



# Union Township Environmental Commission Newsletter

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A newsletter to help keep Union Township residents informed about community issues, events and their municipal government

## *A Brief History of the Hoffman Farm*

Hoffman Farm was purchased by Union Township and Hunterdon County and converted into Hoffman Park in 1999. The farm has a rich history. The Hoffman farmhouse has been traced back to approximately 1875, and parts of the house may be older. Albert Hoffman purchased the original farm in the late 1930's. Mr. Hoffman and his two brothers owned the Hoffman Beverage Company, which was founded by their father. Albert Hoffman's role at the plant was primarily production and distribution. Albert invented biological filters for soda syrups and the company was the first beverage company in the country to incorporate natural ingredients into their products. Brother William was the president and in charge of marketing. Gustave was vice president and treasurer. When Pabst Brewing Company acquired the bottling plant in 1945, Albert and his brothers each received \$1 million from the sale, which in those days was a princely sum.



Albert purchased the farm homestead and 60 acres in the late 1930's from Ione Hutaine (1896-1982). The original Jutland Summer Theatre facility was located on the southern end of the farm, near where Country Acres Road is today, but was destroyed by fire in 1946. Additionally, Albert purchased over 100 acres of prime land and farm buildings from Richard and Anna Kalfyn. He also acquired 160 acres of land from the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Oats, wheat, rye and hay were part of the farm production. The remainder of the land was used for pasture and rented to farmers on a monthly fee per animal. In the 1940's, cattle fences were installed; the fencing

program took 20 years. Most of the Hoffman farm buildings still stand and are under the jurisdiction of Union Township.

In addition to the main Hoffman farm, Albert bought farms in other parts of Hunterdon County, a home in Miami, and built a home in the Bahamas. He owned a good deal of land on Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

Albert would have wanted the Hoffman Farm property to be designated as a summer camp for children. The farm roads were paved and named by Albert in his later years. Albert Hoffman (1897-1993) passed away in the Bahamas. His wife, Joyce Hoffman, arranged the sale of the property to the County and Township. She remained at Hoffman Farm until her death at age 88 in 2006.



Albert Hoffman Sits Atop His Tractor

Thank you to the Frace family, Doug Kiofsky of the Hunterdon County Parks Department and Patricia Lingelbach for their contributions to this article.

**WANTED: One Great Tenant for the Hoffman House**

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## WANTED: ONE GREAT TENANT for the Hoffman House

Hoffman Park, our 332 acre Hunterdon County Park off Baptist Church Road in the township, has an outstanding opportunity waiting for one deserving tenant – the chance to live and/or work in the original Hoffman farmhouse.

The Hoffman Farm, owned by Albert and Joyce Hoffman, was purchased by Union Township and Hunterdon County and converted into Hoffman Park in 1999. 330 acres of the Farm were permanently preserved with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres funding as Open Space for conservation and passive recreation purposes. Two acres, including the Hoffman House and several ancillary structures, were excluded from the Green Acres funding area. Mrs. Hoffman lived in the farmhouse within the park until she passed away in 2006. The farmhouse is 'feeling its years', but still structurally sound. Union Township's contract with the County does not allow the buildings and land to be sold, but a long term lease could provide the opportunity for a tenant to restore the buildings over time, in exchange for very minimal rent. This could prove to be a win-win for the township and the tenant - a unique township asset would be restored, increasing its value for the town, while the tenant pays most or all of the rent through 'sweat equity' and restoration efforts.

The Union Township Environmental Commission's Stewardship Group has completed a "Request for Proposal" for the long term lease of the Hoffman House. It will be published in local newspapers later this year, offering local residents the opportunity to present their own vision of what the Hoffman House could and should be. After the RFP is published, several 'open houses' will be held for interested parties. The Hoffman House would make a fine residence for a large family, but it could also be converted to office space for a non-profit corporation, or possibly a bed and breakfast or educational/research center.

The 'perfect tenant' for the Hoffman House will be able to document prior building restoration experience and will be able to fund the capital requirements of the restoration project. The project will have to be completed within 7 years, during which time there will be periodic inspections by the Township. The lease itself could be for up to 20 years, with possible extensions.

For further information, please contact the Union Township Environmental Commission at [UTECE@uniontwp-hcnj.org](mailto:UTECE@uniontwp-hcnj.org) or leave a message at the UTECE office at 908 735-8027 ext 21.



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## *Electronics Collection Day*

**When:** Saturday, November 14, 2009  
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**Hours:** 9:00am to 1:00pm

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## *About This Newsletter*

Union Township, like all municipalities in New Jersey, is required to provide information to residents on environmental subjects including stormwater management, recycling, and the Sidney Brook 319 grant. This newsletter fulfills that requirement. It was designed and written by township volunteers. Printing and mailing costs were covered, in part, by advertising revenues. Please support these generous local businesses. If you are interested in advertising in our Winter, 2009 newsletter, contact us at [UTECC@uniontwp-hcnj.org](mailto:UTECC@uniontwp-hcnj.org).

# What Is This New Bug In My House?

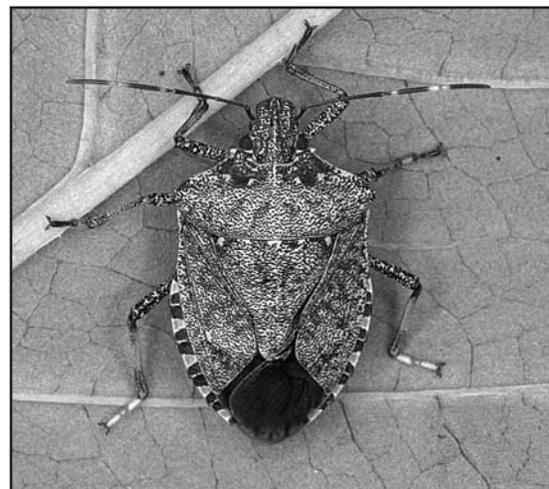
The new bug in your house is the brown marmorated stink bug (BMS for short, see picture). It's an insect native to Asia that entered the United States in the mid-1990's. BMS was first reported in Allentown, PA in 1996. In New Jersey, it was first found in a blacklight trap at a farm in Milford in 1998. Since then it has spread throughout much of New Jersey and the eastern United States. Populations of BMS currently occur in California, Delaware, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. BMS has also been reported in Maine, Rhode Island and Florida where they were found hitchhiking in RV's.

One question that many people ask is "What does this insect feed on?" Like many of our native stink bugs, the brown marmorated stink bug is a plant feeder and has a host range of over 100 different fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants including apples, beans, holly and princess trees. It will feed on foliage but prefers the fruiting structures of its hosts. In the laboratory, we raise BMS on snap beans, carrots, peanuts, sweet corn and sunflower seeds.

Another question frequently asked is "Will it bite me?" People are concerned about this because BMS can be found inside homes during the winter. BMS does not bite humans or pets. It does, however, release a chemical when threatened that smells bad to some people. Hence, the name stink bug. It also doesn't feed once it enters your house so it shouldn't harm any houseplants that might be present.

A third common question is "Why does it enter my house in the fall?" BMS enters your house trying to find a protected, warm place to spend the winter. It does this in Asia as well and is a nuisance there like it is here when it does. It typically spends the winter in attics, window or wall air conditioners or in the outside walls of the house and eventually they find their way into living quarters. It uses openings around windows, unscreened attic vents, etc. to enter these areas. Making sure that these types of openings are not present should help reduce the numbers entering.

A final commonly asked question is "How can I get rid of BMS?" Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be sprayed indoors to control them. There are insecticides that can be used outside to keep them from entering your house. However, they need to be used in the fall before they enter. Starting in September and continuing until the first hard frost, large numbers of stink bugs congregate on plants that have ripe fruits or berries. After obtaining enough nourishment to survive the winter from these plants they move indoors. If you can identify which plants they congregate on, insecticides are available that can be applied to these plants. For more information on the brown marmorated stink bug and how to manage their populations visit [njaes.rutgers.edu/stinkbug](http://njaes.rutgers.edu/stinkbug).



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# River-Friendly Farming In Union Township

Recently, Tradition Farms in Union Township became certified as a River-Friendly Farm. Owner/operator Ken Ravenburg earned the designation by farming in a way that keeps Union Township rivers and streams clean and healthy. The preserved 40-acre farm on County Route 614 has 17 varieties of peaches and 30 varieties of apples for sale during the year at the roadside store. Ravenburg also grows tomatoes, pumpkins and other vegetables. "We keep as much as we can in grass," said Ravenburg, who now operates the farm he grew up on. "When it rains, any runoff comes out clear. No sediment."

Through the River-Friendly Farm Program, farmers like Mr. Ravenburg are getting recognition for being good stewards of the land and protecting our water resources which provide drinking water to millions of people. Ravenburg and other River-Friendly farms do all of the following:

- reduce soil erosion so sediment does not enter waterways;
- reduce fertilizer to minimum amounts needed to prevent leaching into water;
- provide essential vegetative habitat along water bodies to help protect aquatic organisms;
- and apply pesticides and other control methods as appropriate.

Free technical assistance is provided through the River-Friendly Farm certification process for producers to implement best management practices that protect water quality and enhance efficiencies on-farm.

In 1995, Ravenburg worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service on 3 stream restoration and bank stabilization projects on his property. Once that was finished, he continued work on his own to improve other reaches of the stream on his property. "Every year I just plant a little bit more," Ravenburg said. Part of that work includes a nursery bank of willows that can be harvested and used in other stream restoration projects in other locations.



North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development Council is seeking River – Friendly Farm applicants and is available to speak with any interested group or individual about the program. Please contact Abigail Jones at 908-735-0733 x102 or [ajones@northjerseyrcd.org](mailto:ajones@northjerseyrcd.org). Applications and further information can be found on the River-Friendly website at [www.njriverfriendlyfarm.org](http://www.njriverfriendlyfarm.org).

This article was written by Abigail Jones, North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development Council, and reprinted with permission.

## Want to Help? What would you like to do?

Hike and study Union Township's streams, forests and grasslands?

Manage and renovate historic structures?

Plan new walking/ biking/ riding trails?

Educate schools and groups on environmental issues?

Write articles, press releases, meeting minutes?

Maintain wildlife sanctuaries within the township?

UTEC needs volunteers with diverse skills. If you are interested, contact [UTEC@uniontwp-hcnj.org](mailto:UTEC@uniontwp-hcnj.org). Still on the fence? Come to one of our meetings, regularly scheduled for the second Tuesday each month, to learn more.

## Bear Facts For Homeowners

New Jersey residents, especially those in areas frequented by black bears, should take steps to avoid attracting bears with food or garbage. This is the best way to prevent black bears from becoming a nuisance near your home.

Some residents may observe black bears using yards as part of their natural travel corridors. The mere presence of a black bear is not considered a problem. Generally, bears tend to be wary of people. It is important not to leave out any food or garbage that may encourage bears to linger in residential areas. One person feeding bears can create a problem bear that may affect the entire neighborhood.

Black bears learn very quickly and bears that are fed intentionally or unintentionally by carelessly leaving out food or garbage will associate people with food. Bears will eat almost anything including human food, garbage, pet food, birdseed and small livestock. Once they find an easily accessible food source, like garbage in a housing development, they will lose their wariness of people and may return to the available food source. These bears can become a nuisance or aggressive and may have to be trapped and aversively conditioned or destroyed.



**Remember: Never feed bears!** It's illegal in New Jersey, and it's dangerous. Anyone feeding bears could face a penalty of up to \$1,000 for each offense.

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The Douglass Farm, a 102 acre farm located at 304 Pittstown Road, is known throughout Hunterdon County for its scenic beauty and high quality agricultural soils. Originally known as the Linden Farm, it dates to 1757 and served as a home of the Dr. John Rockhill family. The Douglass Farm is part of Union Township's Rockhill Historic District. It was purchased in 2000 by Union Township to preserve its valuable farmland and wooded open space. Union Township resident and full time farmer Michael Matthews leases the Douglass hay fields and has been a good steward of the land, first for the Douglass family, and now for the township.

The UTEC Stewardship group, comprised of members of the Environmental Commission, Agricultural Advisory Committee, Planning Board and Historical Society, along with several citizen members, began studying the Douglass Farm, along with other township owned properties, in April 2008. After careful consideration of alternatives, the Stewardship group has recommended to the Township Committee that the farm be formally deed restricted and auctioned as a preserved farm. This will allow the Douglass Farm to receive the capital investment and structural improvements that it needs to remain pro-



ductive and agriculturally viable. Sale of the farm will allow the township to pay down its open space debt and provide funding for future farmland preservation projects within the township.



The Stewardship group is currently working to carefully structure the deed of easement for the Douglass Farm. The farm will not be able to be subdivided and will be preserved as agricultural land, with a small exclusion area set aside to allow construction of one single family home. Special provisions are being set in place to prevent excessive impervious coverage and water use. If approved by the township, the deed will be filed and the farm auctioned later in 2009. The auction results must be approved by the Township Committee prior to a final sale of the property. For further information regarding the Douglass Farm auction, please contact UTEC at [utec@uniontwp-hcnj.org](mailto:utec@uniontwp-hcnj.org) or leave a message at the UTEC office at 908 735-8027 ext 21.

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# WARNING: Invasive Aliens May Lurk in Your Back Yard!

Invasive alien PLANTS, that is... Recently, a UTEC member attended a "Weed Warrior" Workshop, sponsored by the Washington Township Environmental Commission and the South Branch Watershed Association. It was an eye opener! Here's information from the workshop that every landowner in Union Township should know, regardless of size or location.

**What are native species?** A native species is one that occurs naturally in a particular place without human intervention. Species native to New Jersey are generally recognized as those occurring in the state prior to European settlement. Non-native (alien) plants have been introduced by people from other continents, states, ecosystems and habitats. Many non-native plants have great economic value for agriculture, forestry, horticulture and other industries and pose little to no threat to our natural ecosystems. Others have become invasive and pose a serious ecological threat.

**What are invasive plants?** Invasive plants reproduce rapidly, spread over large areas of the landscape and have few, if any, natural controls, like plant eating animals or diseases, to keep them in check. Many invasive plants share some important characteristics that allow them to grow out of control. These include: (1) spreading aggressively by runners or roots; (2) producing large numbers of seeds that survive to germinate; and (3) dispersing seeds away from the parent plant through wind, water, wildlife and people.

**How do they get here?** People introduce exotic plants to new areas, on purpose and by accident, through a variety of means. Some species are introduced for use in gardening and landscaping, or for erosion control, forage and other purposes. Others come in unknowingly, on various imported products or in soil, water and other materials used for ship ballast. Once established in a new environment, some exotic species proliferate and expand over large areas, becoming invasive pests.

**Why are "invasives" a problem in natural areas?** Like an invading army, invasive plants are taking over and degrading natural ecosystems. Invasive plants disrupt the intricate web of life for plants, animals and microorganisms and compete for limited natural resources. Invasive plants impact nature in many ways including growing and spreading rapidly over large areas, displacing native plants, reducing food and shelter for native wildlife, eliminating host plants of native insects and competing for native plant pollinators. Some invasives spread so rapidly that they muscle out most other plants, changing a forest, meadow, or wetland into a landscape dominated by one species. Such "monocultures" have little ecological value and greatly reduce the natural biological diversity of an area.

Invasive plants also affect the type of recreational activities that we can enjoy in natural areas such as boating, bird watching, fishing and exploring. Some invasives become so thick that it is impossible to access waterways, forests and other areas. Once established, invasive plants require enormous amounts of time, labor and money or control or eliminate. Invasive species cost the US an estimated \$34.7 billion each year in control efforts and agricultural losses.

**What can I do?** If you already have invasives planted on your property, consider removing them and replacing them with native species. References on the next page can provide more information on identifying invasive plants and the best ways to control or remove a specific plant. Here are a few of the most common invasive plant species in Union Township:



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# Tips For Combating Invasive Species On Your Property

**MULTIFLORA ROSE:** Multiflora Rose was introduced to the eastern US in 1866 as rootstock for ornamental roses. In the 1930's, the US Soil Conservation Service promoted it for use in erosion control and as "living fences" to confine livestock. State conservation departments recommended multiflora rose as cover for wildlife. Its tenacious growth habit was eventually recognized as a problem on pastures and unplowed lands, where it disrupted cattle grazing. It is now designated a noxious weed in several states, including New Jersey.

Multiflora rose tolerates a wide range of conditions and is able to invade fields, forests, and wetlands. It grows aggressively and produces large numbers of fruits (hips) that are eaten and dispersed by a variety of birds. Dense thickets of multiflora rose exclude most native shrubs and herbs from establishing and may be detrimental to nesting of native birds.

Young plants can be pulled by gloved hands. Mature plants can be controlled through frequent, repeated cutting or mowing. Several contact and systemic herbicides are also effective in controlling multiflora rose. They can be carefully applied to cut stems to avoid harming neighboring beneficial plants.



**GARLIC MUSTARD (*Alliaria petiolata*):** Garlic mustard was first recorded in the US around 1868, on Long Island, and was likely introduced by settlers for food and medicinal purposes. In Union Township, it occurs in a wide range of habitats including roadsides, floodplains, and forest edges.

Garlic mustard is a biennial. First year plants appear as a rosette of kidney-shaped leaves that stay green throughout the winter; in its second year, the plants form a shoot which rapidly elongates and flowers in early spring. Garlic mustard invades areas disturbed by human activities and appears to be aided by white tailed deer that prefer to eat native wildflowers and leave garlic mustard untouched. Garlic mustard displaces many native spring wildflowers that occur in the same habitat.

Because garlic mustard seeds can survive for five or more years in the soil, effective management of garlic mustard requires a long term commitment. Hand removal of entire plants, including the roots, is effective for scattered infestations. Cutting flowering plants low to the ground in spring will prevent flowering and thus seed production. Several herbicides are also effective for its control. Once garlic mustard has been removed, consider re-establishing native groundcovers such as wild ginger, native ferns, foam flower or creeping phlox.



**AUTUMN OLIVE (*Eleagnus embellata*):** Autumn olive was introduced into the US in 1830 and widely planted as an ornamental, for wildlife habitat, as windbreaks and to restore deforested and degraded lands. It is drought tolerant and thrives in a variety of conditions. This trait allows it to invade grasslands, fields, open woodlands and disturbed areas. It threatens native ecosystems by out-competing and displacing native plant species, creating dense shade and interfering with natural plant succession.

Autumn Olive is a deciduous shrub that can grow to 20 feet. Its stems and leaves have a dense covering of silvery to rusty scales. Small, light yellow aromatic flowers appear in June and fruits are small, round, pink to reddish. It mainly spreads through seed, and birds and mammals disperse the fruits.

Do not plant autumn olive. Individual young plants can be hand pulled, ensuring that roots are removed. Cutting, in combination with herbicide application, is effective. Hedges can be cut down using a rush type mower, and stumps treated with a systemic herbicide like glyphosate or triclopyr according to manufacturer's directions.



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### **YOU CAN HELP!**

- Test your soil at your County's Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension office, or buy a self-test kit.
- Use natural, slow-release nitrogen, or low phosphorus fertilizers.
- Look into natural alternatives to fertilizers and pesticides, such as integrated pest management (IPM).
- If you need to use fertilizers or pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply.
- Do not apply fertilizers or pesticides before it rains. This will not allow the fertilizers or pesticides to penetrate through the soil.
- Use drought-resistant native plants in gardens; they require less fertilizer and less water.
- Use a mulching mower instead of bagging grass clippings.

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## **Update on I-78 Repaving**

The \$18 million dollar project to repave Route 78 in Union Township with low noise asphalt (between Tunnel Avenue and Beaver Brook) is in progress. The top coat of low noise asphalt still needs to be applied. According to the funding agency NJTPA (North Jersey Transportation Improvement Authority) this project is scheduled for "substantial completion" by July 24, 2009, and final completion by October 20, 2009. Our local representative to the NJTPA is Hunterdon Freeholder Matthew Holt who serves on the Project Prioritization Committee.

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Zoning Official	Mon/Wed 1 pm - 5 pm
Building Department	Mon/Weds/Fri 7:30 am - 3 pm

Trash removal in the Township is by private contract. Recycling is mandatory. Recycling Depot is behind the municipal building and is open every Saturday from 8:00 to 12 noon. During snow / ice storms the recycling depot and dumpster will be closed. No leaves / brush can be picked up by the Township; residents are urged to recycle same on their property. Reminder - no parking on Township roads during snow and / or ice storms. Tree, Driveway and Lighting Ordinances in effect. Dead deer may be reported to the township Clerk. Dog and cat licenses are available on the township website and at the municipal building.

## Township Committee (Elected)

Meetings - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month - 7 pm - Municipal Building

Mayor	Patricia Dziubek	908-735-8875	Term Expires 2011
Deputy Mayor	Matt Severino	908-713-9104	Term Expires 2009
Committeeman	Frank T. Mazza	908-730-8715	Term Expires 2011
Committeeman	Rob Haynes	908-735-0147	Term Expires 2010
Committeeman	William F. Bischoff, Jr.	908-638-5982	Term Expires 2009

## Planning Board (Appointed)

Meetings - 4th Thursday of Each Month - 7 pm - Municipal Building  
Workshops - 1st Tuesday Of Each Month - 7 pm - Municipal Building

Chairperson	Brian Kirkpatrick	Alternate 1	Robert Nace
Vice Chairperson	Alan Ford	Alternate 2	Vacancy
Class 1	Patricia Dziubek	Attorney	Mark S. Anderson
Class II	Orest Walchuk	Engineer	Kevin Smith, PE
Class III	William F. Bischoff, Jr.	Secretary	Grace Kocher
Class IV	Frank Taibi	Planner	Carl E. Hintz, P.P.
Class IV	Robert Badenhausen	Environmental Consultant	Stephen J. Sousa
Class IV	Albanus Ryland	Hydrologist	Anthony Rana
Class IV	Kathleen Corcoran	Hydro Geologist	Vincent Uhl

## Environmental Commission (Appointed)

Meetings - 2nd Tuesday of Each Month - 7 pm - Municipal Building

Chairperson - William Harclerode - 735-8027 Ext. 21			
Vice Chairperson - Michele McBride			
Secretary/Planning Board Rep.	Kathleen Corcoran	Citizen Member	John Wingler
Citizen Member	Sandra Stiger	Alternate 1	Chuck Neary
Citizen Member	Stephen Hurford	Alternate 2	Chuck La Tournous

### Recreation Committee

Meetings - 3rd Tuesday of Each Month -  
7:30 pm Municipal Building (www.utrecreation.com)

Chairperson - Jack Hara - 713-1107	
Vice Chairperson - Jens Duerr	
<i>Members</i>	
Jim Teipel	Heidi Maroney
Kathy Harvey	Scott Eichlin
Russ Talamo	John Corcoran
Mary Beth Kastrud	Tom Brennan

### Agricultural Advisory Committee

Chairperson - Paige DiRoberto	
pdiroberto@embarqmail.com	
<i>Members</i>	
Scott Eichlin	Michael Matthews
Brian Kirkpatrick	

### Union Township Historic Preservation Committee

Historian - Joseph Martin - 735-7383	
Robert Everett	Susan M. Rochelle, Architect, AIA
Patricia Lingelbach	Douglas Martin

### Private Organizations

Union Township Historical Society Of Hunterdon Patricia Lingelbach - President

Union Township Senior Citizens, Inc.

President - Audrey Bujnowski 806-6682

Fran LaTournous 735-5885

# *An Update On Union Township Recycling*

Union Township's new single stream recycling program is going strong! The township recycling depot, located behind the municipal building at 140 Perryville Road, Jutland, is now open every Saturday from 8am until 12pm, and collects all recyclables into one dumpster at the depot. Our contract recycler, Waste Management, sorts the recycling at a special plant with state of the art separation technology. Union Township residents can recycle all glass, aluminum, tin, #1 through #7 plastics, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, and cardboard at the depot, and it is no longer necessary to source separate these materials.

You can include chip board (such as cereal boxes and paper towel cores) with your recycling, as long as waxed liners, foil and cellophane are removed. Since so many materials are now collected at the depot, residents have noticed a decrease in the amount of garbage they generate and some are considering smaller sized garbage containers, which can save money.

Our recycling coordinator asks that all light weight paper items, such as newspapers, junk mail, office paper, etc. be bundled into paper bags or tied with string prior to bringing them to the depot. This keeps papers from blowing out of the dumpster when it is windy.

## **Recycling is the Law in New Jersey**

Union Township residents should know that New Jersey state law (New Jersey Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102) requires all municipalities to separate recyclable components from the solid waste stream. Our township ordinance on recycling is part of the Township of Union Ordinances Chapter XVI and can be viewed at the municipal building or on line at [http://70.168.205.112/union\\_nj/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&2.0](http://70.168.205.112/union_nj/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&2.0). Recycling is mandatory and all residents need to do their part to meet our 50% recycling goal.

Several solid waste transporters in our community, including Raritan Valley Disposal, Smith Brothers Sanitation Service, and Waste Management offer curbside recycling within Union Township. This can be a convenient alternative to bringing your recycling to the municipal depot.

## **Now You Can Recycle Used Clothing at the Depot**

The Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Company sponsors a clothing collection bin at the Recycling Depot. You can place used clothing, sheets, blankets, and stuffed animals in the bin, with proceeds from the donation of these items returned to the Fire Company for fuel, maintenance, and upkeep of the fire company engines.

## **What Else Can I Recycle?**

There are a number of local organizations that accept used household goods, keeping useful materials out of landfills. You can recycle clean usable household goods, unwanted gifts, small furnishings, sporting goods, clothing, books, DVDs and other media by donating them to the North Hunterdon United Methodist Church Thrift Shop at 51 Charlestown Road in Hampton (tel: 908 735-0177 for donation dates and times), or to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry Thrift Shop, 81 W Main St., High Bridge (tel: 908-638-5773 for donation dates and times). Household goods of all kinds, surplus construction materials, and more can be recycled at no charge on a person-to-person basis using Hunterdon Freecycle at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HunterdonNJFreecycle/>. These are just a few ideas for you to consider; let UTEC know if you are aware of other local organizations that promote residential recycling.



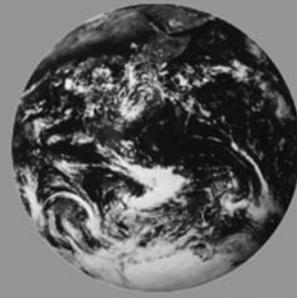
## UTEC's Spring 2009 Wish List

- A battery powered MEGAPHONE / BULLHORN to aid in nightly township park closings.
- Landscape quality shrubs for installation in late summer in our planned Milligan Farm Park parking area.
- Volunteers to aid in trail clearing, marking, and landscape installation in late summer at the new Milligan Farm Park.

Please call or email first at [utec@uniontwp-hcnj.org](mailto:utec@uniontwp-hcnj.org) to see if our need has already been met. Thanks!

## You Are Always Welcome

UTEC meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the municipal building, 140 Perryville Road, Jutland.



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## Union Township Historical Society Needs You

The Union Township Historical Society was founded in 1979 by a group of people who had a love of history and Union Township. They created the Society and its mission of which they wrote as follows: "The purpose of the Union Township Historical Society is to bring together those people interested in history, especially the history of the Township of Union. The Society's major function will be to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of Union Township and the surrounding area. The Society will provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it; cooperate with officials in ensuring the preservation of historic buildings and to protect the historic character of the Township of Union. The Society will disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by publishing historical material, by holding meetings, or by any appropriate means."

The Society has been true to this mission in the intervening years by opening our museum -open the 3rd Saturday of each month from June through October from 9 AM to 12 noon; publishing a variety of works including "Rural Recollections" - a narrative and pictorial history of Union Township; through educational outreach programs in concert with the Union Township schools wherein we distribute American flags to the second graders on flag day and elicit patriotic/historic essays from the fifth graders in late winter; participate in the Union Township Historic Preservation Committee; sponsor periodic lectures on historic subjects and participate in the township's Community Day. The Society is not only about preserving our history, but also about affording an opportunity to socialize, yes we do enjoy a good party too (see below).

Now the Society is facing a decline in membership that if allowed to continue will jeopardize this jewel in our midst so we wish to get a new generation of people involved and excited about our town and its place in history. The Society is grateful to the UTEC Newsletter for this opportunity to call on members of our community to come and join us in supporting our mission and have a good time doing it. We only have four meetings each year, they are all on Sunday afternoon at 2 PM and this year's meetings are on March 15th, June 7th, October 18th and on December 6th for our annual holiday party. Membership dues are \$25 single, \$50 family each of those annually or a one time Life membership at \$100. For more information or to join the Society please call Pat Lingelbach at 735-7384 or Bill Bischoff at 638-5982.

## UTEC Applies For Milligan Farm Trail Credit

In December, 2008, UTEC applied for a \$21,150 trail grant from the New Jersey Office of Natural Lands Management for the Milligan Farm. The funds, if approved, will be used to develop a trail throughout the property, and trail head parking near the intersection of Pittstown and Sidney Road. In 2006, Milligan Farm was purchased by Union Township, in cooperation with the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey Water Supply Authority and the State of New Jersey DEP Green Acres program. The site is composed primarily of rolling farm fields with wetlands and a C-1 trout stream within the southern boundary. The Milligan Farm is in an excellent location for passive recreation trails, as it is across the street from the newly acquired Summit Manor property in Franklin Township (purchased by Franklin Township and the County of Hunterdon). Plans are to connect the Milligan Farm trail to those at Summit Manor and then eventually to the County owned Lansdowne Trail.

Union Township is required to provide a 25% matching share for the trail grant. UTEC will rely upon volunteer labor and donated materials for the bulk of the matching share. We will hear from the State in August 2009 if we are awarded the grant, and will begin work shortly thereafter. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the project!

### Help Us Grow Green

Union Township residents can receive UTEC newsletters, important township news and other correspondence electronically by email rather than in print through snail mail. To request this service, send an email to [utec@uniontwp-hcnj.org](mailto:utec@uniontwp-hcnj.org) with UTEC EMAILS as the subject. Be sure to include your full name and address. Rest assured – we will not share our list or overwhelm you with spam!

### Calling All Renters

The Union Township Environmental Commission Newsletter is mailed to the owner of each residential and commercial property in the township. If you lease your home or business, you may have missed receiving our newsletters. To obtain one, you can pick up a copy at the Union Township Municipal building, view it on line at <http://www.uniontwp-hcnj.org/index.asp?pgid=4>, or contact us at [utec@uniontw-hcnj.org](mailto:utec@uniontw-hcnj.org) with your name and address. We will be happy to add you to our mailing list!



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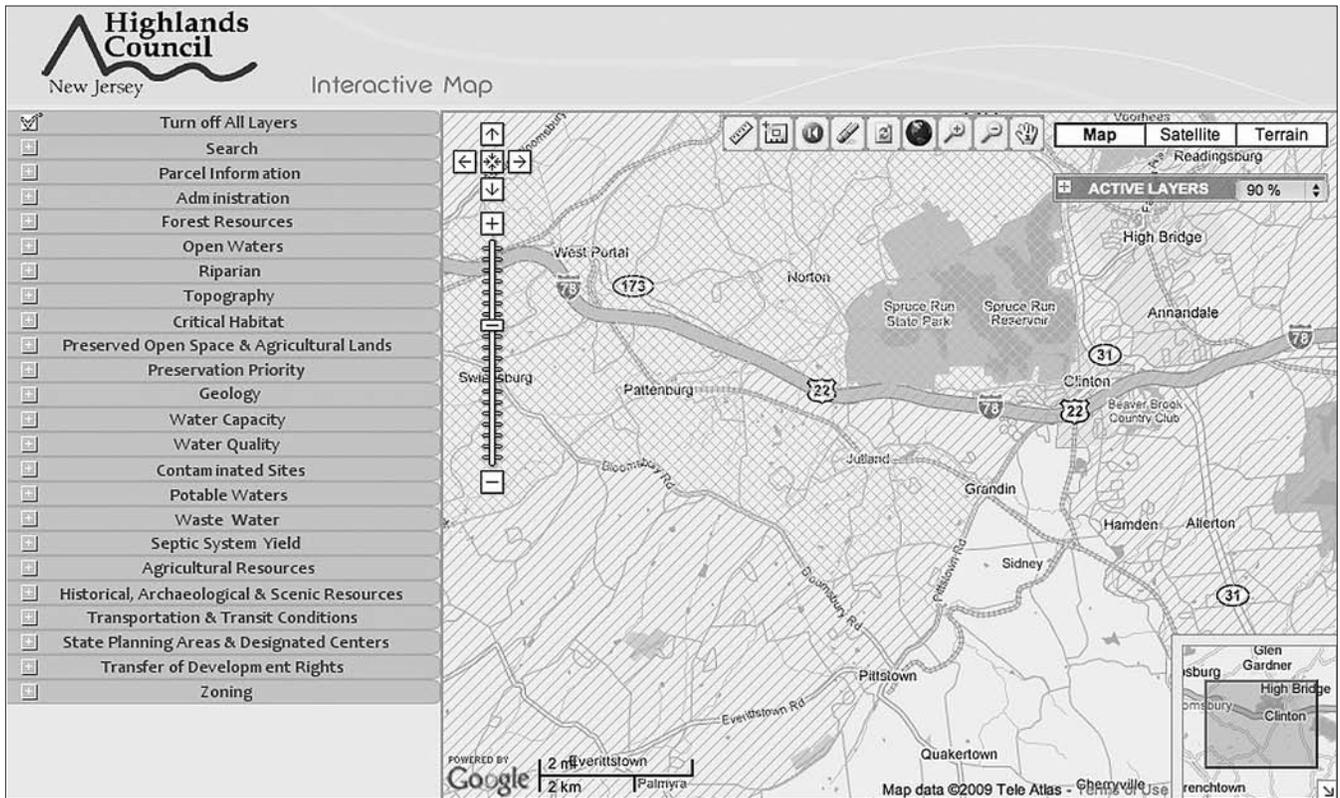
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