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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Springtime greetings to all! As I prepare my second Newsletter as your mayor, I am enjoying a sunny, relatively warm, late winter day, and looking forward to the promise of spring.

Your Township Committee has been very active over the past few months. Recently, I participated in Mayor's Legislative Day in Trenton, where a very informative discussion of property taxes took place. I have also met with elected officials from our area, including Freeholder Director David Crabiel, Congressman Rush Holt, Mayor Peter Cantu of Plainsboro, and Mayor Frank Gambatese of South Brunswick, to create a dialogue about our common concerns. I have also begun participating in a monthly forum with Comcast Newsmakers, where I will be broadcasting news about important Cranbury issues.

The Township Committee has just adopted the 2006 municipal budget. As always, it was a difficult balancing act between managing expenses prudently and continuing to provide first-rate services to residents. Copies of the budget are available at Town Hall, or on line at cranburytownship.org.

The Township Committee also adopted a new ordinance for the Historic Preservation Commission. We hope this will provide clearer guidelines for working together to preserve our history and heritage.

The Township also recently leased the Gourgaud Gallery in Town Hall to the Cranbury Arts Council. While the room will still be used for public meetings during the day, residents can look forward to the many changing art exhibitions and special programs offered by the Cranbury Arts Council.

Among the important issues we face this year is the township revaluation, which has now begun and will continue to completion this October. We conducted a successful and well-attended informational public meeting in February where residents had an opportunity to ask questions of our Tax Assessor, Steve Benner, and our revaluation contractor, Appraisal Systems. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Open communication is the key to understanding the revaluation effort. Please do not hesitate to contact the Township offices if you have any questions.

The committee has also begun monthly meetings with the Chief of Police to review progress of the Cranbury Crawl, the Bike Patrol, and the management of overtime expenses, among other things. The Police are also presently investigating recent burglaries that unfortunately occurred in town. Keep in mind that our best line of defense is to look out for one another. If you see a suspicious vehicle in your neighborhood, please contact the Police. Also I would urge you to take advantage of the free home security audit provided by our Police Department. They will send an officer to your home to make recommendations on improving your security. I took advantage of this free service and I was surprised by what was pointed out to me.

We are a very unique community. When we work together we can and will achieve great things!

Thomas F. Panconi, Jr., Mayor
Richard Stannard
Pari Stave
David J. Stout
Wayne K. Wittman



LIONS' HAPPENINGS

We Serve.

That is the Lions Motto, and the Cranbury Lions try to serve our community through both community service projects and donations to help further the goals of other not-for-profit organizations. In order to provide the latter, the Cranbury Lions hold fundraisers, but in doing so, we realize that we must go to the same well, so to speak, over and over, always asking the same people for donations. So, we have tried to create FUNdraising projects that provide entertainment and/or a needed service. In addition to what we've done in the past, this year, the Cranbury Lions began two new FUNdraisers, both of which have been successful due to the participation of the people of Cranbury. The first of these was our **Valentine's Day Roses program**; we obtained and sold the finest quality roses at a substantial discount over retail locations. This particular event was so well received that we plan on continuing to do it again next year, and hopefully in years to come.

Our other new fundraiser was an **Art Auction**, which was done with the help and guidance of local artist and gallery owner, *Kathie Morolda*. The quality and pricing on the auctioned art was unsurpassed, and those who attended were able to go home with a few spectacular bargains. The Cranbury Lions would like to thank the local artists who donated their works for the Tricky Tray portion of the auction, but would especially like to thank the folks who attended this inaugural event, and made it a success. The money raised at this event will allow us to add a new non-profit group (who themselves are in dire need of donations) to our budgeted list of annual donees.

Of course, as always, Cranbury Lions would like to thank everyone who helped us raise money by participating in our **Super Bowl Pool**.

From January through March, the Cranbury Lions donated over \$16,000 to Cranbury Scouts, Friends of the Library, Lions Charities, and the College Loan Program.

We will hold our **ANNUAL WHITE CANE DRIVE** in April; dates and other information will be announced shortly.

May is the Cranbury Lions most active month, beginning with Monday, May 15, 2006 which marks the date of the **Cranbury Lions 8th Annual Golf Outing**. \$125 per player at the Peddie Golf Course includes cart and greens fees,



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lunch and dinner, team and individual prizes for play, door prizes, auction items and a registration gift. The event starts with lunch at 11:30, followed by a 1PM Shotgun Start. The Golf outing is limited to the first 100 golfers. Hole Sponsorships are \$100 and \$125, which, in addition to a sign on a hole, includes a business card ad or full page ad, respectively, in the program book. Spouses and non-golfing Lions may attend the dinner for \$30; both lunch and dinner includes choice of beer or wine.

As always, the Cranbury Lions will have a game booth at the **Drug Free Fair** on Saturday, May 20, 2006, and will make a donation to the School for the Quest Program.

Tickets for the **Cranbury Lions Spring Raffle – the Super 50/50** – will be available from any Cranbury Lions throughout April and May. Tickets are \$10 each, and there **50/50** will be three winning tickets drawn (25%-15%-10%) immediately following the **Tickets** Memorial Day Parade. Winners need not be present to win.

Each year the Cranbury Lions gives out **Four Student Awards** based on merit and/or scholarship. These awards are the Stan Thomas Community Service Award, The Todd Beamer Scholarship, the Dr. David Tudor Scholarship, and the Awardee for travel to the World Affairs Seminar at the University of Wisconsin. All applications for these awards must be received by April 15, 2005. Information for these awards can be found on the Lions Webpage, www.cranbury.org/clubs/Lions/servclub.htm



The Cranbury Lions have once again been invited to participate in the **Trenton Thunder Community Service Program**; the Trenton Thunder is the AA Affiliate of the New York Yankees. On June 23, the Cranbury Lions will hold a Super 50/50 at Riverside Stadium while the Trenton Thunder plays the Norwich Navigators (SF Giants).



As customary, we will hold our annual **Family Picnic** in July; this is not a fundraiser, but an invitation to all Lions, their friends and neighbors to join us for an evening of barbeque and fun. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

For the last seven years, the Cranbury Lions have sponsored an annual **Trenton Thunder Game Outing** to which all Lions and all Cranbury residents, their family and friends, are invited. Tickets are available now, from any Cranbury Lion, for the game between the Trenton Thunder (NY Yankees) and the Portland Seadogs (Boston Red Sox) on Saturday, August 19.

Finally, The Lions ask that you Hold the Date! **June 23, 2007** marks the **75th Anniversary of the Cranbury Lions**, and the Club is planning a Gala Celebration Event. More information will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

As always, we thank all of Cranbury for your support and generosity throughout the year.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



The Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 29. The Cranbury Lions have been producing the Memorial Day Parade and Post Parade Program since the 1930's. The parade begins, rain or shine, at 1PM, and moves north along Main

Street from Symmes Court to Plainsboro Rd, loops onto Maplewood Ave, then Park Place and back to Main Street, where it ends at the Fire House. Marching in this year's parade will be the Cranbury Police, followed by Cranbury Veterans, VFW Post 262, the Members of the Cranbury Township Committee, and some of our State Legislators. Some of the other participants, in no particular order, will be the Central Jersey Antique Car Club; the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, and

Daisies; the Cranbury Historical Society, Cranbury Mother's Club, decorated bicycles, and a few floats, including the Lions Float. Of course, no parade would be complete without the gleaming trucks and Dress-Blue splendor of the Fire Companies and First Aid Squads from Cranbury, and neighboring towns. The bands may include the Melvin H. Kreps School Marching Band, the Polka Band, the Cranbury Brass Band, Greater Trenton Pipes and Drums, and the MAVIS Band. The Cranbury Lions Super 50/50 will be drawn, in front of the Fire House, as the Parade ends. The Post-Parade Ceremonies, in Memorial Park will include a flag ceremony to commemorate the day, a benediction by the Rev. Lou Mitchell, an address by Cranbury Lions President Alex Johnson, a few words from our State Legislators, a short keynote speech by Mayor Panconi, and an announcement of the winners of the 50/50 and the Bicycle Decorating Contest, with music by the Boy Scout Band



Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society

On Saturday, April 1, and Sunday, April 2, our friends from the New Jersey Civil War History Association, who annually participate in the Township's Memorial Day festivities, will host a Civil War encampment, a living history event at Village Park in Cranbury. www.14njvols.com or by calling Kenneth Coanshock, President, New Jersey Civil War History Association at 732-969-8933.

The Third Annual Marilyn "Lyn" Green Tea is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, at the Cranbury Museum. This year Karen Kelley of Cranbury will lecture on Victorian table settings. Many pieces from Karen's own collection will be on display. Homemade tea, sandwiches and dessert will be served. Reservations are required and space is limited. The last two Teas have sold out! Please call Lisa Beach at 409-1289 for more information.

Effective April 4, the Cranbury History Center's hours will change. The new hours will be Tuesdays only from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

2005 was a very busy year for the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society. We hosted more than a dozen events, operated the Cranbury History Center and Museum, and kept up our usual community activities. This year, we will sponsor some events and programs, but we plan to spend considerable time

We have embarked on several important special projects. A special committee has been appointed to review the contents of the Museum to be sure valuable items it contains are being cared for properly. We are creating our

own website to give the Society a distinctive "digital identity" and enable us to communicate more effectively. And, we are computerizing data about our archives and collections. Through a strategic planning process, we will attempt to look at the Society's activities and organization with a fresh eye with the goal of developing a viable plan to guide the Society for the next few years.

The Society accomplished a lot to be proud of in 2005, and we deeply appreciate the hard work and generosity of all our members and volunteers. Without them, the Society could not continue its good work.

If you would like to become a member of the Society and volunteer to help with its activities, please contact the History Center at 860-1889 or by email at historycenter@comcast.org.



As of February 24, 2006, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has a new ordinance. The Ordinance can be read in its entirety on the Cranbury website. Some basic changes have been designed to make the process more user friendly. Ordinary repairs involving replacement in kind will no longer require HPC approval. The buffer area around the historic district has been reduced from 2400 feet to 200 feet. A map of the new area requiring HPC approval is available in the Township Office. Meetings will still be held the first and third Tuesday of the month. Applicants are requested to get their paperwork in 10 days before the meeting.

An FYI About the Curbside Chipping Service

Cranbury Township's chipping service for tree branches, shrubbery and other yard clippings commences the third Wednesday of each month. Keep in mind that this is the starting date and not necessarily the day that the chipper will collect your brush.

To make the chipping process more efficient, a few rules should be followed:

1. Place all material for chipping near the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the collection day.
2. BRUSH IS NEVER TO BE PLACED CURBSIDE PRIOR TO THE WEEKEND PRECEDING THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. By following this rule, the streetscape will look neater and cleaner.
3. Branches should be placed parallel to the road between the curb and the sidewalk.
4. DO NOT PUT BRANCHES IN THE STREET OR ON THE SIDEWALK.
5. Branches should be placed with the cut ends together facing the direction of the truck so the branches can be easily loaded into the hopper for chipping.
6. Branches should not exceed 10" diameter. All brush must be at least 3' in length. Although 3' is

the minimum length, longer branches are much easier to chip.

7. Hedge clippings, twigs and small branches less than 3' (but not less than 1') must be bundled with string only (NO WIRE) and must be free of foreign debris, such as, stones, dirt, metal, sweepings and rakings.
8. No lumber, construction material, roots, or stumps will be chipped.

It is our purpose to help everyone understand the process of this much valued chipping service. Should you have questions about the above regulations, please contact the Public Works Department at 395-0900 X229. Thank you for your consideration.

HELP KEEP OUR STREETSCAPE BEAUTIFUL!

----- JULY 5TH CELEBRATION -----

Reserve this date on your calendar! Further information for the annual July 5th Celebration will be published in the next newsletter.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP PRESS RELEASE

Volunteers Needed for CERT Training Course

Do you remember the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the feeling you had for wanting to help out with the relief effort? Well, your chance to become involved is here.

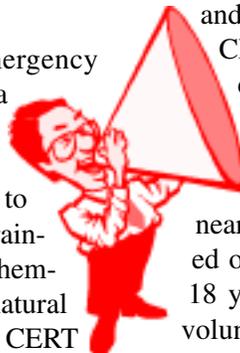
The Cranbury Township Office of Emergency Management is currently seeking volunteers for a Community Emergency Response Team. The CERT program, a nationwide initiative, helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. The training will also enable volunteers to better protect themselves and their families should a man-made or natural disaster occur. When emergency situations arise, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster sight.

CERT participants will be required to undergo twenty hours of instruction over an eight-week period. Classes

would be taught by emergency responders, including firefighters, emergency medical personnel and law enforcement professionals from around the community. The program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and medical operations.

CERTs have been used to search for missing children, assist with environmental emergencies, staff emergency operation centers and to assist relief organizations with mass care.

Training sessions will take place in the near future at the township's new Police Station located on Logan Drive. CERT volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Individuals interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about the program, at no cost to the participant, should contact the Cranbury Township Police Department at (609)395-0031. Please be prepared to leave your name, telephone number, as well as the daytime course hours that would be best suited for you. For further program information, interested parties can log onto www.state.nj.us/njoem or www.fema.gov.



The School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. PLEASE NOTE: The last day to register to vote in this Election will be Tuesday, March 28, 2006 and Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. to receive Voter Registration Forms.

Voters should report on April 18th to the lower level of Town Hall. All voting will take place in the "Recital Room".

Voter Registration Forms and Absentee Ballot Forms may be obtained from the New Jersey Elections web site: <http://www.state.nj.us/ps/elections/electionshome.html>. THE COUNTY CLERK must receive Civilian Absentee Ballot requests **by mail for the School Election by Monday, April 10th.**

*******NEW LAW GOES INTO EFFECT*******

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. Public Law, 2005, C. 153, as of January 1, 2006, the category of "Independent" voter has been eliminated. Any voter who chooses not to affiliate with a political party or group is now classified as an "Unaffiliated" voter. Therefore, your voting record will be changed from "Independent" to "Unaffiliated".

As an "Unaffiliated" voter, you will be eligible to declare a political party affiliation at the polls to vote in either the Republican or Democratic June Primary Election. (As an "Independent" voter, you did not have this option.) Once you vote in a primary election, you will be considered a member of that political party. You can thereafter switch your party affiliation to another political party by filing a political party declaration form with the Municipal Clerk's Office or the County Board of Elections. You must file such form NO LATER THAN 50 days before a primary election to vote in the other political party.

The new law also provides for a voter who is affiliated with a political party to go back to being an unaffiliated voter. This is done by checking off the "unaffiliated" option on the political party declaration form and filing it with the Municipal clerk or the County Board of Elections.

Any voter affiliated with a political party and wants to switch to "unaffiliated" status, must file the political party declaration form no later than 50 days before a primary election to be able to vote in either political party's primary election. For the June 6, 2006 Primary Election, the filing deadline is April 17, 2006.

You may obtain party declaration forms from the Municipal Clerk's Office, the County Board of Elections Office, or online (address provided in article above), or under the Clerk's page on the Cranbury Township web site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Clerk's Office at: 609-395-0900, ext. 234.



Digital Cranbury Camera Club

Meetings held every
**2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at
7:30pm in the
Gourgaud Gallery,
Cranbury Town Hall, 23 N Main Street, Cranbury.**

The new Cranbury digital Camera Club, started by Janet Paxton and Greg DeAngelis, both residents of Cranbury, has had a great start. Following the first meeting in January there have been educational speakers on the topics of "Matting Your Prints for Competition" and "The Basics: How to use your Digital Camera" as well as Print Competitions with "Ice" and "Wild Birds" as themes.

The club now has almost 30 members and will be a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization. We are looking forward to welcoming many more members and anyone, regardless of experience, that is interested in photography, with a special emphasis on the digital processes, is invited to come along.

We will be having monthly educational evenings on the 2nd Wednesdays as well as a competition on the 4th Wednesdays of each month. See our website for the rules and themes for these competitions.

We hope to be able to impart to every member attending each meeting at least a small nugget of information that will help advance and improve not only their photography skills but also their enjoyment of the process. To this end we will be having at every meeting the soon to be famous "Tips" section. There will be a Camera Tip and a Photoshop Tip announced at the beginning and end of each meeting so please plan to be on time (7:30pm sharp) to get the first and stay to the end (between 9:00 and 9:30pm) to benefit from both.

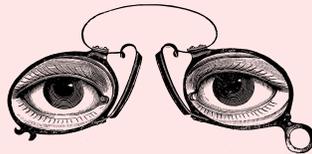
**Questions? Call Janet Paxton 609 655 5991 or Greg DeAngelis at 609 860 0775
or email janet@janetpaxtonphotos.com**

See our Web Site for more details:
www.CranburyDigitalCameraClub.org

Golden Age Neighbors

Thanks to the financial support of Cranbury Township and the leadership of president, Betty Conover, Golden Age Neighbors are doing well. In March, we had an enjoyable bus trip to the Hunterdon Hills dinner theatre. Many members and friends enjoyed the delicious full course meal, dessert room, and comedy, "Charlie's Aunt. The Club sponsors a number of bus trips each year.

The club thanks all the sponsors of their meetings that are held the third Saturday of the month. They are the First Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Apollo Lodge, Cranbury Woman's Club and the Cranbury Catholic Women. Meetings are usually held in the cafeteria of the Cranbury School but occasionally in the Fellowship Halls of both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. We meet at



noon and bring our own place setting, a covered dish and the desire to greet our members and welcome new members, and to enjoy fellowship and the planned program. Membership is open to seniors from Cranbury and surrounding area. Dues are just \$7.00 a month and new members are invited to join at any meeting.

The Club offers a free income tax preparation with member Tom Ward. Tom is available in the Cranbury Library every Thursday until April 17th. To arrange an appointment call the Cranbury Library at 655-0555.

The club is considering starting a Walk in the Park program for seniors. If you are interested call president, Betty Conover at 860-0156 to arrange days and times. It is an excellent way to get out in the fresh air, have some healthy exercise and enjoy fellowship with other walkers.

The next meeting will be Saturday April 15th in the cafeteria of the Cranbury School.

Selecting a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Last Chance for Assistance

Cranbury Township is hosting an important program for anyone interested in understanding the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.



A counselor from the Middlesex County Department of Aging will be at Town Hall on Wednesday, April 26th, from 9AM to 1PM to provide individual counseling on selecting a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan. If you or your parents haven't selected a Medicare prescription drug plan and would like one-on-one counseling contact John Ritter of Cranbury Township's Human Services Board at (609) 655-8932 to schedule an appointment.

Residents 65 or older with low or moderate annual incomes may also qualify for New Jersey State medication payment assistance. Single residents with annual income in 2006 of less than \$21,850 and couples with annual incomes under \$26,791 may qualify for the State's PAAD program. Residents who qualify have a \$5 co-pay for each prescription.

Residents who don't qualify for PAAD but have an annual income of less than \$31,850 (for single residents) or less than \$36,791 (for couples) may instead qualify for the State's Senior Gold program.

Neither program currently considers assets when determining who is eligible. Inquire into these programs during your one-on-one session if you or your parents may qualify.

If you can't attend a one-on-one session and would like to know more about the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, you can find informative links in the Cranbury Township website Links section. To find this information, go to the Cranbury Township website www.cranburytownship.org, click on Links in the upper right and then scroll down to the MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT section.

If you would like further information that is not available on

the internet, the Cranbury Public Library has created a binder of newspaper and magazine articles on the subject. Ask at the circulation desk for the binder.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Plan D enrollment program began January 1, 2006. Seniors can enroll in the program through May 15, 2006 without penalty. The program offers many options for New Jersey seniors. Selecting a plan that best suits your needs can be challenging. We hope this information will help you select the plan that is best for you.

Spring Time Fire Safety Tips "Spring into Action"

- Are any smoke alarms in your home more than 10 years old? If so replace them.
- Spring cleaning, clean your smoke detectors. Dust and cob webs can reduce a detector's sensitivity to smoke.
- Never paint a smoke detector.
- Check your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Make sure windows open easily for use as escape routes if necessary.
- "Spring into Action" design and practice an escape plan. Identify two escape routes from each room.

Have a fire safe spring!

Township of Cranbury Fire Official
Joseph A. Seip



Crossing Guards Needed

The Cranbury Township Police Department is looking for substitute school crossing guards. Applications may be obtained at Police Headquarters at (located at 1 Logan Drive) between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. For further information, please contact Chief Hansen at 395-0031.

Free Rabies Clinic

The Board of Health will sponsor a free rabies clinic for Middlesex County residents for both cats and dogs, on Saturday, April 22nd, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Cranbury Firehouse on South Main Street.

An amendment to the dog license regulation (N.J.A.C. 8:23A) has been added for all dog owners. In order for a dog license to be issued, the owner must show proof that the duration of immunity of the rabies vaccination extends through at least 10 months of the 12 month licensing period. Annual dog licenses are renewed every January.



Environmental Resources Inventory Nears Completion

The Environmental Commission is updating the Township's Environmental Resources Inventory (ERI) with the assistance of Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants, Inc. To support the costs of this project, the Environmental Commission secured a grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) in the amount of \$5,000, which will be matched by the Township.

The goal of the project is to have an up-to-date ERI that is a source of current information for Township officials and the public on environmental resources within Cranbury. The new ERI will be a critical resource for the Environmental Commission, which will use it in evaluating proposals for development to determine whether environmental resources are present in the area of proposed development, and to evaluate what protection should be applied to those resources. The ERI will also serve as a source of informational material for Cranbury residents, who will learn about the environmental resources in town, how they should be protected, and (for some of the resources) how they can be enjoyed for recreation. It is our intention to make the ERI available on the Township website.

The Environmental Commission has completed its review of the draft ERI, and it is scheduled for presentation to the Planning Board at their meeting on April 6. The Environmental Commission will recommend that the Environmental Resources Inventory be referenced in the updated Master Plan.



Middlesex County 2006 Schedule Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

Middlesex County residents may bring their Household Hazardous Waste to either site listed below.

Directions to the sites along with a list of acceptable and unacceptable waste can be found at www.njhazwaste.com/midhome.htm or call (732) 745-4170 during normal business hours.

Saturday April 15, 2006 Middlesex County Road Department – North Brunswick, Apple Orchard Lane, off of Rt. 130, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday May 21, 2006 Middlesex County College – Edison, Mill Road, off of Woodbridge Ave. 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

REUSE IT AGAIN!

MIDDLESEX COUNTY'S DONATION RECYCLING DIRECTORY

This free directory can help you donate your unwanted goods – such as "gently used" appliances, furniture, infant car seats and strollers, computers and clothing—to Middlesex County organizations that reuse them to help our neighbors. The directory also includes a list of dry cleaning shops that accept hangers for recycling and information on other County recycling opportunities.

The first section of the book is organized by commodity. If you have an item you no longer need and wish to donate it, this section lists all the organizations which accept various items and also lists organizations alpha-

betically so you can locate a specific organization you may wish to receive your donation.

The book also contains information on recycling metal hangers at area dry cleaners, and details on county recycling programs for items such as grass, batteries, paint and tires.

For a Free Copy: You can print the guide (requires Acrobat Reader) or visit www.mciauth.com or call (800) 488-MCIA (6242). Multiple copies of the directory are available for clubs or community organizations. Cranbury residents may obtain a copy at Town Hall.



MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

REUSE IT AGAIN!
MIDDLESEX COUNTY'S DONATION RECYCLING DIRECTORY



Sprucing Up • Sprucing Up

Curbside leaf pick up will commence on Monday, April 3rd and continue on through to Friday, May 5th. Please rake the leaves between the sidewalk and curb, taking care not to cover the storm drains. Our hard working Public Works crew will pick up your leaves barring any inclement weather or machine malfunctions. To prevent any malfunctions, **do not combine** the leaves with branches, vines, dead shrubbery, grass clipping or any other debris. The leaf chipper chips leaves, only!

Leaf Collection Schedule:

North Main Street,	Cranbury Green
from Rt.130 heading South	Station Road
Plainsboro Road	Stockton Drive
Prospect Street	Evans Tract
Bunker Hill	Maplewood Avenue
Cranbury Neck Road	Park Place
Symmes Court	Westminster Place
Wynnewood Section	Wesley Place
Old Trenton Road	Scott Avenue
Shadow Oaks	Cranbury Estates
South Main Street,	Cranbury Walk

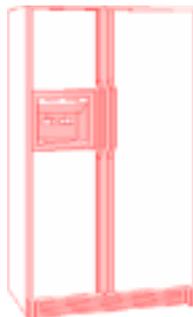
North from the circle

Residents not living on the above streets who need leaf collection service should call 395-0900 ext 229 to arrange for pick up. Barring inclement weather or breakdowns, this schedule usually takes approximately 2 to 2-1/2 weeks to complete.

Branch chipping dates are always the third Wednesday of every month. April 19th, May 17th and June 21st are the next scheduled dates for branch chipping. Kindly note that once the chipper has chipped your branches, the next pass will take approximately 1-2 weeks.

White Good/Appliance Pick-Up

White Goods pick up dates are always the second Wednesday of every month. April 12, May 10 and June 7 are the next scheduled dates for pick up. The cost for this convenient service is \$10.00 per item. White goods are BBQ grills (no propane tanks), washers, dryers, hot water tanks, stoves etc. If you would like schedule a pick up, call Town Hall at 395-0900 ext.229 at least **3** days in advance before scheduled dates.



Spring Clean-Up Weekend

Cranbury Clean Up Day has been scheduled for May 6 & 7, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Attendants will be at the Public Works garage on Dey Road to receive all acceptable debris.

The purpose of this service is to allow residents to dispose of appliances, furniture, and other bulky items that are not normally picked up by your trash collector. Tree limbs and brush, over 3 feet in length and up to 10" diameter, will be accepted and chipped at a later date.

Back by popular demand is the Electronic Drop-off Program. Bring your unwanted computers including the monitors, scanners, cpu's, modems, printers, cables or keyboards. Televisions, telephones, irons, florescent lamps, and thermostats thermometers containing mercury at the drop off in the designated area are also accepted.

Recycling

The 2006 Recycling & Collection Schedule has been mailed to all residents. If you did not receive one, stop by Town Hall and pick one up. You'll find them on the display shelf. This little booklet is full of other helpful recycling information, too!

The recycling pick up dates for this quarter is April 3 & 17; May 1 & 15; June *3, 12 & 26. If your recycling was not picked up by MCIA, call 1-800-488-MCIA for help. A call must be placed as soon as possible for MCIA to respond to your concern. Additional information regarding recycling can be found by visiting the MCIA website at www.mciauth.com.

* **June 3** is the rescheduled pick up date after the Memorial Day holiday.

Visit Cranbury on the web at www.cranbury.org

Animal Control.....	395-0031
Clerks Office.....	395-0900 ext 234
Construction Dept.....	395-0900 ext 232 or ext 231
EMERGENCY.....	911
Fire Co.(Non-emergency).....	395-0633
First Aid.....	395-1707
Health Department.....	395-0900 ext 237
Library.....	655-0555
Police.....	395-0031
Planning & Zoning.....	395-0900 ext 221
Public Works.....	395-0900 ext 222 or ext 229
Recreation.....	395-0900 ext 231
Sewer (billing).....	395-0900 ext 228
Tax Assessor.....	395-0900 ext 235
Tax Collector.....	395-0900 ext 233
Township Administrator.....	395-0900 ext 224
To report Air Quality Issues.....	24 Hr Hotline 732-745-8480
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	or on the web www.mciauth.com

GOURGAUD GALLERY

In late February, Cranbury Township and the Cranbury Arts Council (CAC) signed an agreement, through which CAC would assume artistic responsibility for the Gourgaud Gallery (pronounced *Gor Go*), located in the Cranbury Town Hall. The Arts Review Committee, which has overseen the operation of the Gallery since its rededication in 2001, has reorganized under the Arts Council as The Gourgaud Gallery Committee (GGC), and will continue its efforts to provide Cranbury with a Center for the Arts in the Gourgaud Gallery. New monthly exhibits will continue to open with an Artist's Reception, in the Gallery, every First Friday. The First Friday Artist's Receptions are generally from 6PM to 8PM (individual artists may hold their receptions until 9PM); the Artist's Receptions are free and open to the general public.

In addition to exhibiting two and three dimensional art, there are plans for the Gourgaud Gallery to feature as many art forms as possible or practical, including a small concert series, readings, demonstrations of artistic technique, lectures, and classes. While the exhibit schedule will continue on a monthly basis, these additional events will be announced through the Cranbury Press as they are scheduled.

April is National Poetry Month, and the GGC has a poetry line-up for the month in the Gallery! Everyone is invited to these wonderful evenings and afternoons in the Gallery – you would be surprised at how much great contemporary poetry there is.

April 2nd – Poet Charles Johnson will read his own works; among his many accomplishments, and in addition to being a High School Poetry Instructor, and working with disadvantaged youth in Patterson and New Brunswick, Mr. Johnson is a recipient of the Patterson Poetry Prize, the First Place Winner of the Allen Ginsburg Poetry Awards, and a Fellow of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

April 21st – The Gallery will host an “Open Mike” Night, where anyone can come in and read their poetry, or someone else's; this will be the third year we have held an “Open Mike” Night.

April 28th – The Gallery will feature an evening of music and poetry.

In addition to these April readings, the GGC has placed a **Call For Entries** for Student Films, for a planned Student Film Festival on April 30; Film should be submitted on a CD to Lisa Walsh, at 14 Symmes Court, Cranbury; entries must be received no later than April 1; see the Cranbury Press for run times.

In addition to the special events in April, here is the exhibit schedule for the next few months:

April – “Blooming Buds” – Watercolorists Unlimited

May – “The Suburbs To The Metropolis” – Oils & Etchings By Zenna Broomer (Abstracts)

June – “Celebrate 25” – (Tentative)

July – TBA

August – “Eclectic Images – Real, Surreal and Abstract”
– Photography by Mort Metersky

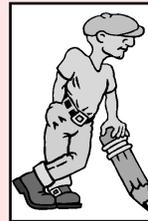
September – The Pastels & Oils of Agnes Seugnet

Anyone wishing to exhibit in the Gourgaud Gallery may obtain an application in the Gallery or via e-mail at ggcchair@cranbury.org

The Gourgaud Gallery is open Monday – Friday from 9AM to 4PM, and on Sunday from Noon to 3PM; First Friday evenings from 6PM to 8PM; Open Saturday by appointment, only.

GGC is seeking community minded individuals who would be interested in helping the Gallery through a “Friends of the Gallery”-type organization, which, as part of the Arts Council, would work specifically toward the betterment of the Gallery. The purpose of the Friends of the Gourgaud Gallery is to help support the Gallery by assisting in obtaining viable artists, in all mediums, to show their works in the Gallery, and by fundraising, through which, necessary equipment, accoutrement, and supplies may be purchased for use by the Gallery. Interested individuals may contact Bob Virgadamo, the GGC Chairperson, by phone at 395-7050, or via e-mail at ggcchair@cranbury.org.

CALL FOR ENTRIES



The Gourgaud Gallery Committee is planning a retrospective of works from professional artists and art hobbyists, who, over the last 25 years, have been students of Mrs. Tamara Woronczuk. The GGC is seeking artwork, in all mediums and formats, for an exhibit being planned in the Gourgaud Gallery during June 2006. Works may be in any 2- or 3-dimensional medium. Artistic mediums may include (but are not be limited to) watercolor, oils, acrylics, hard or soft pastels, pen and ink, and pencil drawings (including architectural and landscape drawings), and of course, any 3-dimensional sculpture.. Applications for art submissions may be obtained at ggcchair@cranbury.org. GGC will accept up to two entries from each applicant. All works will be chosen through jury selection. Applications must be submitted to the GGC by or before April 15, 2006. Any resident who is aware of former students who may live outside of Cranbury may wish to let them know of this opportunity to exhibit their work, while honoring this inspirational teacher.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**School Board Election - April 18 • Arbor Day - April 28 • Clean Up Weekend - May 6 & 7
 Drug Free Fair - May 20 • Memorial Day Parade - May 29 • Flag Day - June 11
 Fireworks Display and Band Concert in Village Park - July 5th**

<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	
6	4	1	<u>Board of Health</u> - 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm, Town Hall
6	4	8	<u>Development Review</u> - 1st Thursday, 5:00 pm, Town Hall
17	15	19	<u>Environmental Commission</u> - 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm, Town Hall
4&18	2&16	6&20	<u>Historic Preservation Advisory Committee</u> - 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm Town Hall
18	15	15	<u>Human Services Commission</u> - 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Town Hall
9	11	8	<u>Library Board of Trustees</u> - 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Library
27	25	No meeting	<u>Municipal Alliance Committee</u> - 4th Thursday, 12:30 pm, Library
5*	10	14	<u>Park Planning Commission</u> - 2nd Wednesday, 8:30 am, Town Hall
6&20	4&25*	8*&15	<u>Planning Board</u> - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Town Hall
27	25	22	<u>Recreation Commission</u> - 4th Thursday, 8:00 pm Town Hall
11	No meeting	13	<u>Shade Tree Commission</u> - 2nd Tuesday every other month, 7:00 pm, Town Hall
10&24	8&22	12&26	<u>Township Committee</u> - 2nd & 4th Monday @ 7:00 pm, Town Hall
19*	10	14	<u>Zoning Board of Adjustment</u> - 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Town Hall
8&22	6&20	10&24	<u>Mayor's Hours</u> - Saturday before TC meeting, 8:30 am-10:00am, Town Hall

* Not on a regularly scheduled meeting date

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	Sewer Collector Hours Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri 8:30a.m.-1:30p.m.	Construction Office Hours Mon-Fri 8a.m.-4:30p.m.	Tax Collector Hours Mon/Wed/Fri-9a.m.-3p.m. • Tues/Thurs-9a.m.-12p.m., 1p.m.-4p.m.	

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Recreation Update

Summer Camp

Registration Underway



The Cranbury Recreation Commission is currently 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). Registration packets are available at the Recreation Office, Library and on the township website, www.cranburytownship.org. The programs will be held for eight weeks starting June 26th and ending August 18th. The year 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.

NEW Program – Spring Soccer



The program is for boys and girls ages 4-11 and will be held on Thursday evenings Millstone Park beginning April 20th and running through June 9th. 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. The fee for this program is \$65 for Cranbury residents and \$75 for non-residents. A minimum of 20 children for each age group must be registered for the program to run.

Basketball Camp



Professional instructors from Skyhawks Sports will direct this camp. This program will be held from June 26th to June 30th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the new Cranbury School gymnasium. This camp is designed for the beginner and intermediate players. Participants will learn new skills while building upon the fundamentals including passing, shooting and dribbling. Campers will put their newly acquired skills to the test at an end of the week tournament. Participant to coach ratio is approximately 10:1. The cost for this full day camp is \$125 per person. Boys and girls ages 7-12 are eligible to participate. This camp is limited to the first 30 registrants.

Tennis Camp



Professional instructors from Skyhawks Sports will direct this camp. This program will be held for two, one week session. Session 1 will be from

July 10th and running through July 14th. Session 2 will be held from July 24th through July 28th. Camp time is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and will be held at the Cranbury School tennis courts. Boys and girls ages 7-12 are eligible to participate. Cost is \$100 per person per session. This camp will provide players with the fundamental skills needed in this lifelong sport. Participants will learn proper techniques including grip, footwork, groundstrokes, volleys, overheads and serves. Rules and etiquette of the game will also be covered. Drills and games will improve the abilities of the players in a fun fashion. Participant to coach ratio is approximately 8:1. Camp is limited to the first 25 registrants per session.

Junior Multi Sports Camp



Professional instructors from Skyhawks Sports will direct this camp. This program will be held for one week starting July 17th and running through July 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Millstone Park. Boys and girls ages 4-6 are eligible to participate. Cost is \$105 per person. This camp will provide participants with an introduction to soccer, flag football, and baseball in a day program setting. There is no pressure; just lots of fun while the young athletes participate in these sports through unique games. The staff is trained to meet the special needs of young children. The staff is committed to helping young children start off on the right foot as they take their first steps into athletics. Participant to coach ratio is approximately 8:1. Camp is limited to the first 30 registrants.

NEW – Soccer Camp



Professional instructors from UK Elite Soccer will direct this program. The camp will be held for one week starting July 31st through August 4th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Millstone Park for boys and girls ages 5-14. The camp will feature fun and exciting activities such as foot-work/ball handling skills, moves and turns, small-sided practices and more. Cost for this camp is \$130 per person.

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

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION
23-A North Main Street • Cranbury, NJ 08512
Phone 395-0900 ext. 231

REGISTRATION FORM

(FOR ALL PROGRAMS EXCEPT SUMMER DAY CAMP AND LITTLE PEOPLES PROGRAMS)

Name of Registrant _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____
HOME WORK

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____

Email Address _____

Birthdate ____/____/____ Age _____ Grade as of 9/2006 _____ Male ___ Female ___

Name of Parent(s) _____

NAME OF PROGRAM	SESSION	TIME/DAYS
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I _____ understand and realize that there is a risk of injury by participating in any
(participant/parent if under 18)
recreational program. I certify that I (my child) am (is) in proper physical condition for safe participation. I understand that NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED, unless the Cranbury Township Recreation Commission cancels the program. I understand this and wish (my child) to participate in the above programs.

(participant/parent if under 18) DATE

Please complete one registration form per program per person. Make checks payable to "Cranbury Township". This form may be duplicated or additional forms may be obtained at the Recreation Office located in Town Hall. You may register by mail or in person at Town Hall. Payment must accompany the registration form.