

# **R** **BOROUGH OF** **RUNNEMEDE** NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR NICK KAPPATOS

To the Residents of Runnemedede,

Spring is finally here! This was a difficult winter, and I want to thank all the Borough Employees for all their hard work, and a special thanks to the Public Works Department for keeping our roads clear during all the snow/ice storms. Myself, all the members of Council and all our Borough Employees worked very hard the last year to continue the progress of improving all aspects of our community.

Please enjoy this newsletter. Thanks again to Council President Patty Passio and Councilman John Ranieri for putting together this newsletter to inform you of all the progress we have made over the last year.

We received \$250,000 from the DOT for this year's projects to re-pave Shissler Circle, Charles Ave., Phillips Ave., and S. Read Ave; replacing fencing at the Girls Softball Field, New Scoreboards for the Harry Williams Building and two new Police Vehicles. Fire Chief Pat Moriarty and Deputy Chief Fred Loverdi have been working with myself and Council to purchase a replacement for our oldest fire truck 1992 Engine with a new 2019 Fire Engine.

I want to welcome two new Police Officers to our Force, Chris Van Aiken and Eric Speakman. These young men represent the first expansion of our Police Department in years. I want to thank Chief Paul Dailey and Captain Bill Geigleman for the leadership in managing the department in a way that has allowed us to not only to make improvements but to expand. A collaboration of everyone working together for the same goals!

A long-awaited project, the Borough Municipal Building ADA renovations will be completed soon, Borough office hours are now 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. The front Public Parking lot has been completed and the LED Message Board is available for all the Borough Departments and Community Organizations to use to communicate with our residents.

Volz Middle school is sharing both the Girls Softball Field and the RYAA Babe Ruth Field for their middle school softball and baseball practices and home games. It's great that the school has added these sports for our children and myself and all the members of Council are proud to support their effort.

Our business district is steadily improving but our work is never done. I want to welcome The Mile restaurant and bar and AllRisk Property Damage Experts as new businesses in town. They, along with the other new businesses that have recently moved to town, represent a positive message that Runnemedede is a desirable community to open a business in. This year we will be finalizing our redevelopment plan and updating many of our ordinances to reflect a business-friendly attitude.

As always it is my honor to be the Mayor of Runnemedede; my greatest hope and desire is to lead and support our community as we continue on a path of meaningful and lasting progress.

Please enjoy this newsletter, it is being sent to every household.



Thank-you,

*Nick Kappatos*  
Nick Kappatos

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## Talk About a "Good Sign"!

As you may have noticed, there is a brand new sign at the Borough thanks to MRC Signs. Look forward to up to date messages, announcements, event information and more!



**CALL 911 for EMERGENCIES**  
**Police Dispatch for Non-Emergencies**  
**call 856-939-3354**

# PUBLIC SAFETY



"As Public Safety Director I wear many hats. Under my direction are the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Office of Emergency Management, Municipal Alliance and the LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) Program. My emphasis during my tenure has been Community Outreach. I encourage all the departments under me to seek ways to be involved in the community. LEAD, Fire Prevention Week, National Night Out, Prescription Drug Drop Box and the Police Bike Patrol, are just some of the ways we are working to accomplish this."

Councilwoman Eleanor Kelly  
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## Runnemed Fire Dept Stays Ready to Help

The Runnemed Fire Department conducted a "back to the basics" vehicle stabilization drill the evening of March 5th. This is only one part of their extensive vehicle extrication training held



each year, in addition to numerous other emergency drills. They are always prepared with thorough knowledge and state-of-the-art rescue equipment.

## Junior Police Academy

The Runnemed Police Department, under the direction of Officer Arthur (Chuck) Burns, hosted a Junior Police Academy for 7th and 8th grade students of the community. These students are the law enforcement officers of the future. For more information on this program please visit the Runnemed Facebook page or the Runnemed Police Facebook page.



Fifth Grade Students in the LEAD Program celebrate their graduation from the program at Beaver Branch Park with a day of Hoops games and Pizza. Fun was had by all.



## OFFICER ORTIZ HONORED

Patrolman William Ortiz Jr. received a proclamation on November 8, 2017 at our council meeting for being honored by the Camden County Government for his service. The proclamation was presented by our Mayor Nick Kappatos and attended by Councilwoman Eleanor Kelly. All of Council congratulate him, well done!



## WHERE DO YOU GO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

The Office of Emergency Management protects the Borough by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare, respond to, and recover from the threatened or actual natural disasters, act of terrorism, or other human caused disasters. Emergency Management seeks to promote safer, less vulnerable communities with the capacity to cope with hazards and disasters. The Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, Charlie Romond, is responsible for planning, activating, coordinating, and conducting Emergency Management Operations within the Borough.

### Borough of Runnemed Evacuation Shelters

#### Primary:

Harry Williams Building  
Black Horse Pike and Broadway

#### Secondary:

Mary Voltz School  
505 West 3rd Ave.

#### Warming Center

Runnemed Municipal Building  
24 North Black Horse Pike  
7:00am-7:30pm  
7 Days a Week

#### Preparing Your Family for an Emergency

Go to: [www.ready.njgov](http://www.ready.njgov)

#### Preparing Your Pets for an Emergency

Go to: [www.animalemergency.njgov](http://www.animalemergency.njgov)



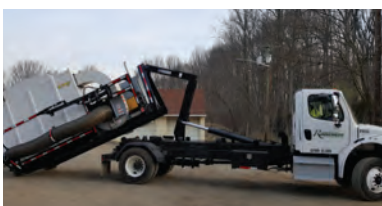
# PUBLIC WORKS



"I am the Director of Public Works. We are getting ready for a great spring and summer. Myself, Superintendent Harry Wozunk and the guys would like to thank you, the residents. You are the eyes and ears of this town and know when things are right or wrong. That being said, Public Works is moving into the future with more skill and equipment than ever before. We will always be there no matter what, and it is like that in most towns, but Public Works being here and taking it to the next level is 'Runnemed Moving Forward'."

Councilman Mike Root  
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## MORE NEW MUNICIPAL VEHICLES



Mayor and Council have approved and purchased a new Hook truck for the public works department. This truck can transform from a leafer to a dump truck, waste container, salt truck and many other valuable options in just minutes. This investment is saving our town money and keeping up with our diverse needs.



What used to take three men to accomplish now only takes one with this new leaf pick-up vehicle. The hose attachment used to transport your curb-side leaves into the truck is controlled by a joystick within the driver's reach. This new feature saves man hours and cuts costs!

## Update on Abandoned Homes Effort



*Looking dilapidated before the borough-led renovations.*



*After, now occupied.*



*Eyesore soon to be razed.*

Mayor Kappatos and Council have made strides in reducing the amount of abandoned homes in the community. Due to recent policy changes, the amount of unoccupied homes has been reduced by 50%. When a house is vacant and becomes repossessed by the bank, it must be registered with the Borough. This register is used to keep track of the abandoned homes so the Borough can take action by bringing the homes up to code and back on the market to be sold. We welcome our new homeowners and their families to Runnemed and look forward to meeting them soon at our many community events!

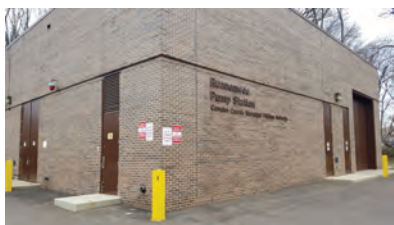
Please visit our website [www.runnemedenj.org](http://www.runnemedenj.org) to find out when the **street sweeper** is scheduled to visit your neighborhood. Call us direct if you need additional sweeping: 856-939-5161 x1001/2

## What happens to your waste water?

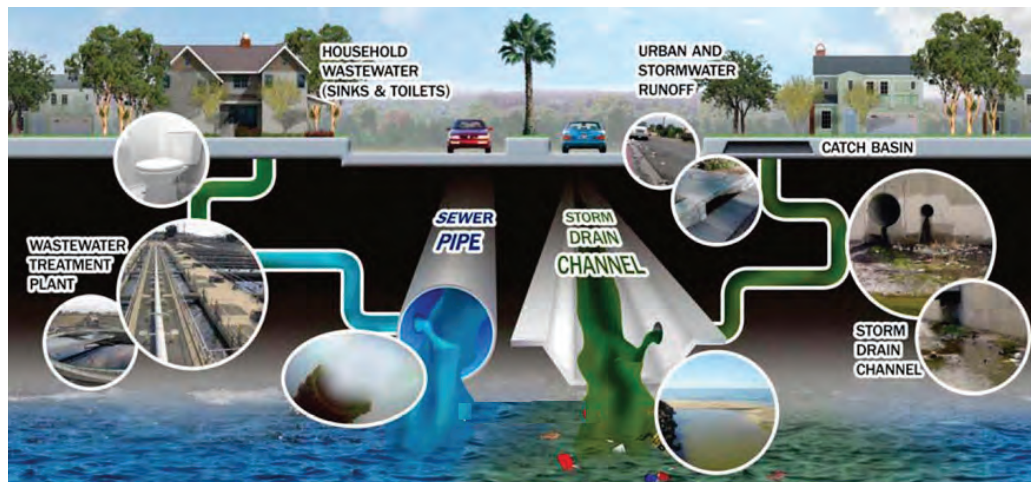
Runnemed has five pump stations throughout the town to service our waste water. All five pump the water to the central CCMUA station behind the public works, also pictured below. Then, it is pumped all the way to Ferry Ave station in Camden. There, the water is treated and returned to safe levels before being released back into the water supply.



*One of five pumping stations.*



*Main station behind Public Works.*





# PARKS & RECREATION



As a resident of Runnemede for almost 30 years, it is my pleasure to serve as Director of Parks and Recreation. In the past I served on the board of the Runnemede Youth Athletic Association and Runnemede Girls Softball League and was an Alternate Planning Board Member. Currently when not tending to my Council duties, I am a youth sports official in Soccer, Basketball and Softball. I just love helping to make sure the kids in town have the opportunity to play in organized sports. Thank you for electing me to serve as a Runnemede Councilman.

*Councilman Craig Laubenstein*  
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## SOFTBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Recently, Mayor Kappatos and Council realized that the girls softball field was in need of attention. Our middle school would soon be sharing this facility with the softball team and it could not be used to its fullest potential in the condition it was in. So, Mayor and Council ordered the removal of hazardous trees and other necessary ground work. We have also applied for a \$25,000 grant through the State of New Jersey to aid the cost of putting up new fencing. We look forward to bringing you this and more important upgrades to the field.

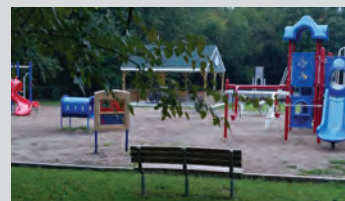


## Making Music at Green Acres

New musical instruments, pictured below, have been installed at Green Acres park. They were donated by the Runnemede-Bellmawr-Glendora Rotay Club in memory of Jonathan Interlante. He passed away on March 18, 2009. He was a wonderful entertainer, musician and Rotarian.



*The Bud Palmieri Pavilion.*



*Kids' playground.*



*The new xylophone.*



*New drums as well.*



Mayor and Council will again be conducting a clean up of Green Acres Park this year on June 19th. They will be meeting at 10 am at the park to begin.

*Date and time subject to change.*

## More Sporting Variety at HWB

In addition to the basketball and event hosting capabilities, we also have volleyball nets to practice your serve! You can practice year round in our indoor climate-controlled facility. We ask that you check with Joyce Pinto at 856-939-5161 x1006 to get the schedule of events so you can plan your play.





# ENGINEERING

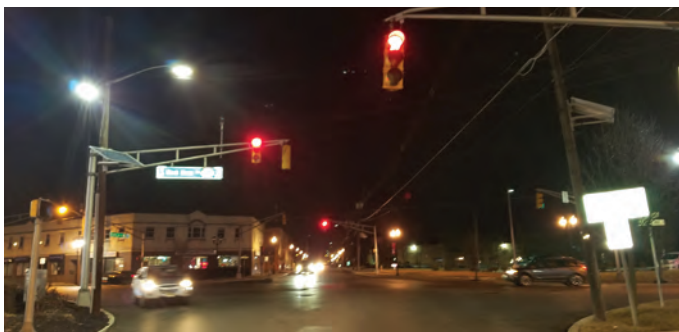


**"As Engineering Director, I am pleased to share with you the continued highlights of our progress for this year and look forward to continued growth for the future."**

*Councilman Bob Farrell  
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rfarrell@runnemedenj.org*

## Traffic Study to Help with Rush Hour Traffic at BHP and Clements Bridge Rd

Mayor Kappatos and Council will soon be approving a traffic study at the intersection of Clements Bridge Rd and the Black Horse Pike. The findings will help the effort to improve and relieve rush hour traffic conditions in that area and surrounding streets, including Evesham Road.



## COMPLETING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Earlier this year we successfully completed a number of roadway projects in order to better our community. One of which is the repaving of S. Oakland Ave. Another job finished is the upgrading of the intersection at Elm Ave by the ballfield. New ADA compliant sidewalk ramps are in place as well as fresh road pavement.



*S. Oakland Ave*



*Elm Ave Intersection*

## Municipal Building Lobby Upgrades



Mayor and Council have also been overseeing the upgrades to the lobby area in the municipal building. We will begin to decorate this area with historical Runnemedede artifacts.

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPATE

As Mayor Kappatos and Council continue to move forward with the construction at the Borough, we will try to keep you as informed as possible of the changes. Our most recent development is the installation of an elevator. We are thrilled to provide long-overdue assistance to our handicapped residents conducting business at the borough. We will also officially be ADA compliant. This project should be completed by (date).



*Similar style elevator soon to be installed.*



*Construction scene outside.*



*View down the elevator shaft.*



*Construction scene inside.*

## Freeholders Award Funding for Roadwork

The Borough of Runnemedede has again received a check from the Camden County Board of Freeholders to help aid the cost of our continuing road improvements. This grant was given on Feb. 15th in the amount of \$33,500.



# FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION



"As finance director, it gives me an opportunity to have a hand in each and every department. As you look through this newsletter, you will see progress in all departments. I'm excited about Runnemede's future and hope you are too. I want to thank all of our residents who have come out, shown up and participated in our community events, Council meetings and planning board meetings. I look forward to seeing you at the next one."

Councilman John Ranieri  
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## Borough Energy Audit Helps Improve Energy Savings

Mayor and Council have started an energy audit through the *New Jersey Borough of Public Utilities Energy Saving Improvement Program*. All borough buildings and pump stations will be evaluated for energy efficiency and seek out areas of improvement. We will be receiving majority of the funding for the audit from the State, as well as a large percentage of the cost to replace equipment. We anticipate upgrades to our HVAC systems, lighting, pump stations motors and similar systems.

## OUR HIDDEN TREASURE



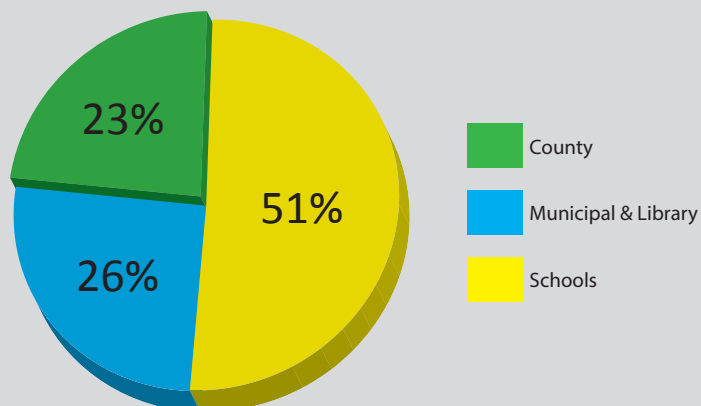
Meet Greg Anderson, the Borough of Runnemede Treasurer. We have had the pleasure of working with Greg since he joined us in November of 2015. He has been behind the scenes taking care of our day-to-day finances for the last two years.

## WHERE DO MY TAX DOLLARS GO?

For every \$100 of your taxes...



Which means...



## Hello and Goodbye - Welcoming New Employees & Bidding Farewell



We recently said good bye with much regret to Honorable Judge Nicholas Trabosh after he served our community for more than 25 years. We are now welcoming Ryan Trabosh as our new municipal judge.



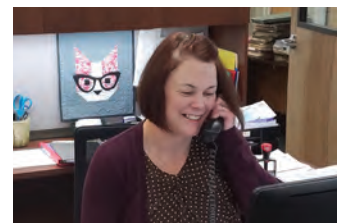
Eric Speakman was sworn in as our new Patrolman at our council meeting on April 3rd.



Kelly (left) and Kristin (right), the new Runnemede Police Clerks.



Diane, the latest addition to Planning & Zoning.



Beth, the new tax collector and front office assistant.



# PUBLIC EVENTS



"I am director of Public Events and also involved in many other committees. I am always excited to be working together with Mayor Kappatos and Council in moving Runnemede forward. We are dedicated, love our town and love everything we do. We are very diversified and wear many hats and do it with great pride! Each year our events get bigger and better. Our events are free and open to everyone. So come out and enjoy it all because Runnemede Rocks!"

Council President Patty Passio  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Youth Mayor and Council: **May 12th**
- Memorial Day Ceremony: **May 28th** at Noon
- Runnemede Fire Co. Car Show:  
Saturday **June 2nd**, Noon - 4pm  
Fire Station, 26 E 2nd Ave  
*For information call: 856-939-4390*
- Runnemede Rocks! 5K Race **June 2nd**  
*Race starts at 9am at the Library*
- Runnemede Fire Co. Spring Festival:  
Sunday **June 3rd**
- July Fourth** Celebrations:  
9:00 am - Bicycle Parade *Rain or Shine*  
9:30 am - Baby Parade *Rain or Shine*  
1:00 pm - Main Parade  
Rain Date: July 7th at 1:00 PM  
*Main Parade Float Contest:*  
*1st place - \$100; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$25*  
*Antique Car Judging:*  
*1st-2nd-3rd Prize Trophies*
- June 19th** - Borough Clean up of Green Acres
- National Night Out: Tuesday, **August 7th**  
*A free fun night out for everyone!*  
The Green Fair will take place during this event.  
*Looking for vendors! Call Councilman John Ranieri: 856-831-9856 or Council President Patti Passio: 856-466-5133*
- Town Wide Yard Sale - Sat. **Sept. 29th**  
8am-2pm *No Registration Fee*  
Rain Date Sun. Oct. 1st
- Borough Halloween Party - **Oct. 31st**  
6pm to 8pm at the Field House  
Best Costume Contest
- Sun. **Nov. 25th** - Beginning at 6:00 pm  
Christmas Party, Parade & Tree Lighting  
at the Harry Williams Building  
Crafts, Prizes and Gifts

7pm begins the Fire Truck Parade bringing Santa along the Pike to the Community Center and then Santa lighting the Christmas Tree.

All activities are subject to change. Please continually view Runnemede Borough Facebook page and web site [www.runnemedenj.org](http://www.runnemedenj.org) for updates or changes.

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS FROM 2017

### Youth Mayor and Council



Touring Historic Philadelphia with Benjamin Franklin.

### Memorial Day Services



The Warrior Watch Riders - Thank you for your service.

### Fourth of July



Camden County Freeholders are getting ready to walk with Mayor Kappatos in the parade.



The children do an excellent job decorating their bikes for the parade! Well done everyone!

### National Night Out



Borough Chaplain Father Joe moonlighting as the DJ!

### HALLOWEEN PARTY



A great turnout for the Borough Costume Party. See you this year!

## HOLIDAY EVENTS



Santa posing with some little helpers last year!



The photo booth will be back for more "phun"!



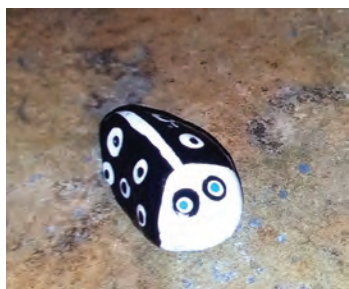
# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Sister Patrick Maureen Darcy is Honored

Mayor Kappatos and Council declared April 15th, 2017 as Sister Patrick day! She celebrated her 80th birthday and her 60th diamond jubilee, which is her anniversary of entering the religious community. Congratulations!



## RUNNEMEDE ROCKS! (Literally!)



*Decorating Friendship Rocks at the Christmas Party!*



Originally started by Cub Scouts Troop 117, "Friendship Rocks" are the latest craze in Runnemed. They were all decorated by the children at our Christmas party. Now they are hiding all around Runnemed waiting for you to find them! Check out Runnemed Rocks Facebook page for more information and up-to-date findings.

*Look who found a Friendship Rock! Camden County Freeholder Jonathan Young!*

## Runnemed Advisory Board of Health

Runnemed has an Advisory Board of Health, whose positions are appointed by Mayor Kappatos. Current position holders are: **Joyce Pinto, Ginny Betteridge, and Rebecca Naphys.**

## LEARNING WITH LEGOS

St. Teresa School's Robotics Club demonstrates a mission for parents at a recent school meeting. Robotics uses S.T.E.M.: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students design robots with Legos and use computer software to program the robots to perform different tasks. Well done everyone!



## New at the Runnemed Public Library in 2018 With Libby, your library is available 24/7!



Libby is an app, downloadable to your devices (iPhones, iPads, Android products etc). With Libby, you can access thousands of e-books and audio books right from your device. Contact the library by e-mail ([runnemedlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:runnemedlibrary@gmail.com)) or phone (856-939-4688) for a user name and password. Stop in, we are happy to help you set up this service. *All you need is a library card to use this service.*

## NEW CHAPLAIN AT THE BOROUGH

Father Joe Ganiel of Holy Child Parish (St. Teresa's) was recently sworn in as the official Borough Chaplain at one of our council meetings. Welcome to the team!



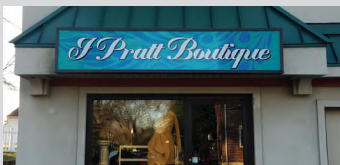


# THE PLANNING BOARD

## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES



*All Risk Damage Restoration at E. Clements Bridge Rd.*



*J Pratt Boutique on W. Clements Bridge Rd.*



*Pierce Phelps at the Industrial Park on 9th ave.*



*Barberos Barber Shop on W. Clements Bridge Rd.*



*Runnemede Fire Dept. along with Mayor Kappatos and Council at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Power House Gym, located on E. Clements Bridge Rd.*



*Mayor and Council were invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony for Caliber Collision, located at the corner of 9th Ave and the Black Horse Pike.*

## PLANNING AND ZONING FAQs

**Is a permit required for a fence installation?** Yes. A zoning permit is required and if the fence is the barrier for a pool, a construction permit is also required. A permit is also required for replacing an existing fence in the same location.

**Is a permit required for a swimming pool?** Yes. A zoning and construction permit is required for the installation. A permit is also required for a storable pool.

**Is a permit required for a shed?** Yes. A zoning permit is required for installation of a new shed at a new or existing location. A construction permit is also required for sheds over 100 square feet.

**If a single family dwelling is rented, what are the requirements?** The owner shall register as a landlord with the Borough of Runnemede. An application shall be submitted for a fire and certificate of continued occupancy inspections. The inspections are required prior to change of ownership or occupant. The same applies for apartments, provided the dwelling has zoning approval for the apartment(s). A fire inspection is only required for a one or two family dwelling.

**What is required to open a business?** An application shall be submitted for zoning approval and for a certificate of continued occupancy.

**If I have a complaint regarding the condition of a property, what department shall I contact?** The Code Enforcement Office handles complaints which can be accepted anonymously.

**Construction/Zoning Office :856-939-2815**

## Meet the Runnemede Planning Board

A Message from Planning Board Chairman Kandy Klehamer:  
 "I am a Runnemede resident for over 30 years. I am most happy spending time with family and friends, whether it is here or at our home down the shore. Our children and my faith are the center of my life. I have been a member of the Runnemede Planning and Zoning Board for more than a decade. As you may know, the planning board is an appointed position. Members are not elected or paid. It is truly a labor of love. Every application is given careful consideration, not only to the applicant but also how the approval will affect the surrounding residents. Currently we are rewriting pages of codes to be sent up to Mayor and Council for adoption. I would like to thank Mayor Kappatos and all the Council members for their trust in me and their unprecedented cooperation with our Planning and Zoning Board. We welcome all of our residents to come out to our meetings, every 2nd Wednesday of the month. You are the reason we are here and we would love to hear from you! Thanks and blessings to all!"



## Commemorating Richard Dickinson

Mr. Dickinson served as a councilman for 22 years and on the planning board for 37 years, among many other things. Since his recent passing, the Borough presented his widow Angel Dickinson with a plaque commemorating his many years of service to Runnemede. We thank him and his family for all the time he spent on his dedicated service to Runnemede.





# SUSTAINABILITY

## GREEN TEAM MEETS...

Every third Monday of each month at 7pm in the Borough Court Room. Open to all ages from teenagers to seniors. Join us to discuss what we can do to make ourselves and our community more energy efficient, sustainably sourced and eco-friendly. We will also continue planning our green fair. For more information call Councilman John Ranieri at 856-831-9856.



## Runnemede Awarded Bronze Status



The Borough of Runnemede was honored at a luncheon by the League of Municipalities and awarded the Bronze Star for sustainability. We are constantly improving our community, making it a better place for our residents and our environment. We look forward to making more strides in reducing our consumption and saving you money!

## Butterfly Gardens in Bloom



Mayor Kappatos and Council received a \$2,000 grant from PSE&G to install a butterfly garden at the Borough. This is part of the project aimed at restoring the Monarch butterfly population. We currently have butterfly gardens at the library and Downing School. Visit [MonarchWatch.org](http://MonarchWatch.org) for more information.

## Solar Energy - Saving our Residents \$\$

Mayor and Council are currently working on solar options for all municipal buildings. Once up and running, this project will save the Borough money on energy costs, which means residents will reap the benefits by saving tax dollars.



## SUSTAINABILITY AWARD WINNER

This year's Sustainability Award goes to Mary Jo Ranieri. She is a lifelong resident of Runnemede and a graduate of Triton Regional High School. She is wife of Councilman John Ranieri. Mary Jo was always committed to being sustainable and because of that she rode a bike on a daily basis instead of using a car. A little over 2 years ago Mary Jo had a bike accident and sustained serious brain injury. A helmet saved her life. She's traveled a hard road and has come a long way, thanks to her determination and her husband's commitment to her. She's a member of the Green Team along with her husband. She attends every borough clean up. She and her family are vegetarians and animal activists because of her love for animals. Her kitchen cleaning products are either home made or eco-friendly with only natural ingredients. Mary Jo along with John made a natural weed killer and introduced it at our Green Fair, which is better than Roundup, and safer for the environment, pets and children. She plants milkweed and is part of Saving the Monarch Butterflies. Her house utilizes solar energy and she's spreading the word of its benefits through John who is reaching out to other solar energy companies to save our town money. She, along with her family, continues to educate others to be green and sustainable and is looking forward to a brighter healthier future. Congratulations!





## Want a Green Lawn Safe for Children and Pets? Runnemedede Does!

***You don't need to use toxic lawn chemicals to have a safe and healthy green lawn.***

It's never too late to have a naturally green lawn. Spring, summer or fall, there are simple steps you can take to prevent weeds, nurture soil, and never use dangerous lawn pesticides. It's worth it! For information on **Child-Safe Lawn Care** call the National Coalition for Pesticide-Free Lawns at 1-888-NO POISON or visit [www.pesticidefreelawns.org](http://www.pesticidefreelawns.org).

### Scientific Studies Show Lawn Pesticides Can:

- Increase the risks of cancer and asthma in children
- Poison dogs and increase their risk of cancer
- Be tracked indoors and contaminate homes
- Kill wildlife and contaminate drinking water

**For information on pesticides visit**  
[www.beyondpesticides.org](http://www.beyondpesticides.org)  
**or find your local environmental group at**  
[www.pesticidefreelawns.org](http://www.pesticidefreelawns.org)

### Safe, Homemade Weed-Be-Gone



#### Weed-Be-Gone

1 Gallon Vinegar  
2 Cups Epsom Salt  
1/4 Cup Dawn Dish Soap (The Blue Original)

It will kill anything you spray it on. Just mix and spray in the morning, after the dew has evaporated. Walk away. Go back after dinner and the weeds are all gone!

Cheaper than anything you can buy anywhere! Never buy Round-up again!

### Natural Mosquito Repellent

One of many natural mosquito repellents:

Cinnamon is more than just a great topper to applesauce or oatmeal. According to a study conducted in Taiwan, cinnamon oil can kill off mosquito eggs. It can also act as a repellent against adult mosquitoes, most notably the Asian tiger mosquito. To make a diluted 1 percent solution, mix 1/4 teaspoon (or 24 drops) of oil for every 4 ounces of water. You can spray the fluid onto your skin or clothing, around your home, and onto upholstery or plants. Be careful when applying cinnamon oil, as a concentrated dose can irritate your skin.



## THE 2017/2018 GREEN FAIR

The 2018 Green Fair will take place during National Night Out on August 7th. at the Harry Williams Building. Bring the family and come learn about recycling, composting, take the recycling challenge to win a prize and much more!



Pictured above from the 2017 Green Fair is our Clean Community Coordinator Harry Wozunk teaching children about green living, recycling, and the benefits of fresh eggs. Come see Harry again this year for more useful lessons.



A special thank you to Rose Butrica, a loyal volunteer who never says "no". Also, thank you to Councilwoman Eleanor Kelly for all the hard work that you do. Another thank you to Deluxe Bakery for lending a hand and providing desert.

For every 500 pounds of plastic bags recycled, Runnemedede receives an outdoor bench for our residents as a sign of our



continued progress. There are collection bins at Triton High School, Harry Williams Building, Mary E. Volz Middle School, Kiddie Academy, and the Runnemedede Police Station.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## NEW at the Harry Williams Building

More improvements are being made at the HWB. Check out our new awning and signage, which helps to distinguish between the gymnasium and the senior center.



## RUNNEMEDE S.W.A.T. TEAM

Our Police Department is part of a SWAT (Special Weapons And Tactics) Team, know as the ZONE-5 CIT (CRITICAL INCIDENT TEAM). It is comprised of members of several different Camden County Police Departments. The Zone-5 Team was created after the 1995 killings of two police officers in Haddon Heights. When a gunman was using an assault rifle to shoot at the police. Back then our officers were armed with handguns and a shotgun, which proved to be no match for the assault rifle that this gunman was using. The Zone-5 Swat Team is comprised of highly trained officers from Audubon, Bellmawr, Brooklawn, Mount Ephraim, Haddon Heights, Runnemede, and Magnolia.

Here in Runnemede our SWAT officers are Patrolman Joseph Marchese, and Patrolman Matthew Woollen. Other officers through the years have been on the team, most recently Patrolman Kevin Corcoran. Runnemede Police Department has been carrying the Colt M-4 Police rifle in the patrol cars since 2010. Our Officers must qualify four (4) times each year with these weapons.

Along with their qualifications, our officers also train several times a year on active shooter drills at all the grammar schools. Recently the police department and fire department have joined in training drills together and it has been a big success.



Patrolman Joseph Marchese



Patrolman Matthew Woollen

As a result of the recent school tragedies, our police department began a "directed patrol" at all Runnemede Schools. While school is in session police will visit the schools during the day to interact with school staff and students, to make them feel safer and to have a better relationship with our officers. This project was created by Chief Dailey and Captain Geigelman, and has been a huge success with the school staff and children. The Chief, Captain, along with our L.E.A.D. officers are currently developing a program where parents, teachers, and students can meet with the officers, so they can answer any questions or concerns they may have in dealing with the recent tragedy.

## HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF WORN AMERICAN FLAGS



When an American flag becomes worn, faded, torn or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. There are several ways to respectfully dispose of the American flag without showing disgrace. The most common method is burning the flag in a special ceremony. The Runnemede V.F.W. (located at E. 6th Ave behind the Fan Treasures Sports Outlet) features a convenient outdoor drop-box where residents can leave their flags in need of retiring. The V.F.W. will soon announce the date of this year's flag burning ceremony.

## NEW "Community Cat" Ordinance for Feral Cats within the Borough of Runnemede

Ordinance #18-03 provides general regulations for the safe and sanitary conditions for cats. Moreover, it permits and regulates Community Cat Colonies within the Borough of Runnemede. Finally, the Ordinance allows for the trapping, neutering, vaccination and ear-tipping of community cats. Following this process, they will be returned to the area where they were trapped. This Ordinance serves as a means of controlling the feral cat population and providing for the safety of feral cats and the community at large. This ordinance was passed on March 6, 2018 after its second reading.



Notice in the photo (left) the tipping of the left ear. This is the sign of a cared for feral cat that has been spayed or neutered and vaccinated. Do not take to the pound, they have already been trapped and belong to a feral cat colony. The best help to give these cats is an outdoor shelter and food and water.

## Volunteers Needed for Bike Share Program

Camden County currently has a county-wide Bike Share Program. *County Bike Share* has a depository at Lakeland where volunteers refurbish and then send out to municipalities that want to start their own bike share programs. They are working with Gloucester Township to start one in May. Mayor Kappatos and Council have been considering a bike share but volunteers are needed to begin the program. If you are interested in volunteering your time repairing bikes, staffing Bike Share distribution points, or have a bicycle to donate, please contact the Camden County Division of Environmental Affairs at (856) 858-5241 or email [ccbikeshare@camdencounty.com](mailto:ccbikeshare@camdencounty.com).



## Caucus Workshop Meetings

Our Caucus meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. These meetings are advertised and open to the public. They are our workshop where we discuss what is on the Agenda for our next Council meeting. We have an open table discussion discussing what each department is doing, we discuss resolutions, ordinances and anything else that is important to our town.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### HOW DO I REPORT A SEWER EMERGENCY?

If you are experiencing a sewer emergency please call County Dispatch at 856-939-3354. Homeowner is responsible to know location of clean out and maintain access. The lateral lid and/or plug must be intact to prevent debris and rain water from entering the system.

### WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS THE CURBSIDE TREE?

All trees, and debris from removal of trees located on the property of the homeowner up to an including the curb, are the responsibility of the homeowner.

### MY TRASH WAS MISSED OR TRASH COLLECTION QUESTIONS

Call Bellmawr Shared Service trash collection at 856-931-1111

### HOW DO I DISPOSE OF AN APPLIANCE?

Have your vendor remove it when the new item is delivered. The Borough does not collect appliances containing Freon.

### HOW DO I DISPOSE OF METAL AND ELECTRONICS?

Place the items at the curb and call 856-939-5161 x1001/1002

### HOW DO I DISPOSE OF MOTOR OIL?

Oil is collected at the Public Works garage. Please call 856-939-5161 x1001/1002 and schedule a drop off time during normal business hours.

### HOW DO I REPORT A WATER LEAK OR RUSTY WATER?

Contact New Jersey American Water at 1-800-272-1325

### HOW DO I DISPOSE OF PAINT?

Latex and oil based paint needs to be dried by filling container with kitty litter and placing in household trash. Public Works does not collect.

### WHAT DO I DO WITH MY YARD WASTE, BRANCHES OR LEAVES?

Grass, branches and leaves may be placed in a can or paper bag (NO plastic bags) and placed at the curb for pick up on Mondays, year round. Large branches or trees must be cut into sections no longer than 4 feet and stacked at the curb for the chipper. Please call 856-939-5161 x1001/1002 to advise chipper will be needed. Leaves are collected in piles at the curb in November and December. No piles may be within 10 feet of any storm inlet. If you hire a landscaper or tree service, all debris but be removed by them. The only exception is leaf and yard waste. Do not place dirt or stumps in cans or bags for collection; the Borough does not accept it.

### HOW DO I REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUT?

Contact PSE&G as 1-800-436-7734

### HOW DO I REPORT...

Missing or faded sign - pothole - damaged Borough property - playground safety issue - clogged storm drain - sinkhole - new recycling can - missed recycling - Contact Public Works at 856-939-5161 x 1001/1002 or use [runnemedene.net/view-all/residentconcernscomments/](http://runnemedene.net/view-all/residentconcernscomments/).

For additional information visit: [www.runnemedenj.org](http://www.runnemedenj.org)

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The tool library is a free resource to all residents that provides free tool rentals for home projects. This initiative aims to reduce the need for residents to purchase tools for limited use and encourage collaboration with the community.

Residents can view the inventory and register at: [sustainablecamdencounty.myturn.com/library](http://sustainablecamdencounty.myturn.com/library)

All residents are encouraged to visit the tool library at our new Eco-complex facility:  
**The Office of Sustainability and Shared Services in the Regan Building,**  
508 Lakeland Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012

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The Environmental Book Library is also accepting donations of books on sustainability, gardening, ecology, home repair & design, landscaping, and the environment are also accepted.

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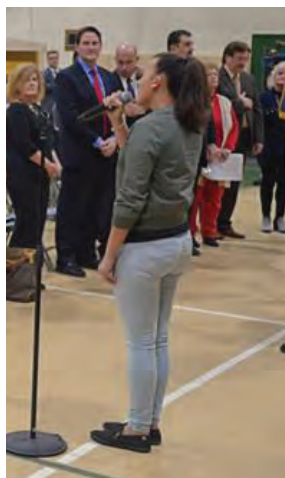


### The "Dynamic Duo" Geri & Denis Golinski



From Scouts to Christmas and celebrating the Fourth of July, you were always there when Runnemedes needed you. You have helped with Mr. & Mrs. Claus every Christmas answering the children's wishes. Together, we have shared many memorable events with our kids in town. Your elves throughout the year thank you.

### Runnemedes's Own Talent, Serena Garcia



Serena Garcia is a Sophomore at Triton Regional High School. Serena is assistant advisor for the class of 2020. She is a member of Triton's green team, on student council, history club and an honor student in the PRIDE club at Triton. She also acts and sings in Tritons musicals. She volunteers and sings the National Anthem at all Borough of Runnemedes events. She was involved in Youth Mayor and Council. She is involved in her church's youth groups and sings in their choir. She travels to Philadelphia and brings food and clothing to the homeless. She is always doing community service wherever needed. She also coaches younger children soccer.

### ORDINANCE 18-06 AMENDMENT

This town ordinance limits the release of balloons for the protection of environment, wildlife, persons and property. Visit [www.runnemedesnj.org](http://www.runnemedesnj.org) for more information.

### Helping Those in Need

New Beginnings Inc., located at 101c Rose Avenue in Runnemedes serves the recovery community through meetings, special events, benefits and community service. Like them on Facebook.

### Who is that enjoying kayaking?



None other than Dan Conard. Dan doesn't just kayak in his spare time, he also has a Runnemedes blog and writes for the Gloucester City News about our town happenings. He also voluntarily video tapes all the Borough's meetings, including the Runnemedes School Board, all which can be viewed on *My View of Runnemedes* at [www.dansviewrunnemedes.wordpress.com](http://www.dansviewrunnemedes.wordpress.com)

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My name is James D'Auria and I recently became your CFO/Business Administrator. My hobbies are rooting for all Philadelphia sports teams especially the Phillies, summers in Sea Isle City, and reading non-fiction and classical literature. I have 27 years of accounting/management experience. I have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting/Business and became a Certified Municipal Financial Officer in December 2015. I am very excited and thankful to Mayor Kappatos and Council for the opportunity to bring my diverse experience in accounting/finance and administration/management to the Borough of Runnemede. I will bring financial stability and strategic financial planning to the Borough by developing a sound strategical and financial foundation. I am looking forward to helping Mayor Kappatos and Council implement continued improvements that will enhance the beauty, safety and comfort for the residents of the Borough of Runnemede.

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Scout Master Geri Golinski  
856-939-5007

### **Runnemede Boy Scouts Troup 117**

Joseph J. King Scout Center  
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Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1pm (except July and August) in the Harry Williams Building Senior Center  
President, Lee Mikulski  
856-939-4009

### **GFWC Runnemede Woman's Club**

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month September - May at 7:30pm in the Harry Williams Building Senior Center  
President, Patti Adair  
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### **VFW Post 3324**

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856-628-0236

### **JFK Democrat Club**

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President, John Ranieri  
856-831-9856

### **Runnemede Bellmawr Glendora Rotary Club**

Meets every Wednesday, places and times vary; see our Facebook page for more info  
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