2021 Miss & Little Stratford Pageant Winners

65th Annual Miss Stratford Pageant
The 2021 Miss Stratford and Court is...
Miss Stratford – Catherine Tully (center)
1st Runner-up – Camilla Revaitis (right)
2nd Runner-up – Laura Barrett (left)

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING PICK-UP
Thanksgiving Week:
11/24 – ALL Regular Trash will be collected
No Recycling this week
Christmas Week:
12/22 – Regular Trash will be collected
12/23 – Regular Trash will be collected
No Recycling this week
New Years Week:
12/29– ALL Regular Trash will be collected
12/30 – Recycling will be collected

2nd Annual Little Miss Stratford Pageant
The 2021 Little Miss Stratford and Court is...
Little Miss Stratford – Grace Taylor (center)
1st Runner-up – Elisa Cruz (left)
2nd Runner-up – Emily Hample (right)

Thank you to all the participants and our many sponsors that helped make the 2021 Miss Stratford and Little Miss Stratford a big success!

Holiday Tree Lighting
December 3rd @ 6:00 pm
Please join Mayor and Council for the Annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Friday, December 3, 2021 outside of the Stratford Fire Department
Santa - Christmas music – Crafts and refreshments
Activities will begin at 6:00 pm

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Dear Neighbors,

A few Holiday Points:
Come out and join Santa, Miss Stratford 2021, and Little Miss Stratford 2021 for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting which will take place outside on December 3, at 6:30 pm at the War Memorial Point adjacent to the Fire Station. Prepacked refreshments will be available.

Santa will not be at the Library prior to the Tree Lighting this year.

The Fire Department will have poinsettias and grave blankets available for the season, but this year due to various issues there will be no Christmas Tree sales. Santa will visit Stratford residents with the help of the Stratford Fire Department on Christmas Eve. A FUN moment and memory for all residents! Look out for the new holiday-winter seasonal Stratford pole banners coming soon!

Redevelopment and Business News:
Tim Hortons had its official grand opening on November 17. This new facility will be operating and open from 5 am to midnight. They have a pair of drive thru lanes too. Inside you’ll find hockey memorabilia, and lovely seating, while outside there’s as large patio. We are happy for this new out of the ground business deciding to come to Stratford for their first Philly-South Jersey location.

Don’t forget about our most recent new businesses too, which were FreeByrd Chicken at East Laurel and White Horse Pike corner, and Philadelphia Provision Company at 75 S. White Horse Pike, which has freshly made breakfast items, sandwiches, and many other main and side dishes. Please show your support to all of our Stratford businesses for calling Stratford their home too!

The Senior Living Facility is continuing with their demolition phase. The developer has received many calls and inquiries from local residents wanting to obtain information on the new facility and to find out how to apply for residency.

The Redeveloper of the Laurel Mills Project has submitted revised plans for review by the Joint Land Use Board Engineer. These revisions were requested at the recent JLUB meeting where amendments were approved by the Board Members. Once the revised plans are approved, the Redeveloper can move forward to submit his building plans for permits, and begin demolition.

The Berlin Road Redevelopment Project continues to move forward. We are expecting site improvements to begin soon.

The Royal Farms building permits have been reviewed and approved by our building department. The developer is waiting for authorization for NJ Department of Transportation related to access to the State Highway White Horse Pike. This NJDOT approval is required before work can begin on the site.

Council has authorized the Joint Land Use Board to review the second phase of possible redevelopment along Berlin Road. This would be the area from Berlin Road to the Pike, and from Arlington Avenue to the PATCO New Road. The JLUB will work with the Borough Planner to review the area and discuss if the area meets the requirements for declaring it “in-need of redevelopment”.

As always, I am happy for all the kind comments, letters, and calls I receive from the residents of Stratford.

Please enjoy your special holiday and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Josh Keenan
Proud Mayor of Stratford
**BOROUGH BITS & Helpful Hints**

**DOG AND CAT LICENSING/PET ORDINANCES** All licenses should be renewed by the end of January. If you no longer have your pet, please call the Borough at 783-0600 to let us know. If you have called, thank you. A reminder that there is an ordinance for your pet/pets wandering beyond your property without a leash; and for disturbing the peace and quiet, with habitual barks or cries. Please take note to be considerate of your neighbors. Any new dogs or cats 6 months of age or older must be registered, please stop by the Borough Hall.

**PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS**
Please remember when walking your dog, there is a “pooper scooper” law in Stratford. Please be considerate of other residents’ yards, as well as your own.

**BOROUGH CODE - CHAPTER 6.04 – DOGS AND CATS**
The Borough of Stratford would like to give a friendly reminder regarding pet regulations.

- Running at large prohibited. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog, cat or other domestic animal shall suffer or permit it to run at large upon the public streets, public sidewalks, public parks or in any public building or in any other public place or on any private property without the consent of the owner.

- Leash requirement. No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public streets or in any public places of the borough unless such dog is accompanied by a person over the age of twelve (12) years and is securely controlled and confined by an adequate leash not more than six (6) feet long.

**FEES**
- **DOG**
  - Spayed/Neutered $15.00
  - Non Spayed/Non Neutered $20.00
- **CAT**
  - Spayed/Neutered $10.00
  - Non Spayed/Non Neutered $15.00

**STORM DRAINS**
The Borough of Stratford has a Storm Water Management Plan and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to help reduce flood damage and soil erosion, and to minimize pollution runoff into our water supply. We need your help to ensure the protection of our water through the storm drain system.

Please remember:
- Limit your use of fertilizers/pesticides
- Properly use and dispose of hazardous products
- Keep pollution out of storm drains
- Clean up after your pet
- Don’t feed wildlife
- Don’t litter- Don’t throw discarded items into woods or ravines
- Dispose of yard waste properly- Use our Green Waste Collection

For more information about storm water visit:

**Borough of Stratford Stormwater Information Center**
http://stratfordnj.org/stormwater-information

**NJ.gov Stormwater In**
https://www.nj.gov/dep/stormwater

**MEDICATION DISPOSAL**
The Borough of Stratford has a medicine disposal bin located at the Justice Facility – 315 Union Ave. Accepted items for bin include:

- Prescription
- Prescription patches
- Prescription medication
- Prescription ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Pet Medication

**HANDICAPPED EQUIPMENT**
If you have used handicapped equipment such as commodes, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc. you may drop them off at Borough Hall. Many residents cannot afford such equipment and depend on the inventory at the Borough Hall. Thank you for your kind donations.
**2022 NEW TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

Trash bags and/or max 32-gal containers not more than 50 pounds, and to include bulk items.

**MONDAY**
Longwood Drive – even numbers, Meadow Lark, Evergreen, Green Valley, Winding Way 1-110, Green Tree, Timber Creek, Holly, Hillside 101-125, Temple, Bryn Mawr, Duke, Bucknell, Drexel, Beaver Circle, College Circle, Warwick – even numbers.

**TUESDAY**
Longwood Drive – odd numbers, Longwood Court, Buttonwood, Buttonwood Court, Winding Way 201-268, Hillside 2-46, Sleepy Hollow, Overhill, Parkview, Summit, Hillcrest, Knoll, Knoll Court, Rolling, Sunnybrook, Sunnybrook Court, Homestead, and Sterling Arms Condos.

**WEDNESDAY**
Warwick – odd numbers, Elinor, Pennsylvania, Swarthmore, West Harvard, Rutgers Place, Eton Court, Saratoga, Oak, Oak Court, Academy, Liberty, West Laurel, Chestnut, Almond, Hazel, Filbert, 300 block South Atlantic East, 2 North Atlantic West, 8-10 East Laurel, Berlin, Stratford, Arlington, Hunt, Coolidge, Wellington, Suburban Terrace, Laureba, 1-22 West Vassar and West Union.

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**2022 NEW RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

April 4 – October 31 – Yard Waste – Grass clippings, weeds and small brush

**WEDNESDAY**
Electronics – TVs, computers, items with plugs.
Metal – Appliances, chain link fencing, etc. (no concrete attached).
Single Stream red cans, mixed paper/metal/glass/plastic. No plastic bags.
Camden County Recycling: 
https://www.camdencounty.com/service/environmental-affairs/recycling

**THURSDAY**
Single Stream Red Containers – Can be mixed paper/metal/glass/plastic – NO plastic bags Warren – even numbers, Temple, Bryn Mawr, Duke, Bucknell, Drexel, Beaver Circle, College Circle, Meadow Lark, Evergreen, Green Valley, Winding Way, Green Tree, Timber Creek, Holly, Hillside, Longwood, Longwood Court, Buttonwood Court, Sleepy Hollow, Overhill, Parkview, Summit, Hillcrest, Knoll, Knoll Court, Rolling, Sunnybrook, Sunnybrook Court, Homestead. Saratoga, Oak, Oak Court, Academy, Liberty, 404-602 West Laurel, Sterling Arms Condos.

**FRIDAY**
On Wednesday, November 17, at 11:30, Mayor Josh Keenan, the Council members, along with the Joint Land Use Board members and the owners of Tim Hortons were present for the Grand Opening Ceremony.

Tim Hortons project has turned out to be a beautiful addition to the White Horse Pike. Please remember to support local businesses. They rely on your support in order to make their investment something long term for Stratford.

**TIM HORTONS will be open from 5 am to midnight.**

Leaf collection has begun. You may rake leaves to the curb for collection from the Public Works until December 20th.

Remember once the leaf machine has gone through your street it won’t be back for about 2 weeks.

Please do not place cornstalks, mums, vines, concrete or branches in the leaves.

Chipping will resume in January 2022. Chipping will be done each week in January for Christmas Tree pick up, and will resume back to its usual schedule of the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month following.

Stratford Office of Emergency Management Coordinator to Retire.

Craig Martin is a long time Stratford resident and has raised his family here. He has been the OEM Coordinator for six years and overall been a part of the Stratford OEM for twenty years. He has been guiding Stratford through some unique emergencies over the years. With a very small budget he has always kept his department equipped and staffed with volunteers when required. Craig has also been a volunteer fire fighter for Stratford over the last 12 years. We thank him for his many years of devoted service to Stratford and wish him well in his retirement.
Annual Christmas Tree Sale

We are saddened to announce that after many years of providing fresh Christmas trees to the public, we will not be able to do so this year.

Unfortunately, many Christmas tree farms are seeing shortages of Christmas trees this year. Many tree farms are experiencing a shortage of personnel, difficulties to schedule quality trucking companies to haul the trees, and some have experienced a tree disease that has hurt the Christmas tree crop. This is a nationwide issue.

While we hope to resume our traditional Christmas tree sale next year, this year we will be offering poinsettias and grave blankets for sale. The hours of the sale will be determined shortly and announced on our website and via social media.

The Stratford Fire Department is pleased to announce that our firefighters will be escorting Santa on top of the fire trucks throughout town once again this year on Christmas Eve.

Due to time restraints, we will not be able to make stops at residents homes as in years past, but we hope to see you all in front of your homes waving to Santa as we pass by. Santa’s helpers will be handing out candy canes this year.

Happy holidays from the members of Station 64.
Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don’t trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

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Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

**HOLIDAY DECORATING**
- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

**HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING**
- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

**FACTS**

⚠️ More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.

⚠️ More than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.
As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

**PICKING THE TREE**
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

**PLACING THE TREE**
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2” from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

**LIGHTING THE TREE**
- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer’s instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

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**After Christmas**
Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.
Check with your local community to find a recycling program.
Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

**FACTS**

⚠️ Almost one third of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.

⚠️ Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.

⚠️ A heat source too close to the tree causes more than one in every five of the fires.

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1st Place
The Swallow Family.
23 Bryan Maur Ave.

2nd Place
The Schmuckler Family
109 Longwood Drive

3rd Place
The Alonkoff Family
11 Jefferson Ave

4th Place
The McLaughlin and Roger Families
10 Wright Ave.

5th Place
The Facciolo Family
6 Buttonwood Rd.
On Top of the World: Nursing Major Earns Top Honor from Rutgers–Camden’s Office of Military and Veterans Affairs

Emily Krowicki named 2021 Rutgers–Camden Student Veteran of the Year.

Nov. 16, 2021: By Tom McLaughlin

“Being in the Marine Corps definitely taught me time management and leadership skills, in addition to improving my patience, empathy and networking capabilities.” – Emily Krowicki.

Serving in the United States Marine Corps, recalls Emily Krowicki, she enjoyed a sense of “community and purpose” among her comrades which she lost upon being honorably discharged after six years.

“I didn’t realize that sense of connection was even missing,” says the second-year Rutgers University–Camden nursing major. “That is, until I found it again working in the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs at Rutgers–Camden.”

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Stratford resident has dutifully served her fellow student-veterans for the past year in her work-study role for the office. Her contributions haven’t gone unnoticed, as Krowicki has been named the Rutgers–Camden Student-Veteran of the Year for 2021.

She was formally recognized earlier today before 250 guests at the annual student-veteran luncheon, held in the Campus Center’s Multi-Purpose Room.

“Emily has been nothing short of an outstanding addition to the office since day one,” says Fred Davis, director of the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs. “She has acquiesced to the demands of the office with reference to assisting fellow veterans.”

Rutgers–Camden Chancellor Antonio D. Tillis applauded Krowicki’s efforts, noting that it is work-study students like her who have helped to earn the university high marks in the student-veteran community.

“We have students and staff ready to assist in the office and across a variety of divisions,” says Chancellor Tillis. “This has allowed us to provide unmatched service to our student-veteran population.”

A Lindenwold native, Krowicki graduated from boot camp in October 2014 and served for two years as an intelligence analyst in Iwakuni, Japan. During that time, she also took on the added responsibilities of physical security manager’s assistant, and the information and personnel security manager, helping in both roles to protect employees, facilities and assets.

Krowicki then returned stateside, serving for three years at Camp Pendleton in San Diego County, California. During that time, she became a non-commissioned officer in charge, tasked with tactical and organizational assignments critical to day-to-day operations and special operations for the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Her military experience, she says, would equip her with a comprehensive skill set that continues to benefit her today.

“Being in the Marine Corps definitely taught me time management and leadership skills, in addition to improving my patience, empathy and networking capabilities,” she says.

Arriving at Rutgers–Camden in fall 2020, Krowicki immediately enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and has “loved every minute of it ever since.” She says the program has been “challenging,” but will afford her the knowledge and expertise to fulfill her dream of becoming a pediatric or trauma-care nurse.

In spring 2021, Krowicki began her work-study in the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, contributing invaluably to the office’s mission to assist student-veterans in both understanding their education benefits and walking them through the steps necessary to secure those benefits. In addition, she has helped organize events to help veterans understand what resources are available to them nearby, including medical, educational, job or resume-related training, and disability services.

Krowicki acknowledges that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been a challenge getting student-veteran groups up and running again this semester. However, the camaraderie among student-veterans has never wavered.

“We are always there to help each other whenever we can,” says Krowicki, who calls the connection among the workers in the office “very much like a family.”

Above all, says Krowicki, she has seen through her own personal experience, as well as in assisting other students, what makes Rutgers–Camden’s dedication to student-veterans different from any other institution.

“I have not seen a more veteran-friendly university in New Jersey, and I am beyond grateful to be able to be a part of such a great team,” she says.

Rutgers–Camden’s annual student-veteran luncheon has become a staple honoring the students and alumni who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Col. Yvonne L. Mays, director of staff for the New Jersey Air National Guard, delivered the keynote address at this year’s event.
Stratford Fire Department
"Station 64"

*Membership Drive*
Residents: The Stratford Fire Department is currently seeking residents 16 years of age and older to volunteer. Young men and women between 16-17 years of age will become a part of our Junior Firefighter program. Applicants 18 years of age and older will be trained as Active Firefighters. Free training and schooling. If interested, please stop by the Firehouse any Tuesday evening at 730 PM for a tour and to pick up an application.

*House & Building Numbers*
Please ensure your house number is visible from the street. This will assist emergency personnel when responding to assist our residents during times of emergencies. We have observed several homes in town that do not have house numbers properly affixed. Please pass this important information on to your neighbors as well. The boro code is attached for reference.

Chapter 15.08 - Building Numbering System 15.08.010
Size of numbers—Acceptable materials.
All house numbers must be at least two and one-half (2½) inches high and made of metal, wood or plastic.

(Prior code § 78-1) 15.08.020 - Color and visibility. Each house number shall be of such a color as to contrast with the immediate background so that said number will be clearly visible from the opposite side of the street.

(Prior code § 78-2) 15.08.030 - Location and maintenance
All house numbers shall be placed on or over the front door, front transom glass or front of window or on either side of the entrance. In those instances when the house is not clearly visible from the opposite side of the street, the assigned numbers shall be clearly displayed on the curb or on a sign placed at the entrance driveway or walkway. After the number has been displayed or affixed to any home or building, it is unlawful to cover or conceal the number or to permit it to be covered or concealed either by natural growth or foliage or otherwise. Said number must be properly maintained so as to be clearly visible at all time.

Stratford Police Department
*NIXLE ALERT*

PLEASE REGISTER TO JOIN 2100 OTHER STRATFORD RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVE OUR VERY IMPORTANT COMMUNITY TEXT MESSAGES - EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM

This service delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications by web, e-mail, and cellular phone text messaging. For example, this system could be utilized to broadcast a description of a missing child, notify the public of a serious crime or announce major traffic detours or accidents.

UPCOMING ROAD DETOURS AND TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT USING NIXLE

Nixle is a completely free network, simple, and trusted. Stratford residents, school officials and business owners, can register in just minutes at www.nixle.com

Only representatives of the Stratford Police Department are able to issue alerts and messages via the Nixle System, therefore you can be assured that no spam or commercial advertisements will be sent to your inbox. Please take just a moment to register and remind friends and family members to do so as well. WWW.NIXLE.COM

SNOW EVENT SPECIAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parking on all roadways is banned during PLOWABLE snow events, to allow for snow plow clearance. By clearing the snow to the curb, the borough can ensure adequate cart way clearance for Fire Trucks, Ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

10.08.070 - Parking temporarily prohibited for snow removal and other emergencies.

A. Upon the discretion of the police department, any ranking officer is authorized to declare an emergency. Upon the declaration of an emergency, there will be no parking upon streets when weather conditions, accidents, fires or public celebrations dictate or require the avoidance of hazards or other conditions which interfere with the free flow of traffic.

B. Any unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation of this section shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic and any police officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable costs of the removal and storage which may result from such removal before regaining possession of the vehicle.

WE ASK FOR YOUR VOLUNTARY COOPERATION TO THIS NOTICE
ON-LINE POLICE REPORTING SERVICE

The Stratford Police Department would like to remind our residents of the availability of filing a police report online from your home or office. The online portal to the Stratford Police Department should only be used for matters that require reporting to the Stratford Police Department. Fraud, suspicious activity, or minor offenses that may not necessitate the immediate response by a Stratford Police Officer. The public is invited to follow the below link and file the report online if you so desire. Within 24 hours, an officer will review the submission for validity and make any follow up referral if necessary. If accepted for filing, a Stratford Police Department case number will be generated for future reference.

As a reminder, the non-emergency number for the police department is 856-783-8616, but keep in mind the police department offices are only staffed during normal business hours.

A link to the online police report portal may also be found on the Stratford Borough Police Department website.
https://reports.csitech.com/OnlineReport.aspx

HOLIDAY SEASON

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, it is a special time of year to celebrate with family and friends. For most people, this time can be overwhelming and stressful. The Stratford Police Department would like to share with you safety tips to ensure you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season.

When shopping at night, park in a well-lit spot and always lock your car doors. Keep your valuables in a secure area of your vehicle, out of sight, like a center console or trunk. Locate your keys as you approach your vehicle and be aware of your surroundings. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

If you are going away for the holiday or even a few hours, do not forget to activate your alarm or set timers on interior lights. Consider leaving a television and lights on to deter thieves. The appearance that someone is home is a great deterrence since most residential burglaries occur when no one is home.

Make arrangements with someone to collect delivered packages to prevent thefts. Also consider having them delivered to your place of employment or make arrangements to pick them up from retailers. Package thefts nearly doubles during the month of December. Please report all suspicious activity to the Stratford Police Department.

On behalf of the Stratford Police Department I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sgt. John Beasley
Stratford Police Department

SEASONAL HINTS from Code Enforcement

Just a friendly reminder:

Effective immediately and running thru fall and winter, Code Enforcement will be conducting property inspection of our house numbering system

CHAPTER 15.08. 15.08.010 – Size of numbers—Acceptable materials. All house numbers must be at least two and one-half (2 ½) inches high and made of metal, wood or plastic.

Those who are non-compliant to the house numbering system will receive a violation letter. All residents, please make sure your house number is up to code and is clearly visible. If you have any questions regarding this code, please contact Tom Stone at borough hall.

Thank you
Stratford Mom’s 12th Annual Holiday Food Drive

The past 11 years have been a humbling experience for our families and volunteers.

Our Stratford neighbors have been extremely generous! It has been a blessing to be able to help local families in need and we THANK YOU for being a part of it all.

Pick-up date: Saturday, December 11th starting @9:00am. Volunteers will be driving around till 12 noon looking for donations. If you think we missed you please call Tina 609-685-9254 for pick up. Please leave your donations on your front doorstep with this flyer for pick-up OR stop by one of our drop off locations listed below.

TARKILL SOCCER CLUBHOUSE
On the corner of Warwick Road and Fox Ridge Drive
Donations accepted on Saturday, December 11th from 9:00am –
12:00noon SEASONS PIZZA
1014 N. White Horse Pike, Stratford
Donations accepted Thursday, November 18th thru Thursday, December 9th

All food collected will be distributed to Stratford families in need. Volunteers will make deliveries on Saturday, December 11th only. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Wiseman 609-685-9254.

Suggested items: canned goods (tuna or chicken in water, canned stews and pasta/meat, canned fruits, soups, beans, vegetables), peanut butter, apple sauce, tomato sauce, boxed non-perishables (pancake mix, mac n cheese, rice, instant potatoes, pasta, hamburger helper, cake or brownie mix) cereals, cereal bars, instant oatmeal, juice boxes, snacks, etc..

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF EXPIRATION DATES.
AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Help Support Our Troops

For 17 years, the Military Support Group of New Jersey Inc., a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, has Collected, Packed and Shipped out Care Packages to U.S. Active Duty Military Troops who are Deployed out of the USA. We also Collect Non-Perishable Food Items for Military Families at Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst and Pomona Air Base.

If you would like to share the Name & APO or FPO address of your deployed Military person (any Branch of the Military) - please Email that info to Karen Jennings at KarenJJennings@aol.com

If you would like to Donate to this worthy cause go to Our website www.themilitarysupportgroupofnj.com to see the ITEMS that we collect (beef Jerky, Sunflower seeds, hard candy, gum, cookies, crackers, etc.) or to make a donation towards Postage Costs. for shipping.

Any questions, please Contact
Marine Mom, Karen Jennings at 856-783-1953, or cell 609-206-2015 Thank you. Serving the Military and their Families since 2004!

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Stratford Parks and Recreation Committee is planning a winter wonderland to light up Veterans Park for the winter months.

We are looking for donations of working SMALL CLEAR WHITE OUTDOOR LIGHTS from the community.

If you have any such lights, and would like to donate them, please drop them off to the Borough Hall by Monday, December 6, 2021.

Once decorations are complete, we will send another eblast to announce the date and invite the community to enjoy a Winter Wonderland stroll at Veterans Park on the corner of Vassar Road and Grand Avenue.

Our committee encourages the community to enjoy the outdoors which enhances community involvement and health and wellness. All of us have had a couple of rough years. Let’s take time to enjoy the beauty in our little town of Stratford.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.
The Stratford Parks and Recreation Committee

SENIOR SEWER FEE REDUCTION
***REMINDER***

Will you turn 65 in 2021?
SENIOR SEWER FEE REDUCTION
***REMINDER***

Will you turn 65 in 2021?
Apply for the 2022 Senior Citizens Sewer Fee Reduction!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Stratford residents who turn 65 on or before December 31, 2021 own and reside in their home in Stratford.

WHAT TO DO by March 1, 2022:
Provide proof of your age to apply for the reduction; copies are fine, and Reductions will be applied in 2022!

?? Questions ??
Call the Borough Hall at
856-783-0600

***CUTOFF DATE MARCH 1 2022!!!***
Our Places of Worship

Stratford Presbyterian Church: 41 Warwick Road Phone: (856) 435 - 0892 Website: stratfordpres.org

Sunday Services
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome.
Pastor Rev. Martin L. Dawson (856) 784-0674

Stratford United Methodist Church: 122 Union Avenue Phone: (856) 784 - 9135 Website: stratfordumc.org

Sunday Worship Schedule
Christian Discipleship Classes: 9:15 a.m.
(Sunday School Classes for Ages 2 – Adult)
Worship: 10:30 a.m. (Nursery & Jr. Church are available)
Special Needs Worship Service 1:30pm
Youth Group: 7 - 8:30p.m. (grades 6 – 12)
Pastor Bob Wecht (pastorbob17@juno.com)
Thrift Shop: Please call for information and to arrange a pickup time.
Thanksgiving and Christmas basket requests are due 15 days prior to the holiday.

Word Life Center (formerly Word Fellowship Church): 10 West Laurel Road Phone: (856) 435-1771 Website: worldlifecenter.com

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Kidz Church (preschool-gr. 6) - Sunday 10:25 a.m.
Mid-Week Service – Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Kid’s Club (gr K-5) – Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Small Groups – M,T,Th 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Walk – 2nd & 4th Saturdays 9:45 a.m.
Heaven in Business – every 3rd Saturday 8:45 a.m.
Praise & Worship Night 6:00 p.m.
(last Sunday of month)

Healing Room of Camden County ~ Candlelight Prayer House: 2 W Laurel Road Website: candlelightph.org

We minister using the power of God to bring about healing in the body and spirit.
Open 1st Friday of the month 7 - 9 pm.
All are welcome!

Web links
Heaven in Business: hibsj.org
Prophetic Art: wfcpropheticart.com

St. Luke R.C. Church: 55 Warwick Road Phone: (856) 627-2222 Website: dioceseofcamden.org

Buddhist Temple Duc Me Hien Mother of Grace Temple: 317 Princeton Avenue Phone: (856) 783 - 2327
IMPORTANT BOROUGH CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY
911
Police/Fire/Ambulance/Sewerage Problems  784-4900

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOROUGH HALL  783-0600
BOROUGH FAX  783-7949
POLICE  783-8616
COURT  783-1093
FIRE  783-1649
AMBULANCE  784-4466
SEWERAGE  783-0601
LIBRARY  783-0602

SPECIAL SERVICES
Assessor in Thursdays
Construction Official/Electrical Inspector in Tuesday & Thursday
Plumbing Inspector in Tuesday & Thursday

BOROUGH COUNCIL WHO’S WHO
Mayor Josh Keenan
JoshKeenan@stratfordnj.org

Council President Linda Hall
LindaHall@stratfordnj.org Director of Public Events

Councilwoman Tina Lomanno
TinaLomanno@stratfordnj.org Director of Finance and Revenue

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PatGilligan@stratfordnj.org Director of Police

Councilman Michael Tolomeo
MikeTolomeo@stratfordnj.org Director of Public Works

Councilman Stephen Gandy
StephenGandy@stratfordnj.org Director of Emergency Services

Councilman James Kelly
Jim.Kelly@stratfordnj.org Director of Ordinance and Property

Council Meetings at 7pm
December 9th & 14th
2022 Reorganization Meeting – January 6th
January 6th & 11th
February 3rd & 8th
All Council Meetings take place at the Justice Facility
315 Union Avenue, Stratford, NJ 08084

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS
November 25th and 26th offices will be closed for Thanksgiving
December 25th offices will be closed for Christmas (December 24th Closing at 12:30)
January 1st the offices will be closed for New Years Day (December 31st Closing at 12:30)

SCHOOLS
Parkview School ~ 123 Parkview Road  783-2876
Samuel S. Yellin School ~ 111 Warwick Road  783-1094
John Paul II Regional School ~ 55 Warwick Road  783-3088
Under the Sun Learning Center ~ 44 Berlin Avenue  783-9715
Sterling High School (Somerdale) ~ 501 S. Warwick Road  784-1333
Little Praisers Preschool ~ 120 Union Avenue  435-5353

ORGANIZATIONS
Get Your Event Featured in the Stratford Times Next Issue is scheduled for March. Contact the Boro Office at 856-783-0600 Email ~ info@stratfordnj.org
*all submissions must be received by February 28th to be included in the ne