

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP 2009 WINTER-SPRING NEWSLETTER

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor this year, 2009. First, I want to thank David Stout for serving in that role for the past two years; he set a very high bar that is a worthy mark to try to achieve. David brought to the role, his intelligence, his fairness, his humanity, his commitment and a great investment of his personal time and wealth of experience and I am very grateful to him as I am sure that my fellow Committee Members are.

Secondly, I would like to welcome Winthrop Cody to the Township Committee. We all are looking forward helping Win in any way that we can. I know that he will bring a great new perspective and energy to the Committee and we all are looking forward to the camaraderie as we work together.

I also want to thank in advance, Chris Smeltzer, our Township Administrator, Police Chief Ed Kahler, Kathy Cunningham, our Township Clerk and the all the Township employees. Special thanks and recognition is due the many volunteers who are the backbone of this community. Without these individuals, many projects and endeavors would not happen. Thank you in advance for all of your efforts for the coming year. We also gratefully recognize the tremendous efforts of our Fire Company, First Aid Squad and CERT volunteers.

This is my second term as Mayor. I was Mayor in 2003 and I humbly recognize that in our weak Mayor-form of government my role is simply to run these meetings with the goal of fostering an open dialogue with the public and among all of us. My intent is simply to achieve a maximum consensus with a maximum of input from the Community. I will bring to this my experience in communications. I will work to improve the Township web site which I helped to establish. I will continue my efforts to provide transparency in our municipal government, as I did when I opened the meetings up to be taped so that we would always have a verbatim record of what was said at our meetings. So, I will continue to focus my energy this year to make sure we have open communications and improve on the systems we already have.

That said, we have a lot of challenges and COAH remains one of our highest priorities. The other priority is the Municipal Budget, holding down taxes and taking steps to ensure that we keep a stable municipal tax rate. Township Committee is focused on cutting costs wherever possible. This is a small town and we enjoy a lot of closeness and community. We are in this together; we have common goals. I know we can work together as neighbors in a non-partisan way and try to achieve these ends to the greatest extent possible.

On behalf of Township Committee, we look forward to that challenge and to working with all of you.

Pari Stave, Mayor

Township Committee Members

Winthrop Cody

Tom Panconi

Richard Stannard

David Stout

ELECTION NEWS

- ❖ The School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Districts 1, 2 and 3 will vote in the "Senior Room".
- ❖ The deadline to register to vote for the School Board Election is March 31, 2009.
- ❖ April 13, 2009 is the last day to change your Party Affiliation for the June 2, 2009 Primary Election.

ICE SKATING ON BRAINERD LAKE

Please note that that skating on Brainerd Lake is permitted ONLY when the **GREEN FLAG** is displayed at the Main Street entrance onto the lake. Keep in mind that Brainerd Lake and Village Park is public property for all to enjoy, but the land along Brainerd Lake is private. Be respectful of this private property.

The ice skating/hockey rink is assembled and waiting for freezing temperatures! The rink, located in Village Park, is open to all. A reminder to all parents, please supervise your youngsters for their safety while skating on the rink.

SNOW and PLOWING

When snow is predicted, please move your vehicle, trash cans, and basketball hoops, along with other personal property from the streets before the snow plow trucks begin their route. Doing so will allow the plow trucks to do their job efficiently and prevent damage to personal property that could occur during the snow removal process.



Cranbury Township
Police Department
One Logan Drive
Cranbury, NJ 08512

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FAX: (609) 395-9216

2009 Winter Crime Prevention Tips

- The best way to prevent a burglary is to watch your neighbor's home and have them watch your home. You know who belongs in the area and who does not. Contact us immediately if you see any suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood.
- Be aware of who is watching you leave your house. If you see a suspicious vehicle when you leave your home, do not be afraid to call the police department. Try to copy down the license

plate number, make, model, color and other identifying marks (dents, bumper stickers...) of the suspicious vehicle. A description of the occupants is very helpful.

- Lighting is essential in preventing crime. Do not forget to leave exterior and interior lights on. Motion detector lights and ambient lighting have proven their worth in recent years. You may also consider leaving a radio on and tune it to an all talk radio station.
- Burglar alarms have proven their worth. It is important, however, that the burglar alarms be equipped with an external siren (in a secure location) and a battery back-up in case of an interruption in the telephone or power service. You may contact the Cranbury Police Department for a copy of the alarm registration form and the ordinance that governs alarms. Alarm information is also available on the township web site.
- Sheds and outbuildings have been a favorite of thieves lately. Heavy duty locks and a simple cow bell may be just enough to keep thieves away from your power equipment. You may also consider stopping by headquarters and borrowing our etching device. By etching your driver's license number on your tools and other valuables, you make them too "hot" to steal. Between recording serial numbers and etching your driver's license number on your property, you increase our ability to prosecute the burglars and return your items to you.
- Vehicles should be secured and the valuables removed. Parking under a motion detector light is also advisable.
- The last tip is to put your house number in a conspicuous location. It should be illuminated or reflective to allow easy identification in the dark.

The Cranbury Township Police Department offers a home/business security survey free of charge to all local businesses and homeowners. The survey will provide you will simple suggestions to help you protect your property and your family. If you would like to set up a home survey, or if you have any questions about home security or personal security, you may contact Chief Kahler, Captain Varga, Lieutenant Owens or Patrol Officer Wetzel at 395-0031.

RECYCLING ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC GATHERINGS

Attention businesses and non-profits of Cranbury Township. If your organization is planning on hosting a large public event, Cranbury Township would like to loan to you the Clear-Stream Recycling System (bottle/can recycling and trash receptacles) at no charge. For further information regarding this program, please call Town Hall at 395-0900 ext.229.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

The Cranbury Township Police Department is looking for school crossing guards. Applicants should be able to work during the morning and afternoon school crossings and be able to pass a background check. For an application, additional requirements and a list of benefits, please stop by the police station between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or call Chief Kahler at (609) 395-0031. Cranbury Township is an equal opportunity employer.

DP.W. CREW SAFETY ATTIRE

You may have noticed that the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) is sporting new safety green apparel. The **D.P.W. CREW** will be wearing weather appropriate safety green attire with bold **DPW** on the back for easy identification. This move was made to help protect the personnel and our residents. As many residents are aware, additional water meter readings are performed by D.P.W. personnel. If you see suspicious individuals on your property not wearing DPW safety green attire, we ask that you report this immediately to the Police Department at 395-0031.

LEAF PICK UP AND CHIPPING 2009

Spring leaf collection will begin on March 30th and continue through May 8th. Leaves should be raked and deposited between the curb and sidewalk. If you do not have a sidewalk, place leaves close to the road and your property.

Chipping of brush/branches commences the third Wednesday of every month and continues all year long. Small bundles of brush should be wrapped with twine for collection. Lumber, construction materials and roots are not acceptable chipping items. Placement of chipping at the curbside can begin the weekend prior to the third Wednesday.

NJ Stormwater Management Regulations prohibits all yard waste from being placed at the curb or along the street more than 7 days prior to scheduled collections. It also prohibits the placing of yard waste closer than 10 feet from any storm sewer inlet along the street. Please take note if you have a storm sewer inlet in front of or near your property.

There are two types of machinery that perform these jobs. The leaf vacuum (green) is a large vacuum that sucks up the leaves. It takes a crew of 1 driver, 2 rakers and 1 man to swing the vacuum hose to perform this task. The chipper (orange) grabs limbs and shrubbery into the hopper which then shreds the intake. For safety reasons, this task always includes a crew of 2 men.

We ask that you be patient when it's leaf collection time. It takes approximately 2-2 ½ weeks to collect leaves from all the streets within Cranbury. The DPW **will** come to your street to collect leaves.

WHITE GOODS

White goods/appliances are collected on the second Wednesday of every month. For just \$10 per item, you can have your white goods item picked up at the curb. To use this service, call 395-0900 ext.229 to make arrangements 3 days prior to the scheduled pick up date. White goods are BBQ grills and tanks, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioners.

SHRED IT EVENT !!

The Shred-It Event held on October 11, 2008, recycled 7,600 pounds of paper from 88 participants. Many thanks to everyone who participated, your efforts made this first time event a success. We send appreciation to our friends at the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management who helped organize this event. They greeted people and helped collect documents for destruction; we couldn't have done it without them.

If you missed this event, don't worry, another Shred-It Event is scheduled for October 10, 2009 at the DPW yard on Dey Road. Accepted item will be old files, receipts, bills, financial statements, or any document that you have not recycled due to a confidentiality concern. Books, magazines, and newspapers can be recycled via the curbside pickup service. The 2009 event is sponsored by mcc recycling of Cranbury. It is open to all Cranbury residents and businesses. Start cleaning out your old files!

2009 CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

Curbside recycling collection will be collected on the following dates. Have your recycling materials at the curbside by 6:00 am on:

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| March | 2, 16 & 30 | April | 13 & 27 |
| May | 11 & *30 | June | 8 & 22 |

*Memorial Day: May 25 changed to May 30

Should MCIA miss your collection on these dates, please call 1-800-488 MCIA to inform them of your missed pick up.

Items for curbside collection are:

- Commingled tin, steel, aluminum and bimetal cans; glass bottles and jars of all colors; plastic #1 PETE and #2 HDPE containers-check the bottom of the container for these symbols and place them in the round blue recycle container
- Newspaper should be bundled with string or cord no higher than 12 inches.
- Mixed paper like magazines, junk mail, brown paper bags, nonmetallic wrapping paper, office records, computer paper, file folders, receipts, telephone books, soft cover books, hardcover books with the covers removed, cereal and other non-wax coated food boxed, tissue boxes, shoe boxes, gift boxes and greeting cards should be placed in the blue square bin for pickup. It is requested that the newspaper and mixed paper be separated, these items go to different facilities for recycling.
- Recycling corrugated cardboard (box center has ridges, folds or grooves) is probably the easiest way to reduce the bulk from your garbage and valuable landfill. Just flatten the cardboard, tie into stacks no larger than 24 inches square and 24 inches high then place at curbside for pickup.

These items can and should be recycled. Please don't discard these recyclable items in with your regular trash pick up; doing so will help reduce the amount of recyclables that do not belong in landfills.

Going to the Dogs!

DOG LICENSES

Please note: A dog's rabies must be 10 months current when applying for a Dog License. There is a \$2.00 late fee for any dog license applications submitted **after February 2, 2009**.

FREE RABIES CLINIC

for dogs and cats
April 18, 2009
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Cranbury Fire House

SPEAKING OF DOGS...CANVASSING!

Animal Control Officers will be conducting a door to door dog license census beginning in March 2009. They will be checking for any unlicensed dog, so please be prepared, have your dog licensed. Forms along with further requirements may be found on the website www.cranburytownship.org.

Cranbury Dog Owners

If you own a dog(s) that enjoys chasing geese and are interested in saving taxpayers dollars, we want to hear from you! Cranbury Township is open to the idea of deterring geese from gathering in or on park property. Please call 395-0900 ext.224 to discuss the particulars and benefits of this idea.

2009 CLEAN UP DATES

Scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd and October 3rd and 4th are the annual Cranbury Clean Up Days. Drop off hours for each event are Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Public Works yard on Dey Road. Attendants will be on duty during these hours to help with your acceptable discards. Residents should be prepared to provide proof of residency.

The purpose of this valuable service is to dispose of any large items that would not normally be accepted by your private contractor. Due to the high disposal cost of the refuse, no individual household should expect to dispose of truckloads of accumulated trash or construction materials.

As usual, we will be accepting e-waste this weekend for the Electronic Drop Off Program. Bring your computer components, televisions, phones, fax machines, photo copiers, cable, irons, and thermostats. Items will be accepted at the recycling shed.

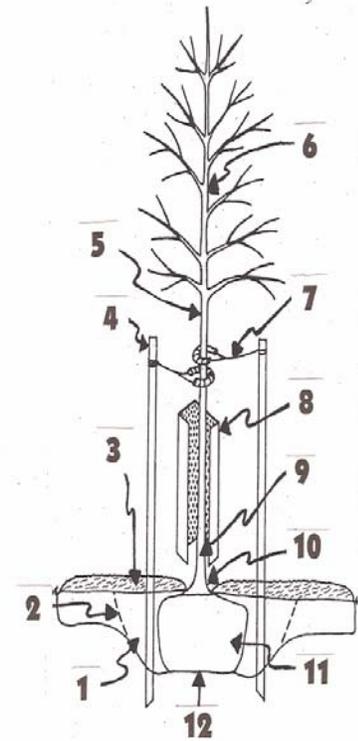
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

We encourage all residents to plant trees on their properties and to care for their trees and road side shade trees. Please note that it is the resident's responsibility to water street trees that are planted by the Public Works Department.

The diagram to the right illustrates the proper way to plant a tree. If hiring someone to plant a tree for you, demand that they follow the proper planting techniques.

All wire cages and packaging materials should be removed as roots need to grow outwards. Check that roots are not encircling the tree trunk. If they are, cut back the encircling root or pull it outwards.

Dig the hole as illustrated. After placing your tree in the hole, fill half-way with soil, add water, fill the rest of the way with soil and water again. Leave a depression around the base of the tree about 10" - 14" from the trunk to act like a basin to keep water from draining outwards. Water every five days or so. Use good native soil or topsoil.



CUT OFF WIRE BASKET

DO NOT OVER WATER.

Use 3" of mulch or wood chips

TREE PLANTING DETAIL

1. Dig a wider planting hole if soil is compacted.
2. Use 2" x 2" hardwood stakes, if needed. Remove after one year.
3. The tree should be clear of branches below 6 feet.
4. The trees should have a single straight trunk to 9 feet high.
5. Slack in wire should allow trunk movement.
6. Remove the transit trunk guard.
7. Make sure the trunk is planted straight in two directions.
8. Keep mulch away from root collar.
9. Remove or fold down the top portion of burlap.
10. Place the root ball on undisturbed soil.

ELECTRONIC E-WASTE DROP OFF PROGRAM

Cranbury Township has received a grant from the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management to help fund a new recycling program for our residents. These funds have been designated to purchase a shed to temporarily house acceptable recycling items that are normally received for the Consumer Electronic Drop-Off Program.

The recycling shed will be housed at the Public Works yard on Dey Road (where the old police station was located). It will be open from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, beginning March 6, 2009, and will be open every first Friday of each month thereafter. When a legal holiday falls on this day, the second Friday will be the rescheduled date. The scheduled dates during the first half of 2009 are:

March 6th
April 3rd

May 1st
June 5th

July 10th

Items accepted at the recycling shed will include computers (monitors, scanners, CPU's modems, printers, cables, and keyboards) televisions (no larger than 35"), telephones, irons, fluorescent lamps including compact florescent bulbs, thermostats, and thermometers. These items will be recycled through Hesstech of Edison, NJ.

To be more environmentally friendly, CDs (compact discs) and DVDs (digital versatile discs) will be accepted **without the cases**. In addition, plastic bags HDPE #2 and #4 bags will be collected. #2 bags are the plastic bags that are gotten at any grocery store. #4 plastic is usually what new electronic items are wrapped/packed with. Be sure to look for these specific symbols before bringing them to be recycled. These items will be recycled through mcc recycling of Cranbury, NJ.

Here are a few simple guidelines to keep the program running smoothly. This drop off recycling service is for Cranbury residents only. The shed will be manned while open and proof of residency will be required when disposing of your unwanted goods. A tally of dropped off goods must be taken; Cranbury Township is required to be accountable for each item that is delivered to Hesstech. No hazardous waste, paint or tires will be collected at this site. We ask that you drop your household batteries at Town Hall (near the rear entrance) during normal business hours.

Let's be kinder to our environment, do your part to help reduce the amount of trash that enters the landfills.

Remember to reduce, reuse, and recycle!

Recycling Websites:

<http://www.reconnectpartnership.com> -want to recycle your computer that is good condition?
Look at this site for drop off at a Goodwill store in NJ.

<http://www.mciauth.com> - this site has the Reuse It Guide, which is great for finding homes for items too worthy for a landfill. A range of goods from air conditioners to yarn can be put to re-use by many organizations.

www.ecosmart.gov - calculate the trade-offs of different landscape designs and the impact of tree placement before you begin planting. This site will simulate current or planned features on your property. Find the best combination to reduce your energy bills, conserve water and make your home safe from fires.

<http://planetgreen.discovery.com> - this site offered by A Discovery Company offers creative ways of going green, top recycling tips, along with where to recycle and how to get recycled products. Surf the site!

www.cranburytownship.org - follow the link to the Public Works page, then click on Recycling for more information.

CENSUS PREPARATION BEGINS TODAY

The Census Bureau is gearing up to count every person residing in America!

Every 10 years, the Census is conducted. The Decennial Census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Pacific Island Areas. All residents of the United States must be counted. This includes people of all races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens.

The Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in March 2010. The questions ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household as of April 1, 2010.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, all households will receive the short form to fill. The U.S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) mandates a headcount of everyone residing in the United States. **The population totals determine each state's Congressional representation** and help inform decision makers about how your community is changing. **Census data directly affect how more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding are allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more. This figure adds up to more than \$3 trillion over a 10-year period.**

Please help Cranbury Township by filling out your Census Questionnaire when you get it!
Thank You.

CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE

During the 2010 Decennial Census, local offices will be opened in every state to coordinate the Census. These offices will need to be staffed with qualified personnel.

U.S. Census Bureau is looking for energetic, dynamic, innovative and community-minded candidates throughout the country to become part of this great effort. If you are interested in opportunities you may apply online at: www.census.gov/2010census. Residents living in southern New Jersey will apply for employment in the Philadelphia Regional Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Philadelphia Regional Office at (215) 717-7600 for more information.

Recreation Update

PLEASE NOTE: All registration information and forms will be available on the Township website www.cranburytownship.org.

T-Ball

T-ball for boys and girls age 4-6 will be held on Wednesday evenings starting on April 22nd through June 10th. All participants will meet at Millstone Park from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Players will be placed on teams and will practice and scrimmage against the other teams. Basic baseball instruction will be taught. Parents must be prepared to help out on the field.

Youth Golf Lessons

The Cranbury Recreation Commission will be sponsoring Youth Golf Lessons for students in grades K-8. Lessons will be conducted at the Applegarth Golf Center, located on Applegarth Road, and will be taught by PGA Professional, Rick Bichsel. The lessons will be held on Tuesdays starting April 21st and will continue for four weeks.

Spring Soccer

The program is for boys and girls ages 4-11 and is scheduled for Thursday evenings at Millstone Park starting April 16th through May 21st. Participants ages 4-6 will meet from 4:00-5:00 p.m. while ages 7-11 will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Professional instructors from U.K. Elite Soccer will direct the program.

Summer Camp Registration Begins March 16, 2009

The Cranbury Recreation Commission will be accepting registration for both the Summer Day Camp (for students entering grades 1 through 7) and Little People's Program (age 3 to entering Kindergarten) beginning March 16. Registration packets will be available on the Township website, at the Recreation Office and at the Cranbury Library. The programs will be held for eight weeks starting June 22nd and ending August 14th. The camp will once again be held at the Cranbury School. The Day Camp hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm with the Little People's Program running from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. Camp activities include sports, swimming, games, arts & crafts, trips and more.

Summer Sports Camps

Cranbury Recreation also offers various sports camp in the summer months. Previous camps include basketball, tennis, lacrosse, multi-sports and soccer. Watch the Township website and local media for more information regarding these programs.

For more information regarding any Recreation Department offering call 395-0544 x 231.

CAT LICENSING CAN IMPACT THE SPREAD OF RABIES

Since the late 1980's, rabies has re-emerged as a significant public health issue in New Jersey and Middlesex County. Rabies is a fatal disease caused by a virus which is transmitted in the saliva of an infected animal. Currently, there is no effective treatment for rabies in humans or animals. Raccoons have been the primary animal involved in the spread of this disease to other wildlife and pets.

Most of the pets affected with rabies at that time and into the 1990's were cats. The reason dogs were not affected, except in several rare instances, was that licensing had been required for dogs under New Jersey law since the 1950's. The main requirement for licensing is rabies vaccination. Pet vaccination is the number one preventive barrier between rabies in wildlife and humans. Therefore, because of the mandatory licensing, dogs were protected from rabies. Also, cats are more likely to roam and interact with rabid wildlife.

Since there was no licensing requirement for cats in New Jersey, many cats did not have rabies vaccinations and they died from the disease. Over the past few years, several hundred domestic cats have contracted rabies in New Jersey. Many municipalities passed cat licensing ordinances in the 1990's and cases of rabies dropped

dramatically. Today 23 of the 25 municipalities in Middlesex County have cat licensing requirements. Licensing of pets every year is a very effective method of monitoring rabies vaccination status. If your pet is not vaccinated and is exposed to a rabid animal, it must be euthanized or placed in strict isolation for six months. Pets can be vaccinated at a veterinarian's office or at a municipal-sponsored rabies clinic.

The Middlesex County Public Health Department strongly supports cat licensing to protect residents from this deadly disease. Having your pets licensed and vaccinated would provide protection to you, your family, your pet, and your community. The Cranbury Board of Health is currently considering a requirement for cat licensing in Cranbury. If you have any comments regarding cat licensing please direct them to Kristen Hamilton, secretary of the Board of Health at khamilton@cranbury-nj.com.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT THIS SPRING FOR THE HUNDREDS OF CROCUS BULBS PLANTED IN HERITAGE PARK BY THE PARKS COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. IT SHOULD BE A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Environmental Commission will again join with the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed in April for the Third Annual Stream Clean-Up. Last year, approximately forty people helped collect forty bags of garbage as well as four (4) tires, a fire extinguisher, a charcoal grill and a bed frame from the banks of Brainerd Lake and Cranbury Brook.

The native grassland project is well underway at the Cranbury Brook Preserve. Through a grant with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, native grasses were planted on two areas in the Preserve. Once these grasses are established, we should see an increase in wildlife, wild flowers and native plants.

One project the Environmental Commission encourages Cranbury residents to participate in for 2009 is the "River Friendly Certification Program" sponsored by the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed. By improving your everyday land use actions, you can increase water quality and quantity, provide wildlife habitat, and provide community education. Everyone can become "River Friendly".

For more information, visit www.thewatershed.org/river_friendly_program.php.

There are a limited number of soil testing kits available at Town Hall. These free kits require you to take a soil sample from your yard and send it to Rutgers for a free soil analysis. Soil test results will provide residents with the nutrient and pH levels of their soils and help them reduce fertilizer and lime applications. This can help residents avoid unnecessary costs and introduction of chemicals into our lakes and streams.

We are in need of a new member to serve on the Environmental Commission. If you have any interest in this position, please contact the Township Clerk. If you want to learn what we are all about, come to one of our meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Gourgard Gallery at 7:00 p.m.

CRANBURY COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

The Cranbury Community Senior Center is growing! Monthly luncheons are very popular and fill up fast. A computer was recently purchased as well as a Wii gaming system and wide screen television. There is comfortable seating and tables to enjoy card games, board games and puzzles. A small library has books and magazines. Cranbury Seniors are welcome to use the facility Monday through Friday 9:30 am till 4:00 pm.

CRANBURY COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 2009 –June 2009

- ✓ **February 27, 2009, 1:00 p.m.** - Movie and refreshments.
- ✓ **March 13, 2009, 12:00 Noon** - St. Patrick's Day luncheon and bagpiper.
- ✓ **March 27, 2009, 1:00 p.m.** - Games and snacks.
- ✓ **April 17, 2009, 12 Noon** - Lunch and "Remember When..."
Take a trip down Nostalgia Lane with Marie Perrine.
- ✓ **May 1, 2009, 1:00 p.m.** - Movie and refreshments.
- ✓ **May 15, 2009, 1:00 p.m.** - Veterans Tribute and Desserts. Come hear George Waple speak about the days he served under Colonel George Patton and General Omar Bradley and escorted Marilyn Monroe in Korea.
- ✓ **June 12, 2009, 12:00 Noon** - Lunch and Travel with Bart Jackson.
- ✓ **June 26, 2009, 1:00 p.m.** - Movie or games with refreshments.

The Cranbury Arts Council

The Cranbury Arts Council is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is to educate, inspire, support and promote art and art appreciation in our community. The Arts Council's goal is to provide arts oriented programs, workshops and performances, enriching the cultural experience of our community and keeping the creative spirit alive in ourselves and our children.

Membership Benefits

- Creative opportunities to design and produce Art and Performance programs for the Community
 - 10% Discount on Art & Technology Camp
 - 10% Discount on Purchases from Utrecht Art Supplies
 - 10% Discount on Educational Programs
 - 5% Discount on Framing at Cranbury Station Art Gallery
 - Advance notice of all Events, Camps and Programs
- Sponsored by the CAC
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2009 CAC Membership Form

Please fill out the form below and return to
Cranbury Arts Council PO Box 643 Cranbury, NJ 08512

Individual \$30 Family \$40 Friend \$100 Patron \$250 Sponsor \$500
 Benefactor \$1,000 Matching Gifts

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

I am interested in volunteering for an event or to create a program.

Your donation is tax deductible. Tax ID #223-565-876/000

Gourgaud Gallery News

The Gourgaud Gallery, part of the Cranbury Arts Council, is looking forward to a great schedule of exhibits for the first half of 2009. January was the kick off the Third Annual Winter Art Series, hosted by GGC member Colleen Cahill. The workshops are led by professional art instructors with classes in still life, perspective and art techniques in specific mediums. In addition to four adult workshops from January to April, there will be workshops offered to the younger artists from 8th grade to high school. Look for schedules and information on these classes in the Cranbury Press and in the Gourgaud Gallery in early January.

In February, the Gourgaud Gallery will host “Art from the Heart III” featuring the art of The A-TEAM Artists of Trenton. The artists have formed their group, create their art and meet each week at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Their artwork has developed a loyal following in the tri-state area and the gallery is pleased to share their work with the community. Their art is all for sale and the A-TEAM will receive all proceeds from the sales. Donations of any art materials, frames, fabrics are also welcome and can be left in a collection bin throughout the year to support this wonderful group.

The Gourgaud Gallery schedules the Artist Receptions for each new exhibit on the first Sunday of each month from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Gourgaud Gallery, and is free and open to the public. News from the Gourgaud Gallery can also be found by going to the Cranbury Township and Lions Club web sites for updates and information on future exhibits and upcoming events. Also, as part of the Cranbury Arts Council, a non profit organization, any art purchased at the Gourgaud Gallery will benefit the gallery and its programming by receiving 20% from all sales.

Upcoming exhibits at the Gourgaud Gallery are as follows:

- **February – “Art from the Heart III” The A-TEAM Artists of Trenton – February 1-22**
- **March – TBA – March 1-29**
- **April – Watercolorists Unlimited – Title TBA – April 5-26**
- **May – The Digital Photography of Mort Metersky - Title TBA – May 3-31**
- **June – Yimeng Ling, Watercolor – Title TBA – June 7-28**
- **July – “Landscapes of Cranbury, Princeton, & Plainsboro” The Watercolors of Daniel Thomas – July 5-26**

Anyone wishing to exhibit at the Gourgaud Gallery may obtain an application in the Gallery or at www.cranbury.org or www.cranburytownship.org

Gallery Hours:

Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

First, Third & Last Sunday of the month - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday by appointment only



In these difficult economic times we would like to remind you of the many resources we have to offer...

- Downloadable Media including
 - Independent and Classical Films
 - Educational and Children's Video Programs
 - eAudioBooks and eBooks
- Popular DVD's and Video Games (for 6 different systems!).
- Books on CD's and PlayAways.
- Access to the Internet on our computers (or your own with our WiFi).
- A vast collection of magazines and newspapers as well as more periodicals available online through our Website.
- Reading suggestions with our NextReads newsletters.
- Programs for children and adults including story times, book discussion groups, computer classes and gaming events.
- Dedicated, friendly and helpful staff waiting to help you with any question you may have.

Ohh... and the usual suspects – BOOKS!

From the Director's Desk

If you are looking for ways to save during these tough economic times, the Cranbury Public Library can help. All the services and materials listed above are **Free @ your Library**. The library is a great value for your money. The average Cranbury household pays \$105 per year in taxes to support the library. Your family only needs to check out 5 items each year instead of purchasing them to break even! If you borrow more books, videos, CDs and magazines you can really save!

So start saving @ the library!

Marilynn Mullen

Cranbury Interactive Map – A Community Project

The Cranbury Interactive Map is a community project begun by the Cranbury Public Library in conjunction with the Cranbury History Center. Transposed onto a Google map of the town, the Interactive Map provides digital access to photographs of Cranbury. Photographs are designated as points on the map which can be clicked on and viewed. When you visit the map, you can zoom in, move it around, and see different areas of the town from its past to the present. We would love to have everyone contribute their digital photos and pictures to this ongoing project. To learn more about this community project and how you can be involved please visit www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org and select "Interactive Community Map" from the drop down menu at the top of the page.

Community Project - *A project which encourages a community to share information and ideas with each other; A project that may be initiated by one, but ultimately belongs to all.*

Upcoming Programs

Winter Backyard Birds in Cranbury
Sunday, February 22, 2009, 2-3 p.m.

Local bird enthusiast Kathy Easton will give a talk on identifying birds in your backyard, including those returning for spring.



Family program.
Stories, snacks, & make a
treat for the birds!

2009 Computer Classes

- Microsoft Excel
- Introduction to Computers
- Job Resources on the web
- Digital Photo Editing
- Microsoft Word
- RSS (Really Simple Syndication)
- Wikis
- Advanced Internet Searching: Tips and Tricks

For dates and times call 655-0555 or go to
www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime
Monday at 10:30 AM with Mrs. Hardaker.

Reading Buddies
Spring session for 1st to 3rd graders
begins in February.

New this February!

Baby's Books

A special story time just for
babies, toddlers, and their
caregivers. Stories, songs, snacks
and playtime.



Ages 6-24 months.

This summer

Be Creative @ YOUR LIBRARY

2009 Summer Reading Program
June 22-July 31

Artsy fun for all ages.

Sign up for our adult program too!

Visit www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org for
access to our Library events calendar,
online catalog, virtual resources, photos,
Book Discussion and Library Blogs and more....

Cranbury Public Library Hours

Monday –Thursday 10 am to 9 pm
Friday – Saturday 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm

CRANBURY LIONS CLUB

As usual, the Cranbury Lions Club has been busy, in spite of a “rainy season”: we held our annual Golf Outing in July after being rained out in May, we held our annual Trenton Thunder Game in August; in September we opened our Cranbury Day food stand under the “bank overhang” to stay out of the rain, and hosted a Golden Ager’s Luncheon; in October our White Cane Fund Drive was rained out, but, in association with the Cranbury School PTO, we held a pumpkin Carving Contest, providing prizes to a number of children; in November we held the Peace Poster Contest for children ages 11-13 – the top three winners were Paige Metzheiser, Kate Sohn, and Haley DeSimone; and in December we held our 61st Annual Pancake Breakfast, sold poinsettias, and took pictures with Santa, collected for Toys for Tots, and provided 45 phone cards (5,625 minutes) to our troops overseas.

For the sixth year, the New Jersey Devils will be hosting New Jersey Lions Night on Saturday, February 7, 2009, when the Devils will play the LA Kings. If you have not yet been to a hockey game at the Prudential Center Arena in Newark you have missed an unbelievably exciting evening! The Cranbury Lions will be selling \$65 face value balcony seats for only \$45. This game is open to ALL Cranbury residents, their family and friends; to reserve your tickets, contact Lion Joe Carroll at 409-9682, or any Cranbury Lion.

On February 21, 2009 the Cranbury Lions will hold its biennial Fine Art Auction, with assistance from local Artist Kathie Morolda and her Cranbury Station Gallery. It is guaranteed that you’ll find a few bargains and some wonderful art work, not to mention a few surprises, and of course all net proceeds go to help those in need. The Auction will be held at Fellowship Hall in the Presbyterian Church on February 21, 2009.

Lions Clubs International, under the direction of it’s founder, Melvin Jones, was the principle architect of the United Nations non-governmental organizations, which include UNICEF, UNESCO, and the World Health Organization (WHO) to name but a few. March 13, 2009 is the 31st Annual Lions Day at the United Nations; the Cranbury Lions will be inviting some of the youth of Cranbury to attend this interesting event.

Ticket sales for the Super 50/50, our Annual Spring Raffle, will begin in April and raffle tickets will be available from any Cranbury Lion until Memorial Day.

During the month of May, as always, the Lions Club will have a game booth at the Drug Free Fair on (or about) May 16th, and will present a donation for the Quest Program. On Memorial Day, May 25, the Lions will “produce” the Parade as they have done for the last 50-plus years, and will draw the winning tickets for the Lions Spring Raffle Super 50/50 after the parade. Of course, immediately following the parade, the Lions will host the 76th Post-Parade Ceremony honoring the Day, featuring a key-note speech from Cranbury’s Mayor.

On June 12th the Cranbury Lions Club will hold a Super-50/50 at the Trenton Thunder Riverside Stadium. The Lions will hold their 11th Annual Golf Outing at the Peddie Golf Course on Thursday, July 23rd. The cost of \$150 per person includes all fees, a cart, lunch and dinner with an open wine and beer bar, and prizes. Around the 3rd week of July the Lions will hold their Annual Club picnic, to which the public will be invited to meet Club Members and families to find out more about what we do, and finally, on August 22nd, the Cranbury Lions will sponsor the 10th Annual Trenton Thunder Game for Cranbury residents, their families and friends; ticket reservations for this game will be available in February from any Cranbury Lion.

Just a reminder, The Cranbury Lions Club is *always* collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids; these items can be deposited in the big yellow collection box outside the Cranbury Library. Last year, with your help, the Cranbury Lions Club collected over 2000 pairs of eyeglasses.

If you would like to join us and help us help others, or would like more information about the Cranbury Lions, please contact our Membership Chairman, Lion Jon Goldstein (908) 656-4758 or any Cranbury Lion.

Finally, and as always, we wish to thank all of Cranbury for your support in all of our fundraising efforts, helping us help those in need. We wish all of you a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

CRANBURY GOLDEN AGE NEIGHBORS

The Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors want to thank Cranbury Township for their continued support of the club and for the two bus trips that were provided last year. Both trips were a huge success enjoyed by many Golden Age Neighbors and seniors of Cranbury. All seniors, 55 and over, in Cranbury and the surrounding area are invited to join the club. Dues are \$10.00 a year and you can join at any of the monthly luncheon meetings that are held the third Saturday of the month. Most meetings are held in the cafeteria of the Cranbury School. Your membership gives you the opportunity to greet old friends, meet new friends, enjoy two subsidized lunches at restaurants, enjoy entertainment given by the monthly hosts, and also enjoy our wonderful Christmas Lunches out with good food, Christmas music and just plain fun of being together and socializing with our friends. The club also contributes to TASK and Skeet's pantry to provide help to those in need. Do come and join us and find out what you have been missing.

CRANBURY LIONESSE CLUB

The Cranbury Lioness Club thanks all the Cranbury Angels who made contributions to the Club, that we sell during Cranbury Day ,and the Lioness Boutique on the day of the Cranbury Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. You Angels know who you are, and we thank you! You have made it possible for us to continue to sponsor The Christian Children's Fund, Southwest Indian Foundation, Task, Womanspace, Guatemala, Elijah's Kitchen, the Delaware Valley Commission for the Blind, and local charity. Every penny raised by the Club is given to charity.

We have invited The Men of Harmony to come in the Spring to perform their cowboy show. We will let you know the date when it has been confirmed. Watch The Cranbury Press for the date, place and time.

Dog Canvassing Begins - March 16th

Rabies Clinic - April 18th

Arbor Day - April 24th

Clean Up Weekend - May 2nd and 3rd

Fireworks and Concert in Village Park - July 5th (raindate July 6th)

| February | March | April | May | June | |
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| 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | Board of Health 1st Monday, 7:00 pm, Town Hall |
| 5 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 4 | Development Review Committee 1st Thursday, 5:00 pm, Town Hall |
| 23* | 16 | 20 | 18 | 15 | Environmental Commission 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm, Town Hall |
| 3 & 17 | 3 | 7 & 21 | 5 & 19 | 2 & 16 | Historic Preservation Commission 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Town Hall |
| 17 | 17 | 21 | 19 | 16 | Human Services Commission 3rd Tuesday, 1:00 pm Town Hall |
| 12 | 12 | 9 | 14 | 11 | Library Board of Trustees 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Library |
| 12 | 12 | 16* | 14 | 11 | Municipal Alliance Committee 2nd Thursday, 8:00 am, Library |
| 11 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 10 | Park Planning Commission 2nd Wednesday, 8:45 am, Town Hall |
| 5 & 12* | 5 & 19 | 2 & 23* | 7 & 21 | 4 & 18 | Planning Board, 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Town Hall |
| 19 | 19 | 16 | 21 | 18 | Recreation Department 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm Town Hall |
| 10 | no meeting | 14 | no meeting | 9 | Shade Tree Commission 2nd Tuesday every other month, 7:30 pm, Town Hall |
| 9 & 23 | 9 & 23 | 13 & 27 | 11 | 8 & 22 | Township Committee 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 pm, Town Hall |
| 4 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | Zoning Board of Adjustment 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Town Hall |

* not on a regularly scheduled date or location

Town Hall will be closed on: February 16th, April 10th, May 25th and July 3rd

2009 NOTICE
Cranbury Township Dog Owners

Complete this form and return it with the proper fee for your dog's license to:

Cranbury Township Town Hall
23-A North Main Street
Cranbury, New Jersey 08512

*******PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT APPLICATION*******

State law requires that all dog owners' present proof of rabies vaccination before a license can be issued. Pursuant to: N.J.A.C. 8:23A-4.3: Dogs with duration of immunity against rabies that expires prior to the tenth month of the licensing period shall be revaccinated prior to issuance of a license. Please enclose proper certificates (rabies inoculation and spay/neuter) if applicable, and a self addressed stamped envelope so your dog license and certificates may be returned to you. Make checks payable to: Cranbury Township.

Owner's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Dog (Sex M - F) Breed: _____ Age: _____ Hair S M L (circle one)

Color/Markings: _____ Dog's Name: _____

Spayed/Neutered: Yes/ No Date: _____

Current Vet: _____ Address: _____

Rabies Vaccination Expiration Date: _____

I certify the above statements to be true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Dog Owner

LICENSE FEE DUE BEFORE FEBRUARY 2ND

Spayed/Neutered

Non-Spayed/Non-Neutered

\$5.80

\$ 5.80

License Fee

1.00

1.00

NJ Registration Fee

.20

.20

NJ Pilot Clinic Fee

\$7.00

3.00

NJ Pet Population Control

\$10.00

Total Due Before February 2nd 2009

**A LATE FEE OF \$2.00 WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY CHECKS RECEIVED AFTER
FEBRUARY 2, 2009 IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL COST OF THE DOG LICENSE. CRANBURY TOWNSHIP (609)
395-0900 EXT. 231 HOURS 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.**