



# OLIVE CONNECTION

## MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR



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## Welcome to the Olive Connection

Welcome to the Olive Connection!! I hope you are enjoying the quarterly newsletter. The newsletter will continue to feature updates on official Township business, provide information of upcoming events and dates to remember, highlight Department services and provide relevant information about what's happening around Mount Olive. I hope you find this newsletter beneficial, engaging and an effective means of strengthening our great community. If you have suggestions on how to improve the newsletter or ideas on what information you would like to read about, please contact me at [atatarenko@mtolivetwp.org](mailto:atatarenko@mtolivetwp.org).

### *Official Township Business*

The Township recognized July as Parks and Recreation Month and praised our recreation professionals for being vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community, recognized the heroic efforts of Vicent DeCarlo and Anthony Vasquez for their response to a car crash on Route 46, honored the Flanders Fire Co. #1 on their 100th Anniversary, proclaimed August 23, 2023 as Ukrainian Independence Day & September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, recognized and celebrated the life of former Councilman and Business Administrator, William "Bill" Sohl, and celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Paragon Village. In addition, the Police Department promoted two of their officers to Sergeant, William Galop and Eric Krouse. Most notably, for the fifteenth (15) year in a row, the Governing Body authorized the acceptance of the 2022 audit which resulted in no audit recommendations from our auditor.

### *Mount Olive Township School District Bond*

#### *Referendum - From Dr. Sumit Bangia*

Mount Olive Township School District anticipates holding a bond referendum on Tuesday, December 12 to address the health, safety, and modern instructional needs of our students. The vote gives the community a voice and, if approved, would secure a specific kind of state aid that would allow MOTSD to make improvements without relying only on the local tax base. MOTSD is awaiting completion of the state's review and will share the finalized project list and cost when available. The Board is committed to informing the community about the proposal. Please visit [motsd.org/referendum](https://motsd.org/referendum) for the latest updates.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 7 - Oktoberfest
- October 15 - Fishing Derby
- November 4 - Food Trucks & Craft
- November 10 - Taxes are due
- December 8 - Any Who's Winter Festival (8 days)

Leaf pick-up will commence in October

### *Ordinances & Resolutions*

The Township Council has amended several ordinances and adopted resolutions to keep Mount Olive moving forward in the right direction. An ordinance establishing NJDEP mandated regulations for privately owned salt storage was adopted, Pinetree Lane was dedicated a one-way street with parking restrictions, vehicle weight limits were established on Woodland Ave, Waterloo Rd, Firetower Rd and Lozier Rd, and a bond ordinance was introduced which authorized funding for a new Sanitation Truck. A contract was also awarded to Riverview Paving, Inc. for the rehabilitation of International Drive South which will be partially paved this year.



Questions about the referendum?

Email [referendum@motsd.org](mailto:referendum@motsd.org)

# Other Developments

A presentation was given by the Township Architect on plans to develop a new Health Center adjacent the Senior Center. The 7,000 square foot addition will ensure Township residents are receiving the best possible public health services. To off-set the cost of construction, a \$1.9M grant has been secured from the Federal Government. Tentative construction start date is summer of 2024.



## Employee Recognition



### ***Barbara Peterson- Court Deputy Administrator***

Barbara has been employed with the Township since 2013 as a Deputy Court Administrator for the shared municipal court between

Mount Olive Township and the Borough of Netcong.

Barbara's responsibilities include preparing the court calendar and cases, issuing bench warrants, assisting court users and working with multiple agencies regarding a wide range of municipal court related questions. She is also the ADA coordinator for the Court. Barbara is enthusiastic about her job, empathetic and kind to the court clientele, and keeps everyone in the office laughing. Court Administrator Mary Sherman said: "Barbara is an asset in the office who is always willing to help and brings new ideas on improving office efficiency".

## Grant Awards

The Township recently received several grants which will help offset the cost of future projects. The Township was awarded a \$345K LEAP Shared Services grant to purchase a new sanitation truck, \$307K Enhancing Local Public Health grant for health related services, a \$418K Morris County Historical Preservation grant to continue work on the Seward House, and a \$20K Vaccination grant.

## Public Meeting Videos

Available on our website are archived videos of Planning Board and Township Council meetings along with a series of informative videos. Please take some time and watch the educational videos and stay up to date on official Township business.

## Department Highlight

### ***Administration Department***

The Administration Department directs, administers and coordinates the activities of the Municipality in support of policies, goals and objectives established by the Mayor and Council. Administration is responsible for the day-to-day operations associated with all municipal activities. The Mayor, who is the Chief Executive Officer, appoints a Business Administrator to handle the daily functions. All departments, with the exception of the Township Clerk, report to Administration. The Administration ensures that all Township activities and operations are carried out in compliance with local, state and federal regulations and laws governing municipal operations. It also helps to develop, prescribe, and enforce rules and regulations to provide for the efficient management of the Township government. In addition, the Administration Department assist in the preparation of the budget, administers a centralized purchasing system, responsible for a sound personnel system and attends all Township Council meetings.

## Retirements

The Township congratulates and would like to recognize three (3) long standing employees who will be retiring and have dedicated a combined eighty-nine (89) years of public service. Tax Collector Rose Barsanti (28 years), Police Chief Steve Beecher (36 years) and Recreation Director Jill Daggon (25 years) have announced their retirement. The Township wishes them much happiness and success in their future endeavors.

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