



PRESS RELEASE

TOWN PROMOTES FIFTH ANNUAL NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS EVENT

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Newton, NJ - The Town of Newton will be hosting its 6th town-wide Neighbors Helping Neighbors Community Service Clean-Up event on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon, commencing at the Town of Newton Municipal Building located at 39 Trinity Street, Newton, NJ.

One of the goals of the day is for residents, businesses and groups to join the community as volunteers to help clean up the parks, schools, streets, and parking lots of litter and recyclables. Volunteers will also go to the homes of seniors citizens, veterans, or disabled residents, to assist with various property maintenance and clean-up issues including, but not limited to, grass mowing and clipping, leaf raking, planting, weeding, recycling, painting, garbage pickup and removal. "It is our goal to have as much participation as possible," stated Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager. "By working together we can help keep our town clean for all to enjoy."

The day starts at the Municipal Building at 8:30 a.m. with an appreciation continental breakfast (bagels, juice, coffee) and free t-shirt distribution for the first 100 participants, followed by assignments and instructions. Assignments are given according to age and safety. Garbage bags, rakes, and gloves will be provided. The Town will also be providing, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Recycling Center on South Park Drive, a Mobile Paper Shredding Unit so residents can bring unwanted documents (no business documents) to be properly shredded and destroyed.

Following the conclusion of volunteer activities at Noon will be a social event with pizza and refreshments at Memory Park in Newton. Also occurring at Memory Park will be a tree planting ceremony by the Newton Shade Tree Commission in recognition of Arbor Day. "This will provide us with an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the day, discuss ways to improve the event for next year, as well as an opportunity to meet and greet new friends and neighbors from around town," stated Newton Mayor Sandra Lee Diglio. Pastor Frank Leone and Christ Community Church will once again be co-sponsoring the event. Other houses of worship, scouting groups, civic and community organizations, business owners, and residents are encouraged to join this effort.

If you are a group or individual interested in volunteering for the October 15th event, or if you are a resident who needs assistance (senior citizen, disabled resident, or veteran), please contact the Town Manager's Office at 973-383-3521 x224 or via email at manager@newtontownhall.com. Requests for home assistance will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and the final determination as to the appropriateness and feasibility of same shall remain with the Town Manager or his designee.

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