

Re-Organization 2023



Committeeman William Ruggieri, with his son, being sworn in as Mayor by Vineland Mayor Anthony Fanucci



Buena Vista Township Committee

Members 2023:
(L-R Bottom row) Ellen Testa, William
Ruggieri, Aaron Krenzer
(L-R Top Row) Kurt Renart and John
Williams



Committeewoman Ellen Testa, with her husband, being sworn in as Deputy Mayor by Senator Michael Testa, Jr.



Kurt Renart with his wife, being sworn in as Committeeman by Senator Vince Polistina



John Williams, with his family, being sworn in as Committeeman by Atlantic County Clerk, Joseph Giralo



Mayor William Ruggieri and former Galloway Mayor, Don Purdy



Senator Michael Testa, Jr., Deputy Mayor Ellen Testa and Michael Testa, Sr.



Mayor William Ruggieri and Vineland Mayor, Anthony Fanucci





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JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Yard Waste Recycling	1 New Year's Day	2 •	Food Pantry Open	4 •	5 • • •	6 Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon
	TOWNSHIP CLOSED	Annual Township Reorganization - 7 pm	MLK Center 1 - 4 pm			Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 10 am to 3 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 12 pm to 4 pm						Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 10 am to 3 pm
14	Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday	16 •	17 •	18 •	19 • • •	20
Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 12 pm to 4 pm	Celebration at MLK Center 12 noon TOWNSHIP CLOSED		Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	Planning/Zoning - 7 pm		Volunteers Appreciation Breakfast @ MLK - 10 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Township Meeting - 7 pm			MLK Advisory Board - 6 pm at the King Center		
28	29	30 •	31 •	Christmas Tree Pick-ups are scheduled for Friday, January 5th & 19th. For more information call the ACUA at 609-272-6950	DECEMBER 2023 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24/31 25 26 27 28 29 30	FEBRUARY 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29



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Free Rabies Clinics in Buena Vista Township











2 Clinics in March...Check out March's calendar page for the dates, times, and locations.

Building Upgrades and New Equipment



Above: The Dr. Martin
Luther King Community
Center, both Women's and
Men's bathrooms upgraded

Below: The Township purchased a new 2023 Ford F750 Dump Truck





Above The Patcong Valley Model Railroad Building received a new ADA accessible ramp and deck

Below The Township installed new "Welcome to Buena Vista" signs



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Offs

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FEBRUARY



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JANUARY 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Yard Waste Recycling	TEXT <u>BuenaVistaNJ</u> to <u>888-777</u> to sign up for Emergency, Advisory, or Event Alerts through Nixle	Check us out on Facebook, "Buena Vísta Townshíp"	1 1st Quarter Property Taxes Due Today	2 •	3 Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	Environmental Commission 7 pm		
11	12	13 •	14 Valentine's Day	15 •	16	17
	Township Workshop - 7pm			Planning/Zoning - 7 pm		Fire District Elections 2 - 9 pm
18	19 President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
	TOWNSHIP CLOSED		Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm			
25	26	27 •	28 •	29 •	SEE OUR	MARCH 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
				Нарру Геар	Municipal Guide ON THE BLUE PAGES IN	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
	Township Meeting - 7 pm			Year!	REAR OF CALENDAR	10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24/1 25 26 27 28 29 30





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Easter Egg Hunt at Michael Debbi Park





















Mayor William Ruggieri and Committeeman Aaron Krenzer pictured above with the Easter Bunny





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with Mayor William Ruggieri at St. Mary's Elementary School













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FEBRUARY 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	APRIL 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Yard Waste Recycling	Visit our website @ www.buenavistanj.com	Founding of Buena Vista Township 1867	1 • •	Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon Dog/Cat Rabies Clinics: Richland Fire Hall: 10 am - 2 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm			Veterans Indoor BBQ @ MLK - 1 pm
10 Change	11	12 •	13 •	Tax Sale - 10 am	15 ● ■	16
Daylight Savings Begins	Township Workshop - 7pm	Municipal Alliance - 7 pm				Dog/Cat Rabies Clinics: Collings Lakes Fire Hall: 10 am - 2 pm
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring Begins	20	21	22	23
			Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	Planning/Zoning - 7 pm		Breakfast with Easter Bunny 11 am @ MLK Center Rain or Shine
24 Palm Sunday	25	26 •	27 •	28 •	29 Good Friday	30
Easter Sunday 31	Township Meeting - 7 pm			MLK Advisory Board - 6 pm at the King Center	TOWNSHIP CLOSED	



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Yard Waste Recycling	1	2	Food Pantry Open MLK Center - 1 - 4 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive at Town Hall 2pm - 7pm	4	5	6 Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon
7	8 Township Workshop - 7pm	9	10 •	Environmental Commission 7 pm	12 • •	13 Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon
14	15 Tax Day	16	Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	18 Planning/Zoning - 7 pm	19	20 Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon
21	22 Township Meeting - 7 pm	23 •	24 Administrative Professionals Day		26 ● ■	27 Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon
ACUA Earth Day Festival	29	30	Please Report Illegal Dumping	If your trash or recycling is not picked up, please call ACUA at 609-272-6950	MARCH 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24/31 25 26 27 28 29 30	MAY 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Bulk Waste Drop Off

Every Saturday in the month of April (6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th) Located at:

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430 Union Road, East Vineland

April is Earth Month in BVT!







Items accepted:

Appliances, metals, used motor oil, brush/leaves in biodegradable Kraft type bags, bulky rigid plastics, recyclables, E-Waste, and up to 4 tires with no rims.

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Memorial Day Service



Richland Volunteer Fire Company



Buena Vista Township Committee and honored guests, Rev. David Mallory, Committeemen Kurt Renart, Aaron Krenzer and John Williams, Deputy Mayor Ellen Testa, Pastor Ken Albert Jr.



Mayor William Ruggieri reads the names from our Veterans Memorial Stone



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APRIL 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	* * MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH * *	Yard Waste Recycling	2nd Quarter Property Taxes Due Today Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	2 National Day of Prayer	3	Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon Mentoring Mother's Day Breakfast @ MLK - 10 am
5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 •	8	9	10 •	Community Yard Sale @ Michael Debbi Park 9am to 1 pm
12 Mother's Day	Township Workshop - 7pm	14	Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	16 Planning/Zoning - 7 pm	17	Community Yard Sale @ Michael Debbi Park Rain Date
19	20	21 •	22 •	MLK Advisory Board - 6 pm at the King Center	24	25
26	Memorial Day Service @ BVT Hall - 11 am TOWNSHIP CLOSED	28 Township Meeting - 7 pm	29	30	31	JUNE 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29







Summer Concerts

















Smiles and Dancing 'til dark!!!





Food Truck Festival





Mayor William Ruggieri and Deputy Mayor Ellen Testa



Twp. Administrator Lisa Tilton with ACUA's SuperCan



Deputy Mayor Ellen Testa and Atlantic County Clerk, Joseph Giralo







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2	3	4 Primary Elections VOTE TODAY!	5 •	6 • D -Day	7 • •	8
			Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm			Mentoring Men's BBQ @ MLK - 1 pm
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
		Municipal Alliance - 7 pm		Environmental Commission 7 pm		Food Truck Festival 11 am to 5 pm
16 Father's Day	17	18 •	Juneteenth Observed Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	20 Summer Begins	21 •	22
			Summer Concert Series 7 pm - Michael Debbi Park	Planning/Zoning - 7 pm		Food Truck Festival Rain Date
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Township Meeting - 7 pm		Summer Concert Series 7 pm - Michael Debbi Park	MLK Advisory Board - 6 pm at the King Center		





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Have a happy and safe Independence		2 •	Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	4 Independence Day	5 • •	6 Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon
Day!!			Summer Concert Series 7 pm - Michael Debbi Park	TOWNSHIP CLOSED		Car Show 9 am to 2 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Summer Lunch Program begins at MLK Center		Summer Concert Series 7 pm - Michael Debbi Park			Car Show 9 am to 2 pm Rain Date
14	15	16 •	Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	18 •	19 •	20
			Summer Concert Series 7 pm - Michael Debbi Park	Planning/Zoning - 7 pm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Township Meeting - 7 pm		Summer Concert Series 7 pm - Michael Debbi Park			
28	29	30 •	31 •	Yard Waste	JUNE 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1	AUGUST 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3
				Recycling	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
			Summer Concert Series 7 pm - Michael Debbi Park		16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23/2 24 25 26 27 28 29	18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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3rd Annual National Night Out at Michael Debbi Park was hosted by the Municipal Drug Alliance of Buena Borough, Buena Vista, and Weymouth Township...So Much FUN!!!









Pictured above: New Jersey State Police Helicopter and Mobile Command Center (Top) and the K-9's and Equestrians (Bottom)



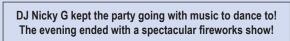
Pictured above: Buena Vista Township Fire Companies and to the right, **Buena Vista Township EMS**



BVT Public Works working hard to get it all ready!



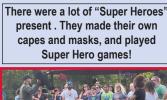
























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4	5	National Night Out @ Michael Debbi Park 5 - 9 pm	Food Pantry Open MLK Center - 1 - 4 pm Summer Concert Series Rain Date #2	Environmental Commission 7 pm	9	10
11	12	13 •	Summer Concert Series 7 pm - Michael Debbi Park	Planning/Zoning - 7 pm	16 •	17
18	19	20	Food Pantry Open MLK Center - 1 - 4 pm Summer Concert Series Rain Date #1	22	23	24
25	26 Township Meeting - 7 pm	27 •	Summer Lunch Program at MLK Center ends	29 •	30 •	31 International Drug Overdose Awareness Day Community Fun Day @ MLK - 12 noon

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Annual Free Events Hosted by the Environmental Commission of Buena Vista Township







Farm Market Tour with the Rt 54/40 Shuttle

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Dinner & Movie Night at Michael Debbi Park 2023







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See you again in November.

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2024



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1	2 Labor Day TOWNSHIP CLOSED	3	Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	5	6	Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon
8	9 Township Workshop - 7pm	10 • Municipal Alliance - 7 pm	11 •	12 •	13 • •	Veteran Appreciation Breakfast @ MLK - 10 am
15	16	17	Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	19 Planning/Zoning - 7 pm	20	Dinner and a Movie @ Michael Debbi Park 5 pm
22 Fall Begins	23 Township Meeting - 7 pm	24 •	25 •	MLK Advisory Board - 6 pm at the King Center	27 ● ■	Annual Shredder Event Township Hall 10 am - 1:30 pm
29	30	Register to Vote at the Township Clerk's Office	Visit our website @ www.buenavistanj.com	Yard Waste Recycling	AUGUST 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER 2024 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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OCTOBER



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6	7 Township Workshop - 7pm	8	9	Environmental Commission 7 pm	11 • •	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	17 Planning/Zoning - 7 pm	18	Trunk or Treat Michael Debbi Park 6 - 9 PM
20	21	22 •	23 •	MLK Advisory Board - 6 pm at the King Center	25 ● ■	26
27	28 Township Meeting - 7 pm	29	30	Trick or Treat 6-8 pm	Yard Waste Recycling	Report Street Lights that are burned out. Call the Clerk's Office at 856-697- 2100, ext 1





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Volunteers Breakfast









Veterans Breakfast















The Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center is located at 661 Jackson Road in Newtonville. If you have any questions about these activities and programs, or would like information about renting the facility for your own event or gathering, please call 609-704-7262 or email: MLKCenter@BuenaVistaNJ.com

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Daylight Savings Ends	4	5 General Elections VOTE TODAY!	Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	7	8	9
10	Veterans Day Veterans Day Service @ BVT Hall - 11 am TOWNSHIP CLOSED	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Township Meeting - 7 pm	19 •	Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	Planning/Zoning - 7 pm	22 •	Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 10 am to 3 pm
24 Patcong Valley Model Railroad	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Community Thanksgiving Dinner @ MLK - 1 pm	29	30
Open House - 12 pm to 4 pm				TOWNSHIP CLOSED	TOWNSHIP CLOSED	

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Annual Tree Lighting and Santa's Toy Shop



















<u>Pictured Above:</u> Mayor William Ruggieri and Deputy Mayor Ellen Testa



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 •	4 •	5 •	6	Public Works Drop Off 8 am - 12 noon
			Food Pantry Open		Annual Tree Lighting	Cookies with Mrs. Claus @ MLK Center
			MLK Center 1 - 4 pm		& Santa's Toy Shoppe @ BVT Hall - 6:30 pm	Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 10 am to 3 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 12 pm to 4 pm	Township Workshop - 7pm			Environmental Commission 7 pm		Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 10 am to 3 pm
15	16	17 •	18 •	19 •	20 •	21 Winter Begins
Community Holiday Dinner @ MLK - 1 pm			518			
Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 12 pm to 4 pm			Food Pantry Open MLK Center 1 - 4 pm	Planning/Zoning - 7 pm		Patcong Valley Model Railroad Open House - 10 am to 3 pm
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBER LIST

DEPARTMENT / NAME / TITLE / EMAIL PHONE: 856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650 PRESS / CALL
ADMINISTRATOR
TOWNSHIP CLERK / VITAL STATISTICS / LICENSES / MARRIAGE Lisa A. Tilton, Township Clerk / RMC / CMR
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (M-F 7:00 am-3:30 pm)
ANIMAL CONTROL, Township Clerk during normal business hours
TAX COLLECTOR
TAX ASSESSOR
MUNICIPAL COURT now located in Hammonton 100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037609-567-4300 ext 3
FINANCE OFFICE
MAYOR & TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
ZONING OFFICER / CODE ENFORCEMENT Rick Bracaliello, Code Enforcement

NE NUMBER LIST
DEPARTMENT / NAME / TITLE / EMAIL PHONE: 856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650 PRESS / CALL
PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY
NJ CONSTRUCTION CODE / BUILDING INSPECTORS / PERMITS
Augusta Complex, 852 S. White Horse Pike
Hammonton, NJ 08037609-567-3653
DR. MLK COMMUNITY CENTER
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Quentin McClendon, Director, QMcClendon@buenavistanj.com
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U.S. CONGRESSMAN
Jefferson VanDrew. <u>www.vandrew.house.gov</u> 609-625-5008
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Phil Murphy
STATE SENATOR – DISTRICT 2 Vinga Politica — varya pilog stata pi va (districts (district 2, 600, 677, 8266)
Vince Polistinawww.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/district-2.609-677-8266
GENERAL ASSEMBLY – DISTRICT 2 Don Guardian
Claire Swiftwww.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/district-2 .609-677-8266
STATEHOUSE/GENERAL INFORMATION
SCHOOLS
Buena Board of Educationwww.buena.k12.nj.us856-697-0800
Buena Regional High School856-697-2400

ATLANTIC COUNTY & OTHER SERVICES

Atlantic County Government - Main number	609-345-6700
Atlantic County Intergenerational Services/Social Services	888-426-9243
Atlantic County Library – Mays Landing Branch	609-625-2776
Hammonton Branch	609-561-2264
Atlantic County Mosquito Control	877-643-2287
Atlantic County Transportation-Senior/Handicapped/Disabled	609-645-5910
Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA)	609-272-6950
Atlantic County Welfare Services	
Board of Elections	609-645-5878
Board of Freeholders	
Board of Taxation	609-645-5820
County Clerk	609-909-5839
Health Department	
Sheriff	609-909-7200
Superintendent of Elections	609-645-5882
Surrogate	609-343-2341

ANIMAL/WILDLIFE CONTROL

Atlantic County Animal Shelter	609-485-2345
SPCA (serving Atlantic County)	
SPCA (serving Cumberland County)	
NJ Wildlife Control Unit	

DOG/CAT LICENSES

Renewals are required annually with a valid rabies vaccination. (Late fee charged after March 31st)

DOG LICENSES FEES	••••••	CAT LICENSES FEES
\$12.00	Neutered	\$7.00
\$15.00	Non-Neutered	\$9.00
\$7.00	Late Fee	\$7.00

FREE RABIES CLINIC

BVT will be holding 4 free rabies and licensing clinics for dogs and cats at various fire halls in the Township during the month of March. See the calendar for details. The Atlantic County Animal Shelter also holds free clinics in Pleasantville. Call 609-485-2345 for more details.

POST OFFICES LOCATED IN BUENA VISTA

Buena	Zip Code-08310	856-697-2828
	Zip Code-08340	
•	Zip Code-08346	
	Zip Code-08350	
OTHER AREA ZIP CODES	•	

Dorothy 08317 Minotola 08341 Hammonton 08037 Vineland 08360 Landisville 08326 Williamstown 08094

OTHER I	MPORTANT	NUMBERS

Buena Outreach (Senior Center)	856-697-1030
Nutrition Site (Senior Meals)	856-697-0698
Hammonton Family Center – Energy assistance & other servic	es609-567-2900
Abundant Living Church Food Pantry	609-561-6019
4 th Tuesday of each month – 5-7 pm	
Community FoodBank of Southern NJ (Egg Harbor Twp.)	609-383-8843
Impact Harvest <u>foodbank@impactharvest.org</u>	856-690-9397
Emergency - Police/Fire/EMS/Ambulance	0_1_1
Linergency - ronce/rine/LWI3/Ambulance	9-1-1
NJ State Police – Buena Vista	
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BVT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES / DISTRICTS

Emergencies Call 9-1-1

Richland Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 1	856-457-5158
East Vineland Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 2	856-692-7747
Newtonville Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 3	609-567-4439
Milmay Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 4	609-476-2020
Collings Lakes Volunteer Fire Co., District No. 5	

UTILITIES

Atlantic City Electric www.atlanticcityelectric.com Non-Emergency 800	-642-3780
Emergency800	-833-7476
Comcast Cable <u>www.comcast.com</u> 800-	COMCAST
South Jersey Gaswww.southjerseygas.comNon-Emergency888	-766-9900
Emergency800	-582-7060
Verizon <u>www.verizon.com</u> Repair800	-837-4966
Customer Service 800	-922-0204

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TOWNSHIP SERVICES and INFORMATION

ROAD MAINTENANCE, SNOW REMOVAL, POTHOLES

Our Public Works Department provides street repair and snow removal. Please address any questions or problems to the Township Clerk's office or call Public Works at 856-697-2100 ext 5, leave message. Hours (M - F) 7:00 am - 3:30 pm.

PARKS & RECREATION

Our Public Works Department maintains park and recreation facilities in Richland, Lake Ann, Newtonville & Collings Lakes for use by our residents. Questions about use/rental of our parks should be addressed to Clerk's Office at Township Hall (Press 1). All groups require fees & an application to be filled out & submitted to the Recreation Committee. For use/rental of Wilder Hines Park, contact the MLK Center at 609-704-7262.

TRASH & RECYCLING

Municipal trash and recycling services are provided by the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA). Trash and recycling problems, and questions should be directed to the ACUA at 609-272-6950 or / www.acua.com.

GENERAL TRASH RULES / REOUIREMENTS

- Residents are encouraged to limit their weekly trash to three (3) 32 gallon containers or the equivalent per collection or 96 gallon containers may be used.
- Recycling is mandatory. Make sure to separate all recyclable items from your trash for curbside pickup. Single Stream recycling makes it easy to put all recyclables in the same blue containers.
- Excess trash will be left until the next pick up date if over the limit. Please remove excess trash from the curb until the next pick up date.
- Two (2) tires per week without rims will be picked up at curbside.
- Trash containers shall be metal or plastic, water tight, have handles, not exceed 32 gals. & weigh no more than 50 lbs. when filled. Large 96 gallon containers must be on wheels. Plastic bags may be used in place of containers. Metal drums are NOT acceptable. Please secure trash from animals. Loose or non-contained trash will not be picked up.
- Bulky trash (mattress, couch, furniture) will be collected on your trash day limit (2) items per week. Bundles of painted or stained wood should be cut in 4 ft. lengths and must not weigh more than 50 lbs. per bundle.
- ACUA collects only <u>residential</u> trash. Commercial, industrial, building or demolition projects must provide for their own dumpster and arrange for pick-up by a private hauler.
- Placement time: All waste materials set out for collection shall be placed at curbside no later than 7 am on collection day and no sooner than 7 pm on the evening before. All empty waste containers must be removed from curbside by 7 pm on the day of collection.
- Trash rule violations carry penalties of a \$100.00 \$500.00 fine and/or community service may be assessed.
- Yard Waste (leaves, brush, grass, clean wood): Place loose material in labeled cans or biodegradable kraft-type bags – bags should not exceed 50 lbs.
- Brush/branches must be bundled & tied with twine & should not exceed 4 ft. in length or 4"- 6" in diameter.

BVT RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER

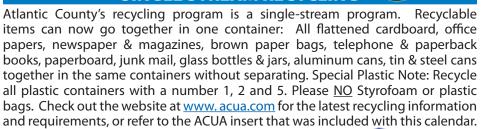
The Center is open to all BVT residents – proof is required. The items below will be accepted on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Public Works Yard at 430 Union Rd. between 8 am & 12 noon (some holidays may cause dates to change).

ITEMS ACCEPTED AT NO CHARGE: appliances, metals, motor oil, brush/leaves in biodegradable Kraft-type bags, bulky rigid plastics, recyclables, e-waste, auto/ light truck tires (rims must be removed) limit up to 4, truck/farm equipment tires (rims must be removed) limit up to 2 per month.

RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER RULES

- → Center is for residential use.
- → None of the following will be accepted: Household trash, construction, demolition or business materials, shingles, wood (painted, stained or treated), houses, barns, sheds, wooden fences or cement.
- → Recyclable items must be presorted and ready for disposal.
- → The Township reserves the right to limit quantities and to refuse unacceptable items.
- → You must unload yourself.
- → No tipping.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING



BLUE RECYCLING CONTAINERS



The County provides each home in Buena Vista with one recycling container. The containers are the property of the ACUA and are to be used only for acceptable recycling items. Any trash placed in the blue containers will not be removed by the ACUA. Contact ACUA for replacement containers (there may be a cost for additional containers). Blue containers purchased at retail stores may also be used. Each home is entitled to one 96 gallon recycling container on wheels.

E-WASTE (ELECTRONIC WASTE)

Curbside pickup is not available. You can drop these items off at no cost at the BVT Public Works Yard, 430 Union Road (near Oak Road) on the first Saturday of each month between 8 am and 12 noon. Items may also be dropped off at any Goodwill and other approved locations. Check the ACUA's website for options.

Items covered: TVs, monitors, terminals, CRTs, CPUs, cables, keyboards, telephones, printers, copiers, typewriters, modems, telephone mainframes, laptops, mainframe equipment, fax machines, medical equipment, lab equipment & other electronic items.

CURBSIDE LEAF MACHINE COLLECTION AREAS

Our curbside leaf machine collection will be done during the months of November, December, and April. This collection will be done only in Cedar Gardens, DeRosa Drive, Country Club area, and the Collings Lakes section of the Township. Dates will be posted on Channel 9, our website, and via flyers. All leaves must be raked to the curb by the first date announced for leaf machine pick up in the above areas. Schedule is subject to change depending on weather conditions. All other times of the year, leaves must be bagged (in biodegradable Kraft-type bags) and placed at the curb for regular yard waste collection provided by the ACUA (dates noted on our calendar). Call the BVT Public Works Department at 856-697-2100 for more details or for scheduled pick up in-areas not listed above.

NON-CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION OR BRUSH PICK-UP AREAS

Residents are required to phone our Public Works Department to arrange for pick-up service for leaves, brush, and yard waste so that it may be scheduled in advance for pick up. Residents with leaves and brush in the Curbside Leaf Collection Program (above) areas do not need to call for pick up.

ZONING OFFICER / PERMITS (Also see phone number list)

The Township Zoning Officer handles permits for many types of home improvement projects such as additions, sheds, porches, fences, patios, chimneys, pools, garages, pole barns, and home occupations. Local permits must also be completed for any state building permits listed below in advance.

STATE BUILDING PERMITS (Also see phone number list)

Building permits are required for new home construction, new roofs and shingles, siding, and certain window changes. State of NJ Construction Code Officials/Building Inspectors handle these permits on behalf of Buena Vista Township.

PINELANDS COMMISSION APPROVALS

Many building and land projects require the approval of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission. They can be contacted at 609-894-7300 or at their website http://state.nj.us/pinelands where you can download an application. Residents should also speak to our Zoning Officer or State Building Inspectors before starting any projects. Additional forms for Pinelands issues can be found on the Township website.

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Periodically, funds are available through the State of New Jersey Small Cities Program and Atlantic County to fix homes needing critical repairs. Loans and some partial grants are available based on income levels. Emergency programs may also be available. Please contact the Township Clerk's office for additional information.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS

A revolving low-interest loan program may be available to new and existing Township businesses for facades, expansion and to create new jobs. Applications are available at the Township Clerk's office. Subject to availability of funds.

STREET LIGHTS

Residents are urged to report street lights that have burned out or in need of repair to the Township Clerk's office or directly to Atlantic City Electric by phoning 800-642-3780 or their website www.atlanticcityelectric.com. Please provide the pole number which is located on a metal plate just above eye level on each pole and the closest street location or intersection of the pole when reporting any problems.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings are held at Township Hall. Action may be taken at all meetings. Regular Meetings – 7:00 pm Held on the 4th Monday of each month (except holidays) Workshop Meetings – 7:00 pm, Held on 1st or 2nd Monday of most months Planning/Zoning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm, 3rd Thursday of each month

TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Thursday & Friday, Christmas Day.

ELECTIONS

The <u>Primary Election</u> is held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in June. The <u>General Election</u> is held on the first Tuesday following the First Monday in November. <u>School Board Elections</u> are now held in November. <u>Fire Commission Elections</u> are held on the third Saturday of February at each Fire Hall.

VOTER REGISTRATION/VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Voter Registration and Vote By Mail Applications are available at the Township Clerk's office or on line at www.aclink.org.

STATE POLICE

The New Jersey State Police provides coverage to all areas of Buena Vista Township. For <u>non-emergency calls</u> dial 609-561-1800 or 609-561-7267. Emergency calls should be dialed through 9-1-1.

HOUSE AND BUSINESS NUMBERING

The Township has assigned numbering to all streets in Buena Vista. Your tax bill will show your street and/or mailing address. It is important to display your number. All homes and businesses are required to display property numbers. Numbers must be at least 3" high, reflective and placed where they can be clearly seen from the street in an emergency. If you have a long driveway, numbers should be posted at the end of the driveway.

CABLE TELEVISION, HIGH SPEED INTERNET & PHONE SERVICE

Cable television, high speed internet, and phone service are handled by Comcast and covers most areas of Buena Vista Township. For more information call: 1-800-COMCAST. Verizon also provides phone & internet service & can be reached by dialing 1-800-VERIZON.

LOCAL ACCESS TV AND COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Township Committee meetings and local programs are shown on Comcast Cable Channel 9 every Tuesday between 5 pm and 10 pm. Comcast Channel 9 also shows our Community Bulletin Board around the clock when there is no other municipal programming on. Comcast Cable Channel 9 is shared between six towns in their system.

TOWNSHIP CODE BOOK

Our complete Township Code Book is now available on our website. All local Ordinances can be found there. See www.buenavistanj.com.

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In 1692 this area was part of Cape May County. By 1694 we were part of Gloucester County. In 1695 our area was called Great Egg Harbor, which was also known as New Weymouth. In 1798 we became part of Weymouth Township until 1813 when we became part of Hamilton Township. In 1837 Atlantic County was formed. On March 5, 1867 Buena Vista Township, Atlantic County was established, separating from Hamilton. Buena Vista Township today is somewhat smaller than it was when it was originally established in 1867. At that time, the areas that we know today as Folsom and Buena Borough were part of Buena Vista Township. In 1906 Folsom separated from the Township followed by Buena Borough in 1949.

The earliest settlements in Buena Vista Township can be traced to a pristine body of water known as Deep Run in the Pancoast Mill area. Wildlife and rare species can be found in this particular portion of the Township. Deep Run (part of the Great Egg Harbor River system) lent itself to an early sawmill being developed by John Campbell. Campbell originally bought land in Buena Vista Township in 1773. In 1779, he opened a tavern known as "Ye Olde Midway Inn." In 1774, the Methodist Church (Friendship Church) was established by Aguilla Down and Ambrose Pancoast. The original Friendship Church and the former site of the modern day Midway Inn are now in Buena Borough.

The Buena Vista School District was established in 1866, one year prior to Buena Vista Township being created. Several original school buildings in the Township still exist, though the earliest ones prior to 1900 are no longer standing. The school in Milmay is now a private home and was built around 1915. The first school in Newtonville still stands on Jackson Road at 10th Street, and is now a private home too.

The area known as Newtonville was planned to be developed by an acquaintance of Charles K. Landis, the developer of Vineland, but it never bloomed to its anticipated level. Newtonville has several historical cemeteries. The Collings Lakes area was originally cranberry bogs that were later filled to make lakes. A housing community was developed around the bogs there in the 1950's. Buena Vista Township's farmlands in Richland, East Vineland and Milmay truly put the word "garden" in the Garden State. Our area is noted for its tomatoes, corn, peppers and other vegetables. In our modern era, we also grow a variety of unusual vegetables for specialty purposes and greenhouse operations offer a wide variety of flowers and plants. The name Buena Vista, which means "good vision," was originally introduced to this area after the Mexican War by George B. Cake, a hotel owner, in 1848.

Buena Vista Township has a diverse, cultural background, with residents of almost every religion. Our earliest settlers were Dutch and Swedish, followed by English and Scottish, African Americans,

BUENA VISTA HISTORY AND FACTS

A Brief History and Overview of Buena Vista Township

Written by Mayor Chuck Chiarello, January 1997 • Updated October 2022

Germans, Irish and Welsh. Later came the Italians, Jews, Russians and Puerto Ricans. In 1953 a Russian community, New Kuban, was established on Weymouth Road.

We have vast farmlands, beautiful Pinelands, wildlife, precious bodies of water and even beaches in Collings Lakes. While most people perceive this area to be flat, we are actually on higher ground than many areas in Southern New Jersey. In the farmlands of Milmay, East Vineland and Richland, several rivers have their headwaters (starting point). The Manumaskin Drainage Basin (part of the Maurice River) along with the Tuckahoe and South Rivers (tributaries of the Great Egg Harbor River) are significant in their environmental impact to the region and start in Buena Vista.

The original reason that people came to this area was the soil that was available for farming and the sand which helped produce both sand mining operations and glass manufacturing plants. Today, soil and sand are still the primary business in Buena Vista Township. Farms are abundant and Comar is an example of the specialty glass and plastics industry that is still present in Buena Vista.

In modern times, Buena Vista Township employment is made up of people in all different backgrounds – from laborers and farmers, to business and professional people, as well as, casino employees.

Our children are educated by the Buena Regional School District which serves both Buena Vista and Buena Borough as well as students in Estell Manor and Weymouth. We are also home to the St. Augustine Prep School in Richland and St. Mary's Regional School in East Vineland.

The logo on the Township banner shows an eagle that symbolizes the Township's strength and states the slogan: "44 miles of Opportunity." In actuality, the size of the Township is 41.53 square miles. In 2000, the census showed a population of 7,436 and 2,648 homes. As we enter the year 2016, our population is estimated to be around 7,506 residents with about 2,786 homes. Ninety percent of Buena Vista Township is located within the confines of the area known as the Pinelands. The area to the west of Union Road in East Vineland is the only portion of the Township that is outside the Pinelands. The Pinelands is a natural land reserve covering 53 towns in 7 counties in southern and central New Jersey. Beneath the Pinelands is the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer, the largest underground supply of water on the east coast of the United States.

The Township is served by the New Jersey State Police. On November 8, 1996, the New Jersey State Police opened Troop A Headquarters, serving all of South Jersey, on Route 54 in Buena Vista. The facility includes barracks, administrative offices, vehicle maintenance, heliport and a target range.

Five volunteer fire companies service the Township: Richland, East Vineland, Newtonville, Collings Lakes, and Milmay. Each fire district has commissioners that are elected by residents within their boundaries. Tax dollars and donations are used to operate the fire companies. Buena Vista Township EMS started operations in 2000 as a joint effort of the East Vineland, Richland, and Newtonville Fire Companies. Working in conjunction with Collings Lakes Fire Rescue



Auto, Road and Hotel at Route 40, Richland, NJ.

and Dorothy Rescue Squad to service all of the residents of Buena Vista Township. In 2019 BVT EMS became the only EMS service for Buena Vista Township and are contracted and funded by the Township. BVT EMS is stationed in East Vineland with a fully paid staff of qualified EMS personnel.

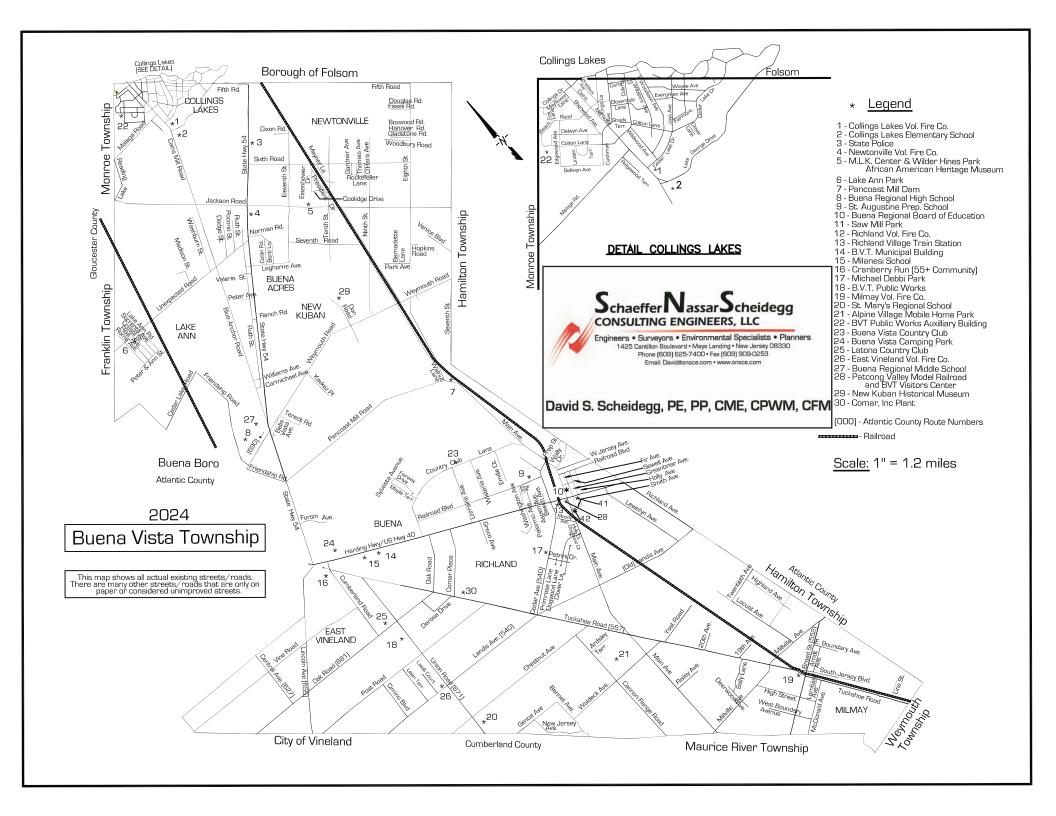
In 1998, the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center opened in Newtonville and was joined in 2003 by the African American Heritage Museum at the same site. The Center features community programs and the Buena Head Start provided by Gateway in 2017.

Our community has a "Township Committee" form of government. There are four voting districts. Five township committee members are elected for staggered three-year terms to serve our residents. Each committee member is elected "at-large," meaning that voters from all districts of the Township vote on all their elected leaders. The Township re-organizes each January. A member of the Township Committee is selected to act as Chairperson/Mayor of Buena Vista. An additional member of the Committee is chosen to be Vice-Chairperson/Deputy Mayor. The Township Committee is the decision-making body for the government of Buena Vista Township. All daily operations are handled by the Township Administrator and the various department heads. All business for the Township passes through the Township Committee, which acts on laws applicable to our community that are established by the State of New Jersey.

Many people identify Buena Vista Township by the area they live in, such as Buena, Richland, Milmay, East Vineland, Newtonville, Collings Lakes, New Kuban, Lake Ann, or Buena Acres. Buena Vista Township is served by 10 post offices including: Buena, Milmay, Richland, Newtonville, Williamstown, Newfield, Mays Landing, Minotola, Landisvillle and Vineland. We are located in the western end of Atlantic County on the border with Cumberland and Gloucester Counties. Our voters cast ballots in New Jersey's 2nd Legislative District and nationally in the 2nd Congressional District. Our community has two telephone area codes, 609 and 856.

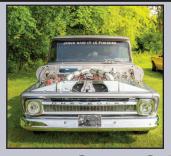
The Richland Village Project broke ground on November 23, 2004. It includes redevelopment along US Route 40 and the restoration of The Cape May Seashore Lines excursion train service which started again on October 8, 2005. Richland Village is also home of the Patcong Valley Model Railroad and the 100 plus year old Richland General Store. The Project continues to evolve.

At the publication of this brief history, Buena Vista Township is 155 years old. In 1967, the 100th Anniversary of the Township was celebrated and was quite a festive occasion. In 2017, the Township celebrated its 150th Anniversary – the Sesquicentennial. As a resident of Buena Vista Township, you can feel proud of the history and culture that your community has inherited.















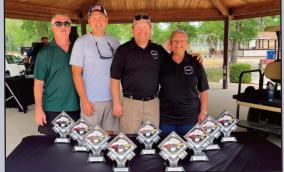


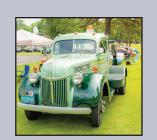




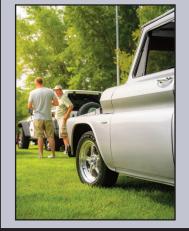


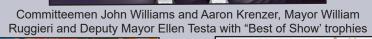


















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