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A Message from Mayor Botta

Dear Ramsey Residents:

Spring is here! I can honestly say that after our "Halloween blizzard", which forced the postponement of trick or treating (an event that will forever be etched in my children's minds), I thought we were in for a tough and long Winter. Who would have thought October would hold the only significant snow of the season. Despite the mild Winter, there is much to be done to "clean up" our parks, roads and open spaces. Our Department of Public Works is out in full force making that happen, but we could use your help too at the Environmental Commission's annual town "Clean-up Day" on April 21, 2012 from 10am to 2pm. Grab a rake and some gloves, and meet at the Rescue Squad garage on Prospect Street to lend a hand.



Mayor Christopher C. Botta

The Borough's 2012 municipal budget is fiscally conservative, and reduces spending in a number of discretionary areas to help offset mandated increases and contractual obligations. It includes a modest tax increase of 1.42% from 2011, which translates to a \$34.82 increase for a home assessed at the Borough average of \$431,302. The Borough has controlled costs by "in-sourcing" some of our projects. For example, the Department of Public Works installed the landscaping and irrigation at the renovated library, as well as upgrading the fields and dugouts at Finch Park. We have also outsourced some of our routine maintenance at public facilities, and combined management positions and eliminated others to help reduce costs without impacting the services our residents expect, demand and deserve. The budget sets aside \$805,000 for capital and infrastructure projects, including continuation of our road-resurfacing program, building renovations and upgrades, more curb and sidewalk improvements, various drainage projects throughout the Borough, and equipment purchases. I am also hopeful to have good news on several pending State and County grant applications in the near future.

The Winter was not without sadness. The Borough lost a dedicated official and volunteer, Michael Adams, who passed away on February 21, 2012. Mike was Ramsey. He was so proud of our community, and he dedicated his life to making it a better place. From his time and commitment to Ramsey High School, to the Knights of Columbus, to his Church, to the Borough Council, to Scouting, to the Rescue and Ambulance Squads, to Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management for 40 years, Mike served his community, and served it well. Many of our residents may have only heard Mike, as the "Voice of Ramsey" on emergency alert phone calls warning of impending storms, bear sightings or other events, but his impact went well beyond. He was a trusted friend and advisor to myself and the governing body, as well as countless residents and volunteers, and will not be easily replaced.

To conclude, I would like to wish all our residents and friends a safe and happy Spring season. I look forward to seeing you all around town, whether on the ball fields, bike paths or walking along Main Street. Please continue to contact me at **201-825-3400, ext. 231**, or at **mayorbotta@ramseynj.com**, regarding any ideas or concerns that you may have about our community.

Upcoming Events

April 7	Easter Bunny at Fire House
April 8	Easter
April 8-14	National Library Week
April 14	Adult Soccer Begins
April 15	Men's & Women's Softball Begins
April 17	School Board/Budget Vote 11am - 9pm
April 21	Clean Up Day Baseball Parade
April 22	Spring Fling Shopping RWC Plant Sale
April 27-29	Library Book Sale
April 29	Adorno Spring Fair
May 9-13	St. Paul's Carnival
May 11	Awesome 80's Party RPEd Found Party - 7:30 RGCC
May 12	Garden Club Plant Sale Shred-It Day 9-1
May 13	Mother's Day
May 14	Chamber of Commerce Meeting
May 15	Borough's Clerk Office Open Until 9pm to Register to Vote
May 18	Relay for Life
May 19	Heirloom Tomato Sale DARE Idol
May 20	Meet the Author Touch a Truck Historical House Tour
May 26	Pool Opens
May 28	Memorial Day
May 31	Memorial Day Ceremony 9-11am
June 5	Primary Election 6am - 8pm
June 10	Farmers Market Begins/ Strawberry Festival
June 23	Senior Gala
June 25	Summer Camp Begins Trip to Yankees vs. Indians
June 28	Summer Reading Kick-off
July 4	Independence Day
July 7	Independence Day Events
July 8	Independence Day Events Rain Date
July 14	RFD Golf Invitational
July 30	Golf Clinic Begins
Sept 3	Labor Day
Sept 8	Ramsey Day
Sept 11	9/11 Ceremony
Sept 12	Senior Picnic
Sept 15	Ramsey Run

Library Update

When the crocuses popped open in late February you knew that Spring could not wait to arrive in Ramsey. At the Ramsey Free Public Library, we've not only planned for Spring, but Summer Reading Club too.

Starting with April, mark these library activities on your calendar. We'll celebrate National Library Week, April 8 – 14. This national event reminds all that public libraries have something for everyone, from books to media to downloadable resources for the latest digital devices. Check us out!

Save your very best used books to donate to the Friends book sale April 27-29. There is a preview for FORL members on Friday evening, 4/27, from 7 -9 p.m. Stop in to renew your membership before the sale. Hours for the general public are Saturday, 4/28 from 10-4 and Sunday, 4/29, from 12 -3. Donations will be accepted Monday, 4/23, through Thursday, 4/26, during regular library hours. Drive around to the back of the building where FORL sets up the sale in our program room. Please remember, no VHS tapes, encyclopedias or text books. We can accept only gently used books and media that you would wish to buy yourself. If you can help us out with the Book Sale, volunteers are always welcome, thanks. We start Children's Book Week with a special Saturday morning event on May 5th. Keep an eye on the library web site for details: <http://www.ramseylibrary.org>.



On Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m., the Friends of Ramsey Library presents Richard Muti and Charles Buckley in an authors' talk about their recently published true crime story, *The Charmer*. Copies of the book will be available at the program and proceeds will benefit FORL.

Regular story times and kids' book clubs continue through May, then we all take a breath as school ends and we count down the days until the library's summer events begin.

Here are the 2012 nationwide themes for public library Summer Reading Clubs. For children from birth through grade 5, the theme is "Dream Big, Read!" For Teens, grades 6-12, you will "Own the Night," and for Adults, "Between the Covers."

The Summer Reading Kick Off date is Thursday, June 28. Please check our web site beginning in early June for pre-registration dates and programming information. A sample of the fun to come: performers, craft workshops, story times, book clubs, reading incentives, and raffles for kids. Weekly "Teen Tuesdays" featuring food and games; book clubs, reading prizes, and raffles. And for adults, reading for raffle tickets, Book Bingo and more. Programs continue through 8/9.

This is just a hint of the fun to be found at the Ramsey Free Public Library in the next few months. Details about all of our plans will be available on the library web site: <http://www.ramseylibrary.org>. You can always reach us by phone: **201-327-1445** or email: bloom@bccs.org. We'll see you at the library!

Mike Adams - Farewell to a Friend

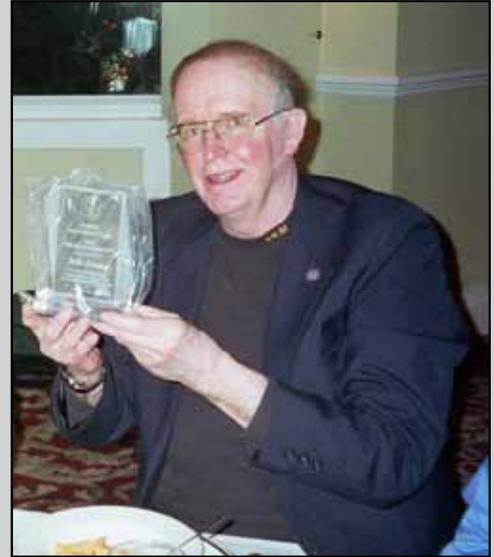
by Ken Tyburczy, Councilman

The Borough of Ramsey has lost its quintessential volunteer and I, like most, have lost my friend, Mike Adams. He served as a leader in every organization that he was involved in. Whether recruiting for the Rescue Squad or Ambulance Corps, organizing Boy Scout Events, or most notably serving as the OEM Coordinator, a former member of the Borough Council and as Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus, Mike was always chosen to lead by the membership and his peers.

Wherever Mike was involved, the organization was changed for the better, recruitment was improved and enrollment flourished. People may not have always agreed with his approach, but they cannot argue that the work performed was not only for the organization's benefit, but for the benefit of Ramsey as a whole.

All of us will miss his good nature and unique sense of humor. I will miss our frequent conversations and lunches. Whenever the 420 OEM car rolls through town or our emergency service personnel are at work, I will be reminded of fond memories of a dear friend. God bless you Mike Adams.

If you are looking to "Be Like Mike," then please contact Borough Hall or one of the many organizations throughout Ramsey. It is a great way to meet new people, make new friends, and help improve the wonderful community we live in. New members are always encouraged and welcome.



Remembering Mike Adams

By Glen Karpovich, Deputy Coordinator Ramsey Office of Emergency Management

In February, Ramsey lost a friend and the longtime coordinator of the Ramsey Office of Emergency Management, Michael F. Adams. I first met Mike while a student at Ramsey High School during the early 1970's. Mike was a Guidance Counselor and while I was not one of his students, I would stop in and talk with him about joining the Ramsey Rescue Squad, which I did and about becoming a police officer, which I also did.

While a Guidance Counselor, Mike was also an active member of the Ramsey Ambulance Corps. Years earlier Mike had joined the Ramsey Rescue Squad. He was an active member of the ambulance corps for many years, and held many positions. In 2007, the Corps new ambulance was dedicated to Mike. This ambulance was used in his funeral, transporting him from his funeral Mass at St. Paul Church to Maryrest Cemetery.

At the time of his death, Mike was the President of the Ramsey Rescue Squad, a position he had held for several years. He was a Life member of both the Ramsey Ambulance Corps and Ramsey Rescue Squad. Mike was also very active with Boy Scouts, being an Eagle Scout himself and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Mike may have been best known for his work as the Coordinator of the Ramsey Office of Emergency Management for over 40 years. Mike lead one of the best local Offices of Emergency Management in NJ, being recognized on a regular basis by both the Bergen County and NJ Offices of Emergency Management. He was held in such high regard by both organizations that the highest-ranking members of both organizations attended his wake, and for his funeral the New Jersey State Police/OEM sent a detail of State Police cars to escort Mike's funeral procession, something we all said he would have loved. I had the honor of working with Mike in OEM for over 20 years, the last 16 as one of his Deputy Coordinators.

In 2008, Mike was honored by President George W. Bush at the White House for his volunteerism work, one of the many awards he received over his long career of public service to others. Yes, Mike, you are and will continue to be missed.

Environmental/Sustainable Jersey Update

The Ramsey Green Team and Environmental Commission are pleased to announce that our community has achieved the bronze Sustainable Jersey certification. Ramsey is now a part of an elite group of municipalities, one of only 108 in the state, that have achieved the prestigious Sustainable Jersey certification. Municipalities that earn the certification are considered by their peers, by state government and by the experts and civic organizations in NJ to be among the leading municipalities in the state actively working to improve their environment. This certification is good for three years.



To become certified at the bronze level, Ramsey submitted documentation to show it had completed the required actions across 6 categories, meeting a minimum of 150 action points. In addition, for our two required priority actions, Ramsey chose to complete energy audits for our municipal buildings and conduct a natural resource inventory.

Ramsey was recognized for its efforts in: forming a Green team; conducting Community Outreach and Education; completing Energy Audits; building a healthy community through our many programs and activities; having a Farmers Market, an Environmental Commission, a Tree Protection Ordinance and an excellent recycling depot; completing a Natural Resource Inventory; completing a Community Forestry Plan and Canopy Goal, and for conducting regular Shred It days.

It took the efforts of many, many volunteers from our community to make certification possible. The next time you buy produce from the farmer's market, reap the benefits of the annual spring clean-up, breathe easily because of no-idling in the school pick-up lines, enjoy the beautiful trees in our neighborhoods, utilize the responsible disposition of recyclables, or participate in our town's many recreation programs and events, look for the people that worked to make these programs happen. Please give them a thank you. Ramsey is a better place to live, to work and to play because of their efforts.

Green Team members Angela Strollo, Mike Morris, Harry Smith, Steve Tesoriero, Karen Dey and Chairman Alison Clarke congratulate Ramsey on achieving Sustainable Jersey certification.

To get involved with Ramsey's Green Team and sustainability initiatives, contact the Green Team at mbendian@ramseynj.com. To participate in Sustainable Jersey free workshops and events held across the state, visit www.SustainableJersey.com.

Spring Into Action & Get Involved with Ramsey Clean Up Day!

The Ramsey Environmental Commission, with the support of the governing body, Ramsey Rescue, and the Bergen County Dept. of Health Services, Clean Communities Program, will be hosting its annual clean up day on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm. Rain Date is Sunday, April 22, 2012. Come join us to celebrate Earth Day 2012. We will be cleaning up garbage and debris that has accumulated over the winter months at several locations throughout Ramsey. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome! Just come by Ramsey Rescue Garage on Prospect Street to sign up and get your work gloves and equipment. While you're there, enjoy some breakfast, courtesy of our Junior Woman's Club and ShopRite. We will also be giving out our green T-Shirts, sponsored by Councilman Harry Weber, Renewable Resource Systems of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, and North East Printing and Promotions. It's a great opportunity to get involved, so come and join us. For more information, contact Angela Strollo, Vice-Chairperson, Ramsey Environmental Commission at astrollo2@verizon.net.



Kids with bags ; You can never start too early



Everybody is welcome at clean up day.

Board of Health Update



BEWARE THE BUGS

Health officials are predicting a bugger than usual spring and summer due to our mild past winter. They caution that the warmer start to Spring means that annoying insects will become active sooner and that we need to be ready – as insects are not only annoying, but can cause serious illness.

We love warm weather, and so do ticks, mosquitoes and fleas. Mosquitoes can transmit West Nile Virus, Ticks can transmit Lyme disease and other serious infections, and fleas can transmit a form of the Plague.

The New Jersey Department of Health offers advice on how to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus due to the bite of an infected mosquito:

- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts when outdoors, particularly at dawn and dusk
- Make sure screens on windows and doors are in good condition
- Use mosquito repellent when outdoors; use according to label and less than 10% DEET for children
- Eliminate standing water, old tires, cans and blocked gutters from your property
- Maintain swimming pools and empty or cover pools when not in use
- Change water in bird baths at least twice a week
- Report mosquito concerns to your local mosquito control agency @ **(201) 634-2880**.

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) also shares this information on preventing bug borne illnesses:

- Use appropriate insect and tick repellent – apply properly
- Mosquito biting hours are between dusk and dawn
- Ticks are out at all times
- Ticks are sometimes so small that they can be difficult to see
- Avoid tick infested areas – leaf litter, high grasses, wooded areas
- Clothing can be treated with the repellent permethrin or clothing can be purchased pre-treated
- After coming indoors, shower as soon as possible and check body for ticks (this includes children)

If you find an attached tick, don't panic. Ticks are easy to remove with a pair of fine tipped tweezers. Contact your healthcare provider if you develop a rash, fever, body aches or fatigue in the 1 – 3 weeks following a bite.

Protecting you or your pet from a form of the plague involves being prudent in handling flea infected animals and environments. Do not allow pets to roam outside freely. Do not touch sick or dead animals – call the local health department. Ramsey's Health Department can be reached at **(201) 825-3400, ext. 6**. Eliminate sources of food and nesting places for rodents around homes or other buildings.

The return of warmer weather brings the opportunity for freedom, relaxation, exploration and being closer to nature. While you are relaxing in your back yard, turning up your garden, hitting the pool, or exploring the great outdoors, being prudent in protecting against these pesky insects can make for an even better summer!

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

Ramsey Woman's Club Plans Spring Fling & Heirloom Tomato & Plant Sale

The Woman's Club of Ramsey will sponsor "The Spring Fling" shopping event on April 22nd from 1pm to 5pm at the Masonic Lodge, corner of Franklin Turnpike & Lake Street. Vendors & craft exhibits will be featured. Proceeds will go toward the club's charitable organizations. Admission is free & refreshments will be served.



Woman's Club of Ramsey officers are Judy Cusick, president, left; Jade Gunvar, vice president; Lori deVinck & Marge Detweiler, co-treasurers; Ginny Naugler, secretary; Paula Bartow, federation secretary, & Dorothy Emmerich, Ramapo District vice president, the installing officer. Photo by Jane Vilmar.

The 10th annual Heirloom Tomato & Veggie Plant Sale will be held on May 19th from 10am to 4pm. Look for the red & white tents in the parking lot of the Masonic Lodge. A variety of vegetable & herb plants will be available from the Catalpa Ridge Farm, all jersey grown.

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the lodge. New members are welcome.



Girl Scout Troop 502



2012 Marks the 100th Year of Girl Scouting. Ramsey Girl Scout Troops 502 and 1269 Decorated the Ramsey Library Windows with Vintage Girl Scout Memorabilia. Go Girl Scouts!

Junior Woman's Club

The Junior Woman's Club of Ramsey recently hosted their first Art Auction at the Ramsey Golf & Country Club on March 3, 2012. The successful event raised over \$10,000. Proceeds will benefit Ramsey Civic and Community Organizations.

The Juniors will be participating for a 5th year in the annual Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Last year our team raised over \$12,000 dollars, the 3rd largest team donation in Ramsey. Please join us again in our efforts to make our world CANCER FREE. Participation can involve purchasing a luminary for a loved one, making a donation to our team, and/or coming out to the event and cheer with us.

The Junior Woman's Club of Ramsey welcomes new members. For more club information please visit us at www.ramseyjuniors.com. "With hearts and hands we serve".



The Junior Woman's Club Team at the 2011 Relay for Life

Shop for Mother's Day at the Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale

The Ramsey Area Garden Club Plant Sale will be Saturday May 12th at The Ramsey Main Street Train Station from 9 AM to 3 PM. There will be hanging flower baskets, perennials from members own gardens, along with nursery grown perennials and annuals, all at great prices. (Proceeds are used to fund scholarships given to local students pursuing higher education in horticulture or environmental studies.)



Membership is open to all area residents from the novice to the experienced gardener. Our monthly meetings feature interesting speakers and the public is welcome to attend. On April 10th Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers University Gardens will be speaking on "Landscape and Garden Design Basics". Celeste Stapleton will present "Fauna in the Floral – Detering Critters in Your Garden" on May 8th. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month (September – June) at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 55 Wyckoff Avenue at 6:45 PM. Please contact June Stuck **201-825-7935** for more information.

A Message from the Ramsey Rescue Squad

As we bid farewell to one of the mildest winters on record, we wanted to take this opportunity to catch up with the residents of Ramsey that we have so proudly served for more than fifty years.



Over the past six months, Ramsey experienced two storms that pushed our squad to the limit. When Hurricane Irene hit our town in August of 2011, the Ramsey Rescue Squad (RRS) was called into service. The squad responded to 105 calls in just over forty hours, with the majority of the calls related to downed power lines, pump outs, and street flooding conditions. The winter storm of 2012 will be remembered not for the amount of snow that fell, but for when it fell. The October snowstorm that hit Ramsey and surrounding towns was devastating to many residents of our community. Some households lost power for up to a week as an unprecedented number of trees and limbs came down, pulling down power lines, and in some cases, causing severe damage to many homes. We answered 83 calls with sixteen rescue personnel working around the clock to help residents in desperate need of assistance.

Aside from these large storms and other service calls that we handle, The Ramsey Rescue Squad is also a fully functioning Technical Rescue Squad. A few of our primary response roles are vehicle extrication, search and rescue, water/ice rescue, hazardous materials technical decontamination, trench rescue and confined space rescue. In order to ensure proficiency in these many highly technical areas, we drill for two hours one night a week as a squad. In addition our members attend numerous outside training classes on nights and weekends. Also, through government grants we have even sent members in the past to anti-terrorism and Hazardous Materials awareness classes as far away as Texas.



Ramsey Rescue Squad and Ramsey Ambulance Corps members working to extricate patients during the Mercedes drill.

The heavy rescue field is a constantly evolving one and we have worked very hard over the years to ensure that we meet the challenges every day. This would not be possible without working hand in hand with other departments, both in town and outside. In order to control costs without sacrificing performance we historically have teamed up with other departments to share knowledge and in some cases services. An example of this is complex Hazardous Materials incidents, where we have teamed up with Mahwah Hazmat. Mahwah Hazmat provides the manpower and equipment to take care of the incident, and Ramsey Rescue provides the manpower and equipment to perform the decontamination. This allows each town to share the cost of this vital and required service. Just last month we drilled with Mahwah Hazmat and Fair Lawn Rescue, and in January we responded to Oakland with Mahwah hazmat for a Hazardous Materials situation. Another example of our shared services is technical rescues such as Trench Rescue and Confined Space Rescue. Ramsey Rescue teamed up with the other Rescue Companies (Saddle River Valley Rescue, Mahwah Rescue and Fair Lawn Rescue) in the Northwest Bergen mutual aid system to share the large expense, manpower and expertise required to deal with these rare, yet life threatening emergency situations.

Another challenge we face is the constantly evolving automotive industry. Every day vehicle manufacturers are working to make their vehicles lighter, stronger and safer for the passengers. While this is a great thing, these new car technologies pose great risk and complication to the rescuers during a crash. Last year, by working together with Ramsey Ambulance and Mercedes Benz we received 3 – 2011 Mercedes SUVs to drill on and cut up! Together with the Ambulance Corps we setup these vehicles during one of our drills in a real life scenario. We placed approximately 10 victims in the three cars, staged them in an accident scene, and ran through the entire evolution as if it was a three car accident on the highway. This drill allowed us to analyze our own strengths and weaknesses so we can better serve residents in their time of need.

In addition to the Mercedes donation, we also worked with Saddle River Bus Tours and received a bus donated that we performed a similar drill on in conjunction with the Ramsey Fire Department, Mahwah Rescue, Ramsey Ambulance Corps, and multiple other area ambulance corps. Using this resource we practiced for both a complicated vehicle accident and a mass casualty incident.

The RRS is fully aware that we would not be able to serve our community without the support we have enjoyed from our town. The donations of local residents and businesses make it possible for our members to attend the many hours of training and drills, and to secure the equipment necessary to respond to emergencies as they arise.

In addition to our operational capacities, our members take great pride in our efforts that help support community functions. Most Ramsey residents have seen us out and assisting the community at many events throughout the year. You will always see our trucks there, continually ensuring the safety of our residents. Some of the events you will see us at in 2012 include:

- **Earth Clean up on April 21st**
- **St. Paul's Carnival (May 9th – May 13th)**
- **Adorno Father's Spring Fair (May)**
- **Junior Women's Club - Touch-A-Truck-May 20th**

We are always looking for new members, if you want to join, please come see us at our building any Thursday night. The first Thursday of the month is our monthly meeting starting at 8pm; any other Thursday night is a drill night at 7:30. Feel free to come, watch and meet our dedicated members. You can also email membership@ramseyrescue.com or call us at **201-327-2772**. We are also on Facebook as Ramsey Rescue Squad and you can follow us on twitter at RamseyRescueSqd. *Continued on Page 9*

Relay For Life

Four years ago, Ramsey High School Principal Richard Lio brought the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life to Ramsey. An overwhelming success, we invited the community to come together once again in the fight against cancer. The 5th Annual Relay for Life, hosted by Ramsey High School, will be Lasso a Cure for the American Cancer Society. Over the past four years the Ramsey Community has raised over \$670,000.00 and the goal this year is \$200,000.00.

Once again the sponsors expect a large turnout of participants. In recent years over 1,000 people, young and old, have walked the track throughout the night to Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back. The evening begins by recognizing survivors and caregivers who take the first lap. At 10 PM the Luminary Ceremony takes place. The entire track and back field is in darkness, except for the Luminary bags that ring the track and the word HOPE spelled out in candles on the visiting bleachers.

Two Cancer survivors are asked to speak and share their experiences. This is followed by the lap of silence, honoring those who have succumbed to the disease. Throughout the night and wee hours of the morning a representative from each team walks the track until they are relieved by a team member. The American Cancer Society encourages anyone wishing to honor cancer survivors and caregivers, or pay tribute to those who have lost their battle with cancer, to attend the **Relay for Life** on May 18th and 19th.



The 9/11 Memorial is nearly complete. Details for the opening TBA and will be posted at www.ramseynj.com.

Hearts & Crafts Grief Counseling Celebrates the 15th Anniversary of Camp Grief Busters!

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Every year for the past 14 years, Hearts & Crafts Grief Counseling has hosted a camp for bereaved families called "Camp Grief Busters" that many campers have called "a life-changing experience". This year's 15th anniversary camp will be held on June 2nd and 3rd at the Stony Point Retreat Center in Stony Point, NY. Hearts & Crafts, a non-profit organization, invites parents and their children who have experienced a loss to join them for a fun and healing weekend that includes games, a candlelight memorial, a double barrel slip n' slide, an 18 booth carnival, and much more. The adults can also enjoy wine and cheese and massages in the meditation center, as well as the support of other adults who have experienced a loss. For more information about attending camp or to sponsor a family who would like to attend camp, please call Laura Hudson or Terry DeBrule directly at **201-818-9399** or email them at info@heartsandcraftscounseling.org



Erin and Ryan became lifelong friends at Camp Grief Busters.

Private and group counseling is available all year round at Hearts & Crafts at the carriage house at 60 E. Main Street in Ramsey. For more information or to make a tax deductible donation visit www.heartsandcraftscounseling.org

Follow us to a world with more birthdays.

At Relay For Life, we celebrate those who have had cancer, remember those lost, and fight back against the disease.

Together we'll Stay Well, Get Well, Find Cures and Fight Back!





THE OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF BIRTHDAYS:
Relay For Life of Ramsey!

LEARN ABOUT THIS YEAR!
April 19th at 7:30 p.m.
Ramsey High School Cafeteria
256 E. Main Street
Ramsey, NJ

For more information on how to get involved, or to RSVP please call 201.457.3418 x2209 or email ramsey.relay@cancer.org.

www.relayforlife.org/ramseynj

1.800.227.2345
www.relayforlife.org



The Ramsey Farmers Market Proudly Announces Its Third Season!

by Nancy Boone

This winter season our Ramsey Farmers' Market took a leap of faith when it ventured on to become Bergen County's first community based indoor farmers' market. Choosing the Eric Smith School cafeteria for a location and held every Sunday from December through March, over 20 vendors brought their seasonal produce and great artisan products for our community to continue to enjoy. Word spread rapidly and farmers' market followers appeared from so many surrounding towns, a few new farmers and vendors joined the market and our winter market became a wonderful success, thanks also to the efforts of a talented and dedicated farmers' market committee and support from Mayor Chris Botta, Borough Council members and our Council Liaison, Vanessa Jachzel.

Sponsored by the Ramsey Historical Association, the Ramsey Farmers' Market will begin its 3rd season outdoors at the Main Street train station on June 10th, kicking off with our traditional Strawberry Festival hosted by the Woman's Club of Ramsey. The market will continue outdoors every Sunday 9AM - 2PM through November 18th.

Planning is already well on the way for another season offering the freshest produce and products from local farms and vendors. The market has planned plenty of family fun, music, chef demos, artisan exhibits, children's crafts, and special events and hopes to serve as a resource for helping to make our town one committed to environmental sustainability and healthy living.

The outdoor market will continue its Pay it Forward program where visitors can bring non-perishable food items for donation to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. Visit the market website www.ramseyfarmersmarket.org for schedule of events and list of vendors.



Farmer Guy Jones, owner of BloomingHill Farm and former long time Ramsey resident, checks his organic produce at the indoor winter market as market goes choose from his seasonal produce.



Beekeeper and owner, Wayne Dewell, displays his honey and honey products at the winter market. Children especially love his colorful and delicious honey sticks

Ramsey Rescue Squad Continued. . .

Ramsey Rescue Safety Tips

With spring upon us, the RRS is gearing up for what is historically our busiest season. Spring storms bring heavy winds, rain and lightning. The RRS asks that you please read and following the tips below regarding safety around downed power lines (provided by Orange & Rockland):

- If you see a downed power line, consider it energized & dangerous.
- Maintain a distance of at least 50 feet from downed wires and anything they are in contact with
- Keep your children inside and your pets on a leash
- Don't drive over a downed power line. Even if they're not energized, the lines could get entangled in your vehicle, causing further damage.
- If a fallen wire is draped over a car, do not approach the car and make reckless rescue attempts. Remain a safe distance away, try to keep the occupant of the vehicle calm, and wait for emergency personnel to handle the situation.
- If you're in a situation where power lines are touching your car, do not get out of your car unless it's on fire. It's best to wait for an emergency response professional to help you. If you must get out of your car because of fire or another immediate life-threatening situation, use extreme caution. Leap far and free of the vehicle, with no part of your body or clothing touching the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Then shuffle away from the car, keeping both feet close together to minimize the path of electric current and avoid electric shock.

Ramsey Recycling Updates & Events

SHRED-IT DAY -- Saturday, May 12th -- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Shred your old tax returns or any other papers you consider important.

You can watch your papers being shredded.

No need to remove staples, paper clips or rubber bands.

3 box limit NO exceptions

Location – DPW – Southbound Train parking lot

We Will Have **TWO** Shred-It Trucks for May 12th



NEW Super Electronics Waste Collection Days

WE WILL Pickup Curb-side if you are a Senior (62 or older) OR

You have one Electronics piece weighing 100 lbs. or more

RESIDENTS

Must call Borough Hall to ask for a pick-up by May 4th (**201 825-3400 Ext. 0**)

Resident must put the electronics curbside Wednesday, May 9th - DPW will pick-up on Thursday – Friday (May 10-11)

ALL Residents are encouraged to bring their Electronics Waste to Super Electronic Day, Saturday, May 12th. Location – Southbound Parking Lot by DPW. Time 9AM – 1PM. Advanced Recovery, our electronics recycler will have trucks and manpower to unload your car. If you have any questions about Shred-It Day or Super Electronics Day call Borough Hall **201 825-3400, Ext. 229**.

Spring will bring our new Recycling containers to Main Street. They will match the existing trash containers except the tops will be recycling blue and are for your cans & bottles. These containers were purchased with State of New Jersey grant dollars. Coming soon will be Blue Recycling containers for Finch Park & all our ball fields. Again we are using State of New Jersey tonnage grant money to purchase. Please use our new recycling containers for your bottles & cans. Help Ramsey do a better job recycling. Help Ramsey keep these bottles & cans out of landfills.

PLASTIC, PLASTIC & More Plastics

WE need our residents to recycle MORE plastics. Are you Recycling your plastic newspaper bags? Are you recycling your plastic supermarket bag? How about all the plastic bags inside holding your fruits & veggies? Do you recycle your dry cleaning bags? Put them in a large plastic bag & bring them to your Recycling Center.

Ramsey ROCKS!

Let Ramsey Rock you! If you are reading the Ramsey Journal, you no doubt live in one of the best places on earth. Friendly neighbors, fantastic schools, dedicated police officers and a plethora of benevolent organizations.

When it comes to gifts such as these, our neighborhoods stand out far and above what many communities have to offer. Unfortunately, like so many other communities, we are not immune from problems related to alcohol and drug abuse. We're working to change that.

A drug-free future for our kids is possible. If it can be built anywhere, it can be built here. We've started by putting all three of our major community groups on one website. All of them need your help. DARE, The Drug Alliance and RHS S.A.D.D. provide opportunities for anyone, at any age level, to make a powerful difference in the future of Ramsey.

Visit **RamseyRocks.org** and choose one of the quick and simple ways that you can become a hero for our future generations. Remember, just knowing is half the battle. Now that you know you're needed, the rest is easy. Pay us a visit and learn why.

Ramsey Senior Center

The senior center, located in Finch Park, has many activities planned on a regular schedule. There are trips, luncheons and special events as well. If you are an older adult age 60+, you may join the senior center and take part in these activities. Simply fill out a registration card at the center or Borough Hall, and if you don't already receive the monthly calendar, ask someone in the Clerk's office to put you on the mailing list. The monthly calendar is available on line as well as on the Ramsey web page. Scroll down the left until you see the box that says "SENIORS". Click on that box to link to the senior's page. Click on "Current Monthly Calendar". The monthly calendar has sign up dates for classes, trips and luncheons and the activity schedule for the month.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 20: **Thomas Edison Home and Laboratory Tour** with lunch at The Manor in West Orange.
- June 13: **MEMPHIS on Broadway** Orchestra seats. Lunch at Lattanzi Restaurant. Sign up is Tuesday, April 24 at Borough Hall. Price is \$80 per person.
- June 23: **Senior Prom** at the High School. Details to be announced.
- July: **Kykuit Tour** Join us for a tour of the Rockefeller mansion, gardens and gallery in nearby Sleepy Hollow, NY. Trip will include lunch. Details to be announced.
- August: **Essex, CT Essex Steam Train and River Boat.** Trip includes Steam train ride, River Boat cruise past the Gillette mansion. Lunch in historic Essex, CT. Details to be announced.
- September 12: **Annual Senior Picnic** at the Pool. Food by Inserra Supermarkets (Shop Rite), musical entertainment, raffles and fun. \$5 per person. Sign up at Borough Hall.
- September 18-20: Leisure Club's **"Surprise Trip"**
- October 17: **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse** to see **KIND SIR**. Enjoy a delicious meal and dessert bar and hilarious play.
- December 4: **Christmas Luncheon** at the Ramsey Country Club at 12:00pm. Sign up and price to be announced in November.



Fire fighters cooking at senior picnic.



St. Pat's Party



Don Hayek performing at senior picnic



Louise Casey leading line dancing

Regularly scheduled activities include those pertaining to health and fitness, artistic creativity, sociability, community service, recreation and entertainment, and games of skill and chance.

HEALTH & FITNESS: Walking every day, Exercise on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Arthritis Foundation Exercise on Mondays and Fridays, Tai Chi on Thursdays, Yoga on Tuesdays and Fridays, Line Dance on Mondays, and Healthy Bones on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

ARTISTIC CREATIVE: Knitting on Mondays (which is for community service), Art on Wednesdays, Woodcarving on Wednesdays.

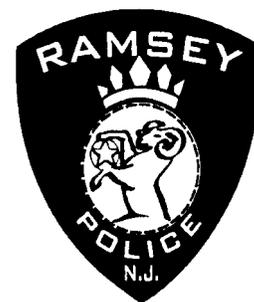
RECREATIONAL / GAMES: Men's Bocce Mon, Weds, and Fri; Women's Bocce on Thursdays; Pool on Mondays; Fast Track Bingo on Mondays; Chess on Tuesdays; Scrabble on Wednesdays; Bridge on Wednesdays; Mahjonn on Wednesdays; Shuffleboard and Ping Pong on Mon, Weds, Fri; Wii on Mondays and Fridays.

ENTERTAINMENT: Movies are shown every Sunday. Food generously donated by Morano's.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Do you need a ride to the senior center in Ramsey or the Northwest Bergen Regional Senior Center in Midland Park? Please let the Borough know. Call **201-825-3400 ext. 277** and leave a detailed message about where and when you want to go.

A Message From Ramsey Police Department



Traffic Safety

Due to the high volume of traffic on Main Street, it is imperative that drivers' attention not be divided. Use of cell phones without approved hands free devices and texting while driving is dangerous and illegal. It is also illegal not to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks. Pedestrians must do their part to insure their safety! Everyone needs to know jaywalking is illegal and unsafe! We all need to be crossing in designated crosswalks.

Pedestrians should always use crosswalks when available. They should obey traffic signals, especially "Walk / Don't Walk." Pedestrians should never assume a driver sees them or will stop for them. At night, wear reflective clothing and always use sidewalks.

Per NJSA 39:4-26 motorists shall stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Drivers should obey speed limits and not park on or near crosswalks. Furthermore, a clean windshield will help a driver's visibility. A violation of New Jersey statute 39:4-36 for failing to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk carries a fine and points on your driver's license.

Ways to Keep Your House Safe

The Ramsey Police Department wants to make residents aware that there have been burglaries in the Bergen County area. Many of these burglaries occur in residential areas.

Make sure your house has lights on at dusk and early evening. Many of the houses that have been burglarized were dark.

Lights on timers is a very easy way of illuminating your house if no one will be home.

Don't make it easy for burglars: Hide your good jewelry and heirlooms. Burglars do not spend much time in the house that they are attacking. In some cases burglars remove a pillow case and dump the contents of jewelry boxes into the empty pillow cases without discerning the value. Separating and hiding your good jewelry, will drastically decrease the possibility of losing a piece of jewelry with sentimental and monetary value;

If you are going to be away from your home for a protracted period of time, please notify the Ramsey Police Department @ **201-327-2400** and we will place your home on the "Vacant House List." Also, make arrangements to stop newspaper deliveries and either stop mail, or have a neighbor pick it up daily;

Most importantly, if a resident sees any suspicious cars or people in their neighborhood, please contact the Ramsey Police Department immediately. Residents know the people in their neighborhood, if you see something that does not look right please call. Astute observations by residents have assisted in solving many crimes. We need your eyes and ears.

Also, the Ramsey Police Department offers crime prevention surveys of homes and businesses. Just call **201-327-2400** and ask for Sgt. Timothy Flanagan for an appointment.

Identity Theft

Go to www.ramseypd.com for information on identity theft

Please follow the Ramsey Police Department through social media:



Find us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ramsey-Police/298643640188389>

*Find us on Twitter:
 @Ramseypd



Ramsey Pool Fees Remain the Same for 2012; New League for the Swim Team

The Ramsey Municipal Pool, built in 1964, is one of the great benefits of living in Ramsey. This four-acre Olympic-sized swimming facility, located on East Oak Street between South Central and Wyckoff Avenues, is among the finest in the area. Its program is planned for your summer enjoyment. The facility offers a fifty-meter pool with diving well, a wading pool for the youngest members, volleyball, basketball, playground areas, picnic tables and grills, expansive lawns, a bathhouse with showers and changing rooms, and a professional food service. The entire management has gone through extensive training and all staff is certified in CPR/First Aid. A new diving board and water slide will be added to the pool for the upcoming season!

The pool will be open MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 26, 27, and 28, plus the weekends of JUNE 2-3, JUNE 9-10, and JUNE 16-17. **The pool will open full-time the day after school ends.** The Ramsey Pool is an alcohol-free environment. On the Fourth of July and Labor Day, there will be a DJ and other fun activities at the pool from 4 to 7 p.m. Pool hours are weekdays from 12 noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There are FOUR WAYS to join the pool: **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (PLAN**

A) Family membership includes husband and wife, or widow/widower, plus \$30 per child. In a family with a legal single head of household, the basic membership may consist of the one adult plus one child in place of a spouse, plus \$30 for each additional child. Children are assumed to be unmarried, over 1 year old, and living at home as a legal dependent. Children under 10 must be accompanied by someone at least 12 years old. Children's badges are marked with a different color sticker to identify them. Pre-season registration will save \$35 on this membership. This unlimited use plan will be \$250 prior to April 20 and \$285 thereafter, plus \$30 per child. More than four children are free. **SENIOR CITIZENS (PLAN B)** This special plan is designed to encourage Ramsey's Senior Citizens (age 62 and over) to utilize the benefits of the pool at a rate of \$35 until April 20, \$40 after that date. **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (PLAN C)** Plan C is for the individual (one person only) who will use the pool frequently. Rates are \$150 prior to April 20 and \$175 thereafter. This is the recommended plan for the children's Nanny or family Au Pair. **TEN-PASS PLAN (PLAN D)** Plan D affords members a total of ten visits to the Ramsey pool and is \$120 at all times. This plan is renewable throughout the season. *All memberships must be paid in full at the time of registration. Proof of residency will be required with all cash payments. Each pool member (adults and children) will be required to have a photobadge as proof of membership at a cost of \$2 per badge. Photos can be taken whenever the pool is open. Guest fees for adults are \$10. Guest fees for children (under 18) and senior citizens (62 and over) are \$5. A member must be present and accompany the guest at all times. The pool's chair storage room will again be available during the 2012 pool season.*



The Ramsey pool will again be accepting a limited number of sponsored out-of-town memberships for the 2012 season. Out-of-town members (except for non-resident borough employees) must be sponsored by a resident member of the Ramsey pool.

There will be three two-week sessions of swim instruction offered at the Ramsey pool. Enrollment is limited so that more individual attention is possible. Children must be members of the pool to take swim lessons. Full payment for swim instruction must accompany the application. The charge is \$50 for each session which consists of ten classes. Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. **There are no refunds on swim instruction.** Class assignments will be posted at the pool prior to start of the first swim session.

The Ramsey Municipal Pool Swim Team, for Ramsey pool members only, competes with other local municipal pools in the Super Six Swim League, a new swim league for the Ramsey swim team. There will be no home meets this season. An excellent staff, including a certified swim instructor/coach, provides instruction and training on swimming techniques. The swim team realizes a competitive spirit as well as providing great fun for all who participate. A charge of \$70 will be required for swim team membership.

Please check the borough website for detailed information on swim lesson course descriptions and times and swim team membership and for all 2012 forms. For further information, please visit www.ramseynj.com (Municipal Pool tab on the left) or contact Gary Bach, Pool Manager, at ramseymunicipalpool@gmail.com or Karen Dey, Pool Secretary, at 201-825-2518 or gkdey@ramseynj.com.

Boy Scout Troop 31 Turns 100

TROOP 31 Ramsey, New Jersey

Boy Scouts of America Troop 31 has been proudly serving the youth of Ramsey since 1912. On Saturday, June 23rd Troop 31 will be hosting a day of scouting at Finch Park which will be free and open to the public. Celebrate the centennial and enjoy food and family fun while experiencing what the spirit of scouting is all about.

The number 100 has been a significant and reoccurring theme, especially during the past few years. Beginning in 2010 Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 100 year anniversary. In 2011 Troop 31 celebrated the advancement of its 100th Eagle Scout and we have been maintaining a scout membership level of 100 strong!

It was Charles Pollard, a naturalist, who brought the Boy Scouting idea to Ramsey. In March of 1912, he and a "Group of Citizens" organized what was then known as Troop 1 and a charter was granted, with Rev. A.S. Van Orden, pastor of the Ramsey First Presbyterian Church, as the first Scoutmaster. Around 1918 the Troop designation was changed from number 1 to number 31.

Outdoor traditions in boy scouting from those early years have been carried forward through today. The Troop continues to actively hike, camp, swim and canoe. Treks throughout the years have taken our boys on adventures near and far. Examples include travels to Philmont, Assateague, Bluestone State Park, Mt. Washington, Floodwood, various 50 – 100 mile canoe trips, Camp-o-rees at West Point, the Scout Retreat at Liberty State Park, Battleship Massachusetts, historical hikes in New York, Boston and Valley Forge.

Troop 31 has never lost sight of one of the most essential tenets of scouting - service. In addition to the multitude of Eagle Scout projects that vastly improved the region in general, scouts have volunteered at soup kitchens, homeless shelters and participate in the annual Scouting for Food food drive. Additionally, every year scouts and adults participate in "Beaver Day" at Camp Glen Gray. On Beaver Day volunteers help to clean up the streams, paint cabins, work on the waterfront, and tend to other needed jobs around the camp. The Troop has sponsored (maintained) Price Cabin since October of 2004.

Our large number of Eagle Scouts is a testament to all the Troop's leaders for continuing to work hard to help our scouts stay focused at a time when there are many distractions and outside influences, and giving them the support they need to persevere to reach their goals.

May the traditions continue as Boy Scouts of America and Troop 31 embark on another 100 years of developing strong character and leadership through Scouting.



Canoeing in Acadia National Park

Ramsey Historical Association

The Ramsey Historical Association will be participating in the second annual Northwest Bergen County History Day on Sunday May 20th 2012. Ramsey's oldest home, the Old Stone House Museum will be open along with 7 other nearby historical home/museums including the Schoolhouse Museum, John Fell House, The Hermitage, Hopper-Goetschius House, Mahwah Museum, Zabriskie House, and Van Allen House. Hours will be 10:00 - 4:00 pm and this year in honor of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, each site will feature special exhibits about the Civil War era.

Tickets are \$10 and include admission to all 8 sites. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets will be available in advance at the Schoolhouse Museum in Ridgewood or at Abma's Farm Market in Wyckoff. For more information call **201-652-7354** or email at info@ridgewoodhistoricalsociety.org.



Ramsey Historian Tom Dater at the Train Station with Cub Scouts



St. Nicks Day at the Old Stone House, Kim Hendrickson wielding an old fashioned waffle iron demonstrates cooking on an open hearth, assisted by Gary Corraas

Spring Has Sprung . . . Be Fire Safe!!!

by Gregory Hewitt - Deputy Chief, Ramsey Fire Department

Well, the Borough of Ramsey has made it through yet another winter season and the Fire Department is happy to report that due to the extremely mild winter, chimney and furnace fires were not as common place this year as last when we suffered one of the worst winters in North Jersey history. However, as spring and summer quickly approaches, new fire hazards are all around us. Here are some of the more common things that we see each year that residents should avoid.

Chimineas & Fire Pits: As we get into the summer season, residents take to there backyards for BBQ's, swimming pools and gathering with friends. Nothing is more inviting than a cozy fire on a summer night in your brand new fire pit or chiminea. Unfortunately, many times these are placed too close to homes and in some cases we have seen them placed on the wood deck. Please keep the fire pit and chimineas safely away from your home and out in the yard. Children and adolescents should never be able use them without constant adult supervision and they should never be overloaded with combustibles. If it looks like the fire is too big, it probably is. And perhaps most important...**DO NOT LEAVE IT UNATTENDED.** We have responded over the last few years to several fires, where the home was destroyed by a fire pit left unattended as the family went to bed. Please do not become a statistic and remember to completely extinguish the flames before you go to bed or leave the residence.



And remember, open burning of brush and any debris is not permitted in the Borough of Ramsey.

BBQ's: Please remember that before you start the BBQ season, move the BBQ away from the side of the house and out from under the eaves. Many gas grills also have a grease collector underneath that should be checked and emptied as this is a source of fuel and a hazard. Check all hoses to make sure rodents have not eaten them and caused a propane leak, and thoroughly check and clean the venturi burners, as this is a favorite place for bugs to accumulate and cause your burners to flare up and malfunction. If your gas grill should ignite and you are unable to shut it off, close the lid and Call 911 immediately. All homes should have an operating fire extinguisher nearby while BBQ'ing and using the fire pit as a precaution.



Storage of Pool Chemicals and Petroleum Products: During the summer months we often find ourselves maintaining the yard as well as the swimming pool. Please make sure all fuels and oils are stored away from open flame and only in approved containers. These should never be stored in basements or in lower levels of the home as fumes can accumulate and cause an explosion and fire hazard. The same goes for pool chemical, which should always be stored in a cool dry place and again, never inside the home. Pool chemicals such as chlorine and lithium produce a very toxic gas when they get wet and oxidize, so beware of keeping these chemicals in damp places. Additionally, keep petroleum products and pool chemicals away from each other. The two when mixed can combust or cause a toxic gas that can be harmful.

The summer is a wonderful time for the borough's residents to enjoy the outdoors and safeguarding your home with these few things can make all the difference in the world and protect the lives of your family as well as preventing a catastrophe with your home. As we recently changed the clocks, it is also time to change your smoke detector batteries as well as check your CO detectors. Did you know that a CO detector has an expiration date and must be replaced every 5 to 7 years? Check yours today!!

The Ramsey Fire Department is here for all residents to assist with any of these matters, so please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Over the coming months the Fire Department will also be holding several events open to the public.

April 7, 2012

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Fire HQ - 9am to 1pm

May 28, 2012

Refreshments at Fire HQ after the Memorial Day Services

July 14, 2012

Annual RFD Golf Invitational

We hope you have a safe and wonderful summer and encourage all residents to visit us on Monday evenings at Fire Headquarters while we drill and train. Interested in becoming a member, applications to join our ranks are also available from any member on Monday evenings.

The Greater Ramsey UNICO – Spring Update

In the fall of 2011, the Greater Ramsey UNICO chapter hosted its 3rd annual “**Charity di Vino**” wine tasting event at the Sheraton Crossroads in Mahwah. Only our third year running this event, Charity di Vino has become the **largest wine tasting in Northern New Jersey**. Each year Charity di Vino is more successful than the year before which has allowed our chapter to give back to even more beneficiaries within our community. We are happy to announce that last year’s event raised over twenty-four thousand dollars in profit and directly impacted the following organizations:



Greater Ramsey UNICO

Hearts & Crafts Counseling, Meaningful Movements of Midland Park, Meals on Wheels of Bergen County, The Center for Food Action of Northern New Jersey, The Ramsey DARE program, Pack 306 Cub Scouts, The Bergen Philharmonic, After School Programs, Scholarships and others to name a few.

In the spring of 2012, The Greater Ramsey UNICO hosted its first ever Casino Night, “**That’s Amore**”. The proceeds will directly benefit the **Ramsey Emergency Services: Fire Department, Ambulance Corp and Ramsey Rescue** as well as other local organizations.

Also, the Greater Ramsey UNICO Chapter is pleased to present their first ever “**Citizen of the Year Award**”. **Mayor Christopher Botta** was the first recipient of this award. Mayor Botta received the award for demonstrating continual service to his community and surrounding communities with the core values of his Italian American heritage which are consistent with the core values and goals of Greater Ramsey UNICO.

This fall we will host our **fourth annual “Charity di Vino”**. The date and venue are TBD. We will continue to serve over 150 delicious wines from around the globe, sake and beer tasting, pasta, Brooklyn cannolis, Starbucks coffee, Carlos Bakery cake (Cake Boss), an Iron Chef Competition with local chefs, live music and over fifteen thousand dollars worth of prizes. New for this year, we will offer private wine workshops hosted by skilled experts with a focus on tasting different varietals and understanding the components of wine tasting (see, swirl, smell, sip and savor). Most importantly, all of the proceeds will continue to help our great community and people in need. As always, 100% of the proceeds will be donated back to our community.

The Greater Ramsey Chapter is always looking to expand its membership and welcome new members to the Chapter.

For more information call:

Louis La Vigna, President, 201-444-3250 • Joe Tredici, Membership Director, 201-785-4063

Ramsey DARE Idol: Season VIII

The heart-pounding, ear-pleasing, eye-popping, tear-jerking national sensation is back. It started here in little ‘ole Ramsey, NJ and has been sought after by the entertainment meccas of Atlantic City and Nashville, Tennessee.

The homegrown Ramsey DARE Idol: Season VIII is currently in production. On May 19, 2012, you’ll get your chance to see it in person. Right now, over 150 kids and 60 volunteers are pouring their heart and soul into this inspirational event.



As thousands have now found, you don’t need to be a Ramsey DARE family to be blown away by the DARE Idol experience. Fewer than 1,000 seats are available for this life-changing show and all will sell out in as little as two weeks. This is one current event that you don’t want to be left reading about in the paper. Experience it for yourself.

There are two ways to get tickets. You can wait until we announce our ticket sales and hope that you get there first, or you can like our facebook page at [facebook.com/ramseydarerocks](https://www.facebook.com/ramseydarerocks). Over the next few weeks, we will be giving away up to 10 tickets and one V.I.P. package: complete with preferred parking and reserved seats. Don’t wait. Like our page now and win tickets to the hottest show in town!

BREAKING NEWS!

The Ramsey Chamber Commerce is Now Forming All Ramsey Merchants are Welcome!

Do you want to have a voice in town and create more business for your company? Help us start a chamber of commerce! Let us make a difference and create a local chamber in our very own Borough of Ramsey. The first meeting will be held on May 14th with location and time to be announced. For more information please contact either January at **201-327-8018** / jbourke@oritani.com or Rob at **201-818-7171** / rob@wirelessworldoframsey.com.

Emergency Management FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS)

The Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA), National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a Federal program to help reduce the cost of flood insurance for homes and businesses which are located in a designated flood zone.

FEMA defines the program as; "A voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements."

As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood losses;
2. Facilitate accurate insurance rating; and
3. Promote the awareness of flood insurance.

For CRS participating communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted in increments of 5%; For example, a Class 1 community would receive a 45% premium discount, while a Class 9 community would receive a 5% discount (a Class 10 is not participating in the CRS and receives no discount). The CRS classes for local communities are based on 18 creditable activities, organized under four categories:

1. Public Information,
2. Mapping and Regulations,
3. Flood Damage Reduction, and
4. Flood Preparedness.

Presently the only Bergen County towns who participate in, and receive the benefit of this program are the 10 Bergen communities within the New Jersey Meadowlands District and the Village of Ridgewood.

Over the next few months the Ramsey Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will be conducting a cost benefit analysis to determine the program's effectiveness in the borough. OEM will be working closely with the Borough Administrator, Engineer, Planner, Construction Code Official, and the Mayor and Council to plot our future course. Stay tuned.

For more information on the CRS program go to:
<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/nfip/manual200605/19crs.pdf>

Ralph Venturini, Coordinator Ramsey Office of Emergency Management

Ramsey Baseball Parade



The Ramsey Baseball and Softball Association opening day parade is scheduled for Saturday April 21st at 9:00. The teams will meet prior to 9:00 in the commuter parking lot on Mechanic Street. The parade will come up Mechanic Street to Main Street and then down Church Street to Finch Park. Parade will conclude at Finch Park on Field #2 with the RBSA opening ceremonies.



Senior Tax Help Information

AARP Tax Aide Sites - Bergen County 2011 Taxes

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Municipality	Location Name	Address	Phone	Days	Time
Mahwah	Mahwah Senior Center	475 Corporate Dr	201-529-5757	Mon Fri	9:30-3:30 9:30-3:30
Midland Park	Midland Park Senior Center	46 Center St	201-445-5690	Tues Wed	9:30-3:30 9:30-3:30



Ramsey Senior Transportation Looks Into Expanding Service

The Borough of Ramsey is exploring the expansion of bus service for Ramsey senior citizens. We need your help and input. Please call the borough transportation number at 201-825-3400 ext 277 and let them know when and where you would like to go. For example, do you need a ride to the Ramsey Senior Center or to the Northwest Bergen Regional Senior Center in Midland Park? Help us help you by providing detailed information about your transportation needs.

Presently, Ramsey Senior Transportation Committee provides door-to-door bus transportation for mobile Senior Citizens who are Ramsey Residents. The van operates Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 12:00noon. The bus service is ideal for trips to the store, visits to doctors, dentists, physical therapy or other errands in the Ramsey area. The bus will pick you up at your residence, take you to your destination and return to your home in a convenient, clean and safe vehicle. Interstate Shopping Center is a regular destination. A trip to Paramus Park trip is scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month.

The charge is a reasonable \$3.00. Reservations can be made by calling the Borough Hall at **201-825-3400 ext. 277**. Reservations should be made one day in advance.



Annual Senior Gala

The annual Gala for the Ramsey seniors will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at the Ramsey High School. There's lots of fun, lots of food, good company, live music and dancing and the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful decorations of the Graduating Class' Senior Gala held the night before.



Ramsey Recreation Calendar			
	Saturday, April 14 Adult Soccer Begins	Monday, June 25 Trip to Yankees vs. Cleveland Indians	
	Sunday, April 15 Men's & Women's Softball Begins	Monday, July 30 Golf Clinic Begins	
	Monday, June 25 Summer Camp Begins	Saturday, September 15 Ramsey Run	

Ramsey Voting Districts

Due to redistricting in Bergen County, Ramsey now has eight (8) voting districts in order to comply with State Statutes. Those who were affected should have received a letter from the County alerting you of your new voting district. If you are not sure of your polling location, please call borough hall at **201-825-3400 X 221** or email your borough clerk at mbendian@ramseynj.com to find out where you should report to vote. Simply provide your name and address in the email.

This information will also be printed on your sample ballots.

Districts 1&6	Tisdale School	Districts 3&8	Dater School
District 2	Smith School	District 5	Hubbard School
Districts 4&7	High School (Murray Gymnasium)		

Ramsey Public Education Foundation's Awesome 80's Party!

A "Totally Awesome" 80's Party!

The Ramsey Public Education Foundation presents its "Awesome 80's" Party! Break out those leg warmers, neon shirts and Member's Only jackets and join us May 11, at 7:30pm, at the Ramsey Golf and Country Club for hors d'oeuvres and open bar, and live music by Mary's Basement! All of the proceeds from this great event go back to support our children's education. Our mission is to donate money for technology and enrichment programs at all five Ramsey schools. Reservations are \$70 per person, \$65 per person if you make your reservation by 4/15/12. For more information or to make a reservation, please see our website at www.RamseyPEF.org or email us at RamseyPEF@gmail.com.



Memorial Day Ceremonies - May 28, 2012

Ramsey's 2012 Memorial Day Events will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a ceremony at Union Cemetery on Darlington Avenue. The Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. The staging area for participants will be at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at Wyckoff and Woodland Avenues. The Parade will run down Main Street, to end at Veteran's Park where there will be a ceremony honoring our deceased war Veterans. We encourage you all to attend the ceremonies and parade. For Seniors, round trip transportation in the Senior Bus will be available by appointment. Please call Borough Hall (201) 825-3400 ext. 277 to reserve your seat.



2012 Independence Day Festivities

Mark your calendars for Ramsey's 2012 Independence Day Festivities on Saturday, July 7 (rain date Sunday, July 8) at Finch Park. Daytime events will feature a family picnic and softball tournament to benefit the Ramsey VFW. Evening events will include live musical performances by the Ramsey Wind Symphony, the Ramsey DARE Idols, and more, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display! Details to be posted on the Borough of Ramsey website at www.ramseynj.com.



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Chairman

Councilman Ken Tyburczy
Building, Planning and Zoning,
Chairman

Councilman Harry Weber
Utilities, Buildings and Grounds
Chairman

Municipal Directory

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies . . . Dial 9-1-1
Police Main Number 201-327-2400
Municipal Building Main Number. 201-825-3400
Administrator.ext.228
Assessorext.248
Municipal Clerk.ext.225
Constructionext.253
Construction Official.ext.254
Municipal Court. 201-825-0988
Engineerext.262
Finance Officerext.239
Fire Inspector.ext.256
Health Departmentext.245
Planning Boardext.261
Public Worksext.274
Recreation. 201-825-8299
Recycling, Shade Treeext.229
Tax Collectorext.235
Water/Sewerext.234

Voting Districts

District 1 Tisdale School
District 2 Smith School
District 3 Dater School
District 4 High School
District 5 Hubbard School
District 6 Tisdale School
District 7 High School
District 8 Dater School

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