



**Good  
Things  
Are  
Happening**

WELCOME TO THE 2020 REORGANIZATION OF THE  
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – JANUARY 8, 2020







2019 Township Council Reorganization

# High School Senior Katie Wilcox Recognized for winning the 2018 Atco Junior Street Car Championship





# From Days of Old – Dedication Plaque From Original Municipal Garage



- ▶ Preserving our History. Thank You to John T. Smith for salvaging this plaque from the West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Firehouse.
- ▶ It will be returned this Spring!!



# FORMER BANK BUILDING TO BE SAVED FROM FURTHER DECLINE AND POSSIBLE ANCHOR FOR MAIN STREET



Florence is considering purchasing the historic Roebling Bank. [LISA BROADT/STAFF PHOTOJOURNALIST]

## Investing in history



# CONTINUING TO INVEST IN NEIGHBORHOODS REMOVING BLIGHT AND FURTHERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

## 629 West Third Street

- Property deemed unsafe for human occupancy.
- Owner abandoned the property.
- Property continued to decline and detract from the neighborhood.





# CONTINUING TO INVEST IN NEIGHBORHOODS REMOVING BLIGHT AND FURTHERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

## 209 Iron Street

- Property deemed unfit for human occupancy.
- Owner abandoned.
- Property declining and weather and animals are entering numerous openings in structure.





# Florence Township Code Office Takes On Lead Safety In Homes



Verizon LTE 6:32 PM 85%

 Florence Township shared a post. Just now

 **Burlington County Health Department** is with Zupenda Davis-Shine. 2 hrs

Interested in learning more about lead and what you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones from lead poi... [Continue Reading](#)



A man in a light blue button-down shirt and jeans stands next to a woman in an orange long-sleeved shirt and black pants. They are standing in front of a large, colorful display board titled "MY HOME • MY HOME • MY HOME" which features illustrations of a house, a family, and a dog. The display is set against a brick wall with a mural of a ship and a lighthouse.



Three smaller images showing different views of the lead safety display, including the dog mascot and the family illustration.

Navigation icons: Home, Shop, Friends, Notifications (2), Menu



# New Opportunities – Rezoning of Roebling Steel Site

Waterfront Zone Planned To Integrate Development That Compliments The Village of Roebling While Taking Advantage of The Riverfront.





# Burlington County Heritage Trail Begins





# Lease Between PSE&G & Florence Township Clears The Way For Park Path Lighting And Pedestrian Improvements At park by High School.

Florence officials approve short-term lease agreement with PSEG

By THOMAS WIEDMANN, Staff Writer - May 3, 2019






# Paul and Loretta Varga Honored For Their Lifetime Of Dedication to Our Community





# Concerts in the Parks


## “Oh What A Night” – They’ve Become!



*Presented by Florence Township Mayor & Council*

Join us TONITE, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Wilkie Park Gazebo!

**2019 MUSIC IN THE PARKS FINALE**



**THE GROUSER GIRLS**

Please bring blankets, chairs and refreshments to Wilkie Park and enjoy an evening of music with your family, friends and neighbors. Various food vendors will be on hand or bring your own snacks to the park!

Special Thanks to Dr. Lou & The 2019 Florence Township Community Event Sponsors

FLORENCE HARDWARE   NOOKS POURHOUSE   FLORENCE FAMILY DENTAL  
BOYD'S PHARMACY   MIDWAY MACHINE   ACADEMY WOODS APARTMENTS  
MCHUGH INSURANCE   ROCCO'S PIZZA   PROMO CRAZE   AMAZON  
READY PAC FOODS   VINNY G'S BAGELS & DELI   ROEBLING MUSEUM  
MATAKAS BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU   SZUCS MEAT MARKET   INVESTORS BANK  
MARIO & FRANKS PIZZERIA & ITALIAN RESTAURANT   ME KEATING INC  
STOUT & CALDWELL ENGINEERS   DAVE HUTCHINSON/FARMERS INSURANCE  
CATHY HUTCHINSON/BERKSHIRE   HATHAWAY   M4 TECHNICAL SERVICES  
MARY BAUER RE/MAX AT HOME   PREMIER CONCRETE & DESIGN  
MICHELE GOMEZ/TGT REAL ESTATE   ALLIANCE, A KW AFFILIATE  
IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW SPARTA   IN MEMORY OF MAURICE & JEAN MULLEN

PLEASE DISPOSE OF ALL TRASH IN THE PROVIDED CONTAINERS  
REMINDER: ALCOHOL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN ALL COMMUNITY PARKS



# Pop Up Food Trucks Arrive at Farmers Market Lot – more to come in 2020!



## Family, Fun & Food Trucks in Florence Township

Beginning Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and running each week thru fall, we will have various food trucks and local vendors set up in the parking area of Nyikita Field (10<sup>th</sup> & Main Street, Roebling)

Though we are still gathering vendors, we saw no reason to delay the start.

Please bear with us as more food and vendors will be added weekly. Our mayor & council felt hosting these gatherings would be a great way to close out the summer and welcome the fall season. We will host all events at this

location for the remainder of 2019, but next year our plan is to shift to different areas of the community so that more of our residents will have the opportunity to walk over to designated areas and enjoy spending time with friends and neighbors while enjoying the offerings provided.

If anyone is interested in participating as a vendor, please contact the Florence Township Recreation Department to receive a registration form.

Florence Township Recreation Department

711 Broad Street

Florence, NJ 08518

(609)-499-2525 x112

[recreation@florence-nj.gov](mailto:recreation@florence-nj.gov)





2019





# Bolo Continues To Serve Admirably.





# Police Department Adopts Tazer As Additional Non-Lethal Officer Safety Device





# FTPD Officers Voluntarily Implement Twice-Annual Physical Training Tests





# Gotcha – Courtesy of FTPD

On 11/21/19 a bank robbery occurred at the BB&T Bank on Delaware Avenue.

The robber was captured by the FTPD within days of the incident.





# Coffee With A Cop Continues

Throughout the year, officers are scheduled to meet-and-greet patrons at local establishments to have “coffee-with-a-cop”





# F.T.P.D. Bike Rodeo



Over 100 children participated and learned crucial bike safety skills. Over 60 bicycles were registered. Over 100 bicycles were professionally inspected to ensure rider safety. 2 new bikes were won by two lucky children, dozens of bike safety helmets and countless other prizes and treats were given away



- BMX
- Cruisers
- Road Bikes
- Fitness Bikes
- Adult Tricycles
- Mountain Bikes
- Wheel Chair Repair
- Police & EMS Bikes



- National Night Out -

Huge Crowds  
attended to interact  
with local police, fire,  
and EMS  
representatives.





# Trunk-Or-Treat A Huge Success.





# Heart House & Virtua Foundation Present AED's to Township





# Community Senior Citizens' Organizations Receive Support to Continue Their Missions





# Senior Citizen Fitness Program Begins





# 2019 Youth Recreation

Registration Fee removed results in increase participation in Fall Programs



- ▶ Basketball – 285
- ▶ Baseball – 185
- ▶ Softball – 113
- ▶ Soccer – 200
- ▶ Field Hockey – 55
- ▶ Football/Cheering – 200
- ▶ Tennis – 88



# Tennis Program Continues to Grow.





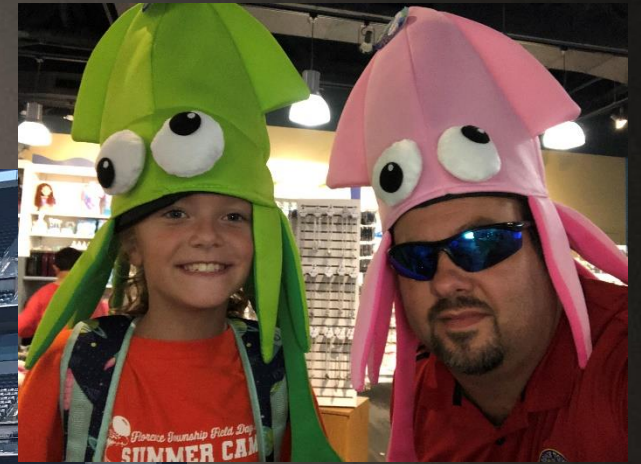
# 2019 Patriotic Celebration Day

Don't Worry – We'll Be Right Back in 2020  
and Lou Borbi Will Be The Grand Marshal





# 2019 Summer Camp



50 Second to Eighth Graders Joined Together for Two Weeks of Learning, Excursions, Adventures and Fun.



# Emergency Services Youth Training Academy





# Police win 2019 Mayor's Cup





# Mr. & Mrs. Claus Getting Ready To Visit With The Kids



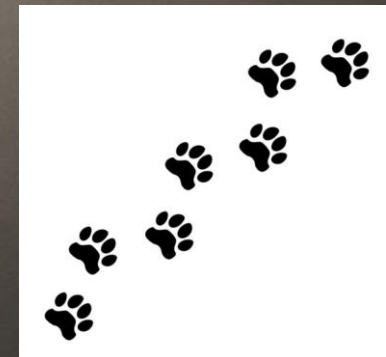


# Township Goats Perform Basin Clearing





# Dog Park Project Begins





# Welcome to our newest business.





# 2019 Township Road Program

- Cherry Street
- Alden Avenue
- Sixth Street (Hoffner Tract)
- James Street
- Fourth Avenue
- Sixth Avenue
- Seventh Avenue
- Fifth Avenue
- Riverside Avenue w/ New Park Parking
- Olive Street
- Third Street, East
- Walnut Street
- Grove Street (Including Circle)
- Driveway Opening for Florence Tollgate





# Taxes – Where Do We Stand?

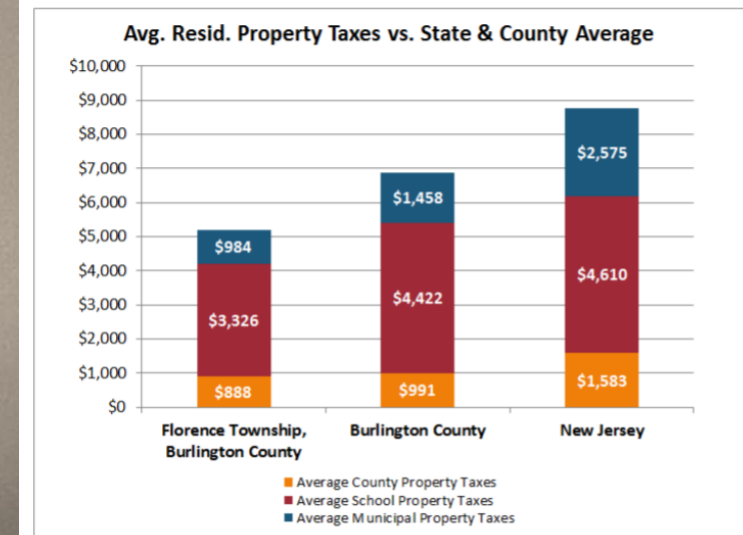
Municipality Code	Municipality	County	Average Residential Property Taxes (pre-deduction/credit)				
			Average Residential Property Value	Average County Taxes	Average School Taxes	Average Municipal Taxes	Average Total Taxes
0336	Washington Township	Burlington	234,119	910	2,528	0	3,438
0328	Pemberton Borough	Burlington	184,828	771	1,718	970	3,460
0329	Pemberton Township	Burlington	164,616	649	1,422	1,670	3,741
0340	Wrightstown Borough	Burlington	152,324	656	2,107	1,468	4,231
0325	New Hanover Township	Burlington	176,673	1,007	3,280	171	4,458
0301	Bass River Township	Burlington	221,587	867	3,497	363	4,726
0323	Mount Holly Township	Burlington	171,299	650	2,860	1,356	4,867
0305	Burlington City	Burlington	138,633	567	2,709	1,919	5,195
0315	Florence Township	Burlington	219,382	888	3,326	984	5,198
0333	Southampton Township	Burlington	192,218	863	3,697	825	5,384
0319	Maple Shade Township	Burlington	158,914	696	3,325	1,400	5,421
0330	Riverside Township	Burlington	151,194	638	3,125	1,707	5,470
0314	Fieldsboro Borough	Burlington	190,665	841	3,573	1,083	5,497
0312	Edgewater Park Township	Burlington	187,799	662	3,240	1,615	5,517
0302	Beverly City	Burlington	125,708	521	3,106	1,925	5,552
0327	Palmyra Borough	Burlington	147,525	631	3,202	1,807	5,640
0337	Westampton Township	Burlington	241,039	999	3,168	1,572	5,740
0339	Woodland Township	Burlington	256,895	969	4,664	200	5,833
0309	Delanco Township	Burlington	189,608	810	3,109	1,997	5,916
0338	Willingboro Township	Burlington	157,038	566	2,809	2,751	6,126
0324	Mount Laurel Township	Burlington	237,560	971	4,325	1,102	6,398
0316	Hainesport Township	Burlington	279,272	1,196	4,448	993	6,637
0326	North Hanover Township	Burlington	315,741	1,259	4,342	1,106	6,706
0306	Burlington Township	Burlington	234,355	964	4,541	1,224	6,729
0311	Eastampton Township	Burlington	221,149	931	3,828	1,998	6,757
0303	Bordentown City	Burlington	201,923	908	3,976	2,111	6,995
0317	Lumberton Township	Burlington	301,181	1,182	4,652	1,252	7,087
0313	Evesham Township	Burlington	270,497	1,122	5,096	1,236	7,454
0335	Tabernacle Township	Burlington	264,225	1,151	5,363	1,115	7,629
0310	Delran Township	Burlington	210,540	939	5,018	1,674	7,631
0308	Cinnaminson Township	Burlington	232,303	1,040	5,160	1,471	7,671
0304	Bordentown Township	Burlington	241,759	1,157	5,145	1,385	7,687
0318	Mansfield Township	Burlington	249,925	1,219	5,371	1,202	7,792
0334	Springfield Township	Burlington	275,410	1,216	5,268	1,718	8,202
0332	Shamong Township	Burlington	308,482	1,301	6,796	353	8,449
0331	Riverton Borough	Burlington	246,868	1,143	5,508	2,109	8,760
0321	Medford Lakes Borough	Burlington	285,533	1,196	6,208	1,847	9,251
0320	Medford Township	Burlington	326,309	1,436	7,355	1,403	10,194
0307	Chesterfield Township	Burlington	390,394	1,613	8,191	1,282	11,087
0322	Moorestown Township	Burlington	452,248	1,764	7,603	1,874	11,241

## Florence Township Taxes 2018

The charts below are from data compiled by the NJ Department of Community Affairs. The charts show the Average Property Taxes paid by residents of Florence Township as compared with other towns in Burlington County and the State of New Jersey. Recent concerns raised on various social media platforms have centered on the amount of taxes paid by Florence Township residents compared to other communities. These charts are intended to illustrate the actual differences in taxes paid as based on an average assessment of \$219,382 in Florence Township.

From the data, you will see that only 8 Municipalities out of all 40 municipalities in Burlington County pay less in taxes than Florence Township Residents.

As is evident, our residents pay much less than most other communities in the County and across the State.



Information contained on these charts can be found on the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs website under "[Property Tax Information](#)". If the link on this page does not work, you can go to the NJDCA homepage and navigate to: Divisions & Offices/Local Government Services/Information Resources/Property Tax Information.



# The following businesses have PILOTS

## ▶ **PILOT Payments for 2019 from the following:**

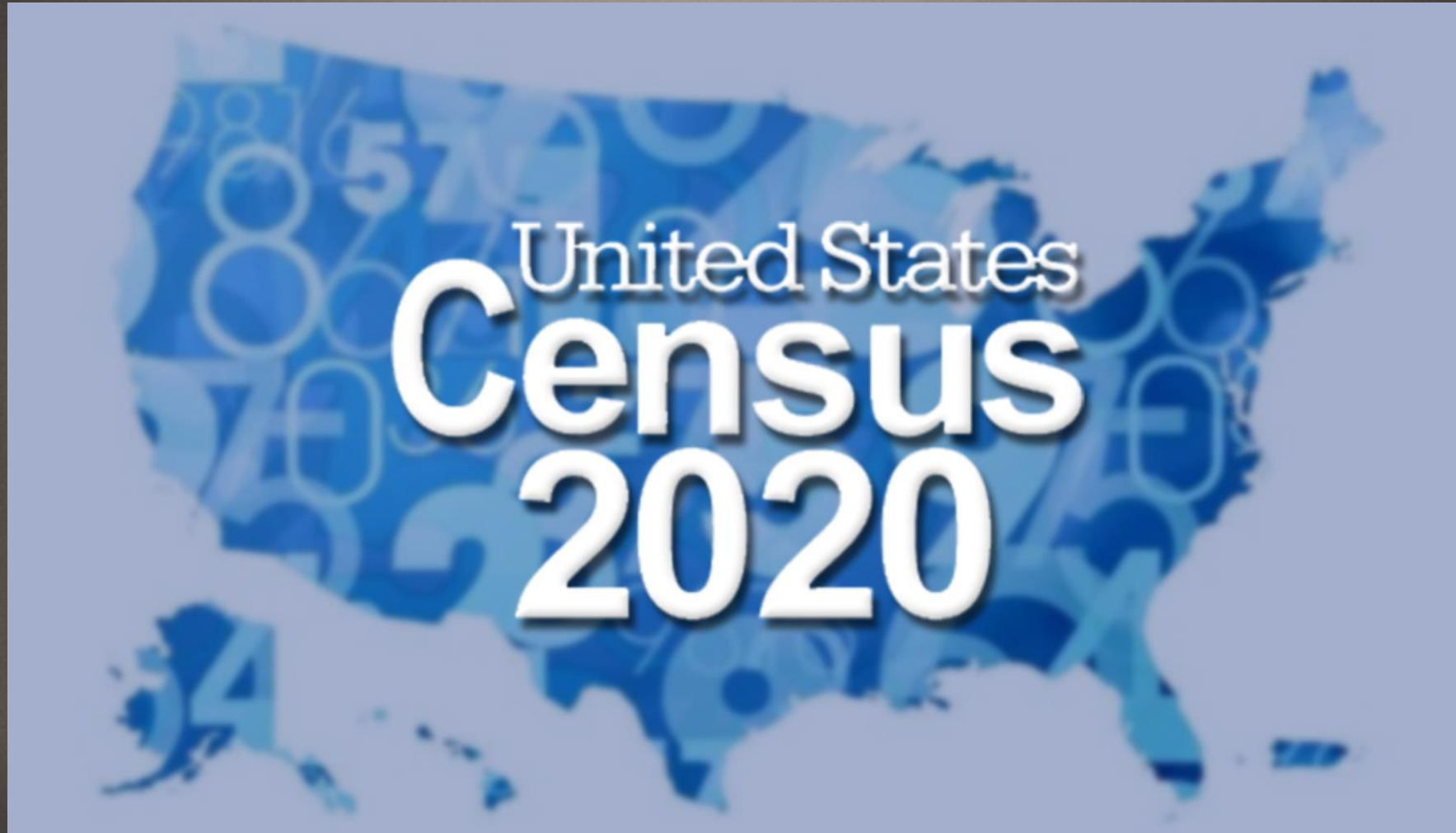
▶ Burlington Coat Factory	\$468,513.63
▶ Subaru – Phase 1 & 2	\$ 366,483.61
▶ Express Scripts	\$127,574.20
▶ Destination Maternity	\$173,489.53
▶ QPSI	\$186,377.28
▶ Amazon	\$ 352,453.63
▶ <u>B&amp;H</u>	<u>\$ 338,334.60</u>

Totaling

**\$2,013,226.46**



# 2020 United States Census Begins





# Did You Know?

- Florence Township has been a TREE CITY – USA Community for 21 years and planted over 1000 new trees in that time period.
- Florence Township is a NJ Clean Communities town and receives a grant each year to hire local college-aged youth to help perform cleanup in our parks, alleys, streets, etc.
- Florence Township actively participates in the Federal Community Development Block Grant program and every two years receives a grant of approximately \$65,000 to help with projects in areas of the community where median household income is low.
- Florence Township is one of the leading communities in Burlington County for recycling. In 2017, our community recycled 34,037 tons of material which resulted in a NJDEP grant award of \$119,553.03. The 2018 tonnage report shows we recycled 32,164 tons of material. NJDEP grant awards are not yet known for the 2018 tonnages.



# FLORENCE TOWNSHIP 2020 PROJECTS

- Fifth Street Rails removed and Path installed
- New Township Master Plan including new zone for Roebling Site
- 2020 U.S. Census
- Continuing to Address Affordable Housing mandates
- Potts Mill Road Improvements to include
  - Repaving
  - Water Main Extension to Rt. 130
  - Comcast Lines to be relocated to one side of roadway and replaced/updated.
  - Sidewalks continue to Route 130 from Creekwood Drive
- Parks, Road and Sidewalk Improvements throughout the community
- Open Space Ballot Question?
- Tall Pines Estates Water and Sewer Mains?
- Zip Code Consolidation for our community?