

Borough of Rockleigh

SPRING NEWSLETTER – MAY 2017

CHIPPING SERVICE: Branch chipping service is scheduled for the week of **May 22, 2017**. All branches should be placed at the curb no later than the weekend of May 20th. Please stack branches on your property with all ends facing the same way which may be cut up to 12 feet in length. Make sure they are free from logs and stumps. **ALL BRANCHES MUST BE PLACED INSIDE THE RIGHT OF WAY, NOT IN THE STREET.**

In addition, please ensure there are no metal and/or foreign objects within the pile to prevent any damage to the chipper machine. If any metal and/or foreign objects or grass clippings are detected, the entire pile will be rejected for pick-up and will be the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose of the entire pile.

GRASS CLIPPINGS: The town does not pick up grass clippings, or garden debris and it cannot be put in plastic bags and left for garbage pick-up. If a landscaper maintains your property, please remind them to remove all clippings. Borough ordinance stipulates a fine for dumping any vegetative waste on vacant property or any town property.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: As a reminder, please remember it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain a 10 foot right-of-way, which includes overhead branches and brush (Rockleigh Ordinance No. 69-7.) Please ensure your property is maintained pursuant to this Ordinance. Overgrown brush is a safety hazard for motorists as well as pedestrians using our roadways. Those homes on corner lots must remove sufficient shrubs and/or weeds from the corner to create a clean line of site for cars making turns.

Particular attention should be made to remove, rather than cutting down, all invasive weeds to prevent seeding and regrowth. Note that the Borough no longer permits bamboo to be grown along any Borough roads.

ANIMAL PERMIT REMINDERS – HOOFED ANIMAL/DOG & CAT: For residents of Rockleigh in need of a hooped animal license, please contact the Borough Hall for an application and fee schedule. Annual permits are mailed to residences at the end of May for renewal. Late fees will be assessed to any payments not received by June 30th. In addition, please remember to license your dog or cat. As of February 15, 2017, a late fee of \$10.00 per animal will be charged to your application. Rabies certificates must accompany the application that does not expire prior to **November 30, 2017**. Thank you!

NEWS ON THE WEB:

The Borough's website, www.rockleighnj.org has other helpful information relating to NJ Department of Environmental Protection stormwater regulations and several other links and contact numbers relating to emergencies.

The Borough's adopted Codes are available on the cover page of our website, www.rockleighnj.org, just click the link "Borough adopted codes" and you can search any topic to review current town ordinances.

TAX PAYMENTS: Taxes were due May 1, 2017; however there is a grace period ending on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017**. 2017-2018 tax bills will be mailed sometime in August, 2017.

In addition, you may check recent and/or taxes due payments on the Borough's website, www.rockleighnj.org:

- Click on **Public Services** tab;
- Click on **Tax** sub tab;
- Click at bottom of page "**Borough of Rockleigh Property Tax Information Search**" (you will need your property Lot and Block number)

GARBAGE/RECYCLING: Garbage is picked up every Monday and Thursday. Recycling and bulk pick-up is also every Thursday. Recycling materials are allowed to be comingled; paper and plastic together.

NEW RECYCLING CANS will be delivered to your homes within the next few weeks. There is no charge for the new cans.

PRIMARY VOTING ELECTION: TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017. POLLS OPEN AT 6:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M. VOTING FOR ROCKLEIGH IS AT THE BOROUGH HALL, 26 ROCKLEIGH ROAD.

VIVIENNE'S MEDICAL FUND BY THOMAS PANARESE - GoFundMe

The Borough has been asked to reach out to all Rockleigh residents about a 7 year old Northvale resident, Vivienne's Knopp, who is suffering from a severe medical condition. Should you choose to donate directly to her to assist her family, the link to do so is <https://www.gofundme.com/viviennes-medical-fund>. (Attached is a copy of what was on Facebook several days ago.)

Vivienne's Medical Fund

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Update:

We in the Northvale community were shocked to learn that Vivienne Knopp, an amazing 7 year old girl and friend to all of our children, fell suddenly ill while on vacation over Easter weekend. As the Knopps decided not to currently share the extent of Vivienne's diagnosis with her and her older brother, the diagnosis will not be disclosed at this time (media outlets have picked up this campaign and I want to avoid having Viv and Nate hear her diagnosis in the news).

As a Northvale community member and family friend to the Knopps, I am asking for your support in fighting for Vivienne on behalf of her amazing family.

Vivienne requires immediate, aggressive medical treatment to try and improve her medical situation. Her family was cleared to bring her back to NJ and is looking to move her to a top-rated hospital with the hope that best-in-class doctors can find a way to help her beat the odds.

For those who know Viv, she is a smart, funny, strong and energetic little girl who always has a huge smile on her face.

Your support and donations are immediately needed to help her get the best treatment possible so she can continue to be a bright light in our community.

100% of donations will be deposited into a designated fiduciary account where Vivienne's parents will have access to the funds. Your donation will be 100% allocated to any hospital stays, specialist physician bills, radiation treatments, any operations she may need if possible, gas and toll expenses for her parents when traveling to and from the hospital, and day to day living expenses while her parents are out of work and taking care of Vivienne.

A meal train has also been started for her family with a target launch date of Friday, April 21st. If you are a local restaurant and would like to participate, please reach out and I will provide information when available.

Your support is extremely urgent as Vivienne tries to fight through this. Any amount you can donate is not too little to help her beat this diagnosis. Let's all fight with Vivienne and ensure she has the best outcome possible.

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