

Senior Spirit

Hopewell Valley Senior Newsletter

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Fall has arrived! Although things are still different we are still planning some annual fall activities with some modifications.

Please look inside the newsletter for information about the Senior Flu Clinic schedule. There are 2 available dates at the Hopewell Valley Senior Center to receive your high dose flu shot this year. Hopewell Township is working on a date for the flu clinic at the township building but it has not been confirmed at time of the newsletter printing.

Hopewell Township Recreation is also hosting a virtual event with the Philadelphia Museum of the American Revolution. This is a FREE event for anyone interested. You must register, please see the information on page 2.

Our Historical Walking Tours have gained a lot of interest, we have our Hopewell Borough Historical Tour scheduled on October 15th or 22nd. You must register for these walks, they are free.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Cookie Deliveries. I know everyone including myself missed the senior picnic this year but I hope the cookies were a suitable substitute and some anticipation for next years picnic.

Warm Regards, Randi Knechel

Senior News

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

Philadelphia: A Revolutionary City

Virtual Talk by the Museum of the American Revolution

Wednesday, October 14—2:00 pm

Eightieth-century Philadelphia was a complex place where global trade brought new goods and new ideas to the people who became revolutionaries. Follow one artifact—a punchbowl uncovered in an archaeological dig on the site of the museum—on a virtual tour of the city, and find yourself in market stalls, coffeehouses, illegal taverns, churches and the halls of government. Join a museum educator for a 30 minute presentation followed by a 15 minute question and answer period. Although the program is free, registration is required to receive the link for the video call. Please call Hopewell Township Recreation to register for this event, 609-737-3753 or email Leslie, lconant@hopewelltwp.org.

Program sponsored by Hopewell Township Recreation

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Registration Opens 10/1/2020, call Hopewell Township Recreation to reserve your circle, 609-737-3753!

Saturday 10/17: Hocus Pocus (Rain date 10/18)

Rated PG—Family Event

Saturday, 10/24: Insidious (Rain Date 10/25)

Rated PG-13—Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

UPCOMING RECREATION TRIPS

"Deck the Halls", American Music Theater...Wednesday, December 3, 10:00am—7:30pm

"The Bell Tones" A Radio City Tribute, Doolan's Spring Lake... Wednesday, December 9, 10:30am—4:30pm

"Happy Days", Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre... Wednesday, March 10, 9:30am—6:00pm

"The Return of Sherlock Holmes", Hunterdon Hills Playhouse... Thursday, April 8, 10:00 am—4:30pm

"Music Man", Broadway...Wednesday, September 15, 10:00am—7:00pm *LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE*

2020 Senior Flu Clinic Schedule

Birchwood @ Hopewell | Community Room, 3rd Floor *BIRCHWOOD RESIDENTS ONLY*

October 15, 11:30AM-1:30PM Call 609-737-6538 to register

Hopewell Valley Senior Center 395 Reading Street, Pennington

October 13, 12PM-3PM October 20, 12PM-2PM Call 609-537-0238 to register

Wellington Manor Community | Club House *WELLINGTON MANOR RESIDENTS ONLY*

October 22, 9AM-12PM Call 609-737-4390 to register

On clinic day:

- Please bring medical insurance card(s).
- Please complete VAR form PRIOR to visit (fill out sections A, B, C, D).
- You must wear a face mask or face covering.
- Only attend the clinic if you are receiving an immunization. DO NOT attend the clinic if you are feeling sick, have a fever, or have any respiratory symptoms.
- Please arrive no more than 5 minutes before your scheduled appointment time. You will need to practice appropriate social distancing (at least 6 ft from others) when waiting for your immunization.

Hopewell Valley Senior Services



Voting November 2020

Do I have to sign up for a vote-by mail ballot?

No. Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 177 requires a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed by County Clerks to all active, registered voters.

What if I never voted by mail before?

There is no need to worry if you never voted by mail in the past! The election board will include a detailed instructions brochure that will walk you through the process.

When will I receive my ballot?

The deadline for the 2020 General Election ballots to be mailed to all active, registered voters is **October 5, 2020**. If you have not received your ballot by October 19, 2020, please contact the Mercer County Clerk's Office.

What are my options for returning my vote-by-mail ballot?

- **1. U.S. Postal Service:** Have your completed ballot postmarked by 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020. Your ballot must be received by the Mercer County Board of Elections by November 10, 2020. Remember, prepaid postage has been applied so you won't need a stamp!
- **2. Secure Drop Box:** Drop your completed, sealed ballot in the secure drop box by 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020. For a list of drop box locations please check the website for the Mercer County Board of Elections: http://www.mercercounty.org/government/county-clerk/elections

A Drop Box is located at Hopewell Township Administration Building, 201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ (at the intersection of Scotch Road)

- **3. In-person Delivery:** You must deliver your completed, sealed ballot to the Mercer County Board of Elections by 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020. You MUST show your driver's license or an official Federal, State or its subsidiaries ID that includes your name, address and signature.
- **4. Bearer:** Someone other than you may bear your sealed ballot and deliver it to a USPS mailbox, secure drop box or Board of Elections Office for you. They must fill out and sign the Bearer section on the return envelope in front of the voter. Bearers may only bear three ballots per election, in addition to their own. You MUST show your driver's license or an official Federal, State or its subsidiaries ID that includes your name, address and signature.
- **5. Polling Location**: You may also return your vote-by-mail ballot to your assigned polling location on Election Day between 6AM and 8PM. Shortly before Election Day, you will receive a postcard in the mail with your assigned polling location printed on it.

What should I do if I lost, made a mistake or did not receive my ballot? Please contact the Mercer County Clerk's Office Board of Elections to request a second ballot. They can be reached by phone at (609) 989-6495 or pscovello@mercercounty.org.

Can I go to my polling location on Election Day and vote on a machine?

- There will be a limited number of polling locations available to voters on Election Day. Voters will receive a postcard in the mail informing them of their assigned polling location.
- If you wish to go to your assigned polling location on Election Day, you will be given a paper Provisional Ballot to vote on.
- Disabled voters will be able to vote an ADA-accessible voting machine at their assigned polling location.

How can I track my ballot to ensure it was received and counted?

The State of New Jersey has an online portal for tracking your Vote-By-Mail ballot. Go to https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/ you'll see Voter Information Portal and a link to "Track Your Mail-In Ballot. Register and check periodically after the election. The Board of Elections counts ballots.

Completing Your Mail in Ballot:

Your Ballot Contains FOUR Parts:

- 1. Delivery Envelope
- 2. The Ballot
- 3. The Certificate Envelope
- 4. The Outer Return Envelope

Your Ballot:

Vote on your Ballot by filling in the circles with blue or black ink then place completed Ballot in Certificate Envelope

Your Certificate Envelope:

Complete information on the Certificate Envelope (name address and signature) and Seal it

DO NOT remove Certification

Your Outer Return Envelope:

Put Certificate Envelope in the Outer Envelope and Seal, make sure your name is showing through the envelope window.

Review options for where and how to turn in your completed Ballot on previous page.

Hopewell Valley Senior Services

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FALL LEAVES SQUASH

Three Block History Tour of Hopewell Borough: Seminary Ave, Broad St & S. Greenwood Ave

Thursday, October 15, 2020, 2:00 pm OR Thursday, October 22, 2020, 2:00pm

We will meet behind the Hopewell Valley Inn & Bistro, (15 East Broad Street) at 1:45pm to fill out walking and Covid waivers.

Exploring the expansion of a small town with the arrival of the railroads in the 1870s, with the construction of major town institutions (hotels, banks, churches, schools) and the expansion of housing and small businesses.

- Seminary Ave. The development of small-town living and businesses: Groceries, livery to auto, bakeries, electronics, plumbers, jeweler, barbers & beauty salons, movie theater, department stores, etc.
 - **Broad St.** The investment in key town institutions: Hotel, school, bank, library, church, drug store
 - S. Greenwood Ave. Planned growth: Firehouse(s), community hall, Borough hall, regional high school, post office

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