4 pm, at 2 Bungalow Lane.
In case of inclement weather, our rain date is October 27, from 10 am to 12 pm.

DARE TO BRAVE THE HAUNTED TRAIL AT VETERANS COMMUNITY PARK IN RANDOLPH

October 25th and 26th, 2024, from 6 pm to 9 pm, at 100 Calais Road.

Senior Services

(Ages 60 & over)

Dial-A-Ride Transportation Services

Shopping Bus:

Transportation to local shopping centers two days per week. Pick up times at homes start at 9:30 am.

Monday ShopRite or Walmart, Roxbury
Wednesday (1st & 3rd) Rockaway Commons, Rockaway
 (2nd & 4th) Weis or Acme, Randolph
 (5th) Trade Zone, Flanders

To ensure transportation is available, passengers are encouraged to contact the office to request what date they would like to go. Friday during work hours (8:30 am-4:30 pm) is the cut off for shopping on Monday. Tuesday during work hours (8:30 am-4:30 pm) is the cut off for shopping on Wednesday.

Arrangements for transportation must be made by phone at least 24 hours in advance.

Medical Bus:

Transportation to and from a doctor's office within a 10-mile radius from the Municipal Building, 502 Millbrook Avenue. This service is available Monday – Thursday only. Appointments are available 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. **It is best to call and schedule a ride as soon as you have made a medical appointment.** To schedule a ride, please call 973-989-7084.

Senior Programs and Events

Randolph Township residents age 60 & over will pay an annual fee of \$10 per person that will include the following:

- All senior citizen programming offered by the Recreation & Community Services Department at either a reduced fee or in most cases, no fee.
- Direct notifications of programs, events, trips and other important information.
- **1 Photo ID card to be used for everything listed below.**

Monthly Social

A Senior Monthly will be held on the first Tuesday of each month unless noted on the senior calendar. Each month will have a different theme including music, trivia and lunch. We hope you will join us for every social event. Socials start at 11:00 am. Transportation will be provided upon request.

Senior Luncheons

Every month we will visit local restaurants either for breakfast or lunch. Transportation will be provided upon request and reservations are required.

Guest Lectures

Each month we will have guest lectures on nutrition, health or other wellness related topics for seniors. This will be more of an interactive session with the guest lectures.

Arts & Craft Class

Once a month we will have either an art or craft class for seniors. Maximum up to 12 participants. Cost of the class depends on the type of the project. All the necessary materials will be included in the cost. Registration is required.

Monthly Movie

Each month seniors get to watch a movie at the community center. Movies and popcorn are free but registration is required.

Exercise Classes

Exercise classes such as gentle chair yoga for seniors are offered at the community center. All the exercise classes will be taught by a certified instructor. The exercise classes will be 6-week sessions. For more information on the cost, and to reregister, call the community center.

Smart Drivers Class for Seniors

Randolph Community Services offers AARP smart drivers' class for Randolph seniors. This class will refresh your driving skills and improve your driving strategies to help you stay safe behind the wheel. This class will be held on July 25 & July 26 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Community Center. Cost of this class is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members.

Weekly Activities

Seniors Game days are held on Tuesdays and Bingo on Wednesdays. Gather your friends and bring your favorite game to play. No registration is required.

Sewing Club

Randolph Seniors Sewing Club meets 3rd Friday of every month at the Community Center. They will be working on wonderful projects which will be delivered to the hospitals in Jersey City. No registration required and materials will be provided.

Contact the Randolph Community Services Department at 973-989-7084 to register for any senior events and for more information.

MEMBERSHIPS

Randolph Lake Beach Membership

- Access to Randolph Lake Beach during the season, Memorial Day – August including any members-only events.
- Up to four guests per visit for \$5 per guest.

Tennis/Pickleball Membership

- Access to Randolph Township Tennis & Pickleball Courts for use during park hours.

Fishing & Boating Permits

- Permission from township to fish or use non-motorized boats in the township lakes and ponds.

Library Programs

Registration may be required. Register online at www.randolphnj.org/library or call the library at 973-895-3556. Children's programs that require registration are open to Randolph residents, children who are full-time attendees of schools located in Randolph, and children of parents who work in Randolph. Residents may register for children's programs one week before the program; non-residents may register one day before a program if space is available.

Children's Programs

"Happy Birthday to Us" Children's Summer Reading Club

Friday, June 14 to Wednesday, August 7
Preschool to Grade 6

In-person registration for Randolph children begins June 14 and will be ongoing throughout the club.

"Happy Birthday to Us" Teen Summer Reading Club

Friday, June 14 to Wednesday, August 7
Grades 6 to 12

Register, read books, and win prizes.

Summer 2024 Drop-In Storytimes

June 17 to August 15 (no storytime on 7/4)

Story-Go-Round

Mondays, 9:45 am to 10:10 am
Ages 2 to 3 1/2 years old

Nursery Rhyme Time

Mondays, 10:30 am to 10:55 am
Ages 0 to 23 months

Family Storytime

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00 am to 10:30 am
All ages

Wiggles and Giggles

Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Ages 3 to 5
No Wiggles and Giggles on 8/7

Summer 2024 Programs

Miss Jolie Bubble Show

Thursday, June 20
7:00 pm
All ages

All the fun of Miss Jolie and bubbles too! Registration for children and adults is required and begins on June 13 at 10:00 am.

Take It and Make It Crafts

Mondays, June 17 and 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
9:00 am to closing
Ages Pre-K to 2

Craft kits will be available at the library while supplies last.

Monday Funday

Mondays, June 17 and 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Grades K to 5

Check online each week to see what fun we have planned. Registration for children is required and begins one week prior to each session.

Crafternoon

Tuesdays, June 18 and 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Grades K to 5

Join us for crafts in the afternoon. Registration for children is required and begins one week prior to each session.

Adventure Awaits!

Wednesdays, June 19 and 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Grades K to 5

Join us as we have a new adventure each week.

Registration for children is required and begins one week prior to each session.

Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure

Thursday, June 27

7:00 pm

All ages

Join us on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle. In this interactive show we'll learn about chemical reactions, energy transfer, explosions and more. Presented by Talewise. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on June 20 at 10:00 am.

Stuffed Animal Birthday Sleepover

Tuesday, July 2

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Ages 3 to 6

Bring your stuffed animal to the library Tuesday afternoon. We'll celebrate the library's 60th birthday with music, treats, and a story, and then you can say "good night" and tuck your friend in. Your stuffed friends will stay overnight at the library while you go home. Pick your friend up Wednesday and see what fun they had! Registration for children is required and begins June 25 at 10:00 am.

The Quest for the Kakapo

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 pm

All ages

Join the Caterpillar Hunter on another exciting adventure as he travels around the world to rescue a rare endangered parrot known as the Kakapo, from New Zealand. Presented by Traveling Lantern Theatre Company. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on July 2 at 10:00 am.

Trickster Tales

Thursday, July 18

7:00 pm

All ages

Join Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theatre as they present four very amusing trickster stories from around the world. Br'er Bear Goes Farming - a Br'er Rabbit story from the Southern US, Coyote Meets the Pitchman - a Native American tale, Anansi and the Two Feasts - The tales of the great African trickster, and Goat's Two Close Calls - an old Moroccan folk tale. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on July 11 at 10:00 am.

The Greatest Adventure Begins

Thursday, July 25

7:00 pm

All ages

Magician Brian Richards will present a fun live magic, comedy, and storytelling show designed to promote the fun of reading and the library. Registration for adults and children is required and begins on July 18 at 10:00 am.

Eyes of the Wild

Thursday, August 1

7:00 pm

All ages

Eyes of the Wild Rescue & Education will be here for a LIVE wildlife presentation! It's a perfect blend of education and entertainment. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on July 25 at 10:00 am.

Summer Reading Club Picnic

Wednesday, August 7

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

All ages welcome

Summer Reading Club participants are welcome to attend this event with their families. Bring your own lunch to Veterans Park and enjoy music provided by Kurt Gallagher. Ice cream from Cliff's will be available for \$1. You must register in-person at the library for this event and pay for the ice cream in advance.

All Day Craft Extravaganza

Thursday, August 15

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

All ages

Come for an open house craft experience! Paper, pom-poms, stickers and more. Materials will be out for you to make whatever you can dream of.

No registration required.

Fall Book Clubs

Join us on a reading adventure as we discuss a different book each month. Books are provided and may be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Books should be read before each session.

Registration for all sessions is required and is limited to 10 participants.

Registration begins Monday, August 19 at 10:00 am.

My First Book Club for Grades 1 & 2

Tuesdays, 9/17, 10/15, 11/12, and 12/10

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Please contact Ms. Kerrie at kerrie.jones@randolphlibrary.net for details.

Chapter Chats for Grades 3 & 4

Mondays, 9/16, 10/14, 11/11, and 12/9

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Please contact Ms. Mary Ellen at maryellen.albin@randolphlibrary.net for details.

Riveting Reads for Grades 5 & 6

Wednesdays, 9/18, 10/16, 11/13, and 12/11

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Please contact Ms. Mary Ellen at maryellen.albin@randolphlibrary.net for details.

Tween Titles for Grades 7 & 8

Thursdays, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, and 12/12

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Please contact Ms. Kerrie at kerrie.jones@randolphlibrary.net for details.

Fall Drop-In Storytimes

September 16 to December 5

Teen Advisory Board

The Randolph Township Free Public Library also offers a Teen Advisory Board (TAB), the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, and a STEAM Station with fun activities. Please check our website, www.randolphlibrarynj.org, for complete details on our Storytime schedule as well as more detailed information on our programs

2024 FREE OUTDOOR SUMMER MUSIC MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM – RAIN OR SHINE

Bring your lawn chairs to the gazebo located behind the library and enjoy! Visit our website for updates & more information:

www.randolphlibrarynj.org

- June 24: Green Planet Band: www.facebook.com/thegreenplanetband
- July 1: Norton Smull: www.facebook.com/nortonsmullband
- July 8: Country Comfort: www.facebook.com/njcountrycomfort
- July 15: Not Enough Jeffs: www.facebook.com/notenoughjeffs
- July 22: Five Wheel Drive: www.facebook.com/fivewheeldrivebandnj
- July 29: Reminisce: www.reminisceband.com
- August 5: Lost in Place: www.lostinplace.com
- August 12: What About Trish: www.facebook.com/whatabouttrish

Environmental & Landmarks News

Three slices of the 300 year old Randolph Liberty Tree were dedicated this spring at the Randolph Library, Town Hall, and Museum. Sixty key dates in the town's history are marked on the tree rings. The project was funded by generous contributions of time, and funds from the Historical Society of Old Randolph, Randolph Free Public Library, Randolph Rotary, Randolph Township, and the Morris County Heritage Commission. Wood from the tree will be available for purchase from Kravitz Family Sawmill at a discount rate of \$10/board foot to Randolph residents at the Randolph Country Fair on September 14th.

Community Solar is now available to Randolph residents. The Community Solar Energy Program enables utility customers to participate in a solar energy project that is remotely located from their property. For more information visit www.nj.gov/bpu and find a Community Solar Project near you.

The next Environmental & Landmarks meetings are June 25 and September 24 at 7:30 pm at Town Hall. Please attend and consider participating in our vital initiatives.



Engineering / Water & Sewer Project Updates

42 Lawrence Road - Retaining Wall Replacement

The existing timber retaining wall within the township's Right-of-Way (ROW) along the frontage of 42 Lawrence Road is slated for removal and replacement. The replacement retaining wall is currently in the design phase and will be sent out to bid in the Fall of 2024 with construction anticipated for the Spring of 2025.

Stormwater Management Facilities

Residents should be aware that during summer maintenance and clean-up of their properties, grass, leaves, branches and other debris should not be directed or discharged onto neighboring properties, Township properties, or stormwater management facilities such as detention basins, drainage ditches, swales, inlets or manholes. Placing debris in these facilities is likely to cause flooding and adverse impacts to all surrounding properties.

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

As a public water system, Randolph Township is obligated to issue a yearly Consumer Confidence Report related to the public water system. This report includes all required testing information and results for Randolph Township's water system, as well as our water provider, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority. The 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been posted on the township website. You can view the report at the following address:

www.randolphnj.org/176/Drinking-Water-Quality-Report

Check Sprinkler Systems for Leaks

Early summer is a good time to check your sprinkler and irrigation systems to avoid sudden spikes in your water bill. If you notice a large increase in your water usage, first check for signs of a leak in your indoor plumbing. You should turn off the water supply to your home and check to see if the needle on your water meter continues to register water use. If there are no leaks in your plumbing, then it's likely to be somewhere in your irrigation system. In that case, below are a few steps to locate the leak in your irrigation system:

- Check your irrigation controller programming to make sure it hasn't changed or returned to a default setting that increases water usage.
- Valve boxes that are wet may indicate loose wiring, water leaking due to damaged fittings, or worn parts.
- Leaks in sprinkler stations may include flooding around the sprinkler's base, water geysers from spray heads, water spraying between sprinkler heads, water laying in the grass between sprinklers, water spurting from a sprinkler's base, or misaligned sprinkler heads.

If you notice any issues with your sprinklers or irrigation system, it is recommended that you contact your contractor for further investigation and repairs. For more information, visit the township website or call the Engineering Department at 973-989-7066.

Economic Development Committee

The Randolph Economic Development Committee (EDC) works diligently to enhance the support of the local business community as well as ensuring Randolph residents are aware of, and connected to, the local businesses.

We spend a great deal of time welcoming new businesses to town, sharing their information on our social media platforms through our new business spotlights, and hosting ribbon cuttings/grand openings as they desire. We also are mindful of the existing business community in Randolph.

Oftentimes, we will be told, "We did not even know there was an Economic Development Committee in town" and "What do they do?"

The Randolph EDC does a lot to promote and support existing businesses. We have significantly grown our social media outreach through Facebook & Instagram over the past few years. It is a great way for businesses to be aware of initiatives the EDC is undertaking and how to become involved in these activities.

We send out email blasts from the township to reach existing businesses that are in our shop local listing. As long as we have an active email address, businesses can always respond to us via this platform as well.

For several years now, we have been placing our "Shop Local" signs around town. Hopefully all businesses have seen them!

We are currently exploring new initiatives that are specifically focused on existing businesses. We welcome any feedback as the EDC continues to represent the town's interest in supporting the business community and making Randolph a premier location for businesses to thrive.

Please visit our website www.randolphlocal.com for more information!

Health Department

Child Health Conference includes a full health assessment & immunizations:

September 18 and October 16

Financial criteria applies. All ACIP(Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) recommended vaccines available to children from birth to 18 years old, with Medicare Part A or uninsured, by appointment only call 973-537-7118.

Adult Immunization Program (19 years and older):

June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10 from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Free to those uninsured or underinsured. Underinsured means insurance will not pay for vaccines at all. This program is offered through the 317 funded program for vaccines for adults. Available vaccines: Covid, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Influenza, Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) Meningitis B, Prevnar 20, Tdap (includes Whooping Cough), Varicella (Chickenpox), Zoster (Shingles, Herpes Zoster).

For appointments please call the Public Health Nurses 973-537-7118.

Morris County Health Assessment

The Randolph Township Health Department, in collaboration with The Morris Regional Public Health Partnership (MRPHP), and The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), is currently involved in the development of both a county-wide Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvements Plan (CHIP). These tools will assist our efforts in providing targeted programming/initiative for residents and improve our ability to obtain grant funding.

If you are a Morris County Resident, please consider participating in the following Community Needs Assessment Survey (link found below).

Community Needs Assessment Survey (English):



Community Needs Assessment Survey (Spanish):



You can provide an informed perspective on the quality of health in the community pertaining to healthcare, transportation, and additional factors. Your involvement will assist in the development/promotion of county and local initiatives to improve the health and lives of people within the community. The survey is optional and takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Responses are confidentially maintained. Please visit following website for additional information; <https://morriscountyhealth.com>.

Lawn Watering

In the summer months, Randolph experiences extremely high levels of water consumption. In an effort to conserve water, odd/even lawn watering regulations for properties which receive water provided by the Township of Randolph are in effect.

From May 1 through September 30 of each year, the following odd/even schedule is implemented for lawn watering for properties served by township water:

- Watering of properties having even numbered street addresses is permitted on the even numbered days of the month.
- Watering of properties having odd numbered street addresses is permitted on the odd numbered days of the month.
- No watering is permitted on the 31st day of the month.
- Watering on the above days shall be permitted during the hours from 5:00 am to 9:00 am and from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm only.

For more information, visit the township website or contact the Engineering Department at 973-989-7066.

