

BRIDGEWATER MAYOR DAN HAYES ANNOUNCES
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN
NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK

Commission joins others across the U.S. in week long effort to shatter the myths on drugs

The Bridgewater -Raritan Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and Youth Services Commission has joined forces with allied organizations and scientists across the United States as part of “National Drug Facts Week” (NDFW). The week long health observance, organized by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) takes place Monday, January 26, 2015 through Sunday, February 1, 2015. NDFW provides an avenue for teenagers to receive factual, scientific information about drugs from expert resources. In this regard the Bridgewater-Raritan Municipal Alliance and Youth Services Commission encourage all to test their knowledge on drugs and drug abuse through the completion of the 2015 National Drug IQ Challenge at

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov/quiz/national-drug-facts-week/take-iq-challenge/2015>

About one third of high school seniors across the country report using an illicit drug sometime in the past year. More than ten percent report non-medical use of a narcotic painkiller. While drugs can put a teenager’s health and life in jeopardy, many teens are not aware of the risks. Current trends further indicate that illicit drug use may begin at the middle school age level. National Drug Facts Week is a starting point for teens to get honest answers about drugs so they can make good, informed decisions for themselves and share accurate information with friends and family members. All members of the public are encouraged to educate themselves on drug abuse and play an active role in community awareness and prevention efforts.

For further information on National Drug Facts Week or to become a partner visit the website at <http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov> or call 301-443-1124.