

April 2020

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE GATES

Written by Mayor Ken Baulderstone, Township Clerk

Faust Park

New playground equipment will be installed in Faust Park in the Township.

Faust Park is a small park in Kennedy Drive near Baltic Marina in the 1950's and until recently included some old metal playground equipment removed at the direction of the Township's insurer.

The name of the new playground equipment is "Schooner" and will allow "Explore the open seas with this fun and affordable themed playground for ages 2-5 and 5-12. The ship's bow is a metal rung climber with

various routes and grip areas and a steering wheel. The ship's hull consists of seven decks at various heights, themed plastic panels, three climbers and a Zip Slide."

It is constructed of durable steel, HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) and rotomold plastics for long-lasting, low maintenance fun.

The equipment is being paid for from the Open Space Fund.

The nautical theme of this equipment is consistent with the location near Barnegat Bay.

Off-Leash Dog Park

The Department of Public Works has completed the clearing of dead and dying trees, brush from the area where the Dog Park will be located. The ground has been levelled and sand spread, see photos, creating a surface that drains well. Mulch will be placed around the trees to protect them. The thinning out of the trees will promote stronger growth of the remaining trees that will provide shade for the dogs and dog-owners.

The trees will also make the environment more interesting and enjoyable for the dogs. It is expected the fence will be installed soon and the Dog Park will be open to the public before the end of Spring.



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The volunteers from the First Aid Squad provide a very valuable service to the residents of the town, including Greenbriar Occasional. If any residents, or club, can make a donation to help them with this problem it will certainly be appreciated. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 428, Waretown NJ 08758, or can be dropped off at my house at 22 Bradley Beach Way, or you can call me and I will pick it up. Write "Roof" in the "for" on the check.

Vacant Property

Ordinance No. 2017-15 requires the owner of any vacant property that cannot be reoccupied without repair or rehabilitation to register with the Township.

Initial Fee \$750

Annual Renewals:

- First Year \$2,000
- Second Year \$3,000
- Subsequent Years \$5,000

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