



Byram Township 2013 Annual Report

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BYRAM TOWNSHIP OFFICES

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Construction Office:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Finance/Tax Office:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Township Office General Phone Number:
973-347-2500

Township Office General Fax Number:
973-347-0502

Township Website:
www.ByramTwp.org

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergencies: Dial 911
Non-emergencies: 973-347-4008

RECYCLING CENTER

Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
973-347-2500 Ext. 125

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Joseph Sabatini
973-347-2500 Ext. 138

TOWNSHIP CLERK / REGISTRAR

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973-347-2500 Ext. 127

TAX ASSESSOR

Penny Hostenstein
973-347-2500 Ext. 139

FINANCE DIRECTOR/TAX COLLECTOR

Marie Kenia
973-347-2500 Ext. 134

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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Janet Meisner
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SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Adolf Steyh
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TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

James Oscovitch, Mayor
Marie Raffay, Deputy Mayor
Scott Olson
Nisha Kash

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

It is my pleasure to present the Byram Township Annual Report for 2013. In accordance with State Statute, the Manager provides a yearly report on the Township's activities for the benefit of the public and the Township Council.

Byram Township, "The Township of Lakes", is a community that is a wonderful place in which to live, work and visit.

Byram is served by full-time and part-time employees in eight departments and by numerous volunteers in our emergency services, including the Byram Township Fire Department and Lakeland Emergency Squad.

Byram is also served by the volunteers on our boards, commissions, and committees. The work of these volunteers, combined with the efforts of our elected leaders and staff, add to the quality of life in the Township.

2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Established a new Economic Development Advisory Committee to encourage existing businesses and attract new ones.
- Allocated \$350,000 from the Township's open space fund to develop the Jones Lane recreational fields at Tamarack Park.
- Held Byram Day at Waterloo Village, with 5,000 visitors and 88 5K-runners. In 2014, Byram Day will again be at Waterloo.
- Adopted a zoning change to allow the re-development of the Consolidated School with small apartments, within walking distance of the Route 206 commercial core. Four of the apartments will contribute toward the Township's Housing Element Fair Share Plan.
- Established a 4-bedroom group home on a Township-owned parcel, as part of the Township's Housing Element Fair Share Plan.
- Adopted a more efficient Highlands exemptions process, whereby Township officials can grant certain types of exemptions.

BUDGETING AND FINANCE

- Reduced the cost of dental coverage for Township employees by 8%, by transferring to the North Jersey Health Insurance Fund.

- Used \$109,650 (of a \$276,478 settlement paid to Byram by PSE&G for disturbances along new power lines) to buy a police and a fire vehicle, other emergency equipment, and an electronic message board and software, to communicate with residents.
- Provided options for tax payments—an after-hours drop box and an on-line option (go to www.byramtwp.org under "Quick Links").

OTHER GRANTS

- Completed two State Recreational Trails grants, receiving reimbursements totaling \$29,323:
 - Phase II repairs to Sussex Branch Trail near the Byram/Andover border.
 - New trail, park furniture, landscaping at Brookwood Park.
- Received three new State grants:
 - No Net Loss tree planting for C.O. Johnson Park and the Jones Lane recreational fields project at Tamarack Park, \$55,646.
 - CSIP forestry grant to remove storm damage in parks/trails and remove hazardous trees along roadways, \$20,000.
 - Sustainable Jersey grant to inventory and establish monitoring for conservation easements in Byram, \$10,000.

SERVICES

- Completed the final phase of the NJ Department of Transportation grant for the reconstruction of Roseville Road, receiving \$150,000 from the State.
- Completed the first phase of the resurfacing of Tamarack Road, from Roseville Road to Old Indian Springs Road.
- Received \$13,532 as payment for 746 tons of recyclables from ReCommunity, which now buys Byram's recyclables. At the same time, household solid waste pickup fell, which reduced landfill fees for the Township. The Township also receives an average of \$10,000 yearly from the State for recycling tonnage.
- Adopted a Deer Management Plan for the Township's four largest open space parcels to help control the local herd.

HOW YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

“The Council-Manager form is the system of local government that combines the strong political leadership of elected officials in the form of a governing body, with the strong managerial experience of an appointed local government manager. The Council-Manager form establishes a representative system where all the power is concentrated in the elected council and where the council hires a professionally trained manager to oversee the delivery of public services.”

– International City/County Management Association.

The distinctive feature of this form of government is the strict separation between legislative and administrative functions. The plan calls for the non-partisan, at-large election of four Township Council members and one Mayor. By law, the Mayor and the Township Council have the responsibility for all legislative matters, ranging from enactment of all ordinances and resolutions to general citizen representation. Seven separate advisory boards and committees assist policy formulation of the Council.

Administrative responsibilities of the Township are vested in the full time Township Manager. Charged with the day to day operation of the Township, the Manager directs all Township services and the enforcement of municipal ordinances. Appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Council, the Manager is a professionally trained individual whose basic responsibility is the efficient and economic operation of your local government.

The Township Clerk is secretary to the Township Council and is the Election Official of the Township. The Clerk records and prepares the minutes of each Township Council Meeting. The Clerk also processes, records and files resolutions and ordinances, arranges for legal advertising of official documents and issues various licenses and permits. The Township Clerk’s election responsibilities include registering new residents to vote, accepting petitions for vacancies in local elected offices, furnishing materials for local elections, selecting polling areas and maintaining custody of election results.

How does a Council function?

The Mayor presides over Council meetings. The Township Council is similar to a corporate Board of Directors and is assisted by the Township Attorney who prepares ordinances and advises on legal issues; the Township Clerk who prepares resolutions and the Township Manager who functions much like the CEO of a corporation.

If I have an idea, how do I go about presenting it to the Council?

You are invited to speak at the “Public Comment” portion at the beginning and end of every meeting on any subject. Also, the public is invited to comment on ordinances at the public hearing prior to adoption. If you have new ideas for the Council to consider, you may want to speak with the Township Manager or department head ahead of time to obtain supporting data.

Is there a protocol for speaking at meetings?

Yes. The entire Council should be addressed through the chair (Mayor). Do not engage in dialogue with members without the chair’s permission. Proper decorum should be observed. Succinct, constructive comments and a respectful tone are greatly appreciated and create an appropriate decision-making environment.

How do I know in advance what items will be on the agenda?

The agenda is published and posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall five days prior to a meeting. The agenda is also published on the Township’s web page, www.byramtwp.org.

Can I review the minutes of the meeting?

All open session meetings are available for public inspection. You can read the minutes or review a complete recording of the meeting at the office of the Township Clerk. The minutes are also published on the Township’s web page, www.byramtwp.org.

FINANCE/TAX DEPARTMENT

The Township of Byram emphasizes careful financial management and long range fiscal planning. The duties include billing and collection of taxes, collections of all Township revenues, investments, debt management, financial analysis, and control of the Township's **\$11,047,695.26** 2013 budget. The department is also responsible for the financial activities of the sewer utility, with a budget of \$ **320,6060**. In addition, the assessor is responsible for the Township- wide assessment.

Taxes are payable quarterly on the first days of February, May, August, and November, after which dates they are delinquent and subject to interest. There is no discount for prepayment. The grace period is ten days on any payments received after this time, interest will be retroactive to the first of the month. Delinquent payments will be charged interest at the rate of 8% per annum up to \$1500.00 and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1500.00. A penalty of up to 6% will be charged on any delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 if not paid by the end of the fiscal year (December 31st), unless stated otherwise on the front of the bill. Any current year's taxes unpaid on December 31st will be subject to tax sale and lien.

The Finance / Tax Department hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a new lock box located in the front of the building for sewer and tax payments, any payments. Payments received after 3:30 p.m. will be posted on the next business day.

The Tax Department handles requests and information regarding the following tax relief programs:

- Senior Citizen/Disabled Persons Deduction
- Veterans Deduction
- Veterans Exemption

The State also offers the following programs:

- Property Tax Reimbursement (Freeze for Qualified Senior and Disabled Persons)
- Homestead Rebate

For more information about property tax relief programs, please refer to the Division of Taxation website:

www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/index.html

2013 Tax Information	
Number of Tax Parcels (excludes exempt)	3980
Total Assessed Valuation Taxable	\$930,010,451

2013 Tax Dollar Breakdown		
County Purpose Tax	.491	15.0%
County Library Tax	.033	1.0%
County Health Tax	.014	0.4%
County Open Space Tax	.003	0.09%
Local School Tax	1.21	36.9%
Regional School Tax	.648	19.8%
Municipal Purpose Tax	.862	26.3%
Municipal Open Space Tax	.011	0.3%

Totals	\$	%
County Total	.541	.165%
School Total	1.858	.567%
Municipal Total	.873	.266%

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

In 2013 the Byram Parks and Recreation Department offered a variety of special events, programs, sports, trips, and summer camp. The Recreation and Parks Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Municipal Building at 7:30 pm. The Committee, along with the Recreation Director and numerous volunteers, oversees all recreation activities for the Township. The Committee collaborates with several community groups, such as the Youth Guidance Council, Byram Day Committee, Lenape Valley Municipal Alliance, Senior Citizens Club, and the Byram-Andover Chamber of Commerce.

The Recreation Department reaches out to nearby towns and businesses to foster relationships that provide greater services to Township residents. We have a two- year old Tri-Town Recreation Committee, consisting of one member from each of Byram, Stanhope and Netcong's Recreation Committees. They are currently collaborating on Camp Lenape and Tri-Town Dances. The Lenape Valley Municipal Alliance consists of members from both Byram and Stanhope and supports Movies in the Park, DARE, Peer to Peer and other programs in all the schools, Project Graduation, booths at Byram and Stanhope Days, as well as other community events. Trips are planned by a group of recreation directors from Byram, Mt. Olive, Jefferson, Denville, Chester and Washington Township to offer a wider variety of trips than could otherwise be offered by any one town. Byram Recreation works with Sparta Recreation to offer Byram residents the opportunity to participate in several of Sparta Recreations' programs at close to resident prices while helping Sparta to fill out their classes. Fitness classes are offered through RDA Fitness, dance classes through Gran Jete' Academie of Dance and karate classes through Isshinryu Traditional Karate Do. These classes provide short term, low cost learning experiences for Byram residents, while offering potential customers a hands-on experiences at local businesses.

This past July Byram Recreation offered the first Kids Triathlon, held at Lake Lackawanna. The event was well received by the Lack Lackawanna

residents as well as by young athletes from throughout the town who participated in swimming, biking and running. Ages 4 – 14 performed in age brackets with progressively longer distances for each age group. Look for a repeat of this event this summer.

Byram Day changed its look this year by being held in October rather than September and by moving to Waterloo Village. Waterloo Village was newly reopened by the State Park Service, and as a beautiful gem right here in Byram, provided an amazing location for Byram Day. Over 5000 people enjoyed Byram Day in 2013. Byram Day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 27 in 2014.

In 2013 Byram Recreation was recognized for the second time by New Jersey Parks and Recreation for being outstanding. John Pappalardo, longtime member and chairman of the Byram Recreation Committee and a 47 year veteran leading Byram Township Recreation sports and other events received NJRPA's Fay Matheson Award and was recognized as the leading "Friend to New Jersey Parks and Recreation."

Check the Township website under "Community" for updated information each season. Registration and medical forms may be downloaded directly from the website for ease in registration. Checks, money orders or cash are accepted.

Field and program closure information may be obtained by calling extension 008. (Note the change from last year.)

Activities by Age Group	Number of programs	Enrollment
Pre-School	15	101
Youth	66	523
Teen	12	396
Adult	14	77
Family Programs & Trips	10	249
Town-wide Events	3	6000
Other Youth & Adult Sports	13	1400
Senior Citizens Club	1	60
Totals:	134	8815

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works includes the following divisions: Roads, Sewers, Recycling, Buildings and Grounds, Park Maintenance, and Fleet Maintenance. This department employs 11 full-time employees including a superintendent. The total annual operating budget for the department is approximately \$1.3 million.

The DPW maintains approximately 80 miles of roadway, 6 sewer-pumping stations and about two miles of sewer mains. Collection of recyclables leaves and brush at the Township Recycling Center is the responsibility of the DPW, as well as snow and ice control on Township roads, maintenance of storm drains and basins, traffic sign installation and repair, and coordination of the annual roadway resurfacing program.

Buildings and Grounds oversees and maintains eight Township buildings, including the Municipal Complex, the Old School House, and the C.O. Johnson Field house, and the Lee Hill Emergency Services Building.

Park Maintenance is responsible for the care of C.O. Johnson Park and its fields, Riverside Park, East Brookwood Park, Neil Gylling Park, Mohawk View Park, and all grass areas on the local school athletic fields. An average of 42 acres is cut twice a week depending on the weather. This division has one full-time employee.

Fleet Maintenance is provided by one mechanic and, when needed, a second DPW employee. The Fleet Maintenance Mechanic is responsible for about 10 police vehicles, 10 small to large DPW trucks, one road sweeper, a backhoe, two loaders, four trailers and a large assortment of power/mechanical tools.

Major Operations

Hours	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Road Repair	1100	1008	1120	616	700	928	1106	1058	822	706	632	896	10692
Parks Maintenance	32	0	100	490	450	274	206	216	428	264	184	38	2682
Buildings and Grounds	182	175	96	68	14	50	72	30	24	120	189	64	1084
Storm Overtime	155	326.5	275	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	30	449	1265.5
Sewer	24	26	94	100	114	58	46	33	60	72	26	38	691

Vehicle Repair

Hours	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Police	18	24	4	38	36	60	58	43	14	24	33	4	356
Fire	22	0	26	14	14	4	2	24	0	10	10	5	131
Public Works	214	60	112	242	128	86	118	73	198	263	135	352	1981
Parks Equipment	12	0		14	26	12	8	4	0	42	72	96	286

Materials Collected/Used /Delivered

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Asphalt Material Placed - Tons	0	0	0	4.02	0	56.77	0	56.11	0	132.45	0	10.65	260
Brush - Tons	0	0	0	0	0	28.41	0	20.49	0	21.8	0	0	70.7
Leaves Collected - Loads	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	330 yds	0	300 yds	630 yds
Salt Used - Tons	360	276	376	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	78	1225
Sand Used - Tons	222	226	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240	120	1008

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Byram Township Police Department consists of fourteen sworn officers and two part-time records clerks. The Department has always been committed to delivering professional police services to its residents. The Byram Township Police Department had several changes during 2013.

- Sergeant Gregory J. Gamski retired from the Department in December 2012, having served the citizens of Byram Township since 1987.
- Detective Joseph Todd Duffy retired from the Department in December 2012. serving the citizens of Byram Township since 1988.
- Patrolman Lawrence Mendelsohn was hired on July 1, 2013 to replace one of the Officers that retired in December 2012. Patrolman Mendelsohn was a transfer from the Morris County Sheriff's Office, where he had served for eight years.
- The Department received a \$4,000 grant and participated in the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety's "Click it or Ticket Mobilization" program, along with many other police departments throughout the State and nation. Byram Police Officers issued 105 safety belt summonses during a two- week period in May and June 2013 which resulted in increased safety belt usage on Township roads.
- The Department was awarded \$2098.31 for the replacement of Body Armor by the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice.
- The Department completed its twenty third year instructing D.A.R.E. to the fifth grade classes at the Intermediate School. The D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony and picnic were held in June, 2013.

In 2013, Byram Township Police Officers averaged five days of in-service training and traveled more than 139,000 miles during their patrols. The department will continue to serve the citizens of the Township to the best of its ability. Additional information regarding the department may be found on the internet at www.byrampd.org. Information is also posted on the Department's Facebook page located at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Byram-Township-Police-Department/196576757045673>

	2012	2013	Difference
Burglaries	14	11	-3
Theft	45	31	-14
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	3	3
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Simple Assault	15	9	-6
Arson	0	0	0
Fraud	32	39	7
Criminal Mischief	51	45	-6
Weapons	2	1	-1
Fireworks	17	9	-8
Narcotic Offences	19	14	-5
Alarms	162	230	68
Disorderly Conducts	80	89	9
Suspicious Vehicle / Persons	266	280	14
Motor Vehicle Accidents	224	269	45
Motor Vehicle Stops	3292	2054	-1238
Medical Assists	301	337	36
Miscellaneous (other calls)	2504	1844	-660
Total Incidents Handled	7323	5265	-2058

	2012	2013	Difference
Adults Arrested	107	100	-7
Juveniles Arrested	37	9	-28

	2012	2013	Difference
Property Value Reported Stolen	\$88,291	\$126,040	\$37,749
Property Value Recovered	\$2,039	\$27,712	\$25,673

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The State of New Jersey mandates a wide range of environmental and personal health services. To meet these standards Byram Township contracts with the Sussex County Division of Health to provide many of these services. There is one full-time staff person who is available at the municipal building to assist residents with public health concerns, a part-time pound keeper, a part-time Animal Control Officer, a Registrar of Vital Statistics, and a Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Environmental health activities include inspections of food establishments, lakes, beaches and campgrounds, monitoring of potable water supplies and septic systems. Three of the Township's major lakeside communities (Lake Mohawk, Cranberry Lake and Lake Lackawanna) are regulated under Septic Management.

Animal control activities include an annual free rabies clinic in April, dog licensing, and the operation of the local pound. The Township Health Department enjoys a unique relationship with BARKS (Byram Animal Rescue Kindness Squad), which assists the Township with animal rescue.

Solid waste activities include mandatory recycling, through monthly curbside pick-up or drop-off at the Township Recycling Center, and weekly garbage pick-up.

Personal health services are handled by the Sussex County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing. These services include adult screenings for blood pressure, blood chemistry, skin cancer, male and female cancers, well-child clinics, flu immunizations, health risk appraisals, educational programs, and health counseling. Information about these programs is available in the local media, at the municipal building and by calling the Public Health Nurse at 973-948-5239 x. 3126.

The Township Board of Health meets on the fourth Tuesday of alternating months and handles public health issues such as sponsoring health clinics offered by the Sussex County Division of Health (flu clinic, pneumonia, SMA blood work), hearing resident requests for waivers from septic and well regulations, managing the annual rabies clinic and other issues related to animals, water quality and septic management.

Vital Statistics	2010	2011	2012	2013
Marriage License	37	31	27	27
Civil Unions	0	0	1	1
Birth Records	70	50	59	43
Death Records	34	40	33	28

Animal Control	2010	2011	2012	2013
Rabies Vaccinations	218	214	214	250
Dog Licenses	1051	790	1301	788
Shelter Admissions	63	49	50	95
Adopted Animals	28	34	59	73
Returned to Owner	27	15	22	17

Residential Trash / Recycling	2010	2011	2012	2013
Annual Garbage*	3697	3209.19	3006.65	2871.91
Mixed Paper Recycling*	419.63	386.95	227.13	23.93
Co-mingled Recycling*	406.39	363.96	151.23	14.42
Metal Recycling*	90.93	80	26.02	52.13
Tire Recycling*	11.43	9.54	7.91	2.60
Single Stream*	5.44	121.14	499.94	828.31
Vegetative		232 cu.yds	91 cu.yds	90 cu. Yds

*** in tons**

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Planning and Development provides for the administration of the Township's Land Use Board and the enforcement of zoning, construction, health, and environmental codes.

Construction Department

The Construction Department reviews construction plans, issues construction permits, and provides inspections to ensure work conforms to State of New Jersey Approved Building Codes. Staff consists of one part-time Construction Official, two part-time Sub-code Officials, and one part-time Technical Assistant. The Construction Department also serves Netcong Borough through a shared services agreement.

	2011	2012	2013
New Construction – Residential	4	3	2
New Construction- Commercial	0	0	0
Permits Issued	491	566	746
Certificates of Occupancy	6	11	7
Certificates of Approval	319	365	441

Zoning Enforcement

The Township of Byram has adopted a zoning ordinance to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community. The zoning ordinance is established to regulate the nature and extent of land devoted to various uses by creating specific districts, regulating land use within those districts and limiting and restricting the use of buildings and structures to permitted uses. The zoning ordinance also regulates the height, bulk, orientation and other particulars of buildings and structures, lot coverage, lot sizes and dimensions. Byram's part-time Zoning Officer, who is certified as a Zoning Official by Rutgers University, reviews construction applications for conformity to Township Zoning Codes. In addition, he conducts routine inspections throughout the Township for violations of Zoning Codes and Property Maintenance Codes. Warning notices are sent for violations; a summons is then issued if the violation is not corrected. For questions, call 973-347-2500 x 131.

Land Use Board

The Land Use Board is a joint planning and zoning board consisting of nine regular members including the mayor or appointee and a Council person. It also includes two alternate members from the community. The Land Use Board is appointed by the mayor and Council and hears all subdivision, site plan, and variance applications. It is also responsible for long-range planning through the Master Plan and Land Development Ordinance. The Land Use Board meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. The Board is served by two advisory boards, the Environmental Commission and the Architectural Review Committee. Staff consists of a Planning Director, a position held by the Township Manager, and a part time Board Secretary, who is certified by Rutgers.

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (973) 347-2500 x. 132

Land Use Board Statistics			
	2011	2012	2013
Site Plan Applications:			
Approved	11	13	5
Denied	1	0	1
Subdivision Applications:			
Approved	0	1	1
Denied	0	0	0
Variance Applications:			
Approved	9	10	12
Denied	0	0	1

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE 2013 WORK:

Environmental Commission:

- Second edition of the Township Trails Guide and trails map.
- Participation in amphibian count on Waterloo Road, organized by the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ.
- Review of development applications submitted to the Planning Board and comments to the Board on protection of the Township's natural resources, as reflected in the Master Plan and Lakefront Development Plan.
- Review of Tilcon quarry licensing application for 2013.
- Byram Day booth, including information on residential well testing and on recycling/composting. Entrants to two Byram quizzes were eligible to win a household composting bin.
- Working with a local teacher to promote recycling/composting. Postcard on recycling/composting sent to all residents. Visit to ReCommunity, which purchases Byram's recyclables.
- Arbor Day planting of three trees near the town hall, with one tree dedicated to the Peg Swentzel, local teacher and civic volunteer.
- Cleanups and trail work at Brookwood Park, with the help of the Salt Shakers, a running club based at the Salt Gastropub.
- Advocacy for a trail on the Lackawanna Cutoff line, where funding for the completion of rail service is on hold.
- Successful applications for a \$55,646 No Net Loss tree planting grant and a \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey grant to manage local conservation easements, both initiated by the EC, with EC members volunteering on the easement project.
- Ongoing work on a draft soil importation ordinance to propose for Township adoption.

Architectural Review Committee:

- Review of development applications submitted to the Planning board, emphasizing issues of design and appearance, as reflected in the Master Plan, Smart Growth ordinance, and Design Guide.
- Ongoing discussions about changes in the nature of development, the new emphasis on walkable village-like communities, on sustainable development, and on smaller houses. The ARC continues its many years of research on village-like developments and the planners/architects who create them.

MUNICIPAL COURT

The Byram Township Municipal Court has jurisdiction over all motor vehicle violations, local ordinance offenses, disorderly person offenses, fish and game law violations, and weights and measures offenses.

The Municipal Court is served by a part-time Municipal Judge, full-time Municipal Court Administrator, and a part-time Deputy Court Administrator. The Court sessions are attended by the Municipal Prosecutor and a Public Defender assigned as needed. The Judge and court personnel report court activities to the Administrative Office of the Courts and to the Township Manager.

The Municipal Court Judge has authority to issue temporary commitments or warrants to ensure court appearances, search warrants, and temporary restraining orders involving domestic violence cases. The Court Administrator oversees and supervises the day-to-day operations of the Municipal Court and is responsible for processing indictable offenses, scheduling court cases, processing warrants, entering of summonses, and collecting of fines.

	2011	2012	2013
State of New Jersey	\$64,711.17	\$71,591.04	\$49,897.26
Fish and Game	\$690.00	\$376.00	\$315.00
Forest and Parks	\$200.00	\$900.00	\$150.00
Weights and Measures – State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Sussex County Treasurer	\$55,063.51	\$80,046.02	\$43,820.50
Weights and Measures - County	\$7,300.00	\$6,550.00	\$5,450.00

Municipal Treasurer	\$112,574.00	\$141,290.64	\$89,243.24
Municipal Treasurer - POAA	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$6.00

Restitution- Victim/Citizen	\$200.00	\$1,488.00	\$203.00
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Cases Added	1963	2241	1558
Cases Disposed	2001	2376	1575
Jail Sentences Imposed	12	19	7
Driving License Suspensions	37	43	29
Court Sessions	24	24	22

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Byram Township Fire Department, established in 1948, provides fire suppression, heavy rescue, ice rescue and public education services to Township residents. Fire suppression is provided by 45 volunteer firefighters who are dedicated to serving the residents of the Township. The volunteer firefighters are on-call 24 hours a day and operate from three fire stations located throughout the Township.

- ❖ **Cranberry Lake building located on Route 206**
- ❖ **Lake Lackawanna building located on Lackawanna Drive**
- ❖ **Lee Hill emergency services building on Lee Hill Road**

The Fire Department administrative offices are in the Cranberry Lake Fire House, where the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief may be reached at 973-347-2662 or at www.byramfd.com.

The Fire Department Association owns and operates the Cranberry Lake and Lake Lackawanna buildings; the Lee Hill emergency services building owned by the Township. The associations are supported with funding from the Township for fire suppression, fire prevention, and public education efforts. The Township also provides the fire apparatus and related equipment. The association also relies upon various fundraisers to operate and maintain their buildings.

In 2013, the Byram Fire Department responded to 183 incidents, accounting for 2986.35 man-hours. Fire Department training drills, meetings, and miscellaneous details accounted for an additional 1704.78 man-hours.

LAKELAND EMERGENCY SQUAD

Lakeland Emergency Squad has been proudly serving Andover Borough, Andover Township, and Byram Township for the past 75 years. Our first due coverage area is approximately 50 square miles of southern Sussex County, where over 15,000 people reside (about 10% of the County's population). We provide mutual aid to the surrounding towns including Newton, Stanhope, Netcong, Hopatcong, Frankford, Budd Lake, Green, Branchville, Allamuchy, Franklin, Hampton, and Sparta.

Lakeland EMS responds to roughly 1,200 – 1,300 calls for assistance each year. These calls range from medical emergencies to motor vehicle collisions to stand-bys at local sporting events.

Our dedicated group of members consists of approximately 50 residents who serve in various capacities. All members are certified in CPR and the majority of our members are also certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Other members are a part of our Rescue Services Unit or serve as drivers. We have many positions available to meet your interest level. Please consider joining our team to help us continue our strong tradition of dedicated service.

Each year, the Lakeland Emergency Squad gives back to the local communities in other ways as well. We host the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Wild West City, sponsor local scouting organizations, and provide scholarships for two graduating Eighth Graders from the Andover and Byram school districts who emanate an outstanding focus on volunteerism and community support.

If you or someone you know are a resident from Andover Borough, Andover Township, Byram Township, or the surrounding municipalities are interested in joining, please contact us at (973) 347-2123 or via our website at www.lakelandems.org. All training is provided at no cost to you.