



TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



Fall/Winter 2022

Introducing Bleu...

This adorable little girl is a Chesapeake Bay Retriever from breeder Chessieville Bay in Mansfield, NJ. She was born in March 2022 and has been living with her handler, Corporal James Vernon, and K-9 Axel, since May. Bleu is expected to begin training at the Union County Sheriff's Department K-9 Training Center and upon graduation, she will be placed into service in the WTPD.

How long does it take to train a police dog? Due to the amount of discipline needed for K9 police dogs to become successfully trained, police training often takes a significant amount of time. In most cases, it takes approximately 4 to 6 months for handlers to complete basic K9 training, this can vary quite significantly depending on the dog.

Most police dogs will already have had around eight months to a year of training before they are paired with their handler. When a team (consisting of a dog and handler), is deemed ready to start working in public they will have to complete a minimum of 16 hours of training each month.



Remember to Keep Your Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors Up To Date!

Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when carbon monoxide builds up in your bloodstream. When too much carbon monoxide is in the air, your body replaces the oxygen in your red blood cells with carbon monoxide. This can lead to serious tissue damage, or even death.



Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas produced by burning gasoline, wood, propane, charcoal or other fuel. Improperly

ventilated appliances and engines, particularly in a tightly sealed or enclosed space, may allow carbon monoxide to accumulate to dangerous levels.

If you think you or someone you're with may have carbon monoxide poisoning, get into fresh air and seek emergency medical care.

Signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include:

- Dull headache
- Dizziness
- Shortness of breath
- Blurred vision
- Weakness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Confusion
- Loss of consciousness

Exposure to carbon monoxide may be particularly dangerous for:

- Unborn babies and Children
- Older adults
- People who have chronic heart disease
- Those in whom carbon monoxide poisoning leads to unconsciousness

Depending on the degree and length of exposure, carbon monoxide poisoning can cause:

- Permanent brain damage
- Damage to your heart, possibly leading to life-threatening cardiac complications
- Death, Fetal death or miscarriage

Simple precautions can help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Install carbon monoxide detectors — test them at least twice a year
- Open the garage door before starting your car
- Use gas appliances as recommended
- Keep your fuel-burning appliances and engines properly vented
- If you have a fireplace, keep it in good repair
- Keep vents and chimneys unblocked during remodeling
- Make repairs before returning to the site of an incident
- Use caution when working with solvents in a closed area

The above information was obtained from www.mayoclinic.org

Winter Weather Driving Tips

The Washington Township Police would like to offer winter weather driving tips for aiding you in getting to your destination safely.

- **Plan ahead and leave yourself plenty of time.**
 - Having extra time will only ensure you reach your destination safely and will avoid the need for feeling rushed.
- **Drivers of varying skillsets.**
 - Keep in mind drivers of varying skills will be traveling during these periods. Please have patience, understanding, and allow proper distance between vehicles.
- **Slow down.**
 - Slowing your speed can aid in having proper control of your vehicle while also minimizing the risks of sliding on ice which may be hiding under any snow.
- **Have a full tank of gas and a fully charged cell phone.**
 - In the event you become disabled, having a fully charged cell phone can ensure you can call for assistance while having a full tank of gas can leave options in the event of an extended power outage.
- **Know alternate routes in reaching your destination.**
 - Our Washington Township DPW does an excellent job in clearing snow and winter accumulation from our roads. However, weather and road conditions can vary from area to area and having additional routes can prevent unnecessary travel in hazardous regions.
- **Make sure your entire vehicle is clear from snow and/or ice accumulation.**
 - Although it can be fun watching snow blow from a vehicle, it also poses risks to your field of view and a danger to passing motorists. Properly clearing your vehicle will ensure you can see without any obstructions while aiding other drivers in reaching their destination. Doing so, will also alleviate the possibility of being stopped for N.J.S. 39:4-77.1 - Snow, ice dislodged from moving vehicle.
- **Stay off of the roads**
 - Knowing there are residents that will need to travel during severe conditions, those that can stay home are encouraged to stay off the roads. Doing so will help our DPW, County, and State crews in effectively clearing the roadway without having additional obstacles.



Have a great winter
and safe travels!

Chief Christopher Jones

WINTER IS COMING . . .

The Township has an ordinance for Storm Emergency Parking which states **"WHENEVER SNOW HAS FALLEN AND THE ACCUMULATION IS SUCH THAT IT COVERS THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS OR THOROUGHFARES, AN EMERGENCY SHALL EXIST AND NO VEHICLE SHALL BE PARKED ON THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP"**. See Ordinance #97-13 for complete snow emergency details. Please be advised sidewalks must be cleared of snow and treated for ice within 12 hours of daylight after the snow falls or the ice forms. Snow and ice shall not be deposited onto any street.

When placing your garbage containers and recycling material out for pick-up on your scheduled day, please do not place them in the street. Containers/ materials should be placed behind the curb line. This is an obstacle for snow plow drivers and can also create a hazardous condition to the traveling public. The Public Works Department will not be liable for any overturned or damaged containers related to snow removal. (Ordinance #10-12)



NOW BREWING

Seasons Greetings from our team at Starbucks Village at Hawk Pointe! We are ecstatic to be serving the Washington Township community and look forward to welcoming you all in. Make a trip to our brand new café to experience the maple-sweet aroma of our Holiday Blend coffee, or try a limited edition seasonal favorite hand-crafted just for you like our rich Caramel Brulée Latte, Peppermint Mocha, or the Toasted White Hot Chocolate. You may need to bundle up outside, but in here, you're welcome to get nice and cozy.

Washington Township Seniors

Washington Township Seniors celebrated its 5th anniversary, October 12, 2022. Our group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Washington Township Parks & Recreation Building located at 33 Little Philadelphia Road by the Meadow Breeze Park. Summer meetings (June, July, & August) are usually held in the Meadow Breeze Park Pavilion.

We have different activities and day trips throughout the year and most always have a speaker and/or a slide show of different topics of interest, and refreshments at our meetings. In December, there is a planned Christmas party with special entertainment and prizes, with little cost to the members.

The purpose of this organization is to socialize and develop mutual interests, sharing social, educational, and recreational opportunities. Come join us and see what it's all about!

You must be 55 years of age or older to join.

Annual dues are \$15.00.

2023 Officers

Gayle Stinson	President	908-752-2653
Catherine Wojtowicz	Vice President	908-689-4077
Rachael Semonche	Secretary	908-689-1114
Lydia Schmidt	Treasurer	908-689-5674



NEW TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DAY/TIME

Committee meetings are moving to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with a start time of 6:30 pm beginning January 2023.

Note: November meetings are held on the Monday, 2 days before the 3rd Wednesday

Fred Beans has added eighth Ford dealership with purchase of Smith Ford in Washington

The Fred Beans Family of Dealerships has added the former Smith Ford, located on NJ-31 in Washington, N.J., under its umbrella. This is the eighth Ford dealership bearing the Fred Beans name. The new Fred Beans Ford of Washington store has undergone a physical rebranding and immediately began extending the benefits of doing business with a larger family of dealerships to customers.

"Our Fred Beans customers enjoy a bigger selection of vehicles, greater savings and robust loyalty program," said Fred Beans, founder and CEO of the automotive group bearing his name. He added, "Our customers also find that a commitment to exceptional customer service is not just our goal, it is part of the Fred Beans culture."

Daniel Lynch, general manager of Fred Beans Ford of Washington, has welcomed existing and new customers to the store. "We merged our Smith Ford and Fred Beans teams, so many of the same faces will continue to greet customers; new ones will help ensure all customers who walk through our doors receive the care and attention they deserve."

Beans said he appreciates the strong team late Smith Ford owner John H. "Jack" Smith built alongside his family. Two of

his grandsons remain in sales at the store. "We inherited both good people and a solid foundation from the Smith family," Beans added. "We will retain the same values that are rooted in every family-owned business with the store's transitions to the Fred Beans name."

All Fred Beans customers can take part in the AutoRewards customer loyalty program, which results in savings and exclusive discounts, including from more than 200 area merchants. Customers can earn and use points at any Fred Beans location, which now includes 22 dealerships with a collective 6,000 new and pre-owned vehicles spanning 18 brands. Also under the Fred Beans Automotive Group umbrella are six CARSTAR collision centers, two AutoExpress quick-service locations, four AutoRent locations, commercial truck sales and the largest dealer-owned parts operation in the country.

Fred Beans Ford of Washington customers also have access to onsite vehicle service operations. In addition, they can browse and buy both in store and using the Fred Beans ExpressWay online retailing platform. For more information, visit fredbeansfordwashington.com



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ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

License renewals are due by January 31, 2023 and may be obtained beginning January 3, 2023

AS PER STATE LAW, LICENSES CANNOT BE ISSUED IF THE CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION EXPIRES PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Fees: \$10.00 spayed/neutered  \$13.00 non-spayed/neutered

Additional \$5.00 late fee per month beginning in February (RENEWALS ONLY)

Proof of rabies vaccination and veterinary spay/neuter certification must be provided if not currently on record. Rabies and spay/neuter certificates will be returned upon request.

Mail check or M.O. along with your completed application, certification(s), and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:



**Township of Washington
Dog License Renewal
211 Route 31 N, Washington, NJ 07882**



The application can be found on our website: www.washington-twp-warren.org
Please call (908) 689-7200 with any questions.

Sorry, no debit or credit at this time – exact change is appreciated

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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Mark Rossi, Deputy Mayor

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