

## NEWS IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Oakland Park Tennis Court Lights

The borough will be receiving \$25,000 through a Special Purposes Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to obtain tennis court lights for the Oakland Park Courts.

### Synthetic Field at Myrtle Park

The Myrtle Park soccer field and baseball field are currently undergoing improvements to upgrade the fields to synthetic turf. The project is scheduled for completion on June 1st and will be ready for play immediately following.

### Central Avenue Improvements

The borough is scheduled to begin work on the New Jersey Department of Transportation Centers of Place project to provide traffic calming and intersection improvements to the Central Avenue corridor.

### AM Radio

The borough's new Emergency Alert AM Radio station is broadcasting official community announcements, public safety and emergency information. The station will also automatically rebroadcast weather warnings and alerts from the National Weather Service and Emergency Alerts from state and federal authorities. Our police chief, fire chief and other key local officials have instant access to the station to inform and advise residents in the event of an

emergency. The station license limits us to operate a low power transmitter with an effective broadcast range of three to five miles. For technical reasons, the transmitter and antenna have been installed near the recycling center on Jersey Avenue. Any AM radio in the borough should be capable of receiving our signal, but car radios will be less subject to interference than radios in homes and businesses. We will be on the air 24 hours a day seven days a week. Our call sign is WQDA-238 and we are broadcasting on 1580 AM. Please make a note of our frequency and preset the tuner in your car and home radio. Then stay tuned for up to date borough information.



## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Free Rabies Clinic 2006

Metuchen will be conducting a Free Rabies Clinic on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at Metuchen High School, 400 Grove Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Dogs and cats that received a 3 year shot in 2003 or a one year shot in 2005 are eligible for re-vaccination in 2006.

Licenses are required for dogs and cats and can be paid for at the Clinic. Due to the computer program, licenses and tags will be mailed the following week. Only checks will be accepted at the Clinic for licenses. If residents prefer, they can bring the rabies certificate they receive at the Clinic to the Health Department Office in Borough Hall the following week and pay for their license(s) in person. If your pet has a 2006 license, please bring it with you to the Clinic. Proof of neutering or

spaying is required if applicable.

## PLEASE LEASH OR CONTAINERIZE ALL ANIMALS

If you have any questions, please call 732-632-8503.

Thank you.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is important that people think about fire safety all year long and not just during Fire Prevention Week. At times, we all need little reminders of both good and bad practices when it comes to protecting our homes and business from fires. The following are just a few of those reminders.

1. Install and maintain smoke detectors.
2. Keep a fire extinguisher within 10 feet of your kitchen.
3. Never leave your home or go to sleep with candles burning.
4. Be very cautious of where you place candles so they cannot ignite nearby curtains, papers or furnishings.
5. Never use or store gasoline near a water heater, space heater or other sources of heat or ignition.
6. Come up with and practice a home evacuation plan.
7. Do not delay call **9-1-1** in an emergency.

These are just a few quick reminders of things to think about. You can also go to the US Fire Administrations web site at:

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/safety> for more information on Home Fire Safety and how to plan for emergencies. When it comes to fire safety, a little information can go a long way!  
Thanks,  
Robert B. Donnan, Fire Chief.