

April-June 2019



# Borough of Paramus

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(201) 265-2100

## Let's Go Swimming at the Paramus Municipal Pool!



The Paramus Municipal Pool, tucked away off Van Binsberger Boulevard, is among the best municipal pools in the county. Amenities include shaded rest areas, Bocce courts, a sand volleyball court, shuffle board courts, children's playground, and of course, fantastic pools.

Events for the 2019 season include a preteen night, family movie nights, an adult movie

night, Family Day, and an Emergency Service Day for First Responders.

Poolside Café, owned and operated by the Borough, opened its doors in 2018. The extensive menu includes snacks, ice cream, grill selections, healthy salads, and homemade pizza. A kids menu and party packages are available. The café is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and is priced right for family dining.



For a 2019 brochure and menu contact the Paramus Pool Office at 201-265-2100 ext 6140 or online at [www.paramusborough.org](http://www.paramusborough.org).

Veterans and active military personnel receive 50% off pool membership. (DD-214, Current military ID, or Paramus Veterans ID required.)

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## Borough of Paramus Mobile App Now Available

BY TONY LJUBICICH, DIRECTOR  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



### INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOWNLOAD



*Download App for Android*



*Download App for Apple*

1. Open the Google Play app on your mobile device.
  2. Search for Borough of Paramus in the search bar.
  3. Tap on Borough of Paramus and then tap install.
  4. Borough of Paramus mobile app is now ready for you to use.
1. Open the App Store app on your mobile device.
  2. Click on the Search icon on the bottom and search for CivicMobile in the search bar.
  3. Click the download button.
  4. Once the CivicMobile app has finished downloading, open the app.
  5. Use your current location or Paramus Borough NJ into the Search box.
  6. Choose Paramus Borough NJ to open the app.

## GARAGE SALE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED



The Borough Clerk advises that Garage Sale permits are required in the Borough. Application fee for a permit is \$15.

Applications are available on the Borough Website:  
[www.paramusborough.org](http://www.paramusborough.org)

*From the desk of* **Mayor Richard A. LaBarbiera**



The challenges for municipal governments across the State of New Jersey and the nation are daunting. Nevertheless, we face those challenges as a test of our ingenuity, our creativity, and our desire to succeed for our Borough and its residents.

The State Department of Community Affairs monitors municipal governments and encourages innovation and shared services as a method of streamlining local government and reducing costs to the taxpayer. Paramus has been a leader in shared services and serves as a model for contracted services.

Our Department of Public Works (DPW) has partnered with twenty-nine municipalities in various service agreements. The DPW service agreements netted \$1.7 million in additional income. Our contracted services were expanded to include two additional municipal courts, generating a net income of almost \$162,000. The Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) office generates a net income of \$70,000, and the municipal assessor's office generates a net income of \$50,000. Our Police Department provides dispatch and 911 services to nine other municipalities, generating \$41,000. The firing range service contracts include other municipal police departments and agencies, generating \$57,250. In 2018, the total net revenue to the Borough from all of these partnerships was \$2,023,106.80.

The financial outlook for Paramus is strong as its business community continues to reinvent itself. New commercial developments are staying ahead of market trends. Outdated structures are demolished and new, attractive, energy-efficient commercial retail structures are being built. National retail markets continue to find Paramus the hub of prosperity and growth. All of this re-development increases our tax base and helps stabilize our Borough budget.



Services in every aspect of the municipal government

have grown, continue to improve, and excel. The Borough continues to support volunteer services, four fully staffed and equipped volunteer fire houses, Rescue squad, EMT services, Emergency response teams, and our veteran services.

We all love Paramus and all that it has to offer to our residents, visitors, and businesses.





## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: *You Can Make a Difference*

BY GUY PICONE, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CPM, CPWM, CAFM, CRP

Paramus is proactive when it comes to recycling. As a result, the Borough is eligible to receive a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant every year. In 2016, Paramus was the recipient of almost \$131,000 in grant money, qualifying 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bergen County and in the top 20 among 683 towns within New Jersey! Since 2003, Paramus has received over \$1,250,000 in grant money which has been given back to the Borough's recycling program in multiple ways.

Last year Paramus residents recycled:

- Commingled containers:* 1,247.22 tons;
- Paper/cardboard:* 1,835.13 tons;
- Metal:* 216.02 tons;
- Electronics:* 9.31 tons;
- Brush:* 2,784 cy; *Grass:* 6,747 cy; *Leaves:* 29,893 cy;
- Tires:* 14.04 tons;
- Waste oil:* 5,800 gallons

## Paramus Recycling Center

PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED!

### ITEMS ACCEPTED AT RECYCLING CENTER

Cardboard, Clothes (useable/clean), Commingled Materials (bottles, cans, plastic containers), Computers and Electronics, Metal, Newspaper, Oil (used), Tires

There is a surcharge for each tire disposed of at the recycling center to be paid by the resident at time of drop off.

### HOURS

- Monday: 7 am - 3 pm
- Tuesday: 7 am - 3 pm
- Wednesday: 7 am - 6 pm
- Thursday: 7 am - 3 pm
- Friday: 7 am - 3 pm
- Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm
- Closed Sundays and Holidays

# PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU

<p><b>BIKE MORE DRIVE LESS</b></p>	<p><b>reduce REUSE recycle</b></p> <p>Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.</p>	<p><b>choose sustainable</b></p> <p><b>seafood</b></p> <p>Learn how to make smart seafood choices at <a href="http://www.FishWatch.gov">www.FishWatch.gov</a>.</p>	<p><b>PLANT A TREE</b></p> <p>Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.</p>
<p><b>EDUCATE</b></p> <p>When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>CONSERVE WATER</b></p> <p>The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.</p>	<p><b>-SHOP- WISELY</b></p> <p>Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.</p>	<p><b>Don't send chemicals into our waterways.</b></p> <p>Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.</p>
<p><b>Volunteer!</b></p> <p>Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!</p>	<p><b>Long-lasting light bulbs - ARE A - BRIGHT IDEA</b></p> <p>Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!</p>	<p>oceanservice.noaa.gov</p>	

## Paramus Main and Reid Libraries Win .... AGAIN!

SHARON KALMAN, YOUTH SERVICES SUPERVISOR,  
MAIN LIBRARY

Once again the Paramus Main and Reid Libraries were winners in the Second Annual Beanstack Winter Reading Challenge!

The challenge, in support of public libraries and school systems throughout the United States, was issued by billionaire investor and Shark Tank personality Mark Cuban. He challenged over 250 schools and libraries to meet a collective goal of reading at least five million minutes and 75,000 books during the month of January. Cuban pledged to donate \$35,000 to the top-performing libraries and schools—and once again Paramus was one of the top-performing libraries! Throughout the month of January 215 children read a total of 2964 books, nearly 14 books per person!

## Paramus' Charles E. Reid Library Wins Best Library!



## Music and Food Trucks...

### Cops and Librarians

*Join the Jumpin' Dragons on Sunday, June 9 at 5 pm to fill the Paramus' Friendly Neighbors Food Pantry.*

*Bring non-perishable food items for donation.*



at the Raymond R Wells Paramus Rotary Bandshell

(behind the Paramus Public Library, 116 E. Century Rd)

In partnership: Paramus Police Department, Paramus Public Library, Paramus Cultural Arts Council and Friends of the Paramus Public Library.



## Ash Tree Removal Underway

BY KEN RASCHEN, SUPERINTENDENT & JAY SEXTON, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, SHADE TREE AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Shade Tree and Parks Department, with the assistance of private contractors, has started the removal of ash trees infested with or damaged by the Emerald Ash Borer. A Borough wide street tree survey was completed in 2017 and identified all of the ash trees to be treated or removed. During the spring and summer of 2018 a tree contractor treated 534 of 1,554 ash trees identified as worth saving. Another 1,378 ash trees will have to be removed. (It should be noted that not all of those trees are currently dead. They are either in a state of decline or are not worth saving, based upon the survey.) Trees are prioritized for removal and are removed accordingly.



In the fall of 2018, 30 large ash trees on several streets in the Borough were removed. Shade Tree crews have removed an additional 129 ash trees and will continue to remove these trees and other species that have died over the past year. There are 150 additional ash and other trees scheduled for removal.

Once the Shade Tree crews have removed and ground the stumps they will replant 279 trees. Exact locations of the new plantings may change based upon each location's specific conditions. Utility friendly trees will be planted to replace those that were removed adjacent to utility lines

and spaced according to the growth habit of those trees. (Utility friendly species do not grow as tall as traditional street tree species).

## Shade Tree and Parks Annual Mulch Give Away

Paramus mulch will be available starting approximately April 22 and running through May 24 at Petruska Park's north parking lot and adjacent to the recycling center (next to the James J. Tedesco III Life Safety Complex). Paramus mulch is available while supplies last and is for Paramus residents only.

**For further information, contact the Shade Tree and Parks Commission office at 201-265-2100 ex. 4120 or e-mail us at [shadetree@paramusborough.org](mailto:shadetree@paramusborough.org) .**

# Lichens, Moss and Algae: The Green Stuff on Our Trees

BY J. A. SEXTON III, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, SHADE TREE AND PARKS DEPARTMENT



Lichens, moss, and algae often form green, blue-green, or gray powdery or mossy crusty growths on the stems, branches, and trunks of trees and shrubs. A misconception is that these growths are harming the tree or are signs of a disease that is affecting the tree. Fortunately lichens, moss, and algae will not harm the tree. People are divided on their appearance — some like the look, others don't. Regardless, they all work together to improve the environment. Another misconception is that they only grow on the northerly side of the tree and this can help you navigate in the woods. Not

the best advice, unless you can identify all the species, their varieties, and their individual growing requirements in the area you are in, otherwise you will end up walking in circles! Different species of lichens, moss, and algae will grow on any area of the tree as long as that area supports the light, water, and nutrients required for their growth and survival.



There are at least 13,000 species of lichens living in the world. Unlike trees and shrubs, lichens do not have leaves, stems, roots, or a waxy outer surface to control body water content. Lichens grow during periods when dew, mist, and rainwater are present. A summer dry period can cause them to become dormant until the next rainfall. Tiny mineral particles that are carried by the wind during wet conditions are dissolved and absorbed by the lichen. The presence of lichens on trees should be welcomed as a positive indicator of lower levels of air pollution and a reasonably good quality of atmospheric conditions in the neighborhood. Most lichens are very sensitive to air pollution, and like canaries in coal mines serve as indicators of air quality.

# Paramus Farmers Market



Opens Wednesday, May 29  
2 pm—7 pm

Open every Wednesday through October  
Rain or Shine

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|--|-------------------------------|
| Angry Archie's Lobster Roll Truck        | Homespun Chili                |
| Anthini's Greek Specialties              | Humor Me Farm                 |
| B&G Catering ("Who Cut the Cheese" Lady) | J&J Italian Ice               |
| Bang Cookie                              | Joe's Craft Pies              |
| Cactus Pete's Beef Jerky and Bar Pies    | Kariba Farms                  |
| Deliciously Alicia                       | Krakus Polish Specialties     |
| Elias Creation                           | Love Succs                    |
| Empanada Mania                           | Orlando's Bakery              |
| Greenwood Lake Coffee Roasters           | Paolo's Italian Kitchen       |
| Hensler Farm                             | Pickle Licious                |
|  | Smart Soap and Candle Company |
|  | Spoon Me Soups                |
|  | Woops! Macarons               |

## 2019 4th of July 'Small Town, Big Hearts... This is ParamUS'

### Paramus Community Orchestra

Tuesday, July 2, 7:30pm  
Raymond R. Wells Paramus Rotary Band Shell  
116 East Century Rd, behind Paramus Public Library  
**Raindate:** Thursday, July 11  
Sponsored by the Paramus Public Library, Friends of the Paramus Public Library, and Paramus Rotary

### Independence Day Parade

Thursday July 4, 9:00am  
Parade starts at Farview Ave and Century Road. Ends at Memorial School on E Midland Ave.  
Sponsored by Columbia Bank

### Frank "Dutch" Cleenput Annual July 4th Softball Game

Saturday, July 6, 6:00pm  
Firefighters vs. Police Officers  
Cliff Gennarelli Sports-plex

### Fireworks!

Sunday, July 7, Gates Open to the Public at 6:00pm  
Cliff Gennarelli Sports-plex  
Sponsored by Westfield Garden State Plaza



### MUSEUM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Paramus Fritz Behnke Historical Museum is seeking volunteers to serve as a museum guides or docents on occasional Sundays from 1 pm until 5 pm. The volunteers should have knowledge of Paramus; however, additional training is provided about the history of the Borough.

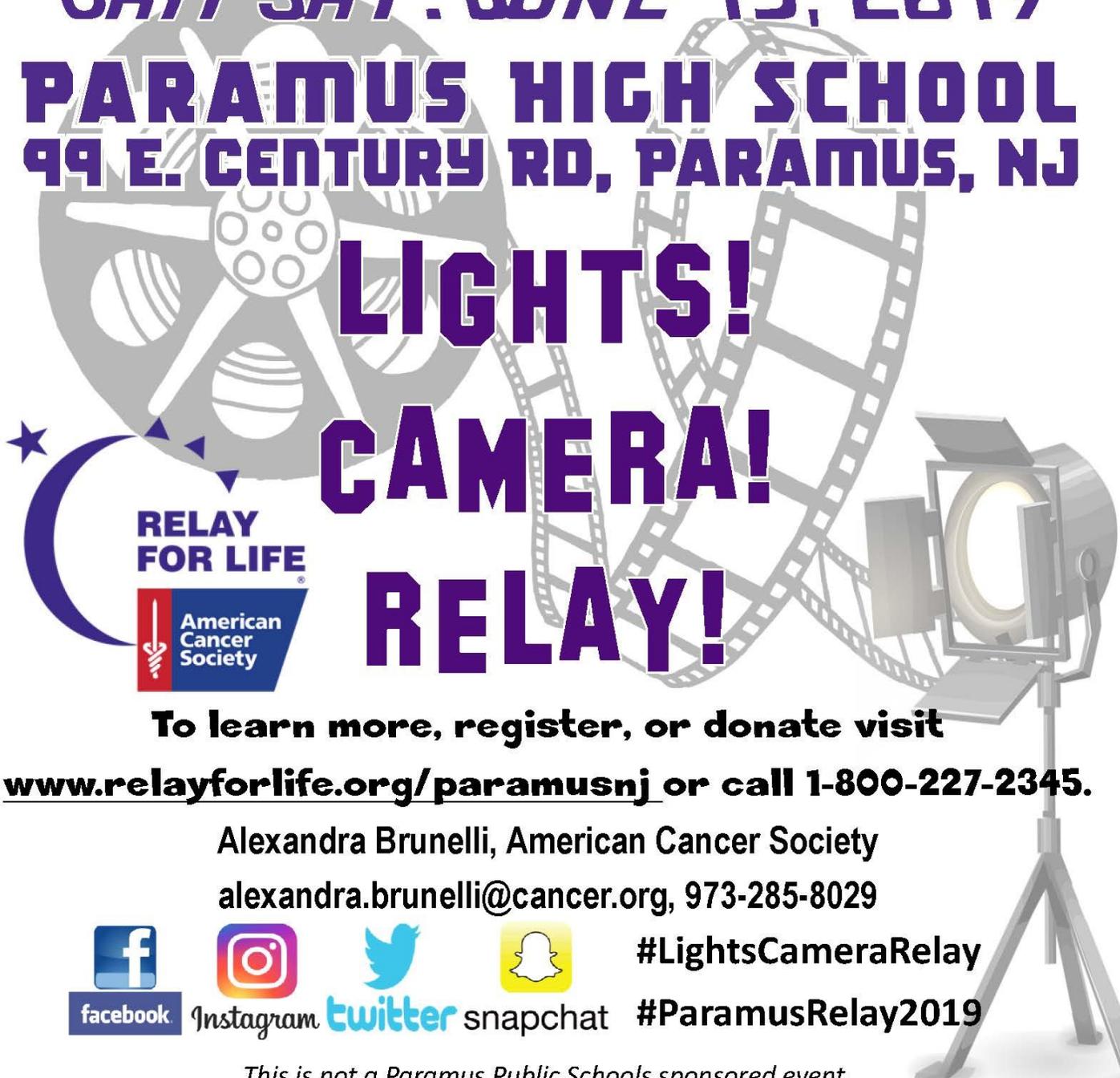
Volunteers will find this a great opportunity to meet museum visitors as they explain the unique features of the museum. Please call 201-445-1804 to learn more about becoming a docent.

# RELAY FOR LIFE OF PARAMUS

6PM FRI. JUNE 14 -  
6AM SAT. JUNE 15, 2019

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Alexandra Brunelli, American Cancer Society  
alexandra.brunelli@cancer.org, 973-285-8029



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*This is not a Paramus Public Schools sponsored event.*

## Understanding Stormwater: Information Everyone Should Know

Stormwater is water from rain, snow, and sleet that flows across land surfaces, making its way into the storm drains that run directly into nearby waterways. This runoff water is not treated and may contain debris, chemicals, dirt, oil, and other pollutants. Everything stormwater collects from land surfaces, roadways, sidewalks, parking lots, construction sites, and business parks flows into street gutters, storm drains, canals, and drainage ways. It is estimated that more than 1/2 of the pollution in our nation's waterways comes from stormwater runoff.



Pollution collected by the runoff is carried into local streams, brooks, and rivers causing trouble for marine life, plant life, wildlife, and people. Because these pollutants can come directly back to us through the water cycle (evaporation, transpiration, collection, precipitation) it is important for all of us to protect overall water quality.

Street sweeping is provided on a regular basis by the Public Works Department to insure the reduction or elimination of dirt and leaves that enter the drainage system. Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off through lawn irrigation and rain, draining into the street and flowing into the storm drains. Yard clippings can also get washed into storm drains. This can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life.

### What you can do...

- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into storm drains and eventually into local water bodies.
- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground. Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants to the storm drain system. Repair auto leaks and dispose of used car oil and batteries through the borough's recycling center.
- Practice healthy household habits. Keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater drains.

Sharing these habits with neighbors, family, and friends protects our lakes, streams, rivers, and oceans!



## Paramus Veterans Affairs Office



The Paramus Office of Veterans Affairs was established in 2015. The Veterans Affairs officer is responsible for providing vital information, referral, and assistance with documents for our resident veterans. The VA administration provides healthcare services, benefit programs, and access to national cemeteries to former military personnel and their dependents. Unfortunately, the task of finding, retrieving, and completing required documents is daunting.

Sam Casiello, Paramus Service Officer, works tirelessly on behalf of our veterans and assists with

documents for the numerous VA programs.

On the homefront, Sam coordinates Veterans and Memorial Day events and the Veterans Memorial Brick Paver Project. The bricks are installed at the Memorial School Veterans Monument walk.



In Honor of our Paramus residents serving in the armed forces, the entrance to Borough Hall was renovated a number of years ago and dedicated by the Mayor and Council as a “Veterans Hall of Honor.” Within the Hall is the Blue Star Banner wall, dedicated to our Paramus Veterans. We display Blue Star Banners in recognition of our residents serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Upon their return home, we welcome back our veterans and thank them for their service and sacrifice to our community and country.

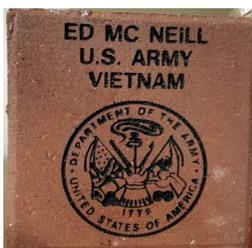
### PARAMUS VETERANS MEMORIAL BRICK PAVER PROJECT REMEMBER SIX FALLEN VIETNAM VETERANS

PURCHASE A BRICK TO HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE A VETERAN

OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, 201-265-2100 EX 6110

SERVICEOFFICER@PARAMUSBOROUGH.ORG

[HTTPS://WWW.PARAMUSBOROUGH.ORG/DOCUMENTCENTER/VIEW/146](https://www.paramusborough.org/documentcenter/view/146)



## Spring/Summer Projects That Need Permits!

Spring has officially sprung! Summer is right around the corner...which means most homeowners are interested in sprucing up their properties from the cold, dreary winter. Most property owners are unaware that permits are required for most projects that contain some type of construction.

For example, the following projects require a permit prior to being erected or installed:

- A 10' x 10' shed is required to be placed back 5 feet from each property line (side and rear lines).
- A deck and/or patio must be 20 feet from the rear yard line.
- A fence can go right along the property line but must be placed with the finished/good side of the fence toward your neighbor and can be 6'6" in height behind the front yard setback line. Within the required front yard setback a fence can be 3 feet in height for solid or 3'6" in height for a see-thru fence. (A see-thru fence is chain-link or post and rail type fencing.)
- After the winter months you may want to install a new driveway or walkway. A driveway requires a **Site Work Permit** and site survey with the driveway and curb-cut proposal drawn to scale. Here are the requirements for a driveway and walkways:

**DRIVEWAYS:** A driveway curb-cut for any sized garage can be 20 feet wide, measured at the top of the curbing. A driveway must be a minimum of 2 feet from any property line and cannot pave towards the front door. It must be 5 feet from any Borough tree and to the nearest edge of a street basin.

**K-TURN:** Driveway cannot exceed 10 feet wide x 12 feet long.

**CIRCULAR:** Driveway may not exceed 12 feet in width. The minimum distance between the two inside curb cuts must be 50 feet. K-turn and circular driveways are only permitted on specific streets in town (A list of streets can be found online on the Borough of Paramus Website [www.paramusborough.org](http://www.paramusborough.org).)

**WALKWAYS:** A walkway can only be 4 feet in width and can encroach into any setback.

- **POOLS:** An in-ground or above-ground pool must be erected 10 feet from the rear and side yard setbacks, and must be at least 5 feet from any structure (house, shed, or garage). Fences for an in-ground pool must be a minimum of 4 feet high with self-closing and latching gates that swing outward away from the pool, with the finished/good-side of the fence facing toward your neighbor.

An above-ground pool can act as the barrier as long as it is a minimum of 48 inches above finished grade.

The ladder to gain access to the pool must be protected by a 48-inch-high barrier with a self-closing and latching gate, which must swing outward away from the pool.

A walkway around an in-ground pool can encroach into any setback if it is only 4 feet wide. Anything larger than 4 feet wide is considered to be a patio area, and must comply with all patio setbacks (see patio requirements).

More detailed information can be found on the Borough of Paramus website at [www.paramusborough.org](http://www.paramusborough.org) or contact the Paramus Building Department for a permit application (201) 265-2100 ext: 2230/Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

# Joseph Cipolla Paramus Senior Activity Center

BY ANNE SCHNEIDER, DIRECTOR (ASCHNEIDER@PARAMUSBOROUGH.ORG)



Seniors are very excited for the expansion of the Senior Center, with the anticipated completion by Fall 2019. The expansion will add more classroom space to accommodate the new programs and increased membership.

Presently, the activities available at the center are: yoga, chair yoga, zumba, line dancing, meditation, mahjong, bocce, art, canasta, billiards, social clubs, and trips. Becoming a member of the senior center keeps you informed of all the events and activities. The days and times of activities are found in our monthly newsletter, which is mailed to registered senior citizens. The newsletter can also be found on the Borough website, [www.paramusborough.org](http://www.paramusborough.org).

Resident senior citizens are encouraged to visit the center and become active members.



Call the center for a newsletter or calendar of events. Or, come in and try a class, play games, and socialize.

Register for all classes at the center's office.

Members must be Paramus residents, 62 years of age or older.

**Contact Information: 201-265-2100 ext. 6120**

## Recreation Spring Programs

BY MEGAN SCHAFFER & STEPHANIE GARINO, ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTORS

Paramus Recreation will be offering six sports programs, six community room programs, and three adult programs for Spring 2019. New additions for this season include Intro to Sports and Adult Yoga.

### “PIANOS IN THE PARK”



Paramus Public School District is partnering with Mayor La Barbiera and the Borough Council on a project called “Pianos in the Park.” During the summer of 2019, four donated pianos will be placed in parks and public spaces for everyone to view, play, and enjoy. Students from the Paramus Public School District will have an opportunity to study artists such as Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Judy Chicago, and Jeff Koons, all known for their public art installations. Students will then decide on a theme for their art installation and will submit the sketch for approval. Once the sketches

are approved, students will paint the pianos in their art rooms prior to placing them in the park. Students are thrilled to be able to participate in a project where their artwork will be on display for all to see.

The vision for the program is to build community engagement in local parks, to provide students an opportunity to learn about and create public art installations, and to encourage everyone to become musicians and enjoy playing a musical instrument. Having music in the air in Paramus’ parks will be a welcome addition to the already well-used spaces.

### SENIOR CITIZENS’ SPRING FLING

Our Annual Senior Citizens’ Spring Fling will take place Thursday, May 30, 11:00 am-3:00 pm at Petruska Park. The rain date will be Thursday, June 6. The nonrefundable fee for this event is \$5 per person. Tickets will be available at Petruska Park starting Monday, May 13. Proof of residency is required. It is recommended that those who attend bring their own lawn chairs.



# CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

## DETECTIVE DIVISION L.E.A.D. UNIT



The Paramus Police Department provides a 12-week curriculum titled “Too Good For Drugs” to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at East Brook and West Brook Middle Schools. 276 students are enrolled in the program for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Five specially trained L.E.A.D. officers make up the L.E.A.D. Unit.

L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) is a collaborative program in which local law enforcement and local schools join together to educate students about the personal and social consequences of substance abuse and violence.

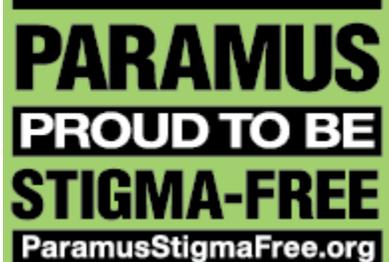
The Paramus Police L.E.A.D. Unit has included family themed trips to local attractions to reinforce the positive alternatives theme that is discussed in class. Positive alternatives remind the students to fill their free time with entertainment, sports and interactive activities. The L.E.A.D. Unit arranges and chaperones trips to Bounce U, Paramus Mini Golf, New Jersey Jackals, New Jersey Devils and Medieval Times and the Ramsey Movie Theater. The students are encouraged to attend these trips with their families so that they see officers and parents working together to provide good choices.

The L.E.A.D. Unit also has begun providing drug awareness initiatives in the High School with such programs as #notevenonce (an opiate awareness program), AIR (Alumni In Recovery) and Hidden In Plain Sight for parents. The Paramus Police Department L.E.A.D. officers also participate in school initiated community events such as the annual Harlem Wizards’ benefit basketball game for the Paramus Children’s Health Network and Chief For A Day.



### Mission:

L.E.A.D. in collaboration with law enforcement, schools, parents and community will provide premier leadership, guidance direction and program materials to L.E.A.D. Officers, parents and educators in delivering a comprehensive drug and violence prevention curriculum and supportive programs to the States youth and communities.



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## PARAMUS RESIDENT

### Reminders from the Office of the Borough Clerk

BY ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS, BOROUGH CLERK (AKRUSZNIS@PARAMUSBOROUGH.ORG)



With the 2019 General Election Tuesday, **November 6**, now is the perfect time to register to vote. To vote you must be a United States citizen and a resident of the county for 30 days prior to the election. You must be at least 17 years old to register, but you must be 18 to vote. Polls will be open from 6 am to 8 pm.

**The deadline for registering to vote is 21 days before the election.** The Borough Clerk's office will be open until **9 pm** for registration on **Tuesday, October 16**.



To obtain or renew a U.S. Passport, an agent is available by appointment in the Borough Clerk's office.

For an appointment, please call 201-265-2100.

Businesses, landscapers, and garage sales are required to obtain a permit or license.

Permits and licenses are obtained through the Borough Clerk's office.

For additional information, please call 201-265-2100.

