

# METUCHEN MESSENGER

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Dear Metuchen Resident,

The year 2010 was a year which presented the Borough of Metuchen with many extraordinary challenges and some exceptional opportunities.

The Borough and the Metuchen Board of Education suffered a significant reduction and elimination in state aide, a reduction in revenues, a reduced contribution from the Parking Authority, an increase in tax appeals, and a reduction in tax collection. **YET** unlike many surrounding communities suffering cuts in police, fire, public works, and emergency medical services or forced to furlough employees we have been able to sustain all vital services here in Metuchen.

This year the two percent Cap which has been imposed on us will find us wrestling with very difficult decisions to maintain vital services.

I am making eight recommendations to see us through this difficult year.

**First**, we must re-evaluate fees and fines to cover costs and increase revenues, and we must encourage the development of community based tax exempt corporations which can raise funds and support valuable programs to our Metuchen Community. The formation of non profit corporations has had a history in Metuchen; The Friends of the Metuchen Library, Metuchen Seniors Inc., and Metuchen Youth and Development are just a few organizations which raise funds and supplement their important programs. Metuchen Seniors Inc has raised and contributed over \$120,000 to improvements and programs at the Metuchen Senior Center.

**Secondly**, we must support prudent development which will keep Metuchen competitive with surrounding communities in attracting and supporting businesses, strengthening our tax base to help keep Metuchen viable. Last year saw the transformation of a dilapidated unused warehouse into a vital recreational facility, removing an eye sore, creating a tax ratable, creating jobs, and creating the start of a connecting road from Durham Ave to Middlesex Ave. Last year also saw approval and the redevelopment of an abandoned car dealership into a soon to open retail business and restaurant on Central Ave. Both of these projects will add to our tax base and improve the quality of life in our Borough. This year I expect the Development Commission to work with our planner Jim Constantine and finalize its study and to report to the council with recommendations on zoning changes for height and residential development in the downtown area. These anticipated changes will further support our Main St. and entire Business District. I want to put into motion an idea proposed by Councilwoman Rasmussen during the fall election to host a summit including the Chamber of Commerce, landlords, perspective business owners, present business owners and all interested residents to develop a plan to improve Metuchen's Business District and to help it to remain competitive. I am asking the Development Commission to oversee this summit.

**Thirdly**, we must pass a fire prevention ordinance which will provide inspections of rental properties, protect property values of all Metuchen home owners, and

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### MAYOR:

Thomas Vahalla

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Peter Cammarano

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Stanley Lease  
Jay Muldoon  
James Wallace  
Dorothy Rasmussen  
Sheri-Rose Rubin

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provide safety for tenants. Recently, a tenant and his family had to be evacuated from their apartment because a carbon monoxide detector went off during the night. Our Fire Department responded in its normal professional manner. After ventilating the apartment, the furnace, hot water heater and stove had to be shut off. Repairs were made in the next few days by the landlord. Unfortunately, a week and a half later the same incident occurred. It was later discovered that the apartment was unregistered and that fortunately the tenant himself had installed the carbon monoxide detector that alerted him of the ensuing danger. The tenants' action protected his family and prevented a potential disaster. We can not allow these problems to continue without addressing the problems that unregistered and uninspected rental properties create.

**Fourth**, we must fight the calls from Trenton to consolidate with surrounding communities. Consolidation does not necessarily mean a savings in tax dollars or an improvement in services. We must be prudent and frugal with your tax dollars and look for ways to do more with less. We must explore shared services where efficiencies can be achieved or services be improved. Recently, Borough Administrator Bill Boerth, Council President Pete Cammarano and I met with the Metuchen EMS, and with JFK Hospital to explore maintaining and improving vital emergency medical service, bolstering our EMS and reducing costs. Further meetings are being planned. We must continue and expand locally shared services. This sharing of equipment and service saves money and provides better services to Metuchen residents. Last year the Department of Public Works saved tax payer dollars by removing and trimming trees at Metuchen High School. The DPW also provided a street sweeper to clean parking lots and allowed the Parking Authority to avoid the purchase of a new sweeper.

**Fifth**, we must support the Parking Authority as they seek proposals for the revitalization of the Pearl Street Parking Lot. Last year, we passed an ordinance to allow for the development of the Pearl St. Parking lot. This year we must move forward on its development and construction of a parking structure to support not only commuters but also our Main St. and business district. This development will create a more prudent use of the land asset in the center of Metuchen and provide an area for a town center green.

**Sixth**, we must apply for and lobby for grants which will extend your tax dollars and maintain and improve services in our Borough. Grants received last year and in years past have paved University Avenue, paved and provided traffic calming to Orchard Avenue improved the intersection at Main Street and Middlesex Avenue with left hand turn arrows and are being used to renovate Charles Field providing a turf field and new lights.

**Seventh**, we must continue to support our volunteer services. We must applaud their service, and encourage new volunteers. We must also continue to support our employees and recognize them especially when they go above and beyond the call of duty such as our Department of Public Works in battling the last snow storm. The entire department should be applauded for their effort under difficult circumstances. We must applaud our police officers, like Rich Westover for performing his duties in an exemplary manner. As Mayor it is always exciting when you receive a letter from a member of the public complimenting an officer's professionalism and manner when they have responded to an accident. I also want to acknowledge our entire department for their baseball card collection program now being recognized by the League of Municipalities and will have a featured article in the February League Magazine. We must continue to acknowledge and applaud our volunteer Fire Department as it responded in force on Christmas Eve to save a burning house on Woodbridge Ave.

**Lastly**, we must improve communication; I am recommending that we institute a reverse 911 system for immediate communication with our residents, and I seek improvement to our web and notification systems through the use of Twitter and Facebook as current information sources. Our Cable and Technology Committee is presently reviewing the upgrade of our web site.

This year we will face many challenges, but I am confident that through keeping a open dialogue, and working together, we can find solutions to the challenges ahead. No one has all the answers but together we can weather the challenges ahead and move Metuchen forward. Remember we are all in this together. I ask for your continued support and your prayers as we work together, in these challenging times.

Thank you. God Bless you and may God bless the Borough of Metuchen.

Sincerely, Thomas Vahalla

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION



### Middlesex Greenway

After many years of advocacy, planning and other hard work by numerous interested people, construction of the Middlesex County Greenway has finally begun! The Middlesex Greenway will be a 3.6 mile long paved multi-use recreational trail for walking, running and biking. It is being built on the right-of-way of the former Lehigh Valley Railroad. When complete, the Greenway will extend in a continuous route from its western end at Middlesex Avenue in Metuchen (across from the old Cryan's site and the new Skylands Bank), through the Clara Barton neighborhood of Edison, to its eastern end at Crows Mill Road in Woodbridge. The trail will cross over Route 1 on the new pedestrian bridge near Pierson Avenue, behind Tano Mall.

Work began in late November at the Metuchen end of the Greenway. The first phase of work involves clearing the route of weeds and debris, digging out drainage ditches, installing new drainage pipes and gravel, and installing geotextile fabric covered by a crushed stone surface. The improved drainage will create a non-muddy route, free of weeds and large pools of water. A ten-foot-wide asphalt path will be paved along the entire length. Numerous entrances will be constructed throughout the three towns. Middlesex County hired Flanagan's Contracting Group, Inc. of Hillsborough, N.J. to construct the project and CME Associates in Parlin, N.J. to provide construction engineering services. The contract for this project anticipates that it will be completed within two years.

In the meantime, the Borough of Metuchen, its Planner and Environmental Commission have prepared a plan to extend the

Middlesex County Greenway across Middlesex Avenue west to the border with Edison, behind St. Joseph's High School. That plan was prepared under a grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions along with funds from the Borough and developers of two adjacent former commercial sites. The Environmental Commission has presented that extension plan at its booth at the Metuchen Country Fair as it has developed over the past two years. The Greenway extension will facilitate access to the Dismal Swamp, a natural area that is the headwaters of the Bound Brook. The extension will offer opportunities for quick local access to nature and to enhance the wooded wetlands and streams that remain largely hidden from public view to the north and west of the old railroad right-of-way. [www.metuchennj.org](http://www.metuchennj.org) to view Greenway Extension Plan.

Interested people who have helped advance this project include the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation, the Borough of Metuchen and its Environmental Commission, the Middlesex Greenway Coalition and the Edison Wetlands Association. In addition, the office of Senator Lautenberg has expressed interest in facilitating transfer of an easement to the unused rail bed from Conrail to Middlesex County.

For additional information or questions regarding the Greenway, please contact Ralph Albanir, Director of Parks and Recreation (732-745-3995), the Middlesex County Office of the County Engineer, or David Coats at CME Associates (732-727-8000). The Metuchen Environmental Commission [metuchenenvironmentalcommission@verizon.net](mailto:metuchenenvironmentalcommission@verizon.net) will work with the Borough, the Metuchen Recreation Commission and other interested parties and public officials to organize an Earth Day event to showcase the early work on the

Greenway and to hear from the public about the Greenway extension.

## 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 businesses from fires. The following are just a few of those reminders.

- Install and maintain Smoke Detectors.
- Install and maintain a Carbon Monoxide Detector.
- Keep a **Fire Extinguisher** within 10 feet of your kitchen.
- Never leave your home or go to sleep with candles burning.
- Be very cautious of where you place candles so they cannot ignite nearby curtains, papers or furnishings.
- Never use or store gasoline near a water heater, space heater or other sources of heat or ignition.
- Come up with and practice a home evacuation plan.
- Do not delay - call **9-1-1** in an emergency.

**Important!** - In winter months, please make sure that **Fire Hydrants** near your home are cleared of snow and ready for use in case they are needed.

These are just a few quick reminders of things to think about. You can also go to the U.S. Fire Administrations web site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/safety/> for more information on Home Fire Safety and how to plan for emergencies. For more information on the Metuchen Fire Department you can visit us at [www.MetuchenFD.com](http://www.MetuchenFD.com). When it comes to fire safety, a little information can go a long way!

Thanks, Robert Donnan, Fire Chief

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT



### Free Rabies Clinic 2011

Metuchen will be conducting a Free Rabies Clinic on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Metuchen High School, 400 Grove Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Dogs and Cats that received a 3 year shot in 2008 or a one year shot in 2010 are eligible for re-vaccination in 2011.

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 2010 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

## LIBRARY



### National Library Week 2011

will be celebrated from April 10th-16th with a special program on Sunday, April 10th. Come and "Meet the Author" Mel Glenn whose numerous, award winning novels are written in poetry form. The program begins at 2 p.m. and is funded by the Friends of the Metuchen Library and the Metuchen Public Library Board of Trustees Endowment Fund.

Also, make sure that everyone in your family over the age of five

has a library card. Register at the front desk, select a PIN, and give us your email address; then use your card to borrow items here or from any other public libraries in the northern half of New Jersey. When you have a question you may access a variety of electronic databases, including our favorite catalog, from [www.metuchennj.org](http://www.metuchennj.org) or call the Library at 732-632-8526 during business hours and our librarians will provide assistance.

### Exhibits:

View the following exhibits and displays during your visits to the Library.

*April:* Westerhoff School of Music and Art – Student Work; Arbor Day Bulletin Board – Shade Tree Commission

*May:* Creative Images – Student Work

*June:* Oak Tree Watercolor Group

*July:* Neve Shalom Art Students

*August:* Enjoy, Explore India – Student Work

### Films:

The Edna Newby International Film Series for Spring 2011 will feature the following films:

Monday, April 4: *Ajami (Israel)*

Monday, May 2: *Secret in their Eyes (Argentina)*

The summer series will be held on 6 consecutive Mondays, from July 11 through August 15, and we are finalizing the selections. Contact the Library at 732-632-8526 for particulars. All international films are shown at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Don't worry if you miss a film because of illness, vacation, or a busy schedule. Titles in this series have been purchased by the Library and may be borrowed free for one week.

### Metuchen Book Discussion Group:

Join your neighbors for interesting conversations about books on the second Tuesday of each month, from September through May, at the Library at 7:30 p.m. The remaining titles and discussion dates for 2011 are:

Tuesday, April 12: *Wolf Hall*, by Hilary Mantel

Tuesday, May 10: *Crashing Through: A Story of Risk, Adventure, and the Man Who Dared to See*, by Robert Kurson

This Program will resume in September.

### Summer Reading Clubs:

Plans are underway for our traditional **Summer Reading Clubs** for kids of all ages. This summer's theme for children is "Make a Splash" and the teen theme is "Make Waves @ Your Library." Look for more information as summer approaches, but be prepared for fun, exciting programs and events, and prizes for all ages. Our summer reading clubs are funded by the Friends of the Metuchen Library.

### Library Hours:

Library hours of service vary during the year and we try to accommodate community needs.

### THE CURRENT SCHEDULE IS:

**Monday - Thursday** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Friday and Saturday** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Saturday** (June 25th through August) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sunday** (September through May) 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Library will be **closed** in order to celebrate the following holidays:

**April 22-24** - Good Friday through Easter Sunday

**May 28-30** - Memorial Day Weekend

**July 2-4** - Independence Day Weekend

**September 3-5** - Labor Day Weekend

**Help Your Neighbor:**

Did you know that the Library is a collection site for nonperishable food items such as pasta, canned meats and stews, fruits and vegetables, and baby food. Items are picked up weekly and delivered to food pantries in Middlesex County by MCFOODS, the county's food bank coordinator. Just buy an extra item or two when you shop, and place them in one of the green bins near the Library Place entrance. Many thanks!

**Thinking About College or Graduate School?**

Are you thinking about attending LSU, Lehigh, Penn State, Thomas Edison State College or any number of American colleges and universities with online or self-directed courses? Do you need just a few more credits to complete an undergraduate or graduate degree or to qualify to sit for the CPA exam? The Library can help by proctoring or administering your exams for free. In 2010 we proctored 112 paper and online exams for 50 local adults who were attending one of 15 academic institutions, and we can help you obtain the degree necessary to start or advance your career. Contact the Library at 732-632-8526 for more information.

**MUNICIPAL POOL**



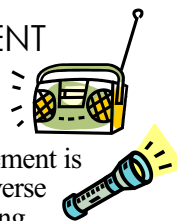
Metuchen Municipal Pool membership applications for the 2011 season will be available online at [metuchennj.org](http://metuchennj.org) in March. Also, look for the application in The Crit in March.

The deadline for Resident Early Membership is April 15, 2011 so join early and save. The pool will open for weekends starting Memorial Day weekend and will open full-time Thursday June 23 (based on current school calendar). Regular pool hours are 12 noon to 8 p.m. everyday except Saturdays and Holidays in which case the pool will open at 10 a.m. Special Kiddie Pool hours are available for parents who have children under 5 (at the discretion of the Pool Manager) in July and August.

THE POOL IS THE PLACE TO BE this summer with many special events – Family Fun Days, Float Nights, Teen and Pre-Teen Dances, Story Hours, etc. Applications are available at Borough Hall or if you would like one mailed to you, please call the Pool Office at 732-632-8517.

Thank You and enjoy the summer.

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



The Metuchen Office of Emergency Management is implementing a Reverse 911 telephone alerting system to keep Borough residents informed in the event of an emergency or disaster. When seconds count, Borough officials will now have the means to communicate almost instantly with all residents and businesses through a combination of phone, email and text messaging. We have

arranged for Verizon to provide us with a data base of every wired phone in the Borough, listed and unlisted, regardless of carrier. In addition, residents and businesses can go to the Borough web site [www.metuchennj.org](http://www.metuchennj.org) and opt in to receive calls to their cell phone or to receive texts or email. Messages concerning serious emergencies may be sent anytime day or night. Less urgent messages will be sent during normal business hours only. Some possible uses include evacuation orders, missing person alerts, police information, transportation emergencies and utility disruptions or outages.

The Borough has also been tweeting at [www.twitter.com/metuchennj](http://www.twitter.com/metuchennj), a free internet service, and posting official messages on Facebook. We will continue to provide emergency information on the local cable access channel and 1580 AM. Please be prepared and stay informed.

**POLICE**



**Metuchen Auxiliary Police Officers Needed**

The Metuchen Police Department and the Metuchen Auxiliary Police are looking for men and women that are interested in becoming a volunteer police officer in the Borough. No prior training is necessary. Training will be provided.

The Auxiliary Police, consisting of both men and women, work with the police department to reduce hazards; assist police officers with patrols of the entire Borough; assist in emergency or disaster situations; conduct traffic control, crowd control, road closures; provide extra patrols at schools and places of worship; assist in first aid/CPR; and provide services deemed necessary by the Acting Police Chief.

To become an auxiliary officer in the Borough, an applicant must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid driver's license and pass a criminal background check.

This is a volunteer position. The auxiliary police officers volunteer their time in an effort to enhance the quality of life for the residents, visitors and businesses in the community.

All applicants will be required by the county to attend the Middlesex County Auxiliary Police Academy, which starts in March and runs to June, prior to becoming an Auxiliary Police officer in the Borough. The academy classes will be held on every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-10:30 p.m. and there are also seven Saturday classes during that time running from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If interested, contact Auxiliary Capt. Richard Dana Jr., or Auxiliary Sgt. Angelo Donato at 732-632-8123. Applications are available on the Metuchen website, [http://www.metuchennj.org/police\\_auxiliary.html](http://www.metuchennj.org/police_auxiliary.html). (application link at bottom of web page).

Applications either can be mailed or dropped off at the Metuchen Police Department, 500 Main St. Metuchen, NJ 08840, to the attention of Metuchen Auxiliary Police Sgt. Angelo Donato III.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



We ask that all residents please make every possible effort to remove parked vehicles from the street during a snow storm and place them in the driveways. Parked vehicles make it difficult to maneuver the plow trucks effectively which prohibits the roadways from being cleared curb to curb. It is also the responsibility of the residents to clear the snow from the sidewalks in front of your

residence or business and we ask that you do not throw the snow back into the street especially after the road was plowed. Our goal is to provide a safe and professional service to our community and with the help of the residents we can keep our roadways clear and expedite our duty in an efficient manner.

## RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS



### Special Events Activities:

*Event dates and details to be announced on [www.metuchennj.org](http://www.metuchennj.org):*

**Spring Egg Hunt**  
**Earth Day Activities**  
**Edison-Metuchen Bike Tour**  
**Memorial Day Parade - Bike Decorating Contest**  
**Edison-Metuchen Bike Tour**  
**Independence Day Concert**  
**Family Fishing and Fun**

**Junebug Artfest** – Co-sponsored with the Metuchen Chamber of Commerce Friday evenings, June 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, Throughout downtown Metuchen

**Summer Concert Series** – Funded by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Free outdoor event Thursday evenings, August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 7:30 p.m. Senior Center Parking lot.

*Check out the Borough of Metuchen's website, [www.metuchennj.org](http://www.metuchennj.org) for our complete summer activity brochure as well as detailed information on all of our special events, trips, programs and concerts.*

## SENIOR CITIZENS



The Metuchen Senior Citizen Center is a drop-in facility for those aged 60 and over. A full range of activities and

services are offered, including exercise, dance, art, cards, casino trips, information and referral, health screenings, counseling and income tax assistance (offered February through April 15). The Center, located at 15 Center Street in Metuchen, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Minibus transportation is available to Borough residents aged 60 and over. Door-to-door service is provided free of charge for medical appointments, shopping, banking and center activities. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance and may be made by calling 732-632-8525 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

A monthly newsletter, including a calendar of events, is available at the Senior Citizen Center or online at [metuchennj.org](http://metuchennj.org). (Select Departments, then Senior Center.)

## Senior Citizen Commission

The Senior Citizen Commission meets every other month at the Senior Citizen Center. Meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. and are open to the public. Future meetings include April 13, June 8 and August 10.

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION



### How to protect your trees from the stresses of urban life.

Like people, trees suffer stress from living in the city too! Urban tree stress is the reason that trees planted in cities and towns often live shorter lives than trees grown in rural environments. Tree Stress affects trees that are grown in conditions that are not conducive to normal tree growth. Tree stress is varied in terms of its symptoms and treatments.

Drought, soil compaction, chemical or mechanical injury, improper planting depth, lack of root space, improper

pruning are a few of the reasons that urban trees begin to show signs of stress. These general stress factors make a tree more susceptible to secondary insect and fungal disease. In the wild these natural organisms thin the tree population of weakened trees but often cannot injure the healthy ones. In the urban environment, where trees are already under more stress, these natural stressors can decimate an entire tree population.

Control and management of urban tree stress is most effective when a multi-pronged approach is used. The first step is the proper choice, planting, and locating of a tree. For trees a ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! First, choose a tree that has the ability to thrive in your particular location. If you are planting in a partly shady area

choose a tree like a Dogwood, which often grows at a woodlands edge. If it is in boggy soil use a tree that prefers wet feet like a Willow or a Shag Bark Hickory.

Always dig a hole large enough to accommodate the root ball, water well both into the hole prior to and after planting. Then mulch the area and make a mulch moat (it looks like a little volcano of mulch with the tree in the middle of the crater) around the tree trunk. Always make the "volcano crater" deep enough to allow the base of the truck access to air and rain water.

If a tree is already showing some of the symptoms of stress like, stunted growth, scorch, cankers, susceptibility to disease and insects, you must take

prompt action if your distressed tree is to survive. It is important to determine the cause of the decline. If insects have begun to infest the tree, is the underlying issue drought? In a case like this, the insects are likely to come back when the insecticide wears off. A management plan should treat the insects, but you also determine a long term solution for irrigation to ensure the tree remains strong enough to fend off future attacks!

Prevention of urban tree stress and early diagnosis of symptoms offer far greater success than trying to save a tree already in decline. For more information or questions on tree specimen recommendations or other tree related issues email the Shade Tree Commission via the Metuchen Borough Website.

**BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS**

Borough Hall.....8am - 4pm  
 Construction Official-Wed & Fri.....7am - 9am  
 Library-Spring/Summer Hours..... Library News  
 Public Works.....6am - 2:30pm  
 Recreation Department.....8am - 4pm  
 Senior Citizens Center.....9am - 2:30pm  
 Tax Office open until 7pm on.....4/28, 5/5, 7/28 & 8/4

**POLL CLERKS NEEDED**

If you are registered to vote and would like to serve as a poll clerk on Election Days, please contact the Borough Clerk, Kathryn Harris @ 732 632 8508 for further information. If you are retired or get Election Day off --it is a great way serve your community. Poll clerks are compensated \$200 for the day.

**BOROUGH TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY-911  
 Police {non-emergency}.....732-632-8500  
 Fire Department {non-emergency}.....732-767-1147  
 First Aid Squad {non-emergency}.....732-906-9549  
 Borough Hall.....732-632-8540  
 Board of Education.....732-321-8700  
 Emergency Closing of Schools Hotline.....732-321-8723  
 Health Department.....732-632-8503  
 MEtv.....732-603-9750 - Fax 603-9871  
 Municipal Court.....732-632-8505  
 Municipal Pool.....732-632-8517  
 Planning and Zoning.....732-632-8554  
 Public Library.....732-632-8526  
 Public Works.....732-632-8519  
 Recreation.....732-632-8502  
 Senior Citizen Center.....732-632-8524  
 Senior Citizen Bus Service - 24 hour Advance  
 Reservations 9am-3pm.....732-632-8525  
 Tax Office.....732-632-8510  
 Tree Service.....732-632-8518

**Tax Office Evening Hours**

**OPEN UNTIL 7 PM**

APRIL 28 • MAY 5  
 JULY 28 • AUGUST 4

**METUCHEN EMERGENCY  
 ADVISORY  
 RADIO STATION**

**1580 AM**

Tune to this station in the event of an emergency or for general community information

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- 4 **HOLIDAY - BOROUGH  
OFFICES CLOSED**
- 6 Development Commission
- 11 Shade Tree Commission  
Pool Commission
- 13 Traffic and Transportation  
Committee
- 14 Zoning Board  
Recreation Commission  
Youth Service Board  
Board of Health
- 18 Borough Council
- 19 Parking Authority
- 20 Environmental Commission
- 21 Planning Board
- 25 Cultural Arts Committee
- 28 TV & Technology Advisory  
Committee

- 1 Borough Council
- 3 Development Commission
- 4 Planning Board
- 7 Borough Council
- 8 Shade Tree Commission  
Pool Commission
- 10 Traffic and Transportation  
Commission  
Senior Citizen Commission
- 11 Zoning Board  
Recreation Commission  
Youth Services Board
- 15 Borough Council
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- 7 Development Commission
- 8 Zoning Board  
Recreation Commission  
Youth Service Board
- 12 Shade Tree Commission  
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- 13 Library Board  
Historic Preservation Committee
- 14 Traffic & Transportation  
Commission
- 15 Planning Board
- 19 Borough Council
- 20 Parking Authority
- 21 Environmental Commission
- 22 TV & Technology Advisory  
Committee
- 26 Cultural Arts Committee