

Fredon Facts & Features

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Mayor's Message

Folks:

We in Fredon are part of a community that has a great deal of resources and experience. I would like to employ some of our free time during this "stay at home" period to help each other out.

Please check in with your neighbors to make sure they are alright and have the things they need to get through this. Please make sure you are reaching out and hitting your contacts around town to make sure no one is uncomfortable, shy or embarrassed or possibly just isn't aware that help is out there.

I will meet with grocery store, bagel shops, and independent markets, stores where we all shop and solicit donations for those in need. This is a concept that can give us an opportunity to be productive during this crisis.

If you or someone you know needs help or to volunteer, please contact Anthony Corcella at anthony.corcella@gmail.com.

John Flora

Mayor

Lodestar Park remains open for walkers, joggers and runners! The playground, basketball court and volleyball courts remain closed. Thank you for continuing to observe social distancing protocol.



Taxes Due May 1st

Please be advised that due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Municipal Offices are closed to the public until further notice for the health and safety of our employees and our community as a whole. **We will not be open to accept walk-in tax payments for the foreseeable future.** Tax payments may be placed in the drop box located to the left of the front door of the Municipal Building. The drop box is checked first thing in the morning, throughout the day and at the close of business at 4:00 P. M.

If you would like your bill stamped with a paid/received date and are using the postal service or drop box, **please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope in order to facilitate that.**

Residents are encouraged to mail their payments through the USPS or use the e-check feature and pay online at: [Fredon Tax Payments](#)

NO CASH PAYMENTS

Recycling pick-up takes place on the **first** and **third** Monday of each month. Please place recyclables out for the scheduled day regardless of any holidays. Place containers out on the **Sunday night before** the scheduled pick-up day. [More information on single stream recycling](#) can be found on the web site: [here](#).

Upcoming Recycling

Monday May 4th 5 AM

Monday May 18th 5 AM



If you have a BLUE BOOK that needs to be filled out by the tax collector, the form can be mailed or dropped in drop box (without social security number) and they will be mailed back to you.

ATTENTION SENIORS

The Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services publishes a monthly newsletter with information on support groups, tips, events, meetings, etc. relevant to seniors. [Click here for the May publication](#)
www.sussex.nj.us/documents/SeniorTimes.pdf

The State of N.J.

Senior Freeze

(Property Tax Reimbursement) program reimburses eligible *New Jersey* residents who are *senior* citizens or disabled persons for property *tax* increases on their principal residence (home).

[Click the here for more information](#)

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/>

Reminders From JCP&L

During significant storm events JCP&L secures any known hazards (downed wires for example) first – usually by sending out Hazard Responders to keep the area clear. They are not trained to make repairs. They are there to help keep the public safe until repairs can be made.

When major storms occur, JCP&L works to restore customers as follows:

- Priority is given to hospitals, police and fire departments and other critical facilities.
- First repairs are made to transmission lines and substations that supply power to the local system.
- Next we make repairs that restore the largest number of customers-this is the fastest way to restore all customers.
- JCP&L understands that customers with well water face additional challenges when power is out. Stock up on drinking water and fill bathtubs in advance of storms.
- If necessary, information about locations for free water and ice locations will be provided.

Please be advised that repairs to the electric system are prioritized by the number of customers WITHOUT electricity. So the more customers who call in, the better and faster your chances are for your power to be restored. Please don't assume that others have already called in the outage!!

To view outage and electric infrastructure information in your community please reference the links provided below.



<http://outages.firstenergycorp.com/nj.html>



[Click to view outage and electric infrastructure information in your community](#)

2019 SENIOR TAX FREEZE PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT

2019

Eligibility Requirements

You were age 65 or older on December 31, 2018
or if under 65 you were receiving Social Security disability payments on
December 31, 2018 and also on December 31, 2019;

and

You have lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2008
as an owner or renter;

and

You have owned and lived in your home
since December 31, 2015;

and

You paid all 2018 and 2019 property taxes by June 1, 2020;

and

Your annual income did not exceed
\$89,013 in 2018 and \$91,505 in 2019
including Social Security, pension, etc.

Senior Freeze Property Tax Reimbursement Information Line

1-800-882-6597

Fredon Township Photo Contest

Entries Due April 30, 2020

Enter Fredon Township's photo contest for a chance to have your photo on displayed at the Township municipal building and on the Township website or newsletter throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to participate. The photo contest seeks to encourage citizen involvement and showcases Fredon Township's quality of life, spaces and places.

Photos may be of any age but must be taken somewhere in Fredon Township.

Digital entries are encouraged but **must be at least 300 dpi**.

Submit to: deputyclerk@fredonnj.gov or Fredon Township 443 Route 94 Newton, NJ 07860.

A limit of 5 entries per person.

Fredon Township Photo Contest Entry Form

Title/Caption: _____

Location: _____

Your name: _____

Address: City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Photographer name: _____

Photo date: _____

Note: Any identifiable people in winning or honorable mention photos must sign a release form, or if under 18 years of age a parent/guardian must sign a release in order for the photo(s) to be eligible for use in Township communication projects.

Fredon Township Photo Contest Release Waiver

Required signature of ALL persons appearing in Public Service Media Releases.

If any person is under the age of 18, the signature of a parent or guardian must be included.

I grant the Township of Fredon without compensation, the absolute and irrevocable right and permission to use my and/or my child's name and image for use in public service publications deemed appropriate by the Township, and also for use by both print and electronic media including the internet. I hereby release the Township of Fredon, its officials, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any claims or actions which may arise from these Public Service Announcements (PSAs). I further agree that the PSAs shall be the property of the Township of Fredon to be used for publicity and display purposes.

(Please check one)

_____ I am over the age of 18

_____ I act as the parent/guardian of the minor Participant's name

(please print)

Participant's signature _____

Parent/guardian's name _____

Parent/guardian's signature _____

Address _____

(street, city, state and zip code) _____

Phone Number _____

Lodestar Park - if you bring your dog...

Lodestar Park has been friendly to dogs and those responsible for the park recognize that it is a great place to walk your dog. However, Lodestar Park is not a “dog park”, rather, a park where dogs can be with their owners. Unfortunately, there have been quite a few dog owners who disregard the park’s regulations and posted signs. This disregard for the regulations puts the existing policy at risk. If the current policy of permitting dogs in Lodestar Park is to continue, the regulations must be followed by everyone. While many may feel their dog is the exception to the rule, none are.

**Please keep Lodestar “friendly” to dogs
or you may lose this privilege.**

Section 5-13.2 of the Fredon Township General Ordinances state that no person owning any dog shall permit it to be upon any public place in the township unless it is controlled by an adequate leash not more than six feet long.

It takes a cooperative effort to make the park safe and comfortable for everyone, so please be aware of your surroundings and be considerate of others. This is for both the safety of your dog and the safety of others enjoying the park. Leash laws exist to protect animals and people, and we urge you, as a responsible pet owner, to abide by them.

In addition to the leash law, please follow these simple rules while visiting Lodestar Park:

- **Please respect other park visitors: do not let your dog chase or jump on others, including other dogs.**
- **Please stay with your dog at all times.**
- **Please clean up after your dog and dispose of waste in trash cans located in the park.**

