

## Council-At-Large

ANGEL ALBANESE  
ALVIN BARR  
BILL SMITH

## Ward Council

WARD 1—FRANK MAZZARELLA  
WARD 2—PATRICK O’CONNOR  
WARD 3—STEVEN HUND  
WARD 4—BRIAN TOAL

TO FIND YOUR WARD AND DISTRICT VISIT  
OUR WEBPAGE AT [WWW.OURCLARK.COM](http://WWW.OURCLARK.COM)

## Township Direct Numbers

Administration:	732-388-3600
Public Works:	732-428-8402
Clerk:	732-388-3669
Construction:	732-428-8401
Tax Office:	732-428-8403
Tax Assessor:	732-388-1943
Health/Vitals:	732-428-8405
Sewer Utility:	732-428-8404
Recreation:	732-428-8400
Court:	732-381-5395
Board of Ed:	732-574-9600
Library:	732-388-5999

## Non-Emergency Numbers

Police Desk:	732-388-3434
Fire Desk:	732-381-1150
Vol. First Aid:	732-388-0001

# TOWNSHIP OF CLARK

Mayor Sal Bonaccorso

John F. Laezza, Business Administrator



CLARK TOWNSHIP  
RADIO FREQUENCY  
590 AM

2016  
REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

2016  
MAYOR & COUNCIL



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[WWW.OURCLARK.COM](http://WWW.OURCLARK.COM)

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/  
CLARKTWP](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CLARKTWP)

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS  
TV 36 SHOWINGS: TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY, & SATURDAY  
1PM, 7:30PM, 10PM

WORKSHOP  
MEETINGS

7:30 PM

430 WESTFIELD AVENUE ROOM 30



Re-Organization Meeting 7PM January 4\*\*

January 4\*\*

February 1

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

July 5 (Tuesday)

August 1

September 6 (Tuesday)

October 3

November 9 (Wednesday)

December 5

\*\*Council Chambers—315 Westfield Ave

PUBLIC  
MEETINGS

7:30 PM

315 WESTFIELD AVENUE— COUNCIL CHAMBERS



January 19 (Tuesday)

February 16 (Tuesday)

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

# TOWNSHIP EVENTS

2016

**Saturday March 19th—Easter Egg Hunt**

**Monday May 30th—Memorial Day Parade**

**Wednesday June 15th—Senior Breakfast (Jan-Jun Birthdays) at Gran Centurions**

**Monday, July 4th—Independence Day Celebration**

**Sunday, September 11, 2015—Nelson Memorial**

**Wednesday September 14th—Senior BBQ at the Deutscher Club.**

**UNICO 10th Annual Feast—October 11th-13th**

**Wednesday October 19th—Senior Breakfast (Jul-Dec Birthdays) at Gran Centurions**

**October 31st—Trunk and Treat—ALJ Parking Lot**

**Sunday November 27th—Breakfast with Santa at Gran Centurions (2 sessions) & Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting at Town Hall**

**Senior Holiday Party—TBA**

**QUESTIONS CAN BE EMAILED TO  
MAYOR@OURCLARK.COM OR CALL  
732-388-3600 X3001**



# TOWN HALL

## OFFICE CLOSURES

Friday, Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> :	New Year's Day
Monday, Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> :	President's Day
Friday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> :	Good Friday
Monday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> :	Independence Day
Monday, Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Labor Day
Tuesday, Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Election Day
Friday, Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Veterans Day
Thursday, Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> :	Day after Thanksgiving
Monday, Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> :	Day after Christmas



# RECYCLING

## 2016 PICK-UP SCHEDULE

**January: 4 & 18**  
**February: 15 & 29**  
**March: 14 & 28**  
**April: 11 & 25**  
**May: 9 & 23**  
**June: 6 & 20**  
**July: 2\*\* & 18**  
**August: 1, 15, & 29**  
**September: 12 & 26**  
**October: 10 & 24**  
**November: 7 & 21**  
**December: 5 & 19**

# GRASS

## 2016 PICK-UP SCHEDULE

**April: 18 & 25**  
**May: 2, 8, 16, 23, & 30**  
**June: 6, 13, 20, & 27**  
**July: 2\*\*, 11, 18, & 25**  
**August: 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29**  
**September: 3\*\*, 12, 19, & 26**  
**October: 3 & 10**

**FOR MISSED PICK-UPS CALL  
GIORDANO DIRECTLY AT  
1-800-216-2250**



## CLARK DPW

Director Joseph Bonaccorso

Supervisor: Scott McCabe

Asst. Supervisor: Pat Hofschneider

[dpw@ourclark.com](mailto:dpw@ourclark.com)

732-428-8402

***We DO NOT pick-up: Construction material of any kind, building materials from demolition, alterations, repairs to buildings, (i.e.: kitchen or bathroom remodel), no mattresses, box springs, propane tanks, auto parts, tires, railroad ties, concrete, logs, dirt, rocks, paint cans, fences. If you are unsure if an item is acceptable please contact DPW for assistance.***

## 2016 BULKY WASTE

By APPOINTMENT ONLY—Please email or call DPW directly to schedule your pick-up. All appointments need to be made by 3PM the Thursday before your scheduled pick-up.

### March

Ward 1—March 7th  
 Ward 2—March 14th  
 Ward 3—March 21st  
 Ward 4—March 28th

### April

Ward 1-April 4th  
 Ward 2—April 11th  
 Ward 3—April 18th  
 Ward 4—April 25th

### May

Ward 1—May 2nd  
 Ward 2—May 9th  
 Ward 3—May 16th  
 Ward 4—May 23rd

### June

Ward 1-June 6th  
 Ward 2—June 13th  
 Ward 3—June 20th  
 Ward 4—June 27th

### July

Ward 1—**July 5th\***  
 Ward 2—July 11th  
 Ward 3—July 18th  
 Ward 4—July 25th

### August

Ward 1-August 1st  
 Ward 2—August 8th  
 Ward 3—August 15th  
 Ward 4—August 22nd

### September

Ward 1—**Sept. 6th\***  
 Ward 2—Sept. 12th  
 Ward 3—Sept. 19th  
 Ward 4—Sept. 26th

### October

Ward 1-Oct. 3rd  
 Ward 2—**Oct. 11th\***  
 Ward 3—Oct. 17th  
 Ward 4—Oct. 24th

**\*\*=stands for change in day pick-up.**

**We pick-up furniture, storm screens, windows, rugs (cut and tied) doors, toys, and garden tools. All bulky items should be placed between the curb and the sidewalk (not in the street) in boxes, containers, etc.**

**Spring Clean-up:** Mid-March through the end of April. Please place the following items out in the street; leaves, lawn debris and small branches only. Please do not block catch basins.

**Branch Pick-up:** April through September (weather permitting). Branch pick-up will be the 4th week of the month. Please place branches out in the street on the following weeks only: April 18th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, and September 19th.

**Leaf Pick-up:** Starts the end of October and runs through December. Please place leaves in the street (a foot from the curb) to allow for water flow. Please do not block catch basins. If branches are mixed with leaves they will not be removed.

**Appliance Pick-up:** March through October pick-up on Mondays by Appointment ONLY. Please contact DPW by 3pm the Thursday before to schedule your appointment. i.e., washers, dryers, grill (without propane), refrigerators, metal items,

**Electronic Drop-off:** Equipment can be dropped off at the DPW Garage behind the Police Department on the last Saturday of each month between the hours of 9am and 1pm. Acceptable equipment: computers, CD players, DVDs, printers, keyboards, modems, monitors, phones, scanners, speakers, televisions, fax machines, video cassettes, and 4'-8' round & u-shaped fluorescent light bulbs.  
Schedule: Jan 30th, Feb 27th, Mar 26th, Apr 30th, May 28th, June 25th, July 30th, Aug 27th, Sept 24th, and Oct 29th

**Motor Oil Drop Off:** Used motor oil can be dropped off at the DPW yard located behind the Police Station Monday-Friday from 9am to 1pm. **Please do not leave empty containers.**

**For Union County Recycling Events please call them directly at : 908-654-9890**



DPW

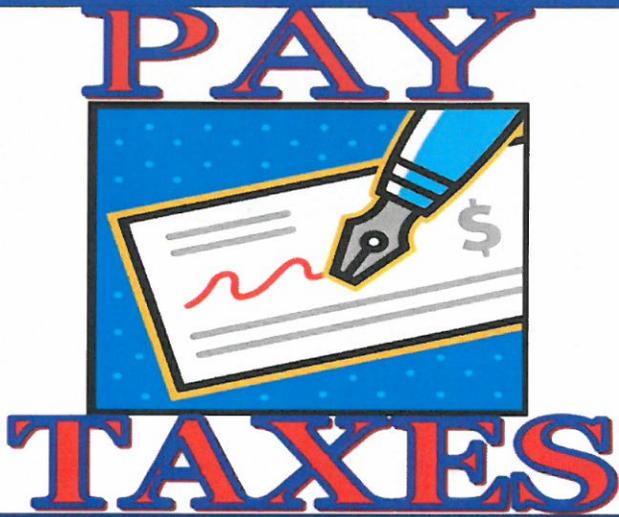
732-428-8402

Please be sure to follow all the rules outlined for each pick-up. For a list of Garbage Haulers who service the area visit our webpage.

### Shade Tree Services

732-428-8402

Please call DPW with any of your Shade Tree concerns such as trimming, take downs, dead, or diseased trees. Please be advised that a permit is required to cut down any trees on your property (no cost).



## TAX /SEWER BILLS

ANY QUESTIONS RELATING TO TAX BILLS AND SEWER BILLS CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AT:

TAX OFFICE: 732-428-8403

SEWER: 732-428-8404

The Township of Clark Department of Tax Collections is responsible for processing billing and payments for both property taxes and sewer utilities.

Tax Bills are mailed out in late June each year. Tax payments are due February 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sewer Utility bills are mailed out in February. You have the option to pay this bill in one installment, or two equal installments, the first due March 15<sup>th</sup> and the second September 15<sup>th</sup>.

We offer a 10-Day grace period for both Sewer Utility and Tax payments. If the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month lands on a weekend or holiday—the grace period is extended to the next business day.

### MAKE A PAYMENT ON-LINE:

1) Go to <http://www.ourclark.com> and scroll down to **Pay Taxes Online** which is located on the bottom right hand side. Click on “Pay Here”.

2) Find your home through one of the searches, then click on “Make Payment”

3) Follow payment instructions

\* If paying by **Electronic Check** the convenience fee is \$1.05

\* If paying by **Visa Debit card** the convenience fee is \$3.95

\* If paying by **All Other Debit/Credit cards** the fee will be approximately 2.95% of your total bill.

### HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT IN PERSON:

We accept cash, check or money order at the Tax Collection Office located in Town Hall at 430 Westfield Avenue.

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

### HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT AT THE DROP BOX:

Deposit tax payments in the mail slot located on the front left side of the Building. It's convenient and easy!

### HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT BY US MAIL:

**Make Check Payable to:** Township of Clark

**Mail to:** Township of Clark  
430 Westfield Avenue  
Clark, NJ 07066

**If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Collection Office in Town Hall at (732) 428-8404. We are here to help.**

# TAX OFFICE

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **ATTENTION SENIOR RESIDENTS: PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS**

#### **Seniors, Surviving Spouses and the Disabled are eligible for \$250 Property Tax Deduction**

- ⇒ Homeowners who are Senior Citizens; (65+) or under 65 receiving Social Security Disability Benefits can apply for the property tax deduction.
- ⇒ Income must be less than \$10,000 excluding Social Security, (for married couples it is the combined income).
- ⇒ Applications are to be submitted to the Assessor's Office in Town Hall.

#### **Veterans and Widows of Veterans are eligible for a \$250 Property Tax Deduction.**

- ⇒ To qualify you must have served active duty during time of war, (DD-214 required as proof).
- ⇒ Must have been honorably discharged.
- ⇒ Must live in the home as your owner occupied home.
- ⇒ No income requirement.
- ⇒ Applications are to be submitted to the Assessor's office in Town Hall.

#### **New Jersey Homestead Benefit administered by the State of New Jersey**

- ⇒ Must be a NJ resident
- ⇒ You must have owned and occupied the home as your primary home as of 10/1 of the prior year.
- ⇒ Your property taxes must be current.
- ⇒ You have to meet certain income limits which are subject to the current year State budget.
- ⇒ Best way to apply is by phone: **1-877-658-2972**

#### **New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement (PTR) Program, (a.k.a., Property Tax Freeze Program)**

- ⇒ Homeowners who are Senior Citizens; (65+) or under 65 receiving Social Security Disability Benefits can apply for the property tax deduction.
- ⇒ Must have lived in NJ continuously; as a homeowner for at least 10 years and owned a home or mobile site on which you paid taxes during that time.
- ⇒ You have to meet certain income limits which are subject to the current year State budget.
- ⇒ Best way to apply is by phone: **1-877-225-1312**

#### **Other Helpful Phone numbers for our Senior Community**

- ⇒ NJ Division on Aging; **1-800-792-8820**
- ⇒ Medicare and You Handbook, (Free); **1-800-633-4227**
- ⇒ Social Security & Medicare Information; **1-800-772-1213**
- ⇒ Pharmaceutical Assistance, (PAAD); **1-609-792-9745**
- ⇒ Home Energy Assistance Programs; (HEAP); **1-800-510-3102**
- ⇒ National Do Not Knock; Do Not Call; **1-888-382-1222**
- ⇒ National Do Not Mail; **1-888-567-8688**
- ⇒ Better Business Bureau; **609-588-0808**

# CLARK SENIOR CITIZENS

## Monthly General Meetings

First Thursday at 1PM in the Cafeteria

January 7th	February 4th	March 3rd	April 7th
May 5th	June 2nd	July-August Closed	
September 1st	October 6th	November 3rd	December 1st

## AARP Meetings

First Friday at 1PM in the Cafeteria

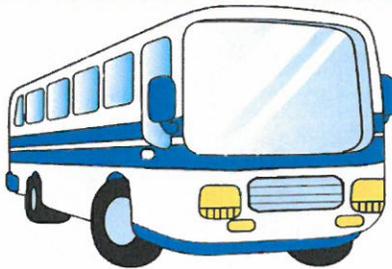
January 8th	February 12th	March 11th	April 8th
May 13th	June 17h	July-August Closed	
September 9th	October 14th	November 11th	December 9th

## CLARK SENIOR BUS SCHEDULE

**YOU MUST CALL 732-428-8404 BY 3PM THE DAY BEFORE  
TO SCHEDULE PICK-UP**

**MONDAYS:**  
AM: SHOPRITE  
PM: WALMART IN LINDEN

**WEDNESDAYS:**  
AM: ACME  
PM: AVIATION PLAZA (1ST)  
CLARK COMMONS (2ND)  
WOODBIDGE MALL (3RD)  
MENLO PARK MALL (4TH)



**FRIDAYS:**  
AM: SHOPRITE  
PM: TOWNHALL/LIBRARY/  
CLARK STORES

PICK-UP FOR MORNINGS START APPROX. 8AM  
UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

PICK-UP IN THE AFTERNOON STARTS APPROX. 12PM  
UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED/

Clark Senior Fitness Center  
Monday-Friday 8:30AM-12PM

In order to participate you must bring a note or prescription from your primary doctor clearing you to use the facility to the Mayor's Office.



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## RECREATION DEPARTMENT: 732-428-8400

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For information pertaining to the Township's Recreation Programs please visit the Township's Webpage for the 2016 brochure. The Township will also be updating our Facebook Page throughout the year with event information.

For information pertaining to the Clark Pool please visit the Township's webpage and click on Swim Pool Utility. The Membership applications will be available around March. Please also note that the Clark Pool has a Facebook page as well.

## Health/Vital Records—732-428-8405

**To obtain information pertaining to flu shots, rabies shots, health clinics, health alerts, animal control, or Vital Records go to [www.ourclark.com](http://www.ourclark.com) and select health department. If the information you're seeking doesn't pertain to Vital Statistics double click health department, and you will be brought to the main page.**

## **2016 ELECTION DATES**

**Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**: Last day to file Party Declaration Forms to change political party affiliation for the June Primary

**Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**: Last day to register to vote for June Primary Election

**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**: Last day to apply by mail for a Mail-In-Ballot for the June Primary Election

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**: Special opening from 9 am to 1 pm of the County Clerk's Office, Elizabeth and Westfield to apply for a Mail-In-Ballot for the Primary Election

**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**: Last day to apply in person for a Mail-In-Ballot before 3 pm in the County Clerk Offices in Elizabeth and Westfield

**Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**: **Primary Election Day: Polls are open 6 am to 8 pm**

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**: Last day to register to vote for the November General Election

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**: Last day to apply by mail for a Mail-In-Ballot for the November General Election

**Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**: Last Day to apply in person for a Mail-In-Ballot before 3 pm to the County Clerk Offices in Elizabeth and Westfield

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**: Special opening from 9 am to 1 pm of the County Clerk Offices in Elizabeth and Westfield to apply for a Mail-In-Ballot for the General Election

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**: **General Election Day: Polls are open 6 am to 8 pm**

