

# CRANBURY TOWNSHIP

## SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER



Dear Neighbor:

Welcome Spring!

The Township Committee recently held a Public Hearing and approved the 2010 Municipal Budget. Following many hours of work and public discussion, we are pleased to announce that the 2010 municipal tax rate of 0.375 per \$100 of assessed value remains the same as 2008 and 2009. This outcome for the 2010 tax year relates to reductions made in discretionary spending and use of operating surplus.

In this uncertain economic climate, it is our responsibility as a Community to communicate and to plan and prepare for the future. This includes acknowledging that the current tax rate is unlikely to remain the same in the future. The need to raise the tax rate in the future will have much to do with disappearing state aid, revenue from a decreasing assessed value, slower replenishment of operating surplus, and increases in operating cost, many of which are statutory and beyond our control. At this time, the Township Committee does not know that such an increase will occur in 2011, but as members of the governing body it is important to inform the public that such an increase is possible. We hope that by keeping an open communication about a potential 2011 tax increase will allow the taxpayers of Cranbury to budget accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Cranbury Township Committee Members  
David Stout, Mayor  
Winthrop Cody  
David Cook  
Richard Stannard  
James Taylor

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**  
**APRIL 30, 2010**  
**2:00 P.M.**  
**CRANBURY SCHOOL**

The Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission will be holding its annual Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. A tree will be planted in the Courtyard at Cranbury School. The Cranbury School second grade classes will be participating.

The public is invited to attend the Celebration!



**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS**

**2010**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**LIAISON TO:**

David Stout, Mayor

Administrative & Executive, Environmental Commission, Finance, Shade Tree Commission, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector.

Winthrop Cody

Board of Education, Business & Professional Assn., Development Review Commission, Human Services, Municipal Alliance, Recreation Commission & Zoning Board.

David Cook

Cranbury Housing Associates, Business & Professional Association. League of Municipalities, Library and Middlesex County Solid Waste.

Richard Stannard

Board of Health, Court, Historical & Preservation Society, HPC, Office of Emergency Management & Police.

James Taylor

Buildings & Grounds, Construction, Fire Company, First Aid Squad, Parks Commission and Public Works.

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**Lions Club**

**May 8th:** Participation at the 20th Annual Drug Free Fair at the Cranbury School.

**May 31st:** Sponsor the Memorial Day Parade and hold our Annual Spring Raffle— Please buy a ticket and support your Lions Club.

**June 7th:** Annual Golf Outing at the Peddie Golf Club- Save the date- plan to play great golf, good food and prizes!

**June 12th:** Trenton Thunder ( we sell 50/50 tickets for a fund raiser)

Within our club,

April - We will honor one of our members as "Lion of the Year"

May - Several of our members will attend the Lions Club State Convention in Boston

June - We present several scholarships and awards to local students for their achievements in school as well as community service involvement.

Our extended thanks and grateful appreciation to our community and residents who continue to support our efforts to fund raise and thus support the many organizations within Cranbury.

We continue our motto: We Serve.



**Cranbury Township Police Department**  
**One Logan Drive**  
**Cranbury, NJ 08512**

EDWARD L. KAHLER, III  
Chief of Police

April 9, 2010

An open letter to Cranbury residents:

On May 1, 2010, I will be retiring from my position as your Chief of Police. It has been my privilege and honor to serve the residents of Cranbury Township. I will deeply miss my officers, my staff, my CERT volunteers, my School Crossing Guards, all my coworkers, the Cranbury First Aid Squad members, the Cranbury Fire Department members, and the residents, but it is time to move on to the next phase in my life.

I will look back on my career with great pride in what the Cranbury Township Police Department has accomplished in the last twenty-five years. It has been a wonderful experience and one I will remember for the rest of my life.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward L. Kahler III  
Chief of Police

## FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE



### Election News Primary Day, June 8, 2010

This year, the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. All voters will vote at Town Hall, 23-A North Main Street, in the lower level. District 1 will vote in the "Boy Scout Room" and Districts 2&3 will vote in the Senior Center.

The last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for voter registration.

All Voter Forms are on the Township's website at: [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org). Go to Departments, then Clerk, scroll down to the link to the State Elections web site. The forms **are now able to be filled out on line.**

The application for "Mail In Ballot" (formerly known as "Civilian Absentee Ballot") forms may be picked up from Town Hall OR you may access them from going to the Cranbury Township website: [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org) **PLEASE NOTE: It is the voter's responsibility to mail in the Mail In Ballot Application form to the County Clerk. She must receive it BY MAIL NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010--- POSTAGE IS REQUIRED.**

If you wish to fill out a new "Party Declaration Form" or register to Vote, you may either drop it off at Town Hall or mail it in yourself. **THE DEADLINE FOR PARTY DECLARATION FORMS IS MONDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>.** There is now a drop off box as you face the front of Town Hall or you can come in to the Main Office Window to drop your forms off.

**PLEASE NOTE: PER STATE ELECTION LAW, NO "ELECTIONEERING" IS PERMITTED WITHIN 100 FEET OF A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY BY ANY CANDIDATE. (THIS INFORMATION APPEARS ON THE CLERK'S HOME PAGE ON THE TOWNSHIP WEB SITE (CLICK ON "EXIT POLLING"))**  
[www.cranburytownshp.org](http://www.cranburytownshp.org))

**THERE IS NO "EXIT POLLING" IS PERMITTED WITHOUT PROPER CREDENTIALS FROM MIDDLESEX COUNTY (THIS INFORMATION APPEARS ON THE CLERK'S HOME PAGE ON THE TOWNSHIP WEB SITE (CLICK ON "EXIT POLLING"))** [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org))

## **CRANBURY GOLDEN AGE NEIGHBORS**

Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors enjoy a pot luck lunch with an informative or entertaining program almost every month. The meetings are on the third Saturday of the month and are usually held in the Cafeteria of the Cranbury School. A phone committee calls all members to inform them of the date, location and program for each meeting. Some groups that sponsor our luncheons include the Cranbury Lions, Cranbury Lioness Club, Presbyterian Church, Methodist Church, Cranbury Catholic Women, Friends of the Library, Cranbury Woman's Club and Apollo Lodge of Hightstown. Entrees and desserts are enjoyed, as well as the interesting and entertaining programs provided by the Hosts.

Several openings are available for additional Hosts if a group, church or organization is interested. If so, please call President Betty Conover at 609-860-0156.

New members are always welcome to join Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors for fun, fellowship and good food. If you would like to join us, please contact President Betty Conover at 609-860-0156.

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### **RECYCLE, REUSE AND HELP OTHERS USED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010  
(rain or shine)**

**9:00 A.M. to Noon**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT  
22 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CRANBURY**



ITEMS BEING COLLECTED: GENTLY USED MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, CANES, CRUTCHES, SHOWER CHAIRS, COMMODES, TRAY TABLES, GRAB BARS AND OTHER SMALL PIECES OF EQUIPMENT

Contributions will be donated to Your ReSource, a non-profit human services and environmental organization in Ewing. Call (609) 530-1513 with questions.

This drive is being sponsored by  
The Human Services Department of Cranbury and the First Presbyterian Church



Friends of the Cranbury Public Library present

**Old Books: Trash or Treasure**

**Friday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.**

Larry and Andrew Feldman of the Cranbury Bookworm will be on hand to give an informal opinion of old treasures from your books shelves. All are welcomed to this fun program. Admission: \$5 Friends members are FREE! A short business meeting will begin the program.

*From the Director's Desk*

We heard some shocking news last week from the NJ State Library. In the Governor's proposed budget the funding for the State Library was cut 74%! The proposed cut will devastate the State Library and the services it provides. This is how it will affect our library (as well as all NJ libraries) starting July 1<sup>st</sup>:

- Interlibrary loans will cease.
- Delivery service between libraries will cease.
- Access to Jersey Clicks databases will cease.
- State Aid to our library will be cut in half.
- Our library co-operative, which supplies programs, training and grants will cease operation.
- And, after this summer, the statewide Summer Reading program will cease.

And Cranbury Public Library is lucky. We are not one of the 250 libraries that will lose Internet service!

All this is happening at a time when NJ libraries are being used more than ever. 170,000 people enter a NJ library each day! Many rely on our computers for job searches and resume writing. **You can take action by going to [www.savemyNJlibrary.org](http://www.savemyNJlibrary.org)** and letting our elected officials know how you use and value your local library.

At the same time, a bill has been introduced in the state assembly that would eliminate the minimum mandatory funding for municipal public libraries. Mandatory funding has been in effect for over 100 years and was established to keep the library forever out of the play of party politics. Cranbury Public Library has started a postcard campaign to Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein asking her to oppose this bill. Please stop in the library to sign a postcard or download a copy from our Webpage. We will be hand-delivering these cards to Ms. Greenstein's office.

*Marilynn Mullen*

**Friends Book Sale**

**Saturday, April 24**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**at the Presbyterian Church**

**Check out the ongoing sale in the Library Gambino Room. All new selections!**

**Come hear local author**

**Shobhan Bantwal**

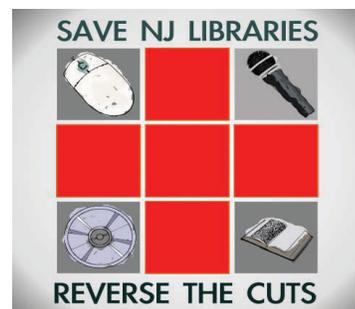
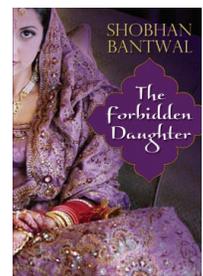
**Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

**in the Large Group Room**

Ms. Bantwal will be discussing her life and works including

***The Dowry Bride,***  
***The Sari Shop Widow*** and  
***The Forbidden Daughter.***

Refreshments will be served.



**For Kids**

**Preschool Story Time** - Stories and a craft.  
**Mondays at 10:30 a.m.** For children ages 3-5.

**Toddler Time** - Songs, finger-plays and a story.  
**Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.** Ages 12 - 24 months.

Call the Library to register.

**Beginning Yoga  
for Adults  
with Amy Otey**



Want to "get a feel" for yoga?  
 Visit our beginners classes at the  
 library and learn the fundamentals.

**April 23 and May 21  
at 12:15 p.m.**

Registration required. Bring a mat or towel.

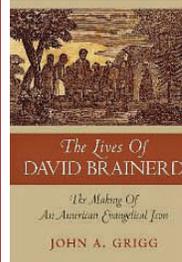
**Music and Fun with Miss Amy!  
Friday, April 30 at 10:45 a.m.  
for ages 5 and under with caregiver**

Miss Amy is a lively singer/  
 songwriter who delights children and  
 adults with her live performances!  
 She has won wide acclaim for  
 fostering children's imaginations  
 with her music.



Upcoming date: 5/21/10

**The Cranbury Public Library and the  
Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society**



present author

**John A. Grigg**

**Friday, May 21 at  
7:30 p.m. in the  
school large group room**

**Mr. Grigg will be discussing his new book  
*The Lives of David Brainerd:  
The Making of an American Evangelical Icon***

The public may borrow this book, along with other  
 books on David Brainerd, from the library.

CELEBRATE  
**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**  
 with  
 BRIAN RICHARDS'  
**BOOKS ARE MAGIC!**



*Witness the  
 amazing magic of  
 Brian Richards  
 Wednesday,  
 May 12, 2010  
 from 7-8 p.m.  
 in the  
 school cafeteria.  
 Ages 6 and up.*

**One Book New Jersey 2010**

The following titles have been selected for OBNJ 2010.

**Adult Selection**

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*  
 by Mark Haddon

**Teen Selection**

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*  
 by Sherman Alexie

**Middle Grades Selection**

*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate Di Camillo

**Read to Me Selection**

*Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type* by Doreen Cronin

## Spring 2010 Computer Classes

To register, call the library at 655-0555 or ask at the front desk.

Tuesday, April 13 from 6:00–8:00 pm

### Digital Photo Editing

Come learn about some free tools you can use to spruce up your digital pictures and make them perfect. We will cover a few photo editor options and learn about removing red eye, changing image sizes, cropping, and adding additional image elements. The class will also briefly cover some free websites you can use to host and share your digital pictures with family, friends, or the world! *Students should be familiar with using a computer mouse and basic understanding of Microsoft Word software.*

Tuesday, May 11 from 6:00–8:00 pm

### Intermediate Microsoft Word

This class is designed for those who have a basic understanding of Microsoft Word, but would like to take their skills a little further. Creating borders and themes, using wizards and templates, working with tables, and much more! *Students should be familiar with a mouse and have a basic understanding of Microsoft Word software.*

## Try one of our Web Seminars

### Advanced Internet Searching

Wednesday, June 9 at 1- 2 p.m.

Join a class from home, work or anywhere with a computer and Internet access.

Go to [www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org](http://www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org)

and click on

**LEARN ONLINE**



## Or learn a language online



The easiest way  
to learn a  
foreign language!

Just click on the  
mango icon.

## GET READY TO READ!!!



Cranbury Library's Summer Reading Program is going to be great!

Fun and exciting programs every week!

Books, prizes and more!!

Begins June 2010.

Check in the library for a complete calendar of events!

**Online Registration begins 6/8/2010**

The library will be closed on:

**Sunday, May 9**

and

**May 29, 30 and 31,**

Beginning June 6, 2010 the library will be closed on Sundays for the summer.



**NOTARY SERVICE  
is available at the library!**

Call for details or to set up an appointment.

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### CRANBURY WOMAN'S CLUB

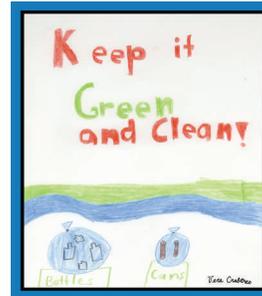
The Woman's Club of Cranbury would like to thank the Township for their support through the Club year. It was a great turnout for the Tree Lighting, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Election Night Supper. The next Supper will be in 2012 with an all new menu!

Look for us planting the Main Street barrels for the Spring.



Early in May, the Cub will award two \$2000 scholarships and a special award, the Sandra Majeski Award, to high school seniors for their post secondary school education. Information and application forms are available through high school guidance counselors and on the club's website, [cranbury-womansclub.org](http://cranbury-womansclub.org).

Have a warm and hopefully drier summer!



**Your  
water.  
Keep it  
CLEAN!**

**Join us for the 4th Annual  
Watershed-wide Stream Cleanups!**

Help us protect and preserve water and the natural environment in central New Jersey. Do your part to keep our streams clean.

Bring your family!  
Meet your neighbors!

**When? Saturday April 24, 2010  
9 AM to Noon  
Rain or Shine**

**Where?** Village Park parking lot  
**Wear** boots, long sleeves.  
**Bring** work gloves, if you have them.  
**Contact** to RSVP or for more information:

Leslie Brecknell at  
[lbrecknell@thewatershed.org](mailto:lbrecknell@thewatershed.org)  
609-737-3735 x30

Free T-shirts and refreshments provided.  
*Volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult*

Cleanup sponsored by the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission and the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association with support from NJ Clean Communities, Wegman's, McCaffrey's, Whole Foods Market, Saul Ewing LLP, American Rivers, Home Depot.

## Gourgaud Gallery News

In April, the Gourgaud Gallery, part of the Cranbury Arts Council, presented the exhibit "Forever Art", April 1-25, featuring the watercolors of Mary Ellen Brennan, artist and Gourgaud Gallery Committee (GGC) member. Over 25 pieces were on display, as well as matted originals and prints of Mary Ellen's work. The reception was held on the second Sunday instead of the usual First Sunday due to the Easter weekend, Sunday April 11 from 1-3 p.m.

The last "Winter Series Workshop" session was held in the gallery on Saturday, April 10 from 9-12 with artist/instructor Russ Johnson teaching the subject of watercolor landscapes. The series has been very successful with each class reaching capacity. GGC member Colleen Cahill is the Chairperson of the series, which has grown over the last three years. The series may expand into more workshops next year due to the popularity of the class offerings and limited class space.

The "Art in the Park" plein air series will be starting soon. Beginning in May, this free program features a different Cranbury property each month where artists can meet, sit and paint the beautiful vista each location offers. "Art in the Park" meets on Sundays from 12 – 4 p.m. and runs through the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons, finally ending in October. In December, the Gourgaud Gallery will host the annual exhibit, "Cranbury Gardens VIII" featuring the artwork created from the series.

### Art in the Park Schedule:

May 16 – 6 Bunker Hill  
June 13 – 54 Cranbury Neck Road  
July 18 – 59 South Main Street  
August 15 – 7 Symmes Court  
September 26 – 97 South Main Street  
October 17 – 60 Old Trenton Road



As part of the non-profit Cranbury Arts Council, the Gourgaud Gallery donates 20% of any art sales back to the Cranbury Arts Council and its programs that support and promote the Arts in our community. The gallery is located in Town Hall and is free and open to the public Mon- Fri from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and the First, Third & Last Sunday of the month from 1-3 p.m. New exhibit receptions fall on the First Sunday from 1-3 p.m. Anyone wishing to exhibit at the Gourgaud Gallery can obtain an application in the gallery or at [www.cranbury.org](http://www.cranbury.org) or [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org). Check Gourgaud Gallery site on Facebook for information on upcoming programs and events.

### Upcoming Exhibit Schedule:

May 2-30 – A Collection of Work by Mary Kramarenko – Reception, Sun May 2 from 1-3 pm  
June 6-27 – "Watercolorists Unlimited" – Title TBA  
July 1-25 – HomeFront Artists – Title TBA  
August 1-29 – "Winter Series Workshops"

# RECREATION UPDATE YOUTH SUMMER

## Summer Day Camp July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>

Registration is currently underway for the Summer Day Camp including:

The Little People's Program (Ages 3-5 by the start of the program and not entering Kindergarten),

Junior Day Camp (students entering Grades K-4), and

Senior Day Camp (students entering Grades 5-8).

Changes for 2010 include exciting new trips, themed weeks of camp, two trips per week for the Senior Day Camp, additional space in the school for more indoor programming as well as swimming three times per week (for the Junior and Senior Day Camp) at Cranbury Swim Club.



## Summer Sports Camps

Register now for all the Summer Sports Camps. Experience over 15 different sports the week of July 12<sup>th</sup> with our Junior Multi Sports Camp for ages 5-7 and Senior Multi Sports Camp for ages 7-14.



The Sports Squirts Camp is a great way to introduce children to a variety of new and exciting sports for ages 3-5, the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup>.



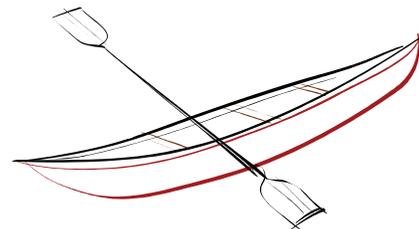
At every level, participants will learn the basic fundamental of tennis with our two one-week sessions of Tennis Camp for ages 6-14, the week of July 28<sup>th</sup> & August 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Programs

Upcoming programs include the Community Camp Out and the Boat Races on Brainerd Lake!



All registration forms and information is available online at [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org) and at Town Hall.



## RECREATION UPDATE

### Adult Activities

#### Aerobics



The Cranbury Recreation Commission is sponsoring **Aerobics** classes for Cranbury Residents. Classes will be conducted by Ms. Kathy Smithgall, who has been teaching Aerobics for over 20 years. There is a complimentary class for new students. The classes will be held at the Cranbury School Auditorium on **MONDAY & WEDNESDAY** evenings from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm. The fee for this program is \$96. Make checks payable to Kathy Smithgall and bring it to the first class with you.

#### Tai-Chi



Classes will be conducted by Ms. June Counterman, who has been teaching Tai Chi for over 19 years and has studied with several Chinese Grand Masters, including the head of the Yang family. The classes will be held at the Cranbury United Methodist Church on **TUESDAYS** from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. The fee for this program is \$65. For Seniors, the fee is \$40. Make checks payable to Cranbury Recreation.

## digital Cranbury Camera Club



Meetings held **EVERY** month

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
at 8:00 pm**

In the  
**Cranbury Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall**  
21 N. Main Street, Cranbury

See our Web Site for Contacts and  
Details:  
[www.CranburydigitalCameraClub.org](http://www.CranburydigitalCameraClub.org)

## CRANBURY COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

Cranbury Seniors are invited to use the center Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There is comfortable seating and tables to enjoy card games, board games and puzzles. There is also a computer, Wii gaming system and wide screen television for seniors to use at their leisure.

### NEW!!

#### SEATED EXERCISE



Thursdays from  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
In the Cranbury Senior  
Center. The class is  
limited to 20 people.  
Sign up by calling  
Phyllis at 409-8533.

#### MEDICARE COUNSELING AVAILABLE CRANBURY SENIOR CENTER

FREE!  
Appointments Required.

Tuesday, May 25, 2010  
Tuesday, June 29, 2010  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Individual counseling sessions will be provided by Middlesex County Department on Aging Medicare Plan experts. To schedule your session, contact Kristen Hamilton of the Cranbury Human Services Board at (609) 395-9931 or [khamilton@cranbury-nj.com](mailto:khamilton@cranbury-nj.com).

## SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

### APRIL 2010 - JUNE 2010

All dates include lunch beginning at 12:00 Noon with programs following at 1:00 p.m.

**April 23** - Pharmaceutical Jeopardy by Princeton Healthcare

**May 7** - The Frank and Marilyn Show

Join the fun with Frank Sinatra and Marilyn Monroe impersonators. Bring your camera!

**May 21** - Patriotic Sing-a-Long with Cranbury's own Francine Hannay

**June 11** - "Satellites - Past, Present and Future" with Jack Frohbieter

**June 25** - "SSI, Medicaid and Pre-paying of Funerals." George Kelder of the New Jersey Funeral Directors Association will provide information and answer your questions.

All of the above programs will be held in the Senior Community Center in Town Hall. Please look on the Township's website [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org) for a list of upcoming programs.

## The Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society

Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society has projects and exhibits planned for the spring. You are invited to enjoy and participate in all that CHPS has to offer.

The Parsonage Barn, dismantled in 2003 and moved from the former Updike property on



Cranbury Neck Road, will be re-erected in June or July at the Barn Park on Cranbury Neck Road. In repairing the historic timbers of the barn, the NJ Barn Company discovered that the barn could date back to as early as 1740. Along with the historic barn timbers, a foundation, concrete slab, siding, roofing, and doors will complete the barn. A model of the historic timbers of the barn is at the History Center.

The next exhibit at the Museum will introduce the history and products of the Imperial Glass Company of Bellaire, Ohio, with a display of beautiful Candlewick Glass from the collection of Peter and Katie Turner. The exhibit will open on April 25 and will run for two months. As one of its major lines, the Imperial Glass Company made Candlewick Glass from 1935 to 1984. The Turners have chosen some interesting and unique pieces for the exhibit.

*Family Heirlooms*, an exhibit of items from the families of area residents, will open early in the summer. To be a part of this special exhibit, please email Lynn Lakner at [llakner@access4less.net](mailto:llakner@access4less.net) or call Ruth Jost at 609-235-9078. We hope that you will share a family heirloom.

If you would like to learn about becoming a docent at the Museum, please call Bonnie Wagman at 609-662-0667. Docents greet visitors and tell them about the Museum. We would love to have you join the group of dedicated Museum docents.

In early May, the Society will have some new items for sale at the History Center and Museum. The Township Committee has approved a design, generated by CHPS, for an official Cranbury Township flag. The 2'X 3' flag, featuring the Cranbury Township seal on a cranberry background, can be purchased for an introductory price of \$50.00. A wooden ornament with a painting of the Museum by Nadine Berkowsky will be available for \$15.00; a wooden serving tray featuring Nadine Berkowsky's painting of the Museum will be available for \$30.00; and a canvas bookmark with a painting of Cranbury Main Street by Wilma Shimer will be available for \$3.50. The popular EnviroSax bags, screen-printed from a photograph of Town Hall by David Nissen will sell for \$12.00. John Chambers' second edition of *George Washington in Cranbury* with new material and several illustrations will also be available.

The Society and Cranbury Public Library invite you to attend a talk by John Grigg, author of **The Lives of David Brainerd**, on Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Room at Cranbury School. Copies of his book will be available.

To learn more about Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society or to become a member, please visit [cranburyhistory.org](http://cranburyhistory.org).

## Guidelines for Proper Disposal of Household Medication

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection



Over the counter and prescription medications should not be disposed down the drain because wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove pharmaceutical compounds and they may end up in your local waterways, and may eventually be found in drinking water. Properly disposing of unwanted and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications in the trash promotes a healthy aquatic environment and prevents accidental poisoning and intentional abuse.

### 4 STEPS FOR PROPER DISPOSAL

1. Keep medicine in original container. Mark out personal information on prescription bottles.
2. Mix liquid medicine with undesirable substances like coffee grinds, cat litter, or dirt. Dilute pills with water, then add coffee grinds, cat litter, or dirt.
3. Place bottles in an opaque container, like a yogurt container, and secure lid; or wrap in a dark colored plastic bag.
4. Hide the container in the trash. Do NOT recycle.

Improper disposal in your trash allows others to divert the substance and consume medication that was not prescribed to them.

Step 1



Mark out personal information

Step 2



Mix with water and coffee grinds, cat litter, or dirt

Step 3



Place in opaque container

Step 4



Hide in the trash

**Do NOT** dispose of medication down the drain or toilet.

*Prevent water pollution, Promote a healthy environment, Properly dispose of your unneeded and expired medication.*

**Do NOT** keep excess or expired medication around the home.

For More Information Contact:  
DEP Solid & Hazardous Waste Program  
(609) 633-1418

For proper disposal of household sharps visit:  
<http://www.state.nj.us/health/eoh/phss/syringe.pdf>  
Or call 609-984-6620

## CLEAN UP WEEKEND—MAY 1st and 2nd

The next Clean Up Weekend is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, rain or shine. Bring your unwanted items to the Municipal Public Works Yard on Dey Road between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Attendants will be on duty to help with your acceptable discards.

The purpose of this service is to dispose of large bulky items that are not normally accepted by your private contractor. However, due to the high expense of the disposal, no individual household should expect to dispose of truckloads of accumulated trash or construction materials. Residents should be prepared to provide proof of residency.

Electronic items for recycling will be accepted during the event. Acceptable items are computers (including all components), televisions, phones, fax machines, fluorescent lamp bulbs (broken bulbs will not be accepted), irons and mercury containing devices.

## WHITE GOODS & E-WASTE PROGRAM

Did you know that for only \$10 per item the DPW can take away your unwanted appliance or e-waste? Pick up is scheduled every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Items include bulky electronic waste such as TVs, VCRs, computers with components, metal storm doors (without glass window inserts) humidifiers/de-humidifiers, water coolers, metal sinks, stoves/ovens, dishwashers, washers, dryers, water tanks, refrigerators, outdoor grills with tanks, and residential kitchen exhaust fans. Call 395-0900 ext.229 for more information or to be placed on the schedule.

If you prefer, you may transport these items down to the Recycling Shed located at the Public Works yard on Dey Road. It will be open from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm during first Friday of each month. When a legal holiday falls on this day, the second Friday is be the rescheduled date. The scheduled dates for 2010 are:

<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>

Items accepted at the recycling shed include computers (monitors, scanners, CPU's modems, printers, cables, and keyboards) televisions, telephones, irons, fluorescent lamps including compact fluorescent bulbs, strands of lights, tube fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, and thermometers. These items are recycled through Hesstech of Edison, NJ.

Formed Polystyrene (not loose packing peanuts) is accepted along with the usual CDs (compact discs) and DVDs (digital versatile discs), plastic bags HDPE #2 and #4 bags. The #2 bags are the plastic bags that are gotten at any grocery store. The #4 plastic is usually what new electronic items are wrapped/packed in. Be sure to look for these specific symbols before bringing them to be recycled.

The drop off recycling service is for Cranbury residents only and will be manned while open. Proof of residency will be required when disposing of your e-waste. A tally of the e-waste must be taken; Cranbury Township is required to be accountable for each item that is delivered to Hesstech. No hazardous waste, paint or tires or broken fluorescent bulbs will be collected at this site. We ask that you deposit your rechargeable or button batteries to be recycled at Town Hall (near the rear entrance) during normal business hours.

Clean loose packing peanuts are accepted at Pak Mail, 319 Route 130N (Shop-Rite Ctr.), East Windsor, NJ. Call 609-443-6245 for hours of operation. For other NJ locations that accept the packing peanuts visit [www.loosefillpackaging.com](http://www.loosefillpackaging.com).

Cranbury Township is always interested in ways to benefit our residents. If you have a suggestion or an idea about recycling, call Linda at 395-0900 ext.229 to discuss your idea.

## CURBSIDE CHIPPING SERVICE

The chipping of brush and branches begins on the third Wednesday of each month. This is the start date; depending on the amount of chipping, the DPW crew and chipper may not be able to make a complete loop through Cranbury, so be aware that your brush may not necessarily be collected on the start date. Branches to be chipped should be placed curbside parallel to the road, not in the street, the weekend prior to the third Wednesday. To help expedite the process, cut branch ends should be placed so the fattest cut end goes with the flow of traffic and can be easily inserted into the chipping hopper without having to turn the limbs around.



Two different types of machinery are needed to chip limbs and pick up leaves. So please do not place branches/chipping and leaves together for pick-up. These items must be piled separately. Branches up to 8" in diameter can be chipped; larger branches will not fit into the hopper.

### Chipping date:

April 21<sup>st</sup>

May 19<sup>th</sup>

June 16<sup>th</sup>

July 21<sup>st</sup>

### Place chipping curbside by:

April 17<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>

June 12<sup>th</sup>

July 17<sup>th</sup>

Please take care not to place the chipping and or leaves in the street or near storm drain inlets. Doing so will allow rain runoff to flow freely and prevent clogging of the inlets. The chipping route, same as the leaf route, is as follows:

Cranbury Township will not do special request trips to specifically chip brush. Please understand that if a special trip is made for you, then it must be done for everyone else.

## Curb Appeal



For a curb appeal quick fix, sweep the street that fronts your home. Also, walk a lawnmower (with the blade engaged) along the sidewalk to clear the debris from it. You'll be amazed how these two simple ideas add that eye catching curb appeal to your home!

## SPRING LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Spring leaf collection began earlier in April and will end on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Residents may place leaves between the sidewalk and curb or if you live where there are no sidewalks and curbs, put the leaves close to the street. As a reminder, do not place leaves out in the streets or piles of dirt out for collection. The dirt can cause a safety issue and will break the equipment. This also causes non-point source pollution (NPS).

### Leaf Collection Schedule

Beginning at:

North Main Street, from Rt.130 South	Cranbury Green
Plainsboro Road	Station Road and Cranbury Station hamlet
Prospect Street	Stockton Drive
Bunker Hill	Evans Tract
Cranbury Neck Road	Maplewood Avenue
Symmes Court	Park Place
Wynnewood Section	Westminster Place
Old Trenton Road	Wesley Place
Shadow Oaks (both sides)	Scott Avenue
South Main Street, north of the circle	Cranbury Estates
(continue on to top of column on right)	Cranbury Walk

Residents not living on the above route and desire leaf collection service should call 395-0900 ext.229 to be placed on the schedule. Barring inclement weather or machinery breakdowns, the route usually take approximately 2 to 2 ½ weeks to complete. If you see that the leaf vacuum has recently passed your house, please keep the time schedule in mind. The fall leaf collection will begin on or about October 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue through to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

To report a non-working street light, please call the Cranbury Police Department at 395-0031, but please have the pole number. It can be found on the pole that has the mounted street light.



### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



If you are planning to build an addition, plant shrubbery, or dig on your property, please call 1-800-272-1000 prior to commencing the project. This free mark-out service will contact communication and utility companies to come and physically mark where their underground service lines are might be where you wish to dig, thus preventing any accidents with broken lines. Not only is this a good idea, it's the law.

## **NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION (NPS)**

Nonpoint Source Pollution, or people pollution, is a contamination of our ground water, waterways, and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil and littering. With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed into storm drains that flow into our waterways and ocean. They also can soak into the ground contaminating the ground water below.

Each one of us, whether we know it or not, contributes to nonpoint source pollution through our daily activities. As a result, nonpoint source pollution is the BIGGEST threat to many of our ponds, creeks, lakes, wells, streams, rivers and bays, our ground water and the ocean.

The collective impact of nonpoint source pollution threatens aquatic and marine life, recreational water activities, the fishing industry, tourism and our precious drinking water resources. Ultimately, the cost becomes the burden of every New Jersey resident.

But there's good news - in our everyday activities we can stop nonpoint source pollution and keep our environment clean. Simple changes in YOUR daily lifestyle can make a tremendous difference in the quality of New Jersey's water resources. Here are just a few ways you can reduce nonpoint source pollution.

**LITTER:** Place litter, including cigarette butts and fast food containers, in trash receptacles. Never throw litter in streets or down storm drains. Recycle as much as possible.

**FERTILIZERS:** Fertilizers contain nitrates and phosphates that, in abundance, cause blooms of algae that can lead to fish kills. Avoid the overuse of fertilizers and do not apply them before a heavy rainfall.

**PESTICIDES:** Many household products made to exterminate pests also are toxic to humans, animals, aquatic organisms and plants. Use alternatives whenever possible. If you do use a pesticide, follow the label directions carefully.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS:** Many common household products (paint thinners, moth balls, drain and oven cleaners, to name a few) contain toxic ingredients. When improperly used or discarded, these products are a threat to public health and the environment. Do not discard with the regular household trash. Use natural and less toxic alternatives whenever possible. Contact your County Solid Waste Management Office for information regarding household hazardous waste collection in your area.

**MOTOR OIL:** Used motor oil contains toxic chemicals that are harmful to animals, humans and fish. Do not dump used motor oil down storm drains or on the ground. Recycle all used motor oil by taking it to a local public or private recycling center.

**CAR WASHING:** Wash your car only when necessary. Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles its wash water. Like fertilizers, many car detergents contain phosphate. If you wash your car at home, use a non-phosphate detergent.

**PET WASTE:** Animal wastes contain bacteria and viruses that can contaminate shellfish and cause the closing of bathing beaches. Pet owners should use newspaper, bags or scoopers to pick up after pets and dispose of wastes in the garbage or toilet.

**SEPTIC SYSTEMS:** An improperly working septic system can contaminate ground water and create public health problems. Avoid adding unnecessary grease, household hazardous products and solids to your septic system. Inspect your tank annually and pump it out every three to five years depending on its use.

**BOAT DISCHARGES:** Dumping boat sewage overboard introduces bacteria and viruses into the water. Boat owners should always use marine sanitation devices and pump-out facilities at marinas.

As you can see, these suggestions are simple and easy to apply to your daily lifestyle. Making your commitment to change at least one habit can result in benefits that will be shared by all of us and add to the health and beauty of New Jersey's water resources.

### **BACKYARD COMPOSTING AND CUT IT & LEAVE IT**

Did you know that the average cost is \$80 per ton to dispose of items at a landfill? Reduce waste and improve your soil by composting! Composting is a natural process by which grass clippings, small branches, leaves, and even kitchen scraps that is gathered break down or decompose to form a nutrient rich natural soil and it is FREE. Compost improves soil moisture and decreases erosion, while feeding vegetable and flower gardens. If everyone had their own compost heap or bin, think how much we could reduce landfill use, avoid burying nutrients, trace minerals, and reduce methane gases.



Grass clippings add to New Jersey's waste stream. NJ residents are already reducing the amount of waste generated by recycling newspapers, plastics, glass, and more, but extra can be done by not collecting grass clippings each time our lawns are mowed. Excessive clippings that might accumulate on the lawn in the spring and fall can be avoided by mowing more frequently and by using a mulching mower. If you collect your clippings, put them to good use and compost them. You'll be able to use them next year on your garden.

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management subsidizes the sale of compost to County residents. Three types of bins are available, ranging in price from \$20 to \$50. A free kitchen pail and composting guide are included with each purchase. Bins can be purchased on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, from 11:00 am and 2:00 pm, at the MCIA Recycling Office located at 55 Edgeboro Road, East Brunswick. For information on composting call the Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension Master Gardener Helpline at (732) 395-2586, visit [www.rce.rutgers.edu](http://www.rce.rutgers.edu), or visit the Recycling Booth on Cranbury Day where composting and vermi-composting will be the main event! <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/Compost%20bin%20sale.pdf>.

## 2010 SHRED-IT EVENT



The Shred-It Event has been scheduled for August 14, 2010 at the DPW yard on Dey Road from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or until the truck is filled, whichever occurs first. Acceptable items include old files, receipts, bills, financial statements, or any document that you have not recycled due to a confidentiality concern.

Books, junk mail, magazines, and newspapers can be recycled through the regular curbside pickup service. The 2010 event is open to all Middlesex County residents and sponsored Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

Start cleaning out your old files!

## PET ETIQUETTE



It appears that some pet owners are not aware that they should clean up after their pets! According to Township Ordinance #162, "all pet owners and keepers shall immediately remove and properly dispose of the solid waste deposited by the pet on public property or the property of another." To those pet owners who are not accountable or responsible for their pet, have respect for public and private property; clean up after your pet! Solid pet waste should be deposited in a waste receptacle or other suitable container that is regularly emptied. There are many public trash cans located throughout Cranbury and in the parks that can be used for this purpose.

Be a responsible pet owner; make sure you bring a plastic bag before you and your pet leave for that walk!

## Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA)

Some residents are aware of the valuable service that the MCIA provides for Cranbury. They know that if their curbside recyclables haven't been collected they should call the MCIA for prompt service. In addition to the curbside recycling collection, the MCIA is responsible for responsible for the recycling of the Paint Drop-off, Tire Recycling, Electronics, Re-use It, Textile Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, Compost Bins, and Household Batteries programs.

A quick visit to their website [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com) and you will see how much Cranbury benefits for the Middlesex County Improvement Authority

## Position Available

The Cranbury Township Police Department has an opening for a substitute school crossing guard. The starting pay is \$11.00 per hour, no benefits We will provide a uniform and training. Interested persons can contact the Chief of Police at (609) 395-0031 or stop by headquarters during normal business hours to pick up an application.



## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Think about it. How many of us really reduce, reuse, and recycle. If we reduced the amount of waste we generate, and reuse the items whenever possible, we would save money, energy and resources for our future generations. Here are some ideas and links to help you to reduce, reuse and recycle:



► [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) – The Freecycle Network is a grassroots movements open to all communities including non-profit organizations and individuals who want to participate. When you want to find a new home for an item....whether it's a sofa, a dresser, piano, or old door...you just send an e-mail offering it to members of your local Freecycle group. All items posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages.

► [www.throwplace.com](http://www.throwplace.com) – this online market is another site where individuals, non-profits organizations and businesses can exchange goods and surplus inventory free of any charges.

► [www.epa.gov/osw/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osw/index.htm) --this website offers A-Z topics and basic information as to what, where and when of recycling. The EPA recently announced the winners of *Our Planet, Our Stuff, Our Choice* Video Competition. You can check out all the video submissions.

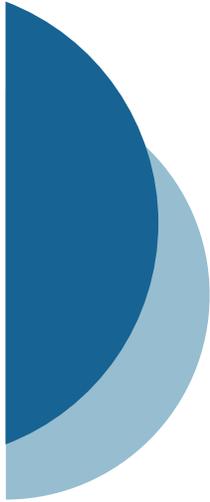
► Write to the Mail Preference Service to request that your name and address not be sold on mailing lists so that you receive less junk mail. Mail Preference Service c/o Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 643, Carmel, NJ 15012-0634. Include all variations of your name as well as your street address, city, state, zip code and signature. Results could take 3-6 months. Call or write Trans Union at 1-888-567-8688 or Trans Union LLC's Name Removal Option. PO Box 97328, Jackson, MS 39288-7328.

► Reduce – don't buy what you don't need! When making purchases, choose products that are durable and reusable, not disposable! If you need to buy disposable, choose products packed in recyclable packages and recycle them. Also select packages that are recycled. Purchasing recycled products completes the recycling loop. Select products with the least amount of packaging. ► [www.treehugger.com](http://www.treehugger.com) – this is just a great website for the well being of all humans and the world that we need to care for to survive.

## SPRING STREET SWEEPING



In time for the Memorial Day Parade, all township roads will be swept by Reilly Sweeping on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Your cooperation by removing any trash bins, basketball hoops, cars or any other personal equipment that you may have located on the street that fronts your property will allow the sweeper truck to make a clean and expeditious pass. A word of caution, do not place any chipping/brush or piles of leaves in the street. The sweeper truck will avoid these items by simply going around the pile.



# Assistive Services

## Township of Plainsboro

### Food Pantry

#### Did you know...

The Plainsboro Township Food Pantry is a service that provides temporary assistance to local families in need. The pantry is stocked with donations from individuals, families, and community groups. The service is now operating under the auspices of the Plainsboro Department of Recreation & Community Services.



**799-0909**  
ext. 332

Effective September 2009, Plainsboro and Cranbury residents in need of temporary food assistance may pick up an application form from the Dept. of Recreation & Community Services. The application process includes a grocery list to indicate types of food desired, as well as any special dietary needs pertaining to household members. Bags of food will be distributed on scheduled dates throughout the month. For additional information, contact the coordinator at 799-0909 ext. 352.

The list below provides a general outline of types of food stocked in the pantry. There is no guarantee that any specific types of food will be available at any given time.

#### Typical General Grocery Items

- Applesauce and canned fruits
- Breadcrumbs
- Boxed meals/meal starters (e.g., Shake'n'Bake, Hamburger Helper, taco kits)
- Cake/bread/muffin mixes and frosting
- Canned vegetables, beans

- Cereal, dry (cold or hot)
- Coffee/tea
- Condiments – ketchup, mustard, dressings, vinegar, oil, olives, relish, BBQ sauce, pickles
- Cookies/crackers/popcorn/snacks
- Flour
- Fruit—canned
- Gravy
- Jello / pudding mix
- Juice—can, box, bottle
- Mayonnaise
- Meat/Fish—cans (chicken, turkey, ham, tuna)
- Milk – canned, dry, shelf-stable, coffee creamer
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Pasta (dry)
- Pasta Mixes (PastaSides, PastaRoni)
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Potatoes – instant and canned
- Powdered drink mixes

Joanne Lupica, Director  
Department of Recreation & Community Services  
609-799-0909, ext 332

## Local & Regional Services

### Assistive Services

#### ***Middlesex County Office on Aging***

877 222-3737

#### ***Middlesex County Office for the Disabled***

732 745-4013

#### ***Middlesex County Board of Social Services***

732 745-3500

#### ***Affordable Housing***

*Plainsboro Non-Profit Housing Corp.*

609 786-1101

#### ***Transportation Services***

*Middlesex County Area Transit*

Information 732 745-7456

Reservations 800 221-3520

#### ***NJ Transit Information***

973 275-5555

#### ***Access Link***

800 955-2321

#### ***Reduced Fare Program***

973 378-6401

#### ***Ways to help...***

Residents interested in helping to support local assistive services have a number of options: Volunteers help in the food pantry with bagging food for distribution, inventory donations, and shelving stock. Applications are available from the office or online at [www.plainsboronj.com](http://www.plainsboronj.com). Cash donations are accepted for the food pantry as well as to help provide scholarship assistance for children in eligible families to participate in summer camps and enrichment program. Donations of gift cards and pantry items help keep the pantry stocked with needed items. For information on these and other ways to support efforts, contact the coordinator at 609 799-0909 x332.

### ***Food Pantry***

The Food Pantry, serving residents of Plainsboro and Cranbury, now operates under the auspices of the Department of Recreation & Community Services.

Registration information is available from the office.

Call the coordinator at 609 799-0909 x332.



### ***Information Services***

*InfoLine of Central Jersey*  
area database of services  
[www.info-line.org](http://www.info-line.org) or call at  
888 908-4636