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## Manalapan Township 2016 Photo Contest

"Our Town – An Appreciation of Where I Live"

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MANALAPAN, NJ – The Manalapan Arts Council and Mayor Mary Ann Musich are pleased to announce the holding of the 8th annual Manalapan Township photo contest. The 2016 theme is "Our Town – An Appreciation of Where I Live". The Contest will be looking for pictures of any scene, object, event, people or activity that occurs in Manalapan that inspires an appreciation of residing in the town. Each year's contest has been very successful as over 300 photos have been submitted in the past 7 years.

Helen Ferraro-Newhook, Contest Co-Chair, explains the contest and theme. "We encourage all Manalapan residents to consider submitting a photo. Whether it came from a walk in one of the parks, a beautiful surprise in a backyard or the capture of a moment of people enjoying themselves at a Manalapan event, any photo that brings out the positive qualities of the Town are welcome. We want to make it as difficult as possible on our Judges." Helen went on to explain the artistic element they are looking for, "the judges will be looking at the photos and really trying to find the photograph that best captures what we all know - that Manalapan is one of the greatest places to live. We encourage all Manalapan residents to consider submitting a photo and a short caption that describes their photo."

"First of all I want to thank the Manalapan Arts Council for again sponsoring our Photo Contest, especially the co-chairs Carolee Trifon and Helen Newhook. I have looked at the photos from previous contests when they have been on display in the courtroom and I am always so impressed with artistic talents of the residents of our town, and how they have captured the essence of each theme in their photos." said Mayor Mary Ann Musich. "I expect that there will again be outstanding photos to look at the end of the contest" added Mayor Musich.

The contest is open to all Manalapan residents. Township residents can only enter one photo. Photographs must include a brief description (25 words or less) of the photo. Awards will be given as follows:

Prizes of \$100 for 1st Place & \$50 for Honorable Mention will be awarded in the following categories:

- 18 years & over (senior)
- 17 years & younger (junior)

People's Choice – the photo that receives most votes from the Manalapan Day (June 11th) display will also win a prize of \$100.

As mentioned, all photos will be on display at the *Manalapan Day* community event on **June 11, 2016** where the special "Peoples Choice" award will be given to the photo that garners the most votes that day from the visiting and judging public.

Photographs must be received by 4:30 p.m. on <u>May 27, 2016</u>. Photographs can be submitted by email to <u>photocontest@mtnj.org</u> (file must be less than 5mb) or dropped off at the Manalapan Township Health Department (photographic prints must not be larger than 5" x 7"). The full set of rules and the submission form are available online at the Township website – <u>www.mtnj.org</u> – or at the Manalapan Township Health Department. Please remember a submission form must accompany the photograph. Forms are also available on the Township web site or at the Manalapan Township Health Department.

For more information please contact David Richardson in the Health Department at 732-446-8345.

