



# Township of *Readington* New Jersey



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Tennis Camps for Grades 8-12

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# 2026 Tax & Sewer Payment Schedule

Property taxes are due on February 1, May 1, August 1 & November 1. Statute provides for a 10-day grace period; if the 10th of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or municipal holiday, the grace period is extended to the next business day. Payments received after the grace period accrue interest from the original due date.

Sewer fees are due on March 1, June 1, September 1 & December 1. The township allows a grace period until the final business day of the month for payment to be made. Payments received after the grace period accrue interest from the original due date.

From the Readington Township website ([www.readingtontwpnj.gov](http://www.readingtontwpnj.gov)), residents can pay their property tax bill and/or sewer bill. You can also view your billing and payment history for the past several years and print a duplicate copy of your bill.

If you would like to receive an email reminder before the due date for property taxes or sewer fees each quarter, please email the tax/sewer collector at [TAX@readingtontwp-nj.org](mailto:TAX@readingtontwp-nj.org), requesting to be added to the distribution list.



## Readington Libraries

### The Book Locker at Whitehouse Station Library Gets a Bright New Look!

The Book Locker at the Whitehouse Station Library has received a fresh new coat of paint, making it hard to miss at the back of the library!

For those who haven't used it yet, the locker allows 24/7 access to items you've requested. Simply bring your library card to claim your items. Be sure to select the locker as your pick-up location when placing your hold—otherwise, your items will be waiting for you inside the library.

### Library Resolutions for the New Year

Make 2026 the year of reading! Here are some fun ideas to help you set and reach your reading goals:

- **Read a book set in or about each state** – Explore the country one page at a time.
- **Challenge yourself to read for a certain amount of time each week** – Build a consistent reading habit.
- **Finally read that classic you've always planned to read** – There's no time like the present!
- **Read a book with a child** – Experience the joy of sharing a story together.
- **Ask a friend their favorite book** – Read it and discuss your thoughts with them.
- **Write a book review** – Share your insights with others; we may post it in our library newsletter or website!
- **Reserve a book online and pick it up in the Book Locker** – Enjoy the convenience of online browsing.

Start your year with a new adventure—one book at a time!

### Holiday Hours for Readington Township Libraries

Please note the following holiday schedule:

- Wednesday, December 24 & 31 – Half days: open 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Closed: December 25 & 26, January 1 & 19, February 12 & 16

Regular library hours will resume outside of these dates.

### Readington Township Library

255 Main Street

Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

908-534-4421

Monday 9am-5pm

Tuesday 9am-5pm

Wednesday 9am-7pm

Thursday CLOSED

Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 9am-12 Noon

Sunday CLOSED

### Three Bridges Public Library

449 Main Street

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908-782-2908

Monday 9am-5pm

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Wednesday 9am-6pm

Thursday 9am-5pm

Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 9am-12 Noon

Sunday CLOSED

# Readington Township Dog Licensing Season Begins January 1

## – Free Rabies Clinic Scheduled for January 17th

As the new year approaches, Readington Township reminds all dog owners that January marks the beginning of the annual dog licensing season. All dogs residing in the Township for more than ten days are required to be licensed between January 1 and January 31 each year.

To help pet owners meet licensing requirements, the Township will hold a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Department of Public Works Garage. A snow date has been set for January 24, 2026.

### Annual Dog Licensing Requirements

Dog licensing is mandated by Readington Township ordinance, and it plays a crucial role in maintaining public health and safety. The licensing period begins on January 1 and ends on January 31 each year. Licenses are required for all dogs over the age of seven months living in the Township for more than ten days, regardless of whether the dog is newly acquired or a long-time companion.

To obtain a license, pet owners must provide a rabies vaccination certificate valid through at least October 31, 2026. This is one reason the Township offers its free rabies clinic each January—to make it easy for residents to keep their pets' vaccinations current and ensure they are eligible for licensing.

The license fee is \$15 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$18 for a non-spayed or non-neutered dog. A \$5 late fee will be applied beginning in February, and the late fee will increase by \$10 for each month thereafter. Please note that incomplete license applications, including those submitted with a lack of documentation, will also be assessed a late fee.

License renewals cannot be processed before January 1, 2026.

### How to Apply

Readington Township offers several convenient ways to license your dog:

- **Online:** Visit the Township website at [www.readingtontwpnj.gov](http://www.readingtontwpnj.gov) and click the link for "SDL Portal/Dog License". A request for renewal will be sent to the dog licensing official. Once all the requirements have been met, the official will send an email requesting payment.
- **By Mail:** Send your completed application with rabies vaccination certificate, spay or neuter certificate, and a check for the appropriate amount payable to Readington Township to: Readington Township, Attn: Dog Licensing, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.



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- **Drop Box:** Place your application, documentation, and payment in the drop box located at the Municipal Building.

Once processed, your dog's license and tag will be mailed to the address provided on the application.

If your dog has passed away or moved out of Readington, it is essential to notify the Township to avoid future reminders or citations. Contact the Dog Licensing Official at 908-534-4051, ext. 222, or email BOH@readingtontwp-nj.org.

### Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic – January 17

To support pet owners with the vaccination requirements for licensing, Readington Township will host a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The clinic will take place at the Department of Public Works Garage, located on Mountain Road just behind the Municipal Building. In the event of inclement weather, the snow date will be January 24, 2026.

No appointments are necessary; however, pet owners are advised to arrive early, bring proof of their pet's previous rabies vaccination (if available), and keep all dogs leashed and under control at all times.

For faster service on the day of the clinic, there will be pre-registration available on the Township website at [www.readingtontwpnj.gov](http://www.readingtontwpnj.gov). Please note that pre-registration does not constitute an appointment or assigned time slot.

### Why Dog Licensing Matters

Dog licensing is more than just a formality—it helps protect the community and ensures that dogs are vaccinated against rabies, a potentially deadly disease. It also aids in the return of lost pets to their owners and supports local animal control services.

By licensing your dog and attending the free rabies clinic, you're doing your part to promote public health and safety in Readington Township.



### Key Dates and Information

- Dog Licensing Period: January 1–31, 2026
- Free Rabies Clinic: Saturday, January 17, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  - Location: Department of Public Works Garage
  - Snow Date: January 24, 2026
- License Fees: \$15 (spayed/neutered), \$18 (non-spayed/non-neutered)
- Late Fees: \$5 in February, \$10/month thereafter
- Contact: 908-534-4051 ext. 222 or BOH@readingtontwp-nj.org
- Website: [www.readingtontwpnj.gov](http://www.readingtontwpnj.gov)

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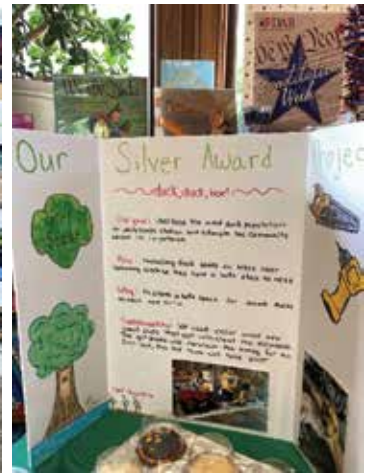
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## Girl Scout Troop 80252 Shares Environmental Project at Readington Library

The Girl Scouts from Troop 80252 recently presented wood duck nesting boxes they had built at the Readington Township Library as part of their Silver Award project. The Scouts displayed their boxes, demonstrated how they are used, and spoke with library visitors about the environmental benefits of placing the boxes in Readington's open space properties.

The Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) is excited to partner with the Girl Scouts to launch a Wood Duck program in Readington, starting with these nesting boxes. The Scouts also surveyed potential locations at Pleasant Run Greenway with OSAB in the afternoon. Many local businesses, including Sorella's Pizza and Jaeger & Huston Lumber, supported the Scouts in bringing their project to life.

The project was both informative and engaging, and it was enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to Troop 80252 on a job well done!



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# Stormwater Management and Pollution Prevention

Pollution of waterways and flooding after major rain events – we'd all agree that these are ongoing environmental concerns. In Readington Township, and in all municipalities across New Jersey, a variety of policies and regulations are in place to mitigate these issues. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is the steward of the state's environmental regulations, which are ultimately guided and mandated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.

NJDEP recently intensified the municipal standards for pollution prevention and stormwater management. Readington Township has started to implement these standards which include locating, inventorying and maintaining existing stormwater infrastructure, enforcing community-wide pollution prevention measures, and ensuring that materials at the Department of Public Works yard are properly stored and handled.

## What must citizens do to reduce pollution and flooding?

Readington has adopted a variety of pollution prevention ordinances that the NJDEP requires all municipalities to enforce. A full list of ordinances is available on the Township website at

<https://www.readingtontwpnj.gov/stormwater>

Several of the ordinances are highlighted below.

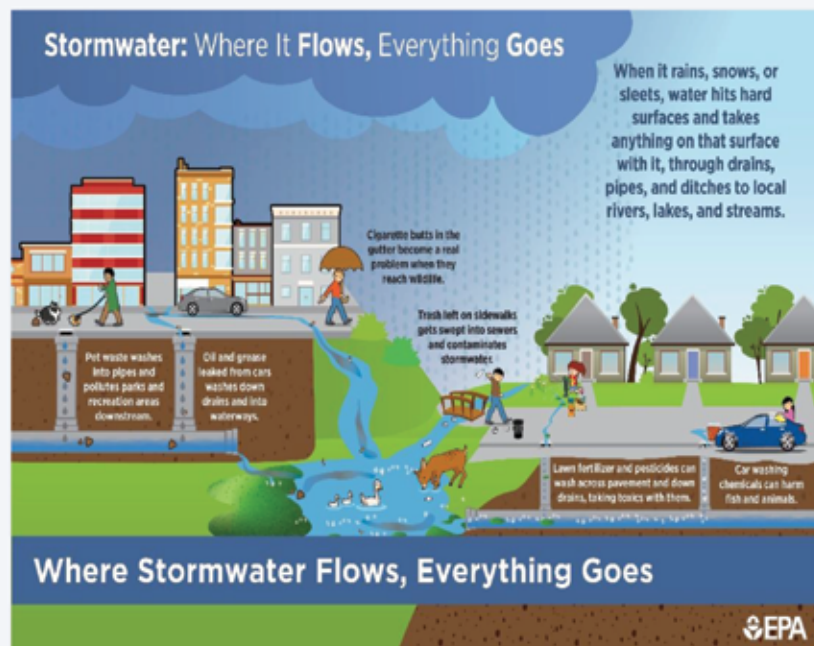
**Pick up trash and litter.** Trash in the environment is eventually swept down-stream and contributes to pollution in our waterways. Make sure trash goes in a designated refuse container.

**Clean up after pets.** Stormwater runoff causes pet waste to wash into creeks and rivers, disrupting the natural balance of nutrients that are present in streams.

**Keep yard waste out of waterways.** Do not sweep, rake, blow or otherwise place yard waste in the street. If you contract with a landscape company, make sure they know the rules.

**Properly dispose of household hazardous waste.** Motor oil, paint, and other chemicals that wash into lakes and waterways expose fish and aquatic life to harmful toxins. Always take accepted motor oil, paints, and other household hazardous waste to County disposal facilities. County Clean-up Days can be found at <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/287/Hazardous-Waste-Clean-up-Days>

**Maintain stormwater management systems.** Properties and neighborhoods may have detention basins, drywells, or rain gardens. Property owners and homeowner associations (HOAs) must keep these systems operating effectively, which will reduce local flooding after major storm events. These measures also promote infiltration of rainwater, replenishing regional aquifers and providing the water we need.



## Community Commitment to Healthy Waterways



## Neighbors Protecting Neighbors. Join CERT and Get Involved.

CERT training will teach participants to:

- Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
- Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
- Take steps to prepare themselves and their community for a disaster.
- Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
- Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
- Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
- Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
- Perform head-to-toe assessments.
- Select and set up a treatment area and/or a temporary shelter area.
- Employ basic treatments for various wounds.
- Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
- Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
- Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
- Deploy, assist, and assume vital roles within the Emergency Operations Center.



Learn how to handle emergencies and help your community.

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The Readington Museums is grateful to our dedicated volunteers for their generous time, and we welcome anyone interested in joining our volunteer team. Volunteers give tours, assist with historical programs, maintain colonial gardens, sew and mend period clothing, clean, handle repairs, and support advertising efforts.

This year, our volunteer hours were valued at over \$15,000, based on the Independent Sector's 2025 assessment of \$33.49 per hour in New Jersey.

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# Readington Township's Legacy of Preservation - As of Oct 15, 2025

Readington Township has long been a leader in both Open Space and Farmland Preservation. Township residents demonstrated their enduring commitment to conservation by overwhelmingly approving the first municipal Open Space referendum in 1978, marking the beginning of a long-standing effort to protect the township's rural character. The first farm was permanently preserved in 1987.

Today, approximately 74 farms and a total of 9,500 acres have been preserved as Open Space or Farmland.

## Commitment and Goals

In 2018, Readington updated its Open Space Master Plan, reaffirming its preservation commitment and setting a goal of protecting 12,000 acres of open space and farmland by 2050.

This ambitious target requires the preservation of an additional 3,000 acres, ultimately protecting 40% of the Township's total land area. Achieving this goal depends on continued collaboration and funding from Township, County, State, and Non-Profit programs, as well as the participation of private landowners willing to preserve their properties.

## Preservation Achievements (2018 – Present):

### 2018

*Round Mountain* – 14 acres of high-quality mature forest near Stanton Village

*Round Mountain* – 8 acres upland forest on summit of Round Mountain

*Cushetunk Mountain* – 3.8-acre steep slope woodlot adjoining preserved land.

*Cushetunk Nature Preserve* – 8-acre addition by South Branch of the Rockaway Creek



Round Mountain Meadow, Woodchurch Road

*Chambers Brook* – 35-acre open space preserve in the Chambers Brook headwaters area

### 2020

*Chambers Brook* – 22.61-acre private open space in the Chambers Brook watershed

*South Branch of the Rockaway* – 1.5-acre open space in Whitehouse Station

*South Branch of the Raritan* – 56 acre preserved farm in Three Bridges Village greenbelt.

*South Branch of the Raritan* – 50-acre open space alongside State Wildlife Mgmt. Area

### 2021

*Chambers Brook* – 28.7-acre open space in the Chambers Brook watershed

*South Branch of the Raritan* – 26.4-acre additions to County South Branch Reservation

### 2019

*Cushetunk Mountain* – 30-acre additions to Holland Brook Headwaters Natural Area

*Round Mountain* – 14-acre addition to Round Mountain section of County Park system



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Prescott Brook – 38.447-acre addition in Stanton Station to County South Branch Reservation

Lazy Brook tributary - .91-acre donation (walnut trees) at Locust and Barley Sheaf Roads

**2022**

South Branch of the Raritan – 1.5-acre donation of Mill House site at Darts Mills

Chambers Brook – 9-acre conservation easement donation (forest & tributary)

**2023**

Deerpath Park – 10-acre open space addition to County Deerpath Park

Pleasant Run Equestrian Farm – 3-acre conservation easement

South Branch of the Raritan – 12.25-acre open space at Rockafellows Mill dam

**2024**

Rockaway Watershed – 18.88-acre open space along Old Highway 28

Rockaway Creek – 101 acre preserved farm along Lamington Road

Rockaway Creek – 6-acre open space addition to 1st Lt. Dale Haver Whitehouse Greenway

Chambers Brook – 2.3-acre conservation easement

Holland Brook – 5.433 open space on Holland Brook / Readington Village

**2025**

Rockaway Creek – 4.6-acre open space addition to Cushetunk Nature Preserve

Rockaway Creek – 5.9-acre open space by Taylor's Mill / Whittemore Wildlife Sanctuary

South Branch of the Raritan – 14-acre land transfer of Rockafellows Mill dam site to NJ DEP State Wildlife Mgmt. Area (No change to preservation totals)

**Preservation Totals (2018–2025)**

**517.25 acres** of open space and farmland have been preserved since the 2018 Master Plan update.

All acquisitions were achieved through Readington Township's leadership with financial participation and reimbursements from County and State programs, conservation nonprofits, and private landowners. These efforts extend the protection of forests, meadows, farmlands, and waterways that define Readington's rural landscape.

**Funding and Partnership Sources**

- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) – Green Acres Program
- NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife
- New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC)
- Federal Highlands Program
- Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board
- Hunterdon County Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee
- Hunterdon Land Trust
- Raritan Headwaters Association
- New Jersey Conservation Foundation
- Readington Township Open Space Trust Fund
- Private Landowner Donations



Saums Farm, Rockafellows Mill Road



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## Boost Your Farm's Value – Preserve the Land!

The State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) has released new appraisal guidelines that may significantly increase property and easement values for participants in the farmland preservation program. This updated formula provides landowners with an additional valuation option—potentially resulting in higher easement offers.

Readington Township currently has 74 preserved farms spanning approximately 4,900 acres, ensuring these lands remain farmland forever. This represents 15% of the township's total land area.

We are committed to continuing our preservation efforts and are seeking landowners interested in helping us protect the next 1,500 acres of farmland.

For more information, please contact our Agricultural Advisory Committee by reaching out to [preserve@readingtontwp-nj.org](mailto:preserve@readingtontwp-nj.org).



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## Readington Police Report - Fraud On the Rise



Fraud targeting older adults continues to rise nationwide, with scammers using increasingly sophisticated tactics to exploit trust, confusion, and technology. According to the Federal Trade Commission, reported monetary losses related to fraud in 2024 amounted to \$12.5 billion for older adults (60+). Awareness is the first line of defense. Here's what to watch for:

### Common Tactics Used by Fraudsters:

- 1. Impersonation Scams**  
Criminals pose as government agencies (IRS, Social Security, etc.), law enforcement, or utility companies demanding immediate payment or personally identifying information.
- 2. Grandparent Scams**  
Scammers pretend to be a grandchild or relative in distress and in immediate need of money.

### 3. Tech Support Scams

Victims receive pop-up warnings or phone calls claiming their computer or phone is infected. The fraudster requests remote access or payment.

Prevent becoming a victim by always verifying before trusting a call or email asking for money, personal information, or remote access to a computer. If in doubt, call the organization directly through verified phone numbers to confirm that the call is legitimate. Never pay with gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency, as legitimate organizations will never demand these forms of payment. Finally, ALWAYS be skeptical of urgent or threatening demands.

If you suspect that you are the victim of fraud, report the incident to the Readington Township Police Department immediately. Quick reporting is imperative to giving investigators the ability to stop fraudulent money transfers before they occur. If you have questions, the police department can be reached at (908) 534-4031.

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