



# BRIDGETOWN NEWS

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## A LETTER FROM OUR MAYOR



As I reflect on the past few months, the future is bright for Mount Holly Township in so many ways.

In looking towards the future, here are some notable successes:

- Council and I are proud that there have been **zero (0%) increases** to our **Municipal Taxes** for residents and businesses in this year's Township Budget (**Chart at right**).
- Additionally, the Township has received upwards of **\$4 Million in grants** that will help improve and enhance our community in new, wonderful ways (**See article on Pg. 2**).
- I am also happy to report that **renovations** to our **Municipal Courtroom**, the former **Bank of America**, are on track to begin, with a completion date set for Spring 2025.
- Finally, the Township will be putting the property at **30-32 High Street** on the market within the next month - to learn more, contact our **UEZ Director Sean Kennedy** at [skennedy@twp.mountholly.nj.us](mailto:skennedy@twp.mountholly.nj.us).

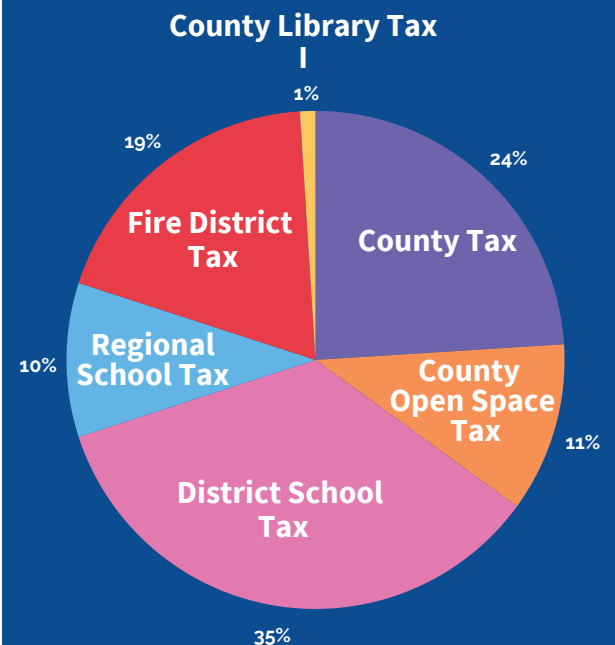
I'd like to thank our residents, local businesses and supporters for helping to shape the future of our great community. Let's continue to work together to make Mount Holly the very best place to live, work, play and enjoy life fully!

*Chris Banks*

Mayor, Mount Holly Township

## 2024 TAX INCREASES

**Municipal Tax - 0% Increase**

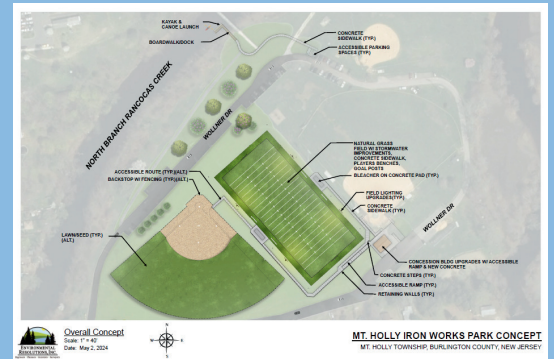


# MOUNT HOLLY RECEIVES \$4 MILLION IN GRANTS

Mount Holly is proud to have received a number of generous improvement grants to further enhance the Township:

- **Green Acres Grant for \$1.4M** (on top of previous \$1.4M), marked for new Turf Field and Kayak Launch at Iron Works Park (*Rendering - Top Right*)
- **\$750K Grant for Levis Drive Flood Improvements**
- **Department of Environmental Protection Grant for \$260K**, marked for creation of new park behind the Municipal Building (*Rendering - Bottom Right*)
- **Small Cities Grants - \$240K** for a new elevator installation at the Municipal Building and **\$200K** to support local housing rehabilitation efforts

An additional grant is also being secured to support **road improvements** coming to *Front and Clover Streets*, to be completed in Spring 2025. The Mount Holly UEZ will also be purchasing an **entertainment stage** for the new park located behind the Municipal Building.



## NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



**HAIL THE KING CIDER**  
20 MILL STREET, MOUNT HOLLY

### A Word From The Owners:

"Not all ciders are the same - they can be as complex as wine, whiskey or craft beer. If all you've had is big name ciders, why not give our local ciders a try?"

- **8-Tap Cidery**, serving **Carbonated Hard Cider**.
  - **4 Flagship Ciders** - Dry Apple, Sweet Apple, Cherry & Peach
  - **4 Seasonal Ciders**
- Collaborating with **Local Farms, Breweries & Distilleries** to create **Unique Cider Flavors**.
- All ciders served are naturally & entirely **Gluten-Free - Celiac & Gluten-Sensitive Friendly!**



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Fire Dept. (609) 267-8300  
Public Works (609) 261-2478  
Municipal Court (609) 845-1120

## UEZ UPDATE

### NEW DIRECTOR & 5-YEAR PLAN

Mount Holly Township invites qualified businesses the opportunity to be part of its **Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) Program** - offering tremendous tax advantages and assistance programs for businesses of all sizes and stages of development. The program is managed by the new **UEZ Director Sean Kennedy**.

Currently, Mount Holly UEZ is developing a **5-Year Plan** to serve as a strategic roadmap and guide strategies to continue to promote growth and redevelopment.

- Public input is vitally important to the development of the 5-Year Plan - thus, two **surveys** were sent to Mount Holly residents and businesses to gather information.
- A **Special Meeting** was held on July 31 to gain further insight from residents and business stakeholders.
- A **Steering Committee** has been formed to help guide the development of the 5-Year Plan.
- At the time of this publication, the **final draft** of the 5-Year Plan is under review, awaiting feedback from the Steering Committee.

# NEWS FROM THE MOUNT HOLLY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF SPITLER RETIRES

On July 31, we celebrated the incredible career of Mount Holly's **Chief of Police Richard Spitler**, who retired after 27 years of dedicated service to Mount Holly.

Chief Spitler knew Mount Holly - he grew up right down the street from Rancocas Valley Regional High School (RVRHS), attended Mount Holly Schools throughout his childhood and graduated from RVRHS (Class of '90).

In 1995, Chief Spitler started his career in law enforcement when he was hired by the Burlington County Sheriff's Office and graduated from the Burlington County Police Academy (Class 69). In 1997, he joined the Mount Holly Police Department where he rose through the ranks over 27 years - serving as Patrolman, Lead Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and then Chief of Police.

On behalf of Mount Holly Township, we thank Chief Spitler for his many years of hard work, unwavering dedication and tireless service to our community - we wish him the very best on all his future endeavors!



## CONGRATULATIONS PROMOTIONS & GRADUATIONS

- In June, Mount Holly Police Department announced the promotion of Detective **Jacob Kapulskey** to the rank of Sergeant.
- In July, Officer **Barry Donaldson Jr.** successfully graduated from the Mercer County Police Academy, Basic Police Recruit Class #31-24. Welcome to the Mount Holly Police Department!



## MOUNT HOLLY CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY

On May 19th, Mayor Banks and members of Mount Holly's Town Council joined the Mount Holly Fire District in celebrating the grand opening of the Township's new **Fire and Emergency Services Building** (*photo at left*).

Former Mayor and Business Administrator Ryan Donnelly had the distinct honor of cutting the ribbon at a special event that was organized to mark the occasion and held onsite at the new building.

The Township would like to extend a special thanks to RYEBREAD Architecture, Ogren Construction, Greyhawk, Pennoni Associates, Sendzik & Sendzik and members of the union, Good Intent, America Fire Company and Relief Fire Company for making this project a reality.

# TOWNSHIP EVENTS

## SUMMER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Featured below are some of the photos taken at various special events held in Mount Holly Township this summer!



Family Fun Day



Fishing Tournament



Summer Camp



Senior Appreciation Day



Independence Day



Spellbound Century



## 2024 BRUSH COLLECTION

Brush will be collected by the Mount Holly Public Works Department the **first full week** of each month, from April through October 2024:

**September 9 - 13**  
**October 7 - 11**

*NOTE: There can be no items comingled with your brush or else it will not be collected.*

**Questions?** Call the Mount Holly Public Works Dept. at (609) 261-2478.



## TOWNSHIP 2024 LEAF COLLECTION

This year, the Mount Holly Public Works Department will begin their annual leaf collection for residents in October 2024.

Leaves should be piled on the curb - completely free of any garbage, branches and vine-like plants that may cause the leaf collection machines to jam.

### ZONE 1

First Collection - 10/30-11/3  
Second Collection - 12/4-12/8

### ZONE 2

First Collection - 11/6-11/10  
Second Collection - 12/11-12/15

### ZONE 3

First Collection - 11/13-11/17  
Second Collection - 12/18-12/22

### ZONE 4

First Collection - 11/20-11/22  
Second Collection - 12/27-12/29

### ZONE 5

First Collection - 11/27-12/1  
Second Collection - 1/2/25-1/5/25

*\*There is no leaf collection on major holidays.*

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT...

## MOUNT HOLLY CLEAN-UP DAY

The Mount Holly Environmental Committee will host their next township-wide Clean-Up Day on:

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

**NOTE: Back-up date for inclement weather is set for Saturday, September 21.**

More details will be shared on the Mount Holly Township Facebook page.



## UPDATE: MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY GARDEN

A location has been determined for the new **Mount Holly Township Community Garden!**

Funded by a generous grant, the garden will be located in Monroe Street Park (*East Monroe Street*) and boast a number of raised garden beds nestled in beautiful park space.

Site plans for the garden are being finalized. Additionally, supplies are in the process of

being procured in order to tidy the site, maintain the grounds and construct the garden beds.

The Mount Holly Environmental Committee will be coordinating a volunteer event this Fall - tentatively planned for October.

For more information, kindly reach out to **Kayla Wallace** at [kwallace@twp.mountholly.nj.us](mailto:kwallace@twp.mountholly.nj.us) or **(609) 845-1151**.



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# SAVE THE DATE

Mount Holly Township's  
**Oktoberfest**  
 Saturday, October 12th  
 Mill Dam Park

Mount Holly Township  
*Christmas Tree*  
**LIGHTING**  
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6  
 High & Washington Streets