

DEPARTMENT NEWS:



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The 2006 Dog and Cat Licenses will be available at Borough Hall on or about January 5th and must be purchased before February 28th. Licenses can be renewed by mail by filling out the application that will be included with the recycling schedule in December or can be purchased daily from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday at Borough Hall. If licenses are purchased after February 28th, a \$5.00 late fee will be charged. If you need an application form to register your pet(s), please notify the Health Department.

Because of a current rabies epidemic, the state of New Jersey recommends that all animals be inoculated every two years for rabies. Thus, they have changed the law regarding the issuing of pet licenses.

2006 licenses can be issued for any pet who's rabies vacation expires after November 30, 2006. IF your pet's shot expires before November 30, 2006, the pet has to be re-vaccinated before a license can be reissued. Please check with your veterinarian to be sure it is safe to vaccinate.

A free Rabies Clinic will be held in May. Please call for the date.

Also, please contact the Metuchen Health Department if you no longer own a registered dog or cat for whatever reason.

If you have questions regarding licensing please call the Health Department at 732-632-8503.

Please remember, no license renewal will be accepted before January 5th. Thank you.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Week is October 9th to the 15th, this year's theme is: "Use Candles With Care"

Fire Department Open House: Friday, October 14th, - 7:30 pm - 9 pm

The Metuchen Fire Department has invited the Middlesex County Fire Academy to bring it's Fire Safety Trailer to the Metuchen Country Fair, to be held Saturday, October 1st. Stop by and see their informative program that demonstrates how quickly common household objects burn and how effectively sprinklers can extinguish them. It's a great learning experience for children of all ages.

Fire Safety Thoughts to Consider

In the event of a fire, time is your biggest enemy. Every second counts. Escape first, then call for help. Plan & practice an escape route with a designated gathering point for family members.

Take fire alarms seriously! Don't assume it's a false alarm. Never wait to see or smell smoke & flame--Just Get Out! Make sure everyone knows there is an alarm and that they also evacuate. Once you're out, don't go back in.

Lastly, make sure you have smoke detectors installed and that you change the batteries annually. Also be sure to install carbon monoxide detectors in the home if you haven't already.



MUNICIPAL POOL

Metuchen Municipal Pool, with the very hot summer, had a very good year. Several very successful Family Fun Days were held along with Teen and Pre-teen dances. Membership applications for the 2006 season, will be in with your December recycling schedules Mark your calendars to send in your application by March 15 and save.

The Pool will open for weekends starting Memorial Day weekend. Regular pool hours are 12 noon to 8 pm everyday except Saturdays and Holidays when the Pool opens at 10 am. Special Kiddie Pool Hours for parents and children under five (5) are available in July and August (opening at 10 am). The Pool is THE place to be in Metuchen during the Summer. If you have any questions regarding the Pool please call the Pool Office at 732-632-8517.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Note from the Chief of Police: In July of 2005 there was incident involving a man being held captive in his residence. I wish to put the public at rest as this incident was found to not be a

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