

# FRANKLIN FACTS

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## HALLOWEEN TRUNK -OR- TREAT

Franklin will be holding its annual Halloween "Trunk- or-Treat" party on Friday evening, October 28, 2011 at the Clinton Elks Club, located off Sidney Road, across the street from the Municipal Building. A rain date has been scheduled for Saturday, October 29th if Friday is rained out.

Cars may enter the Elks Club beginning at 6:00pm until 6:45p.m to set up. Entry by car will not be allowed after 6:45p.m. and cars will not be permitted to leave until AFTER 9:00p.m.

Each car or truck should be decorated for Halloween, and each participating vehicle should have "Trick or Treats" to hand out (wrapped, sealed candy or trinkets).

Vehicles will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

Participants should bring a trick or treat bag with them to gather their goodies!

Franklin Township Police department will be hosting a costume contest in addition to the vehicle decoration contest. The costume contest and tailgate Trick or Treat will begin at 7:00pm until 9:00p.m.

Costume contest age groups are: 0-2, 3-6, 7-12 and 13 & over.

Franklin Township Recreation will provide refreshments.

Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted on grounds.

Any questions, call the Municipal Building at 735-5215 between 9:00am and 4:00pm as well as checking the township website at [www.franklin-twp.org](http://www.franklin-twp.org).

Come out with your family and enjoy the fun!

## GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8

Tuesday, November 8, 2011, is Election Day.

On the ballot are State Senate, two members of the State Assembly, County Clerk, a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and one seat on the Franklin Township

Committee.

Sample ballots will be mailed to all voters one week before the election.

Contact County Clerk Mary Melfi's office at 788-1214 if you have questions or check her website at [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/).

## 2012 TREE PICK UP

Franklin Township Department of Public Works will pick up used Christmas trees on roads within the township during the month of January 2012.

When placing your tree at the curb (not in the road) please call the DPW to let them know it's there. Leave a voice message if they are out in the field and remember to leave your name and address.

Remove all lights, decorations and the tree stand. The DPW's number is 735-8384 or their email is: [dpw@franklin-twp.org](mailto:dpw@franklin-twp.org).

## HALLOWEEN CURFEW IMPOSED

A Halloween Curfew will be imposed this year in Franklin Township, Hunterdon County. It takes effect from Thursday, October 27, 2011 until Tuesday November 1, 2011.

Persons under the age of 18 must be off all township streets and roads between the hours of 9:00pm and 5:00am, unless accompanied by an adult age 18 or older.

Trick-or-Treat hours established for Halloween, will be on Monday, October 31, 2011,

between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00pm.

This notice is also available on the township website which is: [www.franklin-twp.org](http://www.franklin-twp.org).

Curfew information will be available in the Hunterdon Democrat before the curfew starts.

If you have any further questions you may contact the police department at 908-735-6508 or the municipal building at 735-5215.

## SENIOR NEWS

### MEETINGS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at Fire-house** start at 2:00pm unless noted otherwise. Free membership to all Franklin seniors.

Remember to bring food items for the Quakertown Methodist Food Pantry.

**NOVEMBER 9 - NOON**  
Annual Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner honoring all veterans. Remember to call 735.4747 to make your reservations no later than Friday, November 4. The dinner is being catered by Clinton Station Diner.

**DECEMBER 14 - 2-4:30PM**  
Senior annual Christmas Party. Franklin Township School music group will play. Also, bring packages of cookies for the nursing home.

**JANUARY 11, 2012 2:00PM**  
GAME DAY, BINGO

**FEBRUARY 8 2:00PM**  
Valentine Party

### SENIOR TRIP

**November 17 11:00AM**  
Join us for the Christmas Show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Cost is \$35.00.

**INFLUENZA VACCINE**  
The Hunterdon County Board of Freeholders decided that the County Health Department will NOT host flu clinics this year based on the availability of flu shots at private offices and many local pharmacies. This does not mean there is less need to get a flu shot. For those over the age of 65 who meet eligibility requirements, flu shot providers may be able to offer a high-dose formulation. Help stop the spread of flu by frequent hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes with your elbow or sleeve.

## WISMERS CONTRIBUTE TO ARCHIVES

Dorothy and Lloyd Wismer moved to Franklin in 1980 and have contributed to the community ever since. Most residents know them as owners of the antique consignment shop in the 1844 "Corner Store" in Quakertown, which they ran until the end of 2007. Dot served tea to most people who stopped by, and Lloyd organized the Quakertown Pig Roast from 1982 to 2000. He also has served as the Township's Fair Housing Administrator since 1997.

Long time contributors of artifacts and ephemera to the Franklin Archives, they have now donated the following:

- An original colored pencil sketch of the store created in 1932 (then owned by George E. Race) by Augustus Mino and given to the Wismers in the 1980s. Mr. Mino was attracted to the building for its "Norman Rockwell feeling."
- Photographs: Four 8x10 prints of houses on the Harvest Home tour in 1985; taken by Candie Papenfuhs; 25 4-6 prints of the Peterson Farm root cellar, barns and house, and 6 more to be identified, taken by Lloyd Wismer.

- A file with correspondence and brochures on Harvest Home tours for 1982-1985 and 1988-2000.
- Files on the Quaker Meeting house including two booklets: *The Quakers* by William J. Whalen, 1984, a revision of the original in 1977; and *A Brief History of the Friends Meeting at Quakertown, NJ from 1729-1976* by J. Edward Stout.
- A file on the Quakertown Pig Roasts including two silver pig lapel pin awards given to residents for outstanding community service.
- A file on the NJ and National Registers and the registration form for Pittstown; also maps of Pittstown and Quakertown.
- Several news clippings about Franklin dating from 1983 to 2000.
- Brochures and Pamphlets: 2 copies of Franklin Township's 150th Anniversary, 1845-1995, Second Annual Hiram Deats Award Dinner, March 12, 2002; Franklin Township Government (Hunterdon County) 125 Years, 1845-1970; 2 copies of Dedication of the J. Edward Stout Library at FTS, June 14, 1992; and *Serving Hunterdon One Hundred Years, 1854-1954—A Picture Story of our County and Hunterdon's First Bank*.

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

### Trick-or-Treaters:

- ◆ Approach only houses with lights on.
- ◆ Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house to help see better.
- ◆ Carry a flashlight and don't cut across yards.
- ◆ Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground. Walk, don't run.
- ◆ Obey traffic signs and signals
- ◆ Shoes should fit properly (to prevent tripping, even if not matching costume)
- ◆ Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.
- ◆ Stay with others
- ◆ Wear something that is reflective

### Parents:

- ◆ Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before eating anything.
- ◆ Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspicious.

- ◆ Know where your children are going and establish a return time.
- ◆ If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame retardant material.

### Homeowners:

- ◆ Keep your front yard clear of anything that might trip someone.
- ◆ Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them someplace to protect them from cars or from being inadvertently taken by surprise by a trick-or-treater.

### Motorists:

- ◆ At twilight and later in the evening, be cautious and watch for children in dark clothing.
- ◆ Be on the look out for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- ◆ Enter and exit driveways carefully. Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.

These simple tips will make Halloween not only a fun time but also a safe one too!

# QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY

Quakertown Fire Company (QFC) has already answered over 480 calls for service in 2011. The previous record was 464 in 2010. This is an average of almost 2 calls per day being answered by the volunteers of the QFC.

Quakertown Fire Company and Ambulance responses remain free of charge to the visitors and residents of our response-area.

The majority of Hunterdon County residents are charged for treatment and transportation to a hospital as a way for ambulance services to pay for paid responders. The volunteers of QFC allow for ambulances to remain free of charge.

QFC will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 11AM.

Thanks to all the Township residents who supported the event as well as CERT and OEM for closing the road for safety reasons.

QFC had a busy year in responding to emergencies and hosting community events for the Quakertown Fire Company.

Help is needed to continue doing both. Please consider supporting the fire company as a volunteer in any capacity. Call us at 735-5220 for details.

## RESET CLOCKS NOV. 6TH; STANDARD TIME BEGINS

Standard Time begins at 2:00am on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. This is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. Seniors and disabled residents who might need assistance with this may call the Quakertown Fire Company at 735.5220.

## GIFT TO ARCHIVES

Residents are encouraged to preserve all historical material about the Township by including it in the Archives where it can be valuable research material for scholars.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY NOV 12

The county's next hazardous waste clean up day is Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 9:00am till 1:00pm rain or shine.

It is held at the county complex on Route 12, in Flemington. No pre-registration is required.

Some of the items accepted up to 10 gallons are; latex and oil based paints, herbicides, pool chemicals, photographic chemicals, fuel sludge, pesticides, diesel fuel, kerosene, gasoline, fluorescent tubes and more. The center will accept with NO QUANTITY; used motor oil, anti-freeze and automotive batteries and fire extinguishers.

No computers, monitors or propane tanks will be accepted.

Any questions call -788-1110 between 8:00am & 4:30pm.

Their website is:

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/solidwaste/cleanup.htm>

# 2012 DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS

**Dog owners must renew licenses each year from January 1 through February 1 for all dogs 7 months or older.** Late fees apply to applications received after February 1st. Other fines are possible if summonses are issued. Licenses are available in person at the Municipal Building from 9:00am till 4:00pm, or you can clip and mail to Franklin Township Municipal Building, c/o Dog Registrar, 202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, NJ 08867-4145.

To get a dog license you need to provide:

- A completed application or copy of your 2011 license with any changes or corrections clearly marked
- A copy of your dog's rabies certificate valid for the current licensing year
- Proper fee (make checks payable to Franklin Township). Do not send cash in the mail.
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope

### 2012 Licensing Fees Per Dog

Spayed or neutered.....\$12.00      Late fee.....an *additional* \$17.00  
 Not spayed or neutered..... \$15.00

**REMEMBER: DO NOT SEND ANY DOG LICENSE APPLICATIONS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2012**

### Franklin Township, Hunterdon County 2012 Dog License Application

Complete, clip application & return to the Municipal Building with full-year Rabies certificate

OWNER'S LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ (LISTED?) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_ MALE/FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SPAYED OR NEUTERED \_Y\_ \_N\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HAIR LENGTH : LONG \_\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM \_\_\_\_\_ SHORT \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

VETERINARIAN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RABIES EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MUNICIPAL BLDG. HOURS**

Mon-Fri: 9am - 4pm

Tue: 7- 9pm

**Office: 908.735.5215****Fax: 908.735.7598**

Email: ftclerk@franklin-twp.org

**TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS****Municipal Clerk:** x 16*Ursula Stryker, RMC***Clerical Assistant:** x 10*Susan Dean***Const/Bldg Official:** 735.5343*Mark Fornaciari, ICS**Jean Bahlman, Cert. Tech. Asst.***Planning Board Clerk:** x 18*Jean Beischer***Police Office:** 735.6508**Police Dispatch:** 782.9594**Tax Assessor:** x 13*Mary Mastro, CTA, SCGREA*

Tues. 7-9pm

**Tax Collector:** 735.6609*Linda Swackhamer, CTC*

Tue &amp; Thur, 12 to 3pm

**Zoning & Health Off:** x 14*John Barczak*

Tues. 7-9pm

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 108 ~**  
**INTERESTED IN JOINING?**  
**PLEASE STOP BY THE QRC AT**  
**7:00PM. THE NEXT MEETING**  
**IS NOVEMBER 4, 2011. ANY**  
**QUESTIONS CALL 237-1792**



## Franklin Township

202 Sidney Road

Pittstown, NJ 08867-4145

**Township Committee**

Scott Bauman, Mayor

Robert McGeary,

Deputy Mayor

Vigdis Austad

Susan Campbell

Steve Tarshis

# QUAKERTOWN FRIENDS HISTORY

## STOUT'S MANUSCRIPT UPDATED BY THE CAMPANELLI'S

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the re-establishment of the Quakertown Friends Meeting (2012), and the 300th anniversary of the founding of Hunterdon County, New Jersey (2013/14), a new book will be released in November 2011.

The book features original historical material written by former township historian J. E. Stout, along with updated information written and compiled by Dan & Marty Campanelli in 2011.

With over ninety images, including vintage photos, artwork, new photography, maps and colonial-era documents, this 100-page book tells the story of the beginnings of Quakerism, the settlement of Hunterdon County, and the history of the Friends Meeting in Quakertown up to the present day.

Thirty chapters cover the history of Quakerism, the founding of Hunterdon, the establishment of Quakertown Meeting and the surrounding community, as well as educa-

tion, slavery concerns, old meeting notes, the Friends grave yard, and a celebration of the people that made it all happen.

Within its pages you will also find a never-before-seen circa 1850 photo of the original stone meeting house that was torn down in 1862 to make way for the present structure.

There will be a book signing party at the Quakertown Friends Meeting (corner of Route 579 and Whitebridge Road) on Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 1 to 3 pm, where you can meet the Campanellis and tour the historic 1862 meeting house.

Original historical colonial-era documents, books and other artifacts will be on display that day as well. If you cannot attend, send \$10 per book and \$5 for postage to Quakertown Friends Meeting, PO Box 520, Quakertown, NJ 08868. All proceeds benefit the Quakertown Friends Meeting.

## DPW HOUSEHOLD TRASH~ RECYCLE

As we enter into the Fall/Winter season, residents and/or their lawn service contractors are reminded that Franklin Township DOES NOT have curbside leaf collection.

Leaves and grass clippings dumped curbside blocks pipes and drains and creates hazards for motorists.

Township Ordinance 51 clearly and strictly prohibits the placement of "snow, ice, grass, leaves, sticks, branches or similar materials" in or along the roadway. A copy of this ordinance is available by contacting the DPW, at 735-8384 or the Municipal Bldg. 735-5215.

Please keep all trash and recycling receptacles on the curb and out of the roadway. Trash receptacles are a hazard to motorists, especially at night and also create a major problem for our plow crews while salting and plowing snow.

All vendors currently collecting within Franklin Township have been contacted and strongly support this request.

- ◆ Recycling Depot: The recycling depot and collection center is open Monday through Friday between 7:30am and 3:00pm. They are also open on the first Saturday of each month from 7:30am till 12:00 noon and again on the second Saturday in March, April, May, August and November.
- ◆ Household Cleanup: The Township household or "bulky waste" cleanup days have been reduced in number and will be open on the second Saturday during the months of March, April, May, August and November from 7:30am till 12:00 noon.

Residents are reminded that household cleanup and bulky waste items **will only be** accepted on the second Saturday during the months mentioned above. This will be strictly enforced.

Rules, regulations and information regarding the Recycling Depot and Household Cleanup are available on the Township website [www.franklin-twp.org](http://www.franklin-twp.org).