



Oradell Newsletter

Mayor and Council

Spring 2017

www.oradell.org



Dear Neighbor:

Please review this newsletter carefully as it contains a great deal of important information, not the least of which is the overview of the 2017 Municipal Budget which was introduced on March 28, 2017.

Many thanks to Oradell's CFO, Katie Chen, and the Borough Administrator/Clerk, Laura Graham, as well as the Department Heads who worked diligently to prepare the budget. They spent many hours meeting with the Council and me to review and finalize this document. The budget has been submitted to the state and as soon as we receive Trenton's approval, we will be in a position to present it at a public meeting and approve the final budget.

As you peruse this newsletter, please take note of the many events that are coming up. As many of you already know, the Mayor's Wellness Campaign is well under way and despite the cold, raw weather this past Saturday morning, several hardy souls took part in an hour's walk through our business district. Many other activities that encourage a well life are scheduled and I look forward to seeing many of you on our walks around town.

Spring is finally here and with it we look forward to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at DPAC, the Oradell Earth Day Celebration, the Memorial Day Parade, the re-opening of the Farmer's Market, the annual town-wide garage sale and of course, fireworks on July 3rd followed by a parade on the morning of the Fourth!

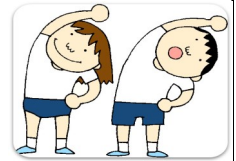
The Planning Board has been working diligently with the Borough Planner to draft a Master Plan which sets forth our vision for Oradell. On June 10th from 10am to 12 pm at Borough Hall, we will hold the first public "charrette", which is a planning session at which Oradell citizens, business owners and our planner and other professionals can collaborate and share ideas. I hope that you will attend one or more of these charrettes and share your vision for Oradell with us.

We had the bid opening for the garbage collection contract and our Borough Administrator and Counsel are busy reviewing the bids. Once their review is complete, the Mayor and Council will receive a recommendation and we will be in a position to award the bid at our public meeting in April. The road paving program will commence shortly and the following roads are scheduled for re-paving: Elm, Essex, Sussex, Seminole (portion), Hemlock, Mildred, John, Taylor, Stewart, Winne, Lake and a portion of Pyle.

With kindest regards,

Dianne Camelo Didio

MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN



The Mayors Wellness Campaign was started in 2006, in partnership with the NJ League of Municipalities, as a means to improve overall health throughout the State of New Jersey.

In furtherance of that goal, Oradell kicked-off its Campaign on March 15, 2017. The Campaign lasts for 12 weeks and includes:

- ♦ Walks and other exercise opportunities
- ♦ Free health, fitness and nutrition classes
- ♦ Free 1-month membership to HNH Fitness
- ♦ Prizes & incentives
- ♦ Free cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure screenings

Over 175 registrants signed up for the Campaign and are well on their way to healthier living!



(Mayor Dianne Didio, Oradell's Wellness Committee and New Milford Ambulance Corps.)

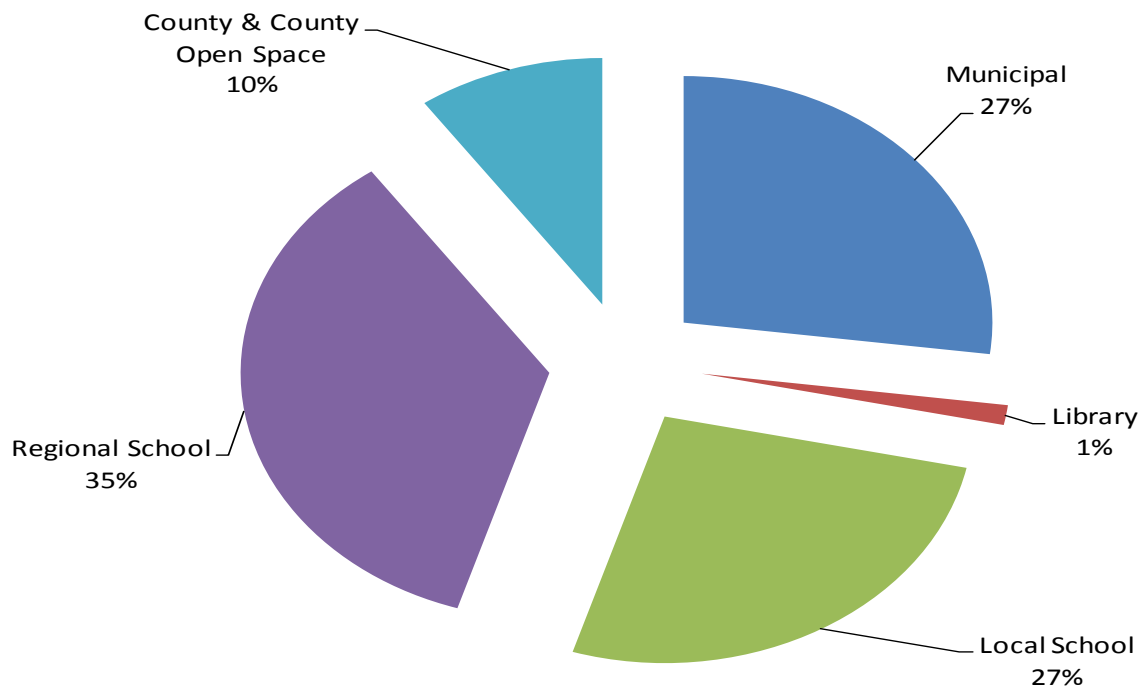
2017 BUDGET INFORMATION

The 2017 Municipal Budget was introduced on March 28, 2017:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Municipal	\$ 3,924.61	\$ 3,787.66	\$ 136.95
Library	\$ 188.40	\$ 187.18	\$ 1.23
Local School	\$ 3,842.35	\$ 3,677.32	\$ 165.03
Regional School	\$ 5,139.10	\$ 5,095.66	\$ 43.44
County & County Open Space	<u>\$ 1,418.83</u>	<u>\$ 1,378.48</u>	<u>\$ 40.35</u>
	\$ 14,513.30	\$ 14,126.30	\$ 387.00

Average Assessed Value	536,482.00	474,694.00
Net Valuation Taxable	\$ 1,638,393,362.00	\$ 1,448,964,099.00

2017 Percentage Allocation of Your Tax Dollars



2017 BUDGET INFO CONT'D

	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	\$ Inc/(Dec)	% Chg
Salaries & Wages	\$ 5,030,067	\$ 4,958,861	\$ 71,206	1.44%
Other Expenses	\$ 2,018,106	\$ 1,798,055	\$ 220,051	12.24%
Library	\$ 676,000	\$ 636,009	\$ 39,991	6.29%
Utilities	\$ 431,660	\$ 412,560	\$ 19,100	4.63%
General & Medical Insurance	\$ 2,349,860	\$ 2,207,595	\$ 142,265	6.44%
Pension/Social Security	\$ 1,116,514	\$ 1,118,328	\$ (1,814)	-0.16%
Trash Removal	\$ 301,400	\$ 274,000	\$ 27,400	10.00%
Disposal Costs/Tipping Fees	\$ 205,000	\$ 205,000	\$ -	0.00%
Recycling	\$ 267,750	\$ 256,500	\$ 11,250	4.39%
BCUA	\$ 807,000	\$ 835,000	\$ (28,000)	-3.35%
FD Pensions	\$ 46,272	\$ 45,152	\$ 1,120	2.48%
Reserve for Tax Appeals	\$ 60,000	\$ 200,000	\$ (140,000)	-70.00%
Grants	\$ 50,201	\$ 50,722	\$ (521)	-1.03%
Capital Improvement	\$ 80,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000	60.00%
Various Capital Improvements	\$ 420,000	\$ -	\$ 420,000	0.00%
Debt	\$ 1,649,800	\$ 1,605,704	\$ 44,096	2.75%
Deferred Charges	\$ 15,000	\$ 40,000	\$ (25,000)	-62.50%
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 589,481	\$ 564,481	\$ 25,000	4.43%
Total Appropriations	\$ 16,114,112	\$ 15,257,967	\$ 856,144	5.61%

Tax Collector

Tax Information is available online at www.oradell.org in Borough Departments (on the left), WIPP-Property Tax Inquiry. Click Property Tax Inquiry, then click on the link. Enter the information and hit search. Everyone is encouraged to view the website, but the Tax Office is still available for further assistance.

Direct withdrawal for payment of taxes is still available. Simply complete the form found online or in the Tax Department and submit it with a voided check to the Tax Department. Thereafter your tax payment will be debited from your checking account when each installment is due. You will never be late!

After hours mailbox is located by the rear doors of the Borough Hall. Correspondence and tax payments may be deposited here during and after Borough business hours.

Property Tax Reimbursement Program (Senior Freeze) is available for seniors and disabled persons. The eligibility requirements can be found on the Borough's website. The deadline to submit the application is June 1. If you are new to the program, you may download the form and obtain further information at www.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml.

2014 Homestead Benefit. Revised tax bills for the May 1, 2017 tax installment will be mailed to property owners (and mortgage companies) in April. If you are entitled to the homestead benefit, your May billing will be reduced accordingly. Contact the New Jersey Division of Taxation, 1-800-882-6597 if you have any questions.

Helpful Tips

BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Recycling Events for Bergen County Residents

April 9th and August 19th

Paramus—Bergen Community College

400 Paramus Road

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

April 30th, June 25th, October 15th

Paramus—Bergen Community College

9:00 am—3:00 pm

For more information on either event, call BCUA at

201-807-8696

NIXLE

Receive up to date information affecting your neighborhood by email and text message.

To Register

- ⇒ Go to **www.nixle.com**
- ⇒ Click “**Register Now**”
- ⇒ Create an account by choosing a UserName and Password
- ⇒ Enter an email address and cell phone number where you would like to receive messages
- ⇒ Enter your address (or a nearby intersection)
- ⇒ Click “**Sign Me Up**” - and you’re done!

CHORE Service

Making your home a safer place to live.....Simple household repairs performed by senior volunteers for the senior 60+ and disabled populations in Bergen County. Minor plumbing, minor electrical, weatherization, repair/replace door locks, handles, springs and closers; install smoke alarms, mini-blinds, grab bars in bath areas and interior railings. There can be a 2-3 week wait for Chore due to the many requests for service. To schedule a service, call **CHORE at (201) 489-7790**. Note: A member of CHORE will give a presentation at the VFW/Senior Center at 12:15 pm on April 18th. All are invited to attend!

NEWS FROM PSEG...

PSEG is offering a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). **Applications are due by April 30, 2017.** LIHEAP provides financial assistance towards winter heating and medically necessary cooling bills. It also screens program applicants for another payment assistance program, the Universal Service Fund (USF), which provides low income households with a monthly credit of \$5 to \$150. There are also payment assistance programs for clients who are not low income, but have fallen behind on their energy bills. For more information and to download program applications, **visit pseg.com/help or call 1-800-510-3102.**

Submit Your Meter Reading Online or By Phone

PSEG is excited to offer customers another alternative to a scheduled meter reading. Now, if your business is closed, during meter reading hours on your scheduled read date and you have fewer than 12 consecutive estimates, you can submit your gas and electric meter readings online for accurate billing. Online meter readings are now submitted through My Account. For your convenience, you can also submit your meter reading by phone by calling PSEG’s dedicated ‘Record-a-Meter’ reporting system at **1-800-622-0197**. See the Reading Your Meter page for help on how to read the meter. Readings need to be submitted within 7 days before the scheduled meter reading date on your bill, but no less than 2 working days prior to the scheduled reading date.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

April

30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by Oradell Recreation Committee



Saturday, 4/8/17
Raindate: Sunday, 4/9/17
Preschool: 1:00 pm
Kindergarten—Grades 3: 1:30 pm

Where: Doug Parcells Athletic Complex
Located on Ridgewood Ave.
Open to all Oradell children!
Please bring a container to collect the eggs.

Further Info: Mary Cioffi (201) 265-0505
Or jamcioffi926@aol.com

May



Memorial Day Parade

Veterans Assembly: 8:15 AM at Hoffman Field and proceed to Rossi memorial.

Parade Assembly: 9:00 AM at the World War II—Vietnam Memorial, Memorial Field at the corner of Prospect Ave. and Park Ave.

Refreshments will be served by members of the Special Events Committee at the Oradell Senior Center/Veterans Memorial Building following the ceremonies.

June



The Oradell Farmer's Market

started in June 2013. It is one of the Oradell Environmental Commitment initiatives. The program has been very successful over the past 4 years. It has attracted many visitors from Oradell as well as many people from other towns. Our mission is to serve the community and help the local farmers and vendors. We promote the principle of getting the fresh produces and gourmet food from the local farms and local gourmet food vendors to your table. **Our farmer's market operates every Sunday from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM at the Oradell Post Office Parking Lot located at Kinderkamack Rd. and Oradell Ave. (across the street from Schirra Park). The Market will be open every Sunday from June 4, 2017 through November 19, 2017.**



Oradell's Annual Town Wide

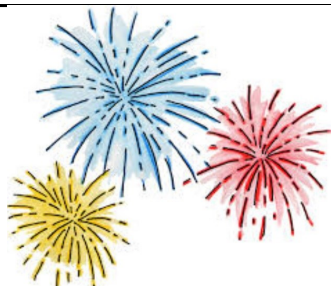


Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9 am to 4 pm (rain date Sunday, June 11, 2017)

Sponsored by The Junior Women's Club of River Edge

Maps listing the locations of Oradell Garage Sales will be distributed from 8:45 am to 11 am at Suzanne's Hair and Colour Room and Sunrise Bagels or ALL DAY at www.jwcriveredge.org or Facebook page. \$15 donation is requested. Note: each participant must independently obtain a Garage Sale Permit from Oradell Borough Hall. For more information or questions, please call 201-986-6004 or email: OradellGarageSale2017@gmail.com

July



FIREWORKS ARE BACK!!!

July 3, 2017 (Rain Date July 8, 2017)

Stay tuned for more details...

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Dear Oradell Residents,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Police Chief of the Oradell Police Department. I have been a member of the police department for 22 years and was sworn in as your new Chief of Police by the Mayor and

Council on January 24, 2017. After being hired in 1995 I was assigned to the patrol division for my first seven years. In 2002 I was assigned to the police departments Detective Bureau and spent thirteen years as the Borough's Police Detective. In December 2015 I was promoted to the rank of Captain and served as the Officer in Charge of the department until being promoted to Chief. During my career, I am happy to say that I've established friendly relationships with many of you. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have called or visited to wish me well and offer their congratulations. I assure you that our department remains committed in being a well-trained professional police department providing you with the quality service that you deserve.

During the past two years you may have noticed new faces at the police department. We have had a few officers leave our department but we quickly hired five new officers to keep our department properly staffed. Additionally, a few promotions took place to reestablish our important rank and file. I wanted to take this time to provide you with a current list of our department's staff:

Chief William Wicker

Lt. Richard Zdanowicz	Officer Joseph Maino
Lt. Victor Egg	Officer Jeffrey Peters
Sgt. Kevin Doyle	Officer Roger Pressburger
Sgt. John Campbell	Officer Kyle Costa
Sgt. Derek Kahill	Officer Brennen Page
Sgt. David Gangemi	Officer Ian Paulic
Det. Marc Fedorchak	Officer Glenn Zeszotarski
Officer Michael Bartlett	Officer Daniel O'Leary
Officer Richard Liguori	Officer Paul Kochansky
Officer Joseph Lardinelli	Officer Stephen Viscito

Sincerely,

William Wicker, Chief of Police

The Oradell Police Department is excited to announce that it has joined the New Jersey Attorney General's "Project Medicine Drop" initiative, and has installed a permanent Project Medicine Drop box at police headquarters. The department's new Project Medicine Drop Box is located at 355 Kinderkamack Rd. in police headquarters. Residents may visit the police dept. at any time, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to dispose of their unused or excess medications.

For safety reasons, Project Medicine Drop Box can only accept solid medications such as pills, patches, inhalers and similar objects. The Box cannot accept liquids, medical waste or syringes. We also ask residents to remove all personal information from the labels. To learn more, visit www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Tips for Greener Lawn Care

The Borough of Oradell uses organic, natural pesticides and fertilizers in town parks, fields and properties through its Integrated Pest Management Program. Here are some "Green" lawn care tips Oradell residents can also adopt:

- ⇒ Plant low maintenance turf vehicle. Mow grass 3 or 4 inches high to encourage deeper root systems and to shade out unwanted weeds.
- ⇒ Cut it and leave it. Grass clippings provide essential nutrients back to the soil.
- ⇒ Use native plants. Plant the right plant in the right location. Native species are drought resistant.
- ⇒ Seed the lawn in the early spring and fall to help crowd out weeds, paying special attention to bare spots.



Volunteers Needed...

Can you spare some time to help the Beautification Committee prepare flower pots for spring plantings along Kinderkamack Road? If so, please contact Cindy Kirkpatrick at ckirkpatrick@oradell.org or 201-261-8200 ext. 251. Thank you!!!

OPTV

Did you know that you no longer need cable to watch OPTV? OPTV is on Optimum Channel 77 and Verizon FIOS Channel 28. But now, via internet stream, you can watch in real time on your desktop computer or any mobile device with internet access, anywhere in the world. You can also watch meetings and programs on-demand. Access the stream or on-demand at <http://www.oradell.org> and click on "OPTV." Then follow the links.

What's happening with your church or other community group? OPTV will include your events on our Bulletin Board. Email the address below and let us know the details. We'll do the rest!

Would you like to volunteer at OPTV and see your name in closing credits? We always welcome volunteers to help crew live broadcasts of municipal meetings, as well as outside events in our Borough. Several of our crew are experienced in television broadcast, *but most are not*. You don't need special training – OPTV crew will instruct you as to what to do. Also, you don't need to commit to more than one evening a month (but you might want to do more!) We are a diverse and friendly group. Join us!

Have you seen a program on OPTV that you really liked? Do you have a suggestion for anything we can improve? Let us know! Call 201-649-9275 or email OPTV@Oradell.org.

Super Seniors

THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE SENIORCIZE! A LOW IMPACT CLASS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE OLDER ADULT. HAVE FUN AND MOVE TO THE MUSIC WITH A VARIETY OF EXERCISES INTENDED TO ALTERNATE BETWEEN CARDIO AND RESISTANCE TRAINING. THIS CLASS WILL HELP STRENGTHEN MAJOR MUSCLE GROUPS, IMPROVE BALANCE, POSTURE AND COORDINATION. A CHAIR IS USED FOR SEATED AND/OR STANDING SUPPORT. SENIORCIZE IS OFFERED AT **NO CHARGE** TO ALL SENIORS EVERY TUESDAY AT THE VFW/SENIOR CENTER (1 VETERANS PLAZA, ORADELL) FROM 11:30 AM TO 12:15 PM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT RECREATION DIRECTOR PATRICK CRANN AT 201-261-8200 EXT. 243.



SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Mayor and Council are looking for members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Applicants must be residents of the Borough of Oradell, 18 years of age or older. Members will serve a one year term (expiring December 31st) with the option of reappointment annually at the Mayor's discretion. This is a voluntary committee that serves in an advisory capacity to the governing body. Check out www.oradell.org for the online application or call the Clerk's office at 201-261-8200 ext. 251.

DON'T GET SCAMMED...

Join the Consumer Affairs Discussion/Q&A on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 12:00 pm at Borough Hall. A representative from NJ Division of Consumer Affairs will speak about how to AVOID GETTING SCAMMED. Reservations required by June 1st to ckirkpatrick@oradell.org or 201-261-8200 ext. 251.

First Annual Bergen County Care Fair

Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 12:00—5:00 pm at Hilton Hotel, 650 Terrace Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

201-336-7240 or www.bergencarefair.org

A one stop source to help all Bergen residents cut through the health care and social service system maze, learn about their options, and connect with the right providers and services.

ORADELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

In the spring, as the weather gets warmer and the days grow longer, the Library is always the place to be for all one's educational, recreational, social, and entertainment needs and desires.



Aside from the millions of items available to all Oradell residents through Oradell Public Library and its membership in the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS), the three floors of the Library itself teem with activities, programs, and services of all sorts: lectures, workshops, celebrations, concerts, ESL instruction, job searching, Spanish classes, book clubs, and the film discussion club; public internet computer terminals and a robust WiFi; quiet spaces, comfortable reading rooms, and study carrels; equipment for the public, such as photocopiers, a scanner, a Telesensory machine (reading magnifier), e-book readers, MakerSpace items, and an Activ Table for our younger patrons. Check out one of the museum passes and explore even beyond the Library.

The Library staff loves to assist you in fulfilling your needs and exploring your dreams, so please make your visits to the Library even more frequent this spring and throughout the year. Did you know that we have a notary public on staff? Did you know that we offer three methods for learning foreign languages? Did you know we have an original art collection rivaling that of a small museum? Please check out all Library activities, programs, and services at the Oradell Public Library website: oradell.bccls.org. The Library website and the BCCLS website (www.bccls.org) are available 24/7 no matter where you are. *John J. Trause, Library Director*



Just a reminder that Oradell residents can receive current newsletters by joining our mailing list. Just email ckirkpatrick@oradell.org or call 201-261-8200 ext. 251 and leave your name and address. Newsletters are also available on our website (www.oradell.org), throughout Borough Hall and the Oradell Public Library.

Oradell Lions Club announces that it will be awarding scholarships to students graduating high school this year and entering college next year. There will be four \$1,250 scholarships for a total of \$5,000 in scholarships awarded. The applicant must be an Oradell resident. The criteria for the scholarships are academic achievement, community service, extracurricular activities and need. Applicants can obtain an application form by forwarding a written request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Oradell Lions Club, PO Box 1, Oradell, NJ 07649. Completed applications are due by May 1, 2017.



Scholarship

Borough of Oradell

Mayor

Dianne Camelo Didio

Council President

Tracy Schoenberg

Council

Andrew Rudman

Edward F. Pfleging

Michael A. Staff

Roger B. Tashjian

Stephen Carnevale

CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW AT THE ORADELL SWIM CLUB FOR 2017!

◇ Friendly New Staff ◇ Lower Guest Fees ◇ BBQ Grills ◇ Story Time ◇ Community Pass Software Phase 1 as Key Tags Replace Entry Cards
◇ New Wiffle Ball Field ◇ DJ Dance Parties ◇ New Vending Machines
◇ Corn Hole Tournaments ◇ Arts & Crafts ◇ Shuffleboard ◇ Hoola Hoop Contests ◇ Basketball Free Throw & 3 Point Shooting Contests ◇ AM & PM Yoga classes (for a small additional fee, more info to follow)

New Residents & those who have never joined the pool, claim your FREE 1 week membership:

Oradellswimclub@gmail.com

Website: OradellSwimClub.weebly.com

NO KNOCK

Did you know that Oradell has a No Knock List?

Section 180-11 of the Oradell Borough Code states, in part:

"All residents of the Borough may register their name, address and/or unit/apartment number with the Municipal Clerk to be placed on the No-Knock List, indicating that they do not want canvassers, distributors, solicitors, peddlers, transient merchants or hawkers of any sort to approach their homes and/or seek personal contact with the occupants of the registered residence."



ELECTION REMINDER

Primary Election is June 6, 2017.

Polls open from 6 am to 8 pm. Only party members may vote in the primary election. If you are an unaffiliated voter voting in your first primary election, you must declare a party affiliation at the polls on primary election day. You will remain a member of that political party until you notify the Superintendent's office, in writing. Voters are permitted to return to unaffiliated status.

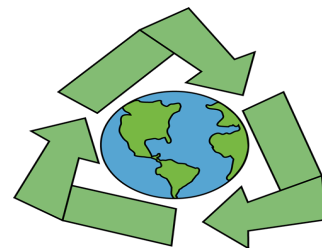
If you wish to change your affiliation prior to the primary election, you must do so, in writing, no later than 55 days preceding the primary election which is April 12, 2017.

EARTH WEEK 2017

GREEN FAIR MARKET

SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD

(RAIN DATE APRIL 30TH)



ORADELL VETERANS PLAZA

FREE ADMISSION 11 AM TO 4 PM

GAMES AND PRIZES ◇ GLITTER ◇ HENNA TATTOOS ◇
FACE PAINTING ◇ 50 LOCAL HANDMADE VENDORS ◇
LIVE MUSIC ◇ OUTRAGHISSS PETS ◇ LIVE BIRD
SHOW ◇ BEES AND BUTTERFLIES ◇ BOUNCE HOUSES
◇ FOOD TRUCKS ◇ FARMERS MARKET

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MELISSA AT:
EVENTS@ORADELL.ORG OR CALL (201) 261-8200
EXT. 249.



2x week garbage collection begins week of
June 12th