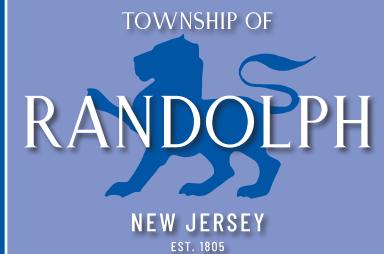


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Randolph Township Housing Highlights: Understanding Your Responsibilities

As a resident of Randolph Township, it's important to be aware of local ordinances and state laws that pertain to your housing.

The Importance of a Certificate of Habitability

In Randolph Township, a **Certificate of Habitability (COH)** is required when there is a change in occupancy in a rental dwelling. Owner-occupied structures with two or fewer dwelling units are exempt. This certificate is issued by the Randolph Township Health Department after an inspection to ensure that the property meets minimum health and safety standards.

- **Ensuring Safety and Health:** The inspection process for a COH verifies that essential systems within the property, such as plumbing, electrical, and heating systems are functioning correctly and safely. It also checks for potential health hazards. An inspection is also required by the Fire Prevention Bureau to ensure compliance with state and local fire codes.
- **Legal Requirement:** Failing to obtain a COH when required can result in violations and potential penalties. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure compliance.
- **Protecting Tenants and Landlords:** A valid COH provides assurance that the dwelling has met certain safety and health standards at the time of inspection.

New Jersey Lead-Based Paint Inspection Law (P.L. 2021, c. 182): Protecting Against Lead Exposure

New Jersey has enacted the Lead-Based Paint Inspection Law (P.L. 2021, c. 182), codified as N.J.A.C. 5:28A, to protect tenants from the dangers of lead exposure in housing built before 1978.

- **Inspection Requirements for Rental Properties:** Landlords of pre-1978 residential rental properties are now required to have their properties inspected for lead-based paint hazards. All units must be inspected for lead-based paint hazards every three years.
- **Lead-Safe Certification:** After a successful inspection where no lead-based paint hazards are identified or where they have been properly addressed, the property owner will receive a "lead-safe" certification, which is valid for three years.
- **Visual Assessments:** Because the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels in children in Randolph is low (< 3%), inspections involve a visual assessment for deteriorated paint. Randolph Township follows specific guidelines for these inspections.
- **Exemptions:** Certain properties are exempt from these inspections, including dwellings built after 1978, seasonal rentals, and properties already certified as lead-free. Landlords can contact the Randolph Health Department for more information about exemption or utilize the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs information page: www.nj.gov/dca/codes/resources/leadpaint.shtml

- **Owner Responsibilities:** Landlords must comply with inspection requirements, remediate any identified lead hazards, and provide tenants with information about lead-based paint. They also have the right to hire a certified lead evaluation contractor for inspections. A list of certified professionals can be found on the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) website.

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RANDOLPH KIWANIS CLUB
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FREEDOM FESTIVAL 2025

Join us for an
incredible event!

JULY 10 - 12

6 PM - 11 PM

**County College of
Morris, Lot 1**

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

Parade July 12

Time: 10 AM
(Rain or Shine)

Fireworks July 12

Time: 9:45 PM
Location: County College
of Morris
Rain Date: July 13, 9:45pm

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Randolph Township.

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**THE LATE NIGHT DATES FOR
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AND COMMUNITY CENTER
ARE CURRENTLY
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(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

2025 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR	
Joe Hathaway	862-213-8630
DEPUTY MAYOR	
Mark Forstenhauser	973-886-7255

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Christine Carey	985-2623
Helene Elbaum	862-500-1445
Lou Nisivoccia	713-6004
Denise Thornton.....	862-251-6409
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...*

A Message from the Mayor

Enjoy Summer in Randolph

As the warmth of June arrives and the school year winds down, summer in Randolph comes alive with fun, relaxation, and community connection. Whether you're ready to dive into the water, enjoy fresh local flavors, or take in the sounds of live music, our town offers something for everyone to enjoy this season.

Cool Off at Randolph Lake

If you haven't visited Randolph Lake—also known as Randolph Park Beach—now's the time! This local favorite features a sandy beach, splashpad for the kids, a snack bar full of summer treats, and the ever-popular Wibit inflatable water obstacle course. It's a family-friendly destination that offers the feel of a beach getaway, minus the long drive and shore traffic. Open to both residents and non-residents, it's the perfect place to swim, sunbathe, and create lasting memories with friends and family.

Explore Randolph's Local Farms

Our local farms are in full swing this time of year, offering the freshest produce, homemade goods, and friendly farm animals for the kids to meet. A visit is a great way to support local agriculture while enjoying the charm and beauty of Randolph's countryside. It's an ideal outing for all ages and a great way to reconnect with nature and community roots.

Enjoy the Sounds of Summer

The Randolph Public Library's Summer Concert Series is back and better than ever! Join us on Monday evenings for free outdoor performances at the gazebo, featuring talented musicians from across the region. This year, don't miss a special concert on June 23 at the bandshell in Veterans Community Park—a scenic new venue in our award-winning park system. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and friends to enjoy a relaxing evening of live music under the summer sky.

As we embrace another season of sunshine and community spirit, we hope you'll take time to explore all that Randolph has to offer. Whether you're splashing at the lake, enjoying a farm visit, or singing along at a concert, summer in Randolph is full of opportunities to make memories that last.

Mayor Joe Hathaway



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. Mailing address changes must be submitted in writing to the Tax Assessor. Please call Tax Assessment by dialing 973-989-7075 or 973-537-7129 to request 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% will 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 2025

Tax Sale for delinquent 2024 and prior years' **taxes, water & sewer, and other municipal charges** will be held on or about September 18, 2025. 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.

2025 Township of Randolph Budget Adopted

Maintaining services while ensuring fiscal responsibility

The Township Council unanimously adopted the 2025 budget at its April 15 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. This year's budget satisfies the operational objectives of each department while balancing the Township Council's goals of improving financial accountability and meeting the service demands of our residents and the infrastructure needs of our community.

The proposed 2025 budget calls for appropriations of \$37,687,238. This represents a 4.90% increase or \$1,761,517 from the adopted 2024 budget. Significant dollar increases are seen in the following appropriations: insurance, contractual salaries and wages, capital improvements, statutory expenditures (pensions & social security), and solid waste collection.

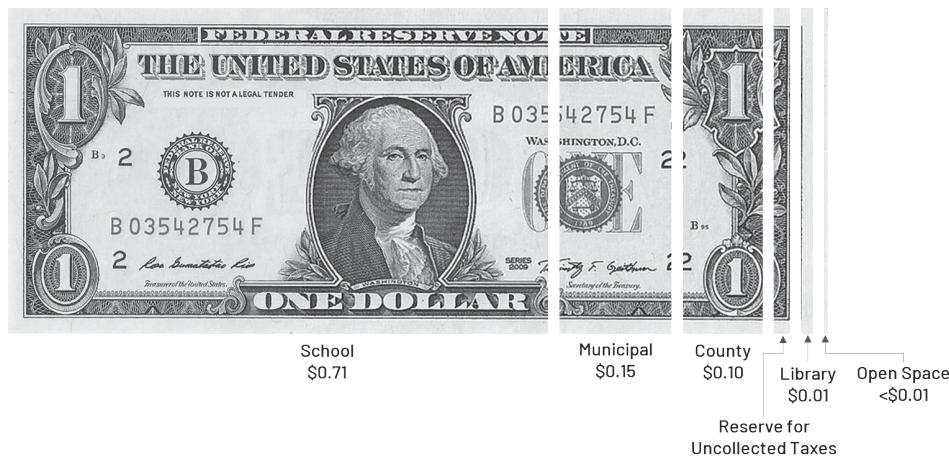
The expense side of the budget is assigned by department and divided within each department into "Salary and Wages" and "Other Expenses." These expenditures are presented in a line-item budget format. Appropriations are the mechanism that allows our local government to deliver services to its taxpayers.

The 2025 budget advances several key initiatives including:

1. Increasing Organizational Efficiency and Accountability. This budget funds the implementation of new budgeting and time & attendance software to improve organizational productivity and effectiveness.
2. Strengthening Cybersecurity. This budget continues to fund projects that safeguard critical data and maintain uninterrupted operations. These investments not only protect the information of both the township and residents, but also ensure compliance with the Joint Insurance Fund's standards.
3. Expanding Recreation Programs. This budget provides additional funding for summer program staff, youth programs, day camps, and teen camp. These increased appropriations are offset by supplementary revenues from the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services.
4. Migrating Body Worn Cameras Data. This budget funds the migration of the police department's body worn cameras data to a cloud storage solution. This investment modernizes the storage of critical data, and helps the township remain compliant with current standards.
5. Continuing Shared Services. This budget provides the resources necessary to continue advantageous public health shared services agreements. This investment in shared services through our Health Department and Animal Control generated more than \$200,000 in anticipated revenues in 2024.

The cumulative impact of the budget modifications results in a tax rate increase from \$0.477 to \$0.498. As previously stated, 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 4.44% represents an annual increase of \$114.63 (or \$9.55 per month) for the average assessed home of \$493,400.

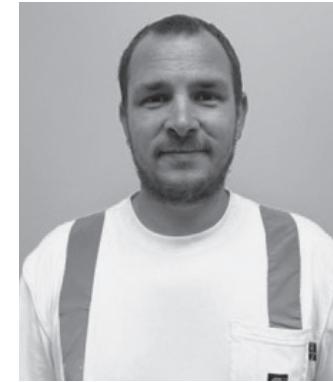
This year's budget uses a greater amount of fund balance to limit the increase in the municipal portion of property taxes. Notwithstanding, this year's budget maintains a prudent level of surplus in order to avoid potential spikes in future tax rates. The 2025 municipal budget, as presented, maintains current service levels. These services are being provided in accordance with residents' expectations and contribute to the quality of life for all taxpayers in Randolph Township.



New Hire Spotlight

Matthew Ranucci

Please join us in welcoming Matthew Ranucci to the Randolph Township Roads Department! Matthew joins us as a Laborer and Truck Driver and brings six years of valuable experience working in Public Works. Known for his strong work ethic and dedication, Matthew is also a proud family man with a daughter. Outside of work, he enjoys bowling and racing. We're excited to have him on the team and look forward to the contributions he'll bring to our community!



Sarah Thornberry

Randolph is pleased to welcome Sarah Thornberry as our new Court Administrator. Sarah has worked in the court system since July 2017 and earned her certification from the Supreme Court of New Jersey in December 2021. Before transitioning into court administration, she co-owned a plumbing company for 20 years and holds an associate degree in applied science from CCM. With a strong background in both business and public service, Sarah brings valuable experience to the role. Outside of work, she enjoys cooking, live music, and peaceful walks in the woods. She is excited to serve the Randolph community and ensure the continued efficiency of our municipal court operations.



Health Department

July 4th Holiday Trash Collection Make Up

Independence Day trash collection scheduled for Friday, July 4, 2025, will take place on Monday, July 7, 2025. Please place cans curbside by 6:00 am to ensure collection.

Stay Protected with Randolph's Adult Immunization Program

The Randolph Township Health Department is offering free immunizations for New Jersey residents 19 years and older who are uninsured or underinsured. (Please note: Individuals with private insurance are not eligible.)

Clinic Dates:

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Randolph Municipal Building (by appointment only)

This program provides access to **11 different vaccines** to help keep you healthy and protected. There is no residency requirement, and appointments are required.

To schedule or for more information, call the Public Health Nurses at **973-537-7118**.

Visit randolphnj.org/182/Immunization-Program for full details.

Lawn Watering Restrictions

Residents are reminded that Randolph implements lawn watering restrictions from May 1 through September 30 to conserve water and control the amount of water it draws from its bulk supplier, the Morris County Municipal Utility Authority (MCMUA). During these months, the Township enforces the odd/even lawn watering schedule for property owners served by Township water.

Learn more via our website: www.randolphnj.org/226/Watering-Restrictions

A Letter from the Superintendent

As we begin summer break, I want to take a moment to thank our students, educators, staff, families, and the entire community for the incredible dedication and partnership that made the 2024-2025 school year such a success. Whether it was in the classroom, on the field, on stage, or through the seemingly endless other opportunities we are fortunate to offer every child, our students continued to demonstrate academic, athletic, and extracurricular excellence with curiosity and compassion.

Summer is a time for well-earned rest and reflection. It's also a valuable opportunity to recharge, pursue passions, and prepare for the new possibilities that lie ahead in the coming school year. While we hope our students and staff will enjoy some downtime with family and friends, our team is already hard at work planning for a strong start this fall. Heading into the 2025-2026 school year, we remain committed to our mission of nurturing academic excellence, supporting student and staff wellness, and fostering a school culture rooted in respect, equity, and opportunity. We are constantly reviewing and enhancing curriculum offerings, expanding access to social emotional support, and continuing to invest in learning environments that reflect the needs of our students today and tomorrow.

The district will begin work on several necessary facility projects this summer. Randolph Township Schools invests in maintenance and improvement projects as needed through the annual budget each year, and work will also begin on the projects approved during the referendum community vote last fall. Please be mindful that access for the general public to the district's exterior spaces, such as playgrounds, the running track, and fields may be limited at times as a result of ongoing construction. A full list of projects scheduled to be completed during the summer can be reviewed on the district's website: www.rtnj.org/future

In the fall, we always look forward to welcoming new educators and staff members who will bring fresh energy and ideas to our district. We also honor the lasting contributions of those who are retiring, and their legacy will continue to be felt in the lives they've touched here in Randolph. To our new families, we look forward to partnering with you as your children begin their journey with us. To our returning students and families, thank you for your continued support, trust, and engagement. We are stronger because of you.

Have a safe and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fano
Superintendent of Schools

Police Department News

Police Retirement

On February 28th, Detective Sergeant Matthew Pfeiffer walked out of police headquarters after 25 years of dedicated service. Detective Sergeant Pfeiffer had served with the police department since January 2000. He graduated from the Morris County 54th Basic Police Academy Class in December 1999. He served in the patrol division until he transferred to the Traffic Bureau in 2004. Detective Sergeant Pfeiffer also served in the Training Bureau, where he became the Police Department's Head Firearms Instructor and Range Master.

In 2017, he was transferred to the Detective Bureau before being promoted to Sergeant in June 2019. In July 2021, he was promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant, where he has served since. Over his career, he revamped the police department's training program and firearms program and has been a driving force toward the importance of officer safety and survival. His leadership and mentorship will be truly missed. Randolph Township and all the officers at the Randolph Township Police Department thank you for your service and wish you all the best in your retirement.



Overnight Parking on Streets

In Randolph, local ordinance 31-91 prohibits parking any vehicles on the streets of the township between 2:00 am and 6:00 am daily. If you need to request permission for overnight parking, you must contact the Randolph Police Department and speak with the police dispatcher. Overnight parking requests will only be considered for short-term situations when the resident has a legitimate and justified need to park on the street. Legitimate and justified needs include, but are not limited to, driveway resurfacing/resealing, construction projects, or visitors from out of town staying at the home. Requests for overnight parking will not be considered and/or granted as a simple matter of convenience or for extended periods of time.

Patrolman Tomkins Return

Patrolman Eric Tomkins returned to his role in the Patrol Division after being deployed to Syria from March through December 2024. Officer Tomkins also serves as a Captain in the New Jersey National Guard. Upon his return, Officer Tomkins presented the Randolph Police Benevolent Association (PBA) #403 with a framed American Flag that was flown at his base in Syria during his combat deployment.

Officer Tomkins is also a member of the Morris County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, which responds to critical incidents in Morris County. The Randolph Police Department and PBA #403 are extremely grateful for the sacrifices made by Officer Tomkins and his family during his deployment and training.



Fire Department News

Battery Fire Safety

In this day and age, everyone is using a battery device in some form or another. With increased use comes increased potential for incidents. There are hidden dangers tied to improper handling and disposal of batteries at their end-of-life. Many are unaware of these dangers, which are causing an increase in fires across recycling centers, waste facilities, and garbage trucks. This results in lives being put in danger and causes millions of dollars in physical damage.

The bottom line: by taking a few extra steps, we can all play a role in reducing the potential risks to people, property, and the environment.

Know the signs of battery failure and practice safe battery usage and charging. In the event of battery failure, remove the battery from an area exposed to combustible materials and call your local Fire Department. Be safe. Keep safe.

Take C.H.A.R.G.E. of battery safety:

- Choose certified products
- Recycle properly
- Handle with care
- Get out quickly
- Always stay alert
- Educate others

Stop using lithium-ion batteries if you notice an odor, change in color, excessive heat, a change in shape, leaking or odd noises. Don't put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycle them at your local battery recycling location.



Randolph Rescue Squad (RRS)

Summer: Safety First and Be Prepared

We will soon celebrate the Randolph Township Freedom Festival with a parade, fireworks, food, booths, and rides – socializing with merchants, residents, and visitors at the CCM campus. Stop by the RRS booth to chat with us. In Randolph, we like warmer weather, longer daylight hours, sports, walking on the trails, outdoor activities, swimming, and family outings and picnics. RRS urges everyone to be extra careful and cautious! Heart attacks, strokes, choking, climbing, falling, pool accidents, bleeding, sunburn, heat cramps, heat stroke, bicycle and motorcycle accidents – they do happen all year round, and quite frequently outdoors during the summer.

We advise "Safety First" and "Be Prepared". When heat is excessive, drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids, wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing, a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and move to shaded areas during peak sunlight hours. Never swim alone, whether in a pool or lake. Do not dive in without knowing the water's depth. If a backyard pool is a frequent gathering place, install a pool alarm. Remove floating items (vests, rafts, tubes, toys) when the pool is not in use. All sides must be fenced. The pool gate should be self-closing and self-latching, with a lock out of a child's reach. For an above ground pool, remove any ladders when it is out of use or when you are not at home. Keep a first aid kit in your car and also near the picnic/pool area. Use insect repellent properly when needed, but keep it out of reach of children. The Squad hopes that you never have to avail yourself of our services – not in the summer and not at any other time either. We plan to remain active and helpful every day for many years to come.

The generosity of Randolph residents, businesses, and neighbors throughout the year is hugely beneficial to our mission of providing quality, free-of-charge care delivered by well-trained volunteers. We are also grateful for the personal assistance and financial support supplied by our Township officials and employees.



We do hope you will become one of the helpful heroes that Randolph needs! 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 and join us!

Reminders:

- ✓ **DIAL 9-1-1** in an emergency - Provide the location and nature of the emergency. Have a list of the patient's medications and/or special needs for the Crew.
- ✓ **To arrange for STAND-BY** service and/or for additional general information, send email to info@randolphrescue.org or to captain@randolphrescue.org. Make a detailed request with as much prior notice as possible.
- ✓ **APPLY for membership** via our website at <http://www.randolphrescue.org>
- ✓ **BLOOD DRIVES** at RRS Headquarters on Route 10 West are scheduled for June 19 and August 14. Register via our website or stop in from 10:45 am – 7:45 pm.
- ✓ **OUR 2025 FOOD TRUCK FESTIVALS** will be held on June 28 and October 25, 2025, at County College of Morris.
- ✓ **Contact RRS President** Christopher Zelley via president@randolphrescue.org.
- ✓ **FOLLOW US** on Facebook and Instagram.
- ✓ **VISIT THE RRS** LinkedIn page via <https://www.linkedin.com/company/randolph-rescue-squad>

Randolph Regional Animal Shelter

Did you know the **Randolph Regional Animal Shelter** offers **low-cost spay and neuter services** to help promote responsible pet ownership and reduce animal overpopulation?

- For full details, availability, and to schedule an appointment, visit: www.randolphregionalanimalshelter.org
- spayneuter@randolphregionalanimalshelter.org
- (862)-206-4681

Let's work together to keep our pets and our community happy and healthy!

Adoptable Pet Spotlight: Meet Kiki!

Looking for a loyal companion? Kiki is an 8-year-old Rottie mix who's affectionate, house-trained, and ready for her forever home! A favorite at the shelter, she's calm, cuddly, and enjoys meeting visitors as the office greeter. Kiki would thrive as the only pet in your home.

Visit her at the Randolph Regional Animal Shelter

Learn more: www.randolphregionalanimalshelter.org

Adoption Fee: \$50.



Economic Development Committee

The Randolph Economic Development Committee (EDC) ran our first ever March Madness tournament this year. The campaign was launched on the EDC Instagram social media platform. Our goal was to use March Madness as a way to boost engagement for all of our businesses and the EDC itself. There was no prize for the competition aside from engagement and promotion.

Thirty two local businesses were involved and each day, we ran a poll on our Instagram story for people to vote for their favorite Randolph businesses. We tagged each business in the post which enabled them to add the poll to their own individual Instagram stories which would send them to the EDC Instagram page.

We did our best to break up the brackets by location (similar to the real NCAA March Madness), and to not have any businesses compete against another business of the same category (e.g. no restaurant against another restaurant), at least for the first round. Once voting began, we could not control which businesses matched up against each other, but it made for quite exciting and healthy competition! Congratulations to our winner, The Spot Café, located at 500 State Route 10 west.

We also would like to thank all of the other local businesses that participated; Artistry Skin Center, Baby Sleep by Stacy, Black River Barn, Brooklyn Bagel, Burrini's, Cream and Sugar, Erin Misurelli Insurance agent, Event Accents Co, First Fitness, Fort Nonsense Brewery, Forte Pizzeria & Ristorante, Halo Skin Solutions, Honey Boutique, House of Gold, Mr. Crabby's, NJ Battle Zones, Once Upon a Child, Pediatric Dental Assoc., Pinspiration, Randolph Athletic Club, Randolph Diner, Razorz Edge, Reve Pilates, Salus per Aquam, Shamrock Junk Removal, Simply Gourmet Catering, Spirit Healer, The Biscayne Group, The Corner Bistro, The Good Life and Thrive Beauty Studio.

More information about any of these businesses can be found on our Randolph Local web page, www.randolphlocal.com.

The EDC Instagram gained 400+ followers from this initiative alone, and we heard from our businesses that their Instagrams also got a big boost in followers and engagement.

Randolph Economic Development Committee

Supporting Local Business Awareness

Artworks STUDIO

Check out our variety of class offerings for all ages, including summer camps! NEW! -"Teen Studio" class this fall!

Our goal is to give our students a place for their creative exploration and self-expression while learning how to use a variety of mediums. The small class sizes allow students to receive individual attention while fostering a fun social environment. After 21 years in the community, Artworks Studio continues to expand its class offerings. Our experienced teachers look forward to seeing you this fall!

This fall we will offer an additional class for teens - "TEEN STUDIO"! This is an open studio formatted class focusing on the interests and growth of the individual student. This class offers the opportunity for new materials exploration or a more in-depth development of mastering skills, while receiving personal instruction, guidance, and critique. All 2D and 3D media forms are available in this class.

Registration is open NOW!

Randolph Recreation Dept., 973-989-7081, Randolph Community Center

Class details: randolphnj.org/254/Classes-Workshops

Fall Classes

Ages 3-1/2 years to K

- Young Artists

Grades K-3rd

- Art Exploration I

Grades 4-6th

- Art Exploration II
- Drawing & Painting

Grades 7-12th

- Teen Drawing & Painting
- Teen Studio - NEW!

Adults 18+

- Painting & Mixed Media

Follow us on social media:

Facebook: Artworks Studio Randolph NJ

Instagram: @artworksrandolph



The Historical Society of Old Randolph



(Photograph courtesy of Ruth McAndrew)

The Raritan River is a ninety-mile long river within the state of New Jersey. The North Branch of the Raritan River originates as a spring-fed stream in Morris County and flows south for approximately 23 miles to its confluence with the South Branch of the Raritan River. Tributaries to the North Branch include Dawson's Brook, located in Randolph Township's Combs Hollow Historic District. The Raritan River drainage basin, fed by the Dawson's Brook surface water tributary, is an ancient and vital water source that teems with aquatic life. The aquatic life pictured here from the 1930's includes the Miller children of Miller's Hill Farm - Theodore Jr., baby Emily (on the left) and Ruth - playing at the historic Dawson's Brook stone culvert on Combs Avenue, enjoying the low water level of Dawson's Brook downstream on a summer day.

Environmental & Landmark Committee

Our committee's objectives include improving the water quality in our local rivers, streams, and lakes. One of our largest summer issues is algae blooms due to excess fertilizer and sediment runoff. Residents can take action by prioritizing deep infrequent watering, avoiding over-fertilizing, and letting the grass grow longer to reduce stress. Check that the storm sewer drains on your street are clear of leaves or debris. If you observe an unsafe condition you can report it easily by downloading the SeeClickFix app. We encourage you to attend our bimonthly meetings in 2025 as we explore initiatives including improving welcome signage and food composting. Our next meeting is June 24th at 7:30PM at the Municipal Building.

Parks, Recreation & Community Services

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.

Transportation arrangements 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 Social 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 snacks. We hope you will join us for every social. Socials start at 11:00 am. Transportation will be provided upon request.

Senior Luncheons

Every month our seniors will visit local restaurants for lunch. Transportation will be provided upon request and reservations are required.

Guest Lectures

Each month we will have guest lectures on nutrition, health, driving safety, or other lectures.

Arts & Craft Class

Once a month we will have either an art or craft class for seniors. Limited 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

Randolph Community Services exercise classes such as gentle chair yoga for seniors, tai chi, Qi gong at the community center. All the exercise classes will be taught by a certified Instructor. The exercise classes will range from 7-week sessions. To get more information and register, call the community center.

Weekly Activities

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

Technology Club

This club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Computer Honors Society students lead this club, helping seniors learn new technology that benefits their daily lives.

Sewing Club

Randolph Seniors Sewing Club meets 1st and 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.

Walking Club

Randolph seniors meet at Veterans Park and go for a walk every Friday at 10 am.

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



Participants in the 2024 Senior Olympics

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information and updates, visit www.randolphnj.org/400/Special-Events or Facebook.com/RandolphSpecialEventsNJ.

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Celebrate Summer at the 49th Annual Freedom Festival – July 10 – 12, 2025

MORRIS COUNTY, NJ — Get ready for three nights of family fun, music, and patriotic pride at the 49th Annual Freedom Festival, July 10 through July 12, 2025, at the County College of Morris (Lot 1) in Randolph. The festival runs nightly from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Free admission.

This beloved tradition brings the community together for thrilling rides, mouthwatering food vendors, games, and live entertainment each evening. The entertainment lineup includes local favorites and crowd-pleasers:

- **Thursday, July 10:** Norton Smull Band
- **Friday, July 11:** North O' Nashville
- **Saturday, July 12:** DJ Nick & The JerseyTones

The annual parade will return on July 12 at 10 am. The festivities will conclude with a spectacular **fireworks display on Saturday, July 12, at 9:45 pm**, lighting up the summer sky in true Independence Day spirit.

Bring your family, friends, lawn chairs, and a patriotic spirit for a weekend of celebration you won't want to miss!

COUNTRY FAIR

Save the Date!

19th Annual Country Fair

Veterans Community Park
100 Calais Rd, Randolph, NJ 07869

Saturday, September 13, 2025

(Rain Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025)
11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Join us for a full day of country-style fun with local vendors, live entertainment, food, games, and activities for all ages!

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Movie in the Park

Veterans Community Park
100 Calais Rd, Randolph, NJ 07869
Saturday, August 9, 2025
8:15 pm – Movie Start Time

Feature Film: Captain America: Civil War (2016)
(Subject to Change)

Join us for an epic summer night under the stars! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for a free Captain America: Civil War outdoor screening.

Tommy Scoops will be on-site selling ice cream, so come early and treat yourself!

HAT MAKING & LINE DANCING WORKSHOP

Come join us for a fun-filled evening at the *Hat Making & Line Dancing Workshop* on **September 5, 2025, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at the **Randolph Community Center** (30 Calais Rd, Randolph, NJ 07869).

The event is **open to all ages**, with a **\$10 entry fee** covering the line dancing portion from **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Dance your heart out as we guide you through some classic line dance steps!

From **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, tap into your creative side with our **hat-making session**. Customize your own cowboy or trucker hat! Hat prices are separate based on add-ons you select, and payment will be collected on-site.

21+ attendees can BYOB and enjoy a drink while crafting and dancing the night away!



Brundage Park Playhouse

Proudly Presents:



FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

The winner of 9 TONY awards

Music by Jerry Block

Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick

Book by Joseph Stein

Performance Dates: 8/8/25 – 8/17/25.

The story centers on Tevye, a poor milkman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and a tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF JR.

(All performers are under age 18)

Performance Dates: 8/9, 8/10, 8/16, 8/17 @ 11:00 AM ONLY

Library Programs

Registration may be required. Register online at www.randolphlibrarynj.org. 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

"Color Our World" Children's Summer Reading Club

Friday, June 13 to Wednesday, August 6
Preschool to Grade 6
In-person registration for Randolph children begins June 13 and will be ongoing throughout the club.

"Color Our World" Teen Summer Reading Club

Friday, June 13 to Wednesday, August 6
Grades 6 to 12
Register, read books, and win prizes.

Summer 2025 Drop-In Storytimes

June 16 to August 14

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 8/6

Summer 2025 Programs

Miss Jolie Bubble Beats

Thursday, June 19 @ 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 12 at 10:00 am

Take It and Make It Crafts
Mondays, June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, and 28
9:00 am to closing
Ages PreK to 2

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

Monday Funday
Mondays, June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, and 28
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 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
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.

Color Our Week
Wednesdays, June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Grades K to 5

Join us for a different art project each week. Registration for children is required and begins one week prior to each session.

Zoophoria!

Thursday, June 26 @ 7:00 pm

All ages

Join us for a hands-on live animal wildlife program with colorful animals. May even include a baby alligator and Tripod the tortoise. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on June 19 at 10:00 am.

Housel Fun and Fitness Show

Thursday, July 3 @ 7:00 pm

All ages

Join us as we get up, move and dance! This program stresses a healthy, active lifestyle. Participants play games, run relays and follow along with teacher-led dances. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on June 26 at 10:00 am.

Rockness Music

Tuesday, July 8 @ 7:00 pm

All ages

Join us for a rockin' good show! The children participate in sing-a-longs, big movement, and dramatic play. The performances are exciting, entertaining, and educational. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on July 1 at 10:00 am.

Brian Richards Magic

Thursday, July 17 @ 7:00 pm

All ages

Brain Richards will present "Color Your World with Books". The show will feature magic, comedy, story-telling, and even ventriloquism. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on July 10 at 10:00 am.

Penguin Pointers

Tuesday, July 22 @ 7:00 pm

All ages

Jenkinson's Aquarium will be back with their live penguin program! Waddle into the world of these beloved flightless birds! Learn their basic biology, where they live, the threats they face. Registration for children and adults is required and begins on July 15 at 10:00 am

Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color

Thursday, July 31 @ 7:00 pm

All ages

Join Science Heroes on a mission to turn science into an adventure! Through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories, let's get kids excited about the science that's all around us as we celebrate the scientists who color our world with art! Registration for children and adults is required and begins on July 24 at 10:00 am

Summer Reading Club Picnic

Wednesday, August 6

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 14

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

All ages

Come for an open house craft experience! Paper, pom-poms, stickers and more. Our material 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 11 at 10:00 am.

My First Book Club for Grades 1 & 2

Tuesdays, 9/16, 10/14, 11/11, and 12/9
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, 9/15, 10/13, 11/10, and 12/8
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, 9/17, 10/15, 11/12, and 12/10
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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

Fall Drop-In Storytimes

September 15 to December 4

Please visit our website in September for full details.

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.

2025 FREE OUTDOOR SUMMER MUSIC

Visit www.randolphlibrarynj.org for updates

Monday June 23 (rain date June 24) @ 6:30 pm at Veterans Park

Wood Vibrations – website: www.thewoodvibrations.com

(Cream of the Crop ice cream truck will be there!)

Library Gazebo: Mondays @ 7:00 pm – Rain or Shine

- June 30: The Twilight Disciples www.twilightdisciples.com
- July 7: The Kootz www.thekootz.com
- July 14: Zydeco-a-Go-Go www.zydecoagogo.com
- July 21: Radio Stranger Band www.radiostrangerband.com
- July 28: Rosewood www.rosewoodbandnj.com
- Aug 4: Tequila Rose Country Band www.tequilaroseband.com/
- Aug 11: Long Hill String Band www.longhillstringband.com
- August 12: What About Trish: www.facebook.com/whatabouttrish

Water Safety at Randolph Lake

As summer begins, we remind all visitors to Randolph Lake to keep safety top of mind. Whether you're swimming or relaxing by the water, follow these tips to enjoy a safe season:

- Enter feet first. Only dive in areas marked at least 9 feet deep. Watch for rocks, debris, and underwater drop-offs.
- Watch the weather. Exit the water at the first sign of thunder or lightning and wait 30 minutes before returning.
- Be alert. Watch for hazards like weeds, animals, and uneven terrain. Always swim with a buddy and never while intoxicated.
- Supervise children. Stay attentive and avoid distractions like phones while watching kids near water.
- Be prepared. Know how to respond in an emergency and learn basic CPR.

For more on water safety and lake health, visit the NJDEP's Bureau of Freshwater and Biological Monitoring at www.nj.gov/dep/wms. Enjoy the summer safely at Randolph Lake!



Engineering / Water & Sewer Project Updates

Roadway Construction Projects

There are many roadway and infrastructure projects within the Township and County roadways in Randolph this summer including the Township's Annual Road Repaving Program. Some roads will require road closures and detours during the construction activities. We apologize for any inconveniences during these projects and ask for your patience. All schedules are weather dependent, so please check the Township's website for updates. The following is a list of the various projects:

Calais Road & South Road – Roadway Reconstruction (Twp.) – The Township's contractor completed the curb and sidewalk portion for these two roads in April 2025, but milling and paving were delayed due to the closure of I-80 for sinkhole repairs. Milling and paving of Calais Road from Dawson Brook to Sussex Turnpike and South Road from Dover Chester Road to Combs Avenue will be completed between June 16 – 27, 2025.

Morris Turnpike – Water Main Installation (Twp.) – The Township's Water & Sewer Staff will be installing about 750 linear feet of 8" DIP water main along Morris Turnpike between #92 and Dover Chester Road to connect a dead-end segment within the Township's water system. This work is tentatively scheduled for July 2025. This portion of Morris Turnpike is also scheduled to be milled and repaved in spring/summer 2026 through an NJDOT Block Grant.

Pleasant Hill Road - Water Main Replacement (MCMUA) – Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and its contractor will be replacing their existing water main along Pleasant Hill Road from Selma Boulevard up to #38 Pleasant Hill Road as part of Phase 1 of the water main replacement on Pleasant Hill Road. This work is slated to start at the end of June and take about three months. Phase 2 is anticipated for fall 2025 and Phase 3 in spring/summer 2026.

Sussex Turnpike Gas Main Installation (NJNG) – New Jersey Natural Gas and its contractor will be installing a new gas main on Sussex Turnpike from Canfield Avenue to Park Avenue. This work is slated to start at the end of June and will take around two months.

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 is available on the Township's website.

You can find it here: www.randolphnj.org/176/Drinking-Water-Quality-Report

Checking Sprinkler Systems for Leaks

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 pooling 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.

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2025 Road Resurfacing Program

As part of its ongoing road maintenance program, Randolph Township evaluates the condition of the road system on an annual basis.

This evaluation program is a collaborative effort between the Engineering and Public Works departments. The program takes into account the perspectives of both departments and synthesizes the input received into a comprehensive annual evaluation of the township road system.

This program tracks all of the 154 centerline miles of township roadways. Thirty-one roads, the equivalent of 5.95 miles, are scheduled for resurfacing. As in past years, if funds are available after the roads scheduled for resurfacing have been completed, additional roads could be added prior to the end of the year.

The following roads are tentatively scheduled to be milled and repaved this summer. Residents who live on these roads that may be considering installing new underground utility lines, such as gas or water, should do so before the road is paved.

Neben Place	Entire Length
Old Wood Lane South	Entire Length
Mt Pleasant Turnpike	Half width House # 110 to Elodie Lane
Ursula Court	Entire Length
Main Street	Entire Length
Golden Corner Way	Entire Length
Budd Street	Entire Length
Lake Drive	Entire Length
Chester Avenue	Entire Length
Doby Road	South Road to Bridge
Roslyn Way	Entire Length
Kirkbride Drive	Entire Length
Ellam Drive	Entire Length
East Logan Road	Ellam Drive to Sanford Drive
Fieldcrest Court	Entire Length
Farmstead Court East	Entire Length
Farmstead Court West	Entire Length
Bedminster Road	House # 33 to end of cul-de-sac
Edinburgh Drive	Entire Length
Emery Avenue	Entire Length
Memory Lane	Entire Length
Devonshire Drive	Entire Length
Darlene Court	Entire Length
Rockaway Road	Entire Length
Farrington Lane	Entire Length
Cornell Drive	Entire Length
Bennett Avenue	Entire Length
Country Lane	Entire Length
Viking Court	Entire Length
Franklin Road	Rockaway Road to Bennett Avenue
Reed Street	Entire Length

Stay Safe This Summer: Be Aware of Coyotes and Bears in Randolph

As we head into the warmer summer months, Randolph Township reminds residents to stay alert and take precautions due to increased activity of local wildlife—particularly coyotes and black bears. Sightings in wooded areas and even neighborhoods are not uncommon this time of year, so it's important to be informed and prepared.

Secure Food Sources:

Do not leave pet food or garbage outside overnight. Store trash in animal-resistant containers with tight-fitting lids. Bring bird feeders indoors at night and clean up any fallen seed.

Protect Pets:

Always keep pets on a leash when walking and do not leave them unattended in yards, especially at dawn or dusk when coyotes are most active.

Maintain Property:

Keep your yard free of overgrown bushes, fallen fruit, and other items that might attract wildlife. Secure compost bins and clean barbecue grills thoroughly.

If You Encounter a Coyote or Bear: Do not run. Make yourself look bigger, wave your arms, and make loud noises. Do not approach. Give the animal space to leave the area. Back away slowly while maintaining eye contact. Report aggressive behavior or unusually close encounters to the Randolph Police Department or Animal Control.

For non-emergency wildlife sightings, you may call Animal Control at (973) 543-9333. Let's work together to ensure the safety of our community, both people and animals alike this summer season. Stay safe, stay aware, and enjoy everything Randolph's great outdoors has to offer!