

Message from Mayor Michael Mignogna

Thank you again for entrusting me with the honor and privilege of serving as the Mayor of Voorhees Township. The coming year should be an exciting time for our community. The Voorhees Town Center and the Virtua Medical Campus are evolving before our eyes and will generate millions of dollars in revenue. We also look forward to another successful Summer Twilight Series.

Have a safe and warm winter. Spring is around the corner.



The Spot Arrives at Voorhees Town Center

Through a combined effort of the Berlin-Gibbsboro-Voorhees Municipal Alliance and the Eastern Regional High School Student Alliance, The Spot, a new teen center in the Mall at Voorhees Town Center, has recently opened.

The project, which was spearheaded by Chairperson Cindy Weiner-Palmere and Eastern Student Alliance representatives Alex Law and Caitlin Kaldany, had been planned for over two years. At the end of October, the dream became a reality.

The Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust, which owns the Mall at Voorhees Town Center, donated 2,500 square feet of space to the teen center and helped in the construction, using several of their own contractors. The space is located on the second floor by the Boscov's entrance.

The Spot provides a welcome environment where local teens come together and enjoy each other's company as well as educational and supportive resources. The Spot is serving all students from the Berlin, Gibbsboro and Voorhees area.

Study sessions, community service events, display of student artwork, leadership training workshops and music gatherings are all part of the environment that will be conducive to a positive lifestyle and healthy attitude for teens visiting the center. It is staffed with a Teen Director, Jennifer Taylor, who is available from 3 PM to 6 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays. Special events are held throughout the year, such as socials and art exhibits. Study groups are available during mid terms.

Voorhees Township Committee also played an important role, contributing \$5,000 to the teen center.

Weiner-Palmere commented, "We want to create an environment where kids can go and participate in activities who don't participate in sports or other activities at school."

The group is seeking monetary donations as well as contributions of products that would be relevant for the teen center.

Monetary donations can be in the form of checks payable to the Voorhees Youth Services Program and may be sent to 12 Tulane Ave., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

For more information on the teen center, go to the website at www.thespotteencenter.org or contact Cindy Weiner-Palmere by e-mail at cweiner@flynnco.com.



Pictured at the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony of "The Spot," (L to R): Voorhees Township Committeeman Harry Platt, Mayor Michael Mignogna, Chairperson Cindy Weiner-Palmere, and Committeeman Mario DiNatale.

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Abitare Residences Starting to Take Shape at Voorhees Town Center

Imagine stepping out of your leased apartment or purchased condominium and walking to shops, dining at excellent restaurants, or spending a relaxing day at the spa or salon. Abitare Apartment Homes and Residences at the new Voorhees Town Center offers this lifestyle.

Abitare offers a town center community of condominium residences and apartment homes where luxury living is steps away from the convenience of sophisticated retail, first-rate restaurants, and services and establishments for every resident's needs, including pools, a fitness center and more.

Abitare Apartment Homes will be luxurious apartments with inviting one, two and three bedroom floor plans, all designed for maximum livability. All plans feature 9' ceilings for openness, designer floor finishes, and exceptionally large windows. Large kitchens include well-planned space for ease of use and relaxed entertaining, the warmth and beauty of wood laminate flooring and sleek GE® appliances. Living rooms feature a long sofa wall for flexibility in arrangement of furniture and French doors or oversized sliding glass doors. Most residences offer balconies. Options are also available for dens and home offices. Bedrooms are generously sized and feature vast closets with spa-like baths that offer showerheads placed at a refreshing 7' height, large vanities and cultured marble vanity tops.

Abitare Residences will be the pinnacle of luxury. Condominiums will feature 10' ceilings and an optional fireplace in third-floor residences as well as designer finishes that include hardwood floors and granite kitchen countertops. Gourmet chefs will enjoy the kitchen's large stainless steel sink, spacious pantry with available surround shelving, and pendant track lighting for extra brightness. Ceramic tiled bathrooms offer a linen closet, oversized oval soaking tub and separate shower enclosure. The living room features huge windows for abundant light and unbroken media walls for easy equipment placement. Bedrooms are huge and sitting areas are also featured in many floor plans.

Reservations are now being accepted for apartment homes with pricing starting from \$1,341 monthly. Move-ins are planned for May 2009. Appointments may be made by calling Stephanie Spataro McVeigh, Director of Leasing at (888) 313-1575 or stopping by the temporary leasing office on the second floor of the Mall at Voorhees Town Center. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the website at www.AbitareApartments.com. Abitare Residences, the condominium portion of Voorhees Town Center, is partnering with Prudential Fox Roach as their brokerage firm. For those interested in purchasing a condominium, please visit www.abitareresidences.com and complete a VIP registration form. Condominiums will be ready for occupancy in late 2009.





New Virtua Campus Evolves: Construction of Medical Campus on Schedule

Virtua Hospital is in the midst of creating a new healthcare campus that will include a state-of-the-art digital hospital and outpatient center for easy access to a wide variety of comprehensive services.

The 125-acre campus, now under construction, is located on land bordered by Route 73 and Dutchtown Rd. in Voorhees Township.

Virtua unveiled its plans for the 376-bed, 666,000-square-ft. hospital early last year. A 300,000-square-ft. hospital regional outpatient center will be located next to the hospital and will offer surgery, cancer treatment, women's imaging and physician offices. The new hospital will consist of two pavilions – a women's and children's center and an adult medical and surgery center. The hospital will also feature separate emergency departments for adults and children.

The hospital is scheduled for completion by 2010, with construction on schedule as the main hospital's steel girders and floors are installed. Much of the curbing, roads and parking lots are "roughed in" and nestled behind the tree lines. Drainage and sewer pipes are being installed and water retention basins are being dug. Most of the demolition of the old homes and dilapidated buildings is complete.

Virtua will employ approximately 2,800 people by its completion, about 1,000 more employees than are currently employed at the existing hospital. Virtua officials estimate 4,000 employees will be needed when the new medical campus is fully developed.

Voorhees Township looks forward to tracking the development of the new hospital and to having a superior medical facility in our township that can serve all the people of Southern New Jersey in years to come.



Record Crowd Attends 3rd Annual Halloween in the Park

More than 2000 residents enjoyed Voorhees Township's third annual Halloween in the Park. The event was held at Lions Lake Park on Dutchtown Road, just off Rt. 73.



Halloween in the Park was made possible by The South Jersey Federal Credit Union, and presented by the Voorhees Township Committee.

The 2009 Edition of Halloween in the Park will be on Sunday, October 25th.



Top: Voorhees Mayor Michael Mignogna and a trick-or-treater just after the Children's Halloween Parade.

Middle: A look at the "pumpkin patch," sponsored by the Voorhees Business Association.

Bottom: Children enjoyed taking an old fashioned hayride and picking pumpkins on a crisp October day.

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Committeeman Sworn in at Voorhees Township Reorganization for 2009



Steven Mignogna, Esq. administers the oath of office to Mayor Michael Mignogna, witnessed by his family (from left son Matt, Daughters Kelly and Marie and mother Florence).



Steven Mignogna, Esq. administers the oath of office to Deputy Mayor Joseph Lovallo, witnessed by his family (from left); mother Sylvia, son Joey and his wife Theresa.



Cherry Hill Mayor Bernie Platt and father of Committeeman Harry Platt administers the oath of office to his son Harry, witnessed by his family (from left); son Jacob, mother Judy and wife Hilary.

Voorhees Construction Department Alerts Homeowners Regarding Radon Awareness and Testing

Radon is a naturally-occurring, radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing as many as 500 lung cancer deaths in New Jersey each year. Elevated radon levels are found in many homes and pose a serious health threat to families who reside in the homes. Any home may have high levels of radon – even if neighboring homes do not. To protect your family members against radon, have your home tested. Radon testing is easy and inexpensive, and radon reduction systems can be easily installed where needed. Visit the Voorhees Construction Office in Town Hall for pamphlets on radon or contact the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Radon Program at (800) 648-0394 or visit their website at www.njradon.org.

How Does Radon Get Into Your Home?

Radon is a radioactive gas. It comes from the natural decay of uranium that is found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground to the air above and into your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Your home traps radon inside, where it can build up. Any home may have a radon problem. This means new and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements.

Radon from soil gas is the main cause of radon problems. Sometimes radon enters the home through well water. In a small number of homes, the building materials can give off radon, too. However, building materials rarely cause radon problems by themselves.



Radon Gets in Through:

1. Cracks in solid floors
2. Construction joints
3. Cracks in walls
4. Gaps in suspended floors
5. Gaps around service pipes
6. Cavities inside walls
7. The water supply

Take the Radon Test

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| 1. Microwave ovens produce radon. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 2. Radon can cause headaches and asthma. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 3. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 4. New homes, as well as older homes, can have radon problems. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 5. Opening windows is always a reliable way to reduce radon levels. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 6. Radon can be a problem in homes without basements. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |

1. FALSE 2. FALSE 3. TRUE 4. TRUE 5. FALSE 6. TRUE

Automated Trash Collection: Bulk Weeks 2009

Bulk trash will be picked up on **the 3rd full week (that includes a Monday) of every month on your scheduled trash day.** Bulk items consist of furniture, mattresses, carpet, excess trash, etc., but not construction and/or remodeling debris.

February	16–20
March	16–20
April	20–24
May	18–22
June	15–19
July	20–24
August	17–21
September	21–25
October	19–23
November	16–20
December	21–25

Please Note: You don't need to wait for bulk trash day to put out your metal/white goods. Once these item(s) are at the curblin, call 856-428-5499 for a scheduled pick-up.

Public Works Holidays

Monday	Feb. 16	Presidents' Day
Monday	Apr. 13	Easter Monday
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day

All vegetation from Monday's yard waste will be recycled during the course of the week.

Spring/Summer Hours

On May 26, 2009, the Public Works Department will be changing to Spring/Summer hours of operation from 6:00 AM–2:00 PM.

Household Special Waste Collection 2009

Event Hours: 8:30 AM–3:00 PM, 856-858-5241

Mar. 28	Cherry Hill Public Works, 1 Perina Blvd.
Apr. 25	Collingswood Public Works Complex, 713 N. Atlantic Ave.
May 16	Atco Parking Area, Corner of Atco and Raritan Ave.
Jun. 13	Gloucester Twp. Camden County College, Peter Cheeseman Rd.
Sep. 12	Pennsauken Landfill, 9600 River Rd.
Oct. 17	Lindenwold Camden County Public Works Complex, 2311 Egg Harbor Rd.

Voorhees Township 2009 Spring Cleanup

A sign will be posted at the entrance of each development prior to your scheduled week. A posted schedule will be available late March in the Voorhees Sun, on Channel 19, and on the Voorhees Township website, www.voorhees-nj.com.

2009 Electronic Recycling Collection Events

Camden County is sponsoring an Electronics Recycling Collection Event for all Camden County residents. Recycling your electronics keeps dangerous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium and chromium from being released into the environment.

April 18, 2009

Camden County Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Road, Lindenwold

June 13, 2009

Camden County College
Peter Cheeseman Road, Gloucester Township
(behind the "CIM" Building)

October 24, 2009

Camden County Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Road, Lindenwold

If you have any items that are in question, please call (856) 858-5241

All items will either be refurbished or recycled!

For more information on this event, call the Camden County Division of Environmental Affairs at (856) 858-5241 (proof of residency required)

Sponsored by The Camden County Board of Freeholders

Sorry, no electronic equipment will be accepted from businesses.

Voorhees Town Center: News from the Recycling Coordinator

To date, Voorhees Township has submitted recycling numbers and tonnage to the State of New Jersey for the new Town Center. Demolition of the old structure allows the Township to seek credit and grant monies for 25,383 tons of concrete and 1,486 tons of steel. These figures were incorporated with our residential recycling tonnage report.



Rechargeable Battery Recycling Collection Sites

Residents are encouraged to bring their rechargeable batteries from cell phones, computers, power tools, etc. to any of the dozens of drop-off locations throughout Camden County.

For a full listing of locations near you, go to the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's website at www.rbrbc.org and click "recycle now."

All other household batteries belong in your regular trash.



Energy-Saving Light Bulbs

Energy-saving alternatives like the new compact fluorescent light bulbs are gaining in popularity. While these bulbs are being promoted for their ability to save energy and money, what is often not said is that **these bulbs contain mercury and should not be thrown in regular trash.** Never purposely break a fluorescent bulb, as this releases the mercury in the bulb into the environment. To properly dispose of the compact fluorescent bulb, carefully repackage it in the original packaging and bring it to one of the Camden County Household Special Waste Collections.

Zoning Permits Required Before all Construction and Renovations

The Voorhees Township Zoning Office advises all residents of the requirement to obtain a Zoning Permit prior to the construction of, or alteration to, any structure and/or use on their property as required by the Unified Land Development Ordinance (ULDO). Specifically, this code regulates the setbacks and permitting process for additions, decks, gazebos, pools, hot tubs, sheds, basketball courts, patios, fencing and all other accessory uses and structures. In turn, the code protects the integrity of the entire township, making Voorhees a desirable place in which to live.

Any resident contemplating any change or addition to his/her property or home should contact the Zoning Office for information on general regulations in their zoning district. By obtaining the required permits, a resident will avoid a violation that may require alterations to, or relocation of, the new construction. If you are selling your home, the presence of a violation can delay settlement.

The Zoning Office urges all residents to inspect their properties. Please contact the Zoning Office to correct any structures that have been built without obtaining the proper permits or to make sure you have received all final certificates of conformance for those structures that have received permits. (Construction permits and approvals may also be required, depending on the type of structure or alteration being built.)

The Zoning Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. You may contact the office at (856) 429-0647.

Winter and Indoor Air Quality Tips from the Voorhees Environmental Commission

As we settle into the cold grip of winter, it is important to consider the environmental impact our homes have on us. Efforts to increase energy efficiency by reducing outside air infiltration, while commendable, often seal off a home from fresh air and raise the concentrations of both allergens and pollutants. In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that indoor pollution levels can be two to five times higher than those outdoors.

Pollutants in the home come from a variety of sources, including combustion sources such as heaters and fireplaces, building materials and furnishings, household cleaning and maintenance products. Home improvement activities including painting, varnishing, and mold and mildew removal often produce radon, pollen and lead.

The EPA recommends three basic strategies to improve indoor air quality: source control, ventilation improvements and air purifiers. Improving indoor air quality through source control involves removing causes of pollution, such as toxic cleaning products and flue blockages. Ventilation improvement is an easy and effective way to control poor indoor air, and can be as simple as opening windows when the weather permits. The EPA's final strategy involves using an air purifier. When investing in an air cleaner or purifier, consider factors such as pollutant levels, sensitivity, and room size before making your purchase.

For more information, contact the EPA at www.epa.gov/iaq/pubs/insidest.html



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Voorhees, NJ 08043

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Permit No. 1940

Important Dates

May 2: Free Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats held at the old Township Community Center, located behind the municipal building. 9:00–Noon

May 11: Last Day to register your dog and cat without being assessed a \$25.00 per pet late fee. (Except new residents or dogs/cats that have been acquired in the past 30 days. Proof of either status must be shown.)

WANTED:

Adult Coed softball teams to play in an in-town league. Players must be 18 years or older. Contact smurray@voorheesnj.com

Municipal Directory

Ambulance.....	911	Police Chief, Keith Hummel	428-5400
Fire Department.....	911	Public Works, Steve Simpson	428-5499
Police Emergency.....	911	Senior Citizens Programs, Grace Kennedy.....	429-4703
Administrator, Lawrence Spellman	429-7174	Sewer, David Corsaro.....	428-6925
Construction, Stephen J. Murray	429-7759	Tax Assessor, Michael Kane.....	429-7767
Economic Development, Michael Marchitto, Jr.....	216-0473	Tax Collector, Jennifer Dukelow.....	429-7762
Municipal Court.....	429-0770	Township Clerk, Jeanette Schelberg.....	429-7757
Municipal Inspections, Joseph Hale	428-5914	Vital Statistics, Gail M. David	429-4482
Parks/Recreation, John Maurer.....	428-7480	Zoning, Stephen J. Murray.....	429-0647
Chief Financial Officer, Dean Ciminera	429-7026	Summer Series and Special Events Hotline	882-7469 (SHOW)

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