

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2010



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 Assn., 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.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Election News

The 2010 School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, April 20th **during the hours of 2:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Voters in Districts 1, 2 and 3 will vote in the "Senior Room" on the lower level of Town Hall. The deadline to register to vote for the School Board Election is Tuesday, March 30, 2010. Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The last day the **COUNTY CLERK** may receive Civilian Absentee Ballot request **by mail** for the School Board Election is Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

The last day to file "Political Party Declaration Form" for the June Primary is Monday, April 19, 2010.



Cranbury Township Police Department

**One Logan Drive
Cranbury, NJ 08512**

EDWARD L. KAHLER, III
Chief of Police

WINTER CRIME PREVENTION PRESS RELEASE

- The best way to prevent a burglary is to watch your neighbor's home and have them watch your home. You know who belongs in the area and who does not. Contact us immediately if you see any suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood.
- Be aware of who is watching you leave your house. If you see a suspicious vehicle when you leave your home, do not be afraid to call the police department. Try to copy down the license plate number, make, model, color and other identifying marks (dents, bumper stickers...) of the suspicious vehicle. A description of the occupants is very helpful.
- Lighting is essential in preventing crime. Do not forget to leave exterior and interior lights on. Motion detector lights and ambient lighting have proven their worth in recent years. You may also consider leaving a radio on and tune it to an all-talk radio station.
- Burglar alarms have proven their worth. It is important, however, that the burglar alarms be equipped with an external siren (in a secure location) and a battery back-up in case of an interruption in the telephone or power service. You may contact the Cranbury Police Department for a copy of the alarm registration form and the ordinance that governs alarms. Alarm information is also available on the township web site.
- Sheds and outbuildings have been a favorite of thieves lately. Heavy duty locks and a simple cow bell placed on the inside of the shed door may be just enough to keep thieves away from your power equipment.
- Consider etching your driver license number on your tools and other valuables. Etching makes them too "hot" to steal. Between recording serial numbers and etching your driver license number on your property, you increase our ability to prosecute the burglars and return your items to you.
- Vehicles should be secured and the valuables removed. Parking under a motion detector light is also advisable.
- The last tip is to put your house number in a conspicuous location. It should be illuminated or reflective to allow easy identification in the dark.
- The Cranbury Township Police Department offers a home/business security survey free of charge to all local businesses and homeowners. The survey will provide you with simple suggestions to help you protect your property and your family. If you would like to set up a home survey, or if you have any questions about home security or personal security, you may contact Chief Kahler, Captain Varga, Lt. Owens or Officer Wetzel at 395-0031.

Lions Club

The Lions Club has been very busy these last few months. Our club was very involved with our town and its residents. We sold food on Cranbury Day 2009, and we carved pumpkins when we co-sponsored a Halloween party for the children of Cranbury. We sold baked goods and provided music with Gil and Bert's in October, and we also hosted the luncheon for the Golden Age Neighbors in September.

In November we sponsored the annual Peace Poster Contest with the Cranbury School. Our winners were invited to our dinner meeting and presented with their prizes. Amazing artistic talent was displayed by the many children who entered. The judging was indeed challenging. This year the Cranbury Lions Club sponsored our first annual Winter Coat drive, and we were very successful due to the generosity of many people. We collected 172 coats, which were then donated to TASK and Jersey Cares of Middlesex County.

During the holiday season we hosted one of our favorite and most popular fund raisers... the annual Pancake Breakfast. This was a tremendous success and a wonderful opportunity for neighbors and friends to come together and celebrate the beginning of the season. Pancakes were served, and Santa was present. Pictures were snapped, and the beauty of the poinsettias for sale enhanced the festivities. Our club has been involved with Toys for Tots for many years and once again a genuine thank you to all who were generous and gave gifts.... 519 were collected. We also hosted our Holiday Decorating Contest and had many homes to choose from. Our judges came up with 24 winners, who were presented with beautiful poinsettia plants as their prize from our club.

During 2010, our club will continue to work on several community service events, (look for more details in the near future), plus we start planning for our all important fund raisers.....Hockey game in March, Spring Raffle in May and Golf Outing in June...and perhaps a few new fun events.

The Cranbury Lions Club will honor our local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts during our annual Scout meeting in February. In April we will also honor one of our own members for outstanding commitment and participation to the Cranbury Lions Club and Cranbury with the Lion of the Year award.

Our club consists of over 70 members; however, we continue to seek new members who would like to get involved and serve our community. Our membership includes men and women (a variety of ages) and our new "family members" membership has become very popular. Do you want to help serve our town of Cranbury and its residents? Do you have questions about the Cranbury Lions Club and its mission? Do you want to join our club? Please call our Membership Chairperson, Jon Goldstein (409-9656) or our current President, John Kobland (395-0339).

The Cranbury Lions Club continues to be very active and successful with its fundraising efforts and we want to thank everyone who supports our club and its mission -- WE SERVE.

Cranbury Lions (con't)

The Cranbury Lions Club is moving forward with plans to sponsor a Cranbury Leo Club for young people ages 12 to 18 years old. The Lions Club invites interested young people and their parents to an Information Night on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Tom Gambino Room in the Cranbury Public Library.

The Leo Club provides young people with the chance to develop into humanitarians and leaders by participating in community service projects, social functions, regular meetings and officer elections.

A Pennsylvania Lion started the first Leo Club in 1957. Ten years later the Lions Clubs International officially adopted the Leo Club Program. Today Leos number nearly 145,000 in 142 nations.

The Leo Club program objective is "...to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community." Leo Club activities and projects enhance the community and help young people develop and practice leadership, organization and social skills. Leo club involvement can instill in young people a lifetime commitment to helping others.

Cranbury Lions Club sponsors various local youth-oriented organizations and functions, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Helene Cody Foundation, Pumpkin Carving at the Cranbury School, Peace Poster Contest and Drug Free Fair.

The Leo Club membership is open to young people ages 12 to 18 who are interested in serving their community. All are invited to stop by and find out more about this new program. For more information, contact Lion Timothy Demarest at timothyrdemarest@yahoo.com or Lion Fay Kobland at fkobland@gmail.com.

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CRANBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH REMINDER: RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, February 20, 2010

12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Cranbury Fire House

FOR MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENTS

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FRANK MARLOWE presents
A Talk on Ida B. Wells

Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.

This talk will examine three episodes in Ida B. Wells' career that illustrate the complex nature of the problems black people faced after emancipation. Sure to provide insight into the inspirational life of this heroic American.



FAIRY TEA PARTY
Saturday February 20
2 - 3 p.m.

at the Cranbury Museum
4 Park Place East

Join us for fairy stories and a real tea party.

Kathy Burke, from *A Cutting Garden*, will help children create a "garden in a teacup" with fresh flowers!

Grades 1-4 ~ **Registration Required** ~ Limit 12

Lincoln Pennies for Peace

In February and March, the library is participating in the Lincoln Pennies for Peace Campaign. We will be collecting funds for **Pennies for Peace**, a program of the Central Asia Institute co-founded by Greg Mortenson, of *Three Cups of Tea* fame. The money collected will be used to build school libraries in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

FREE Income Tax Preparation Assistance

is available to low-income, elderly, disabled and people with limited English. Call the library to schedule an afternoon appointment.

Mondays, beginning Feb. 8.

Reading with Rover

Cranbury Library is going to the dogs!

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 7:45 for *Reading with Rover*, a program that pairs children with a certified canine reading buddy.



March 10 - May 5
Grades 1- 3

Registration required.

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

- **Join our Book Discussion Group!**
- **Look for more programs this spring.**
- **Start reading now!**



NOTARY SERVICE
is available at the library!

Call for details or to set up an appointment.

My Smart Hands

with Jennifer LaFountaine

Thursday, March 4 at 11:00 a.m.

A workshop for parents and caregivers interested in learning basic sign language techniques for use with young children.



**Children welcome!!
Registration required.**

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.



**Friday, March 26, April 23 and May 21
at 12:15 p.m.**

Registration required. Bring a mat or towel.

MUSIC AND FUN WITH MISS AMY!

March 26 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.



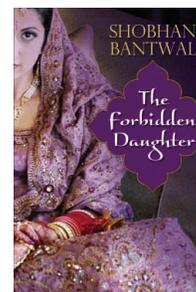
**Upcoming dates:
4/23/10 and 5/21/10
at 10:45 a.m.**

Come hear local author Shobhan Bantwal

Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

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.



FRIENDS' NEWS

Do you love the library?
Are you interested in taking an active role?

Think about joining the Friends' Board.

The Friends meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for about one hour.

For more information stop in the library and speak to a staff member.

Save the date!

**Friends of the Cranbury Public Library Annual Meeting
Friday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.**

Join the Friends for an “Antique Book Road Show”. Andrew Feldman of the Cranbury Bookworm will be on hand to give an informal opinion of treasures from your books shelves.

Each member of the Friends may bring one book to the program.

Winter/Spring 2010 Computer Classes

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

Tuesday, February 23 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Microsoft Powerpoint

Learn about the basics of building a good looking and functional slide presentation with MS Powerpoint. We will cover the basics of building a slideshow, inserting objects, using templates and design schemes and much more! *Students should be familiar with using a computer mouse and keyboard.*

Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00 -8:00 pm

Intermediate Microsoft Excel

This class is designed for those who have a basic understanding of Microsoft Excel, but would like to take their skills further. Topics that will be covered include pivot tables, macros and much, much more! *Students should have prior experience using MExcel .*

Tuesday, April 13 at 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.*

Try one of our Web Seminars



Travel Sites on the Web
Wednesday, April 7 at 1- 2 p.m.

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
and click on **LEARN ONLINE**

Or learn a language online



The easiest way
to learn a
foreign language!

Just click on the
mango icon.



Infotlink Cup Tournament

Super Smash Bros. Brawl

- Wednesday, March 10th @ 5 p.m.

Rock Band (3 members)

- Wednesday, February 24th @ 5 p.m.

The top scoring brawlers and Rock Band will be eligible to compete in the Grand Finale on April 17th, 2010 against 11 other towns. Grand Finale winners will receive Best Buy Gift Cards!

Players must be ages 9 and up
to compete for a spot in the
Grand Finale tournament!

No Pre-Registration Required ⁸

WOMAN'S CLUB

The **Conservation & Garden Department** of The Woman's Club of Cranbury invites residents to attend the March 3rd meeting where Ralph Copleman will speak on "Greening the Earth." Mr. Copleman sees the news about global warming, rising sea levels, deforestation, melting glaciers, thinning ozone, over-fished oceans, and dying coral as overwhelming to our human planet. His movement with "Sustainable Lawrence" advises rethinking, reusing and recycling, and by so doing we can reduce our energy consumption by 3 percent every year until we become "climate neutral." He says, "Sustainability isn't rocket science. It's social science." The meeting will be held at 12:30pm on Wed., March 3rd at the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 22 S. Main St. in Cranbury. You may contact Pat Scott for additional information at 395-0757.

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The Woman's Club of Cranbury offers women opportunities to make friends while working on worthwhile projects. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. At its February meeting, members raised funds for Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Haiti. The meeting on March 3 will be at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. The program will be "Greening of the Earth" by Ralph Copleman. On April 7, the meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. Tom Petrino of Time Traveler Antiques will present the program. Guests are always welcome. To learn more about the club, please visit cranbury-womansclub.org.

On Saturday, April 3 at 1 p.m. in Village Park, the Woman's Club will hold its annual Egg Hunt for children age 3-third grade. Children are asked to bring a

basket and come out for this fun event. Please bring a camera and get a picture with the Easter Bunny.

In May, the club will award two \$2,000 scholarships and a special award, the Sandra Majeski Award, to high school seniors for their post secondary school education. Information and application forms will soon be available through high school guidance counselors and on the club's website, cranburywomansclub.org.

CRANBURY ARTS COUNCIL

The Cranbury Arts Council continues to recruit new board members to organize the Council and keep the spirit of the arts alive in our town in the new decade. We are currently seeking a new treasurer, secretary and president. We also welcome volunteers who would like to help out at occasional events. No artistic talent is necessary, just a love of the arts. Please e-mail Debbie Rifkin at Drifkin82@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping.



Welcome to new board members:

Joann Charwin – Summer Camp Director

Cyndy Coppotelli - Communications

Carolyn Sica - Membership.

Amy Amico is serving her final year as chair of the Gourgaud Gallery.

It is with great appreciation and heartfelt thanks that we bid farewell to our past board members:

**Andrea Diamond - Membership
and
Joanne Hanson - Council President.**

Gourgaud Gallery News

In January, the "Winter Scenes" Open Call exhibit, hosted by the Gourgaud Gallery, had one of the most well attended receptions to date with well over 50 visitors coming to enjoy the event. Our new Gourgaud Gallery Committee member, Daniel Thomas, chaired the event which offered 46 pieces of art presented by twenty eight New Jersey artists. The winter theme included paintings in oil, watercolor, acrylic, collage as well as photography.

From February 7-28, the A-TEAM Artists of Trenton will be exhibiting "Art from the Heart IV" and will host a reception on Sunday, February 7 from 1-3 pm. The A-TEAM is an artist group that has been together for many years and meets at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen every Tuesday to meet and share their art, as well as display their work throughout the TASK facility. The group exhibits throughout the state and has a huge following of art supporters. The Gourgaud Gallery accepts donations of art supplies, frames, and any craft supplies for the A-TEAM. Donations can be dropped off in the gallery in a marked bin all year long. The reception is always well attended, and the art can be purchased and taken home the same day. Many of the A-TEAM will be at the reception to meet visitors and discuss the artwork they create, so please stop in to show them your support.

The Winter Series Art Program is underway with an art class offered once a month through April on Saturdays from 9-noon. The classes are \$30 for Cranbury Arts Council members (\$40 non-member).

Further information on this series can be found in the gallery.

Winter Series Schedule:

Saturday, Feb. 20 - 9-noon - Instructor Joe Gyurcsak - Dynamic Still Life
Saturday, Mar. 20 - 9-12:30 - Instructor Barbara Cox - Watercolor- Emotional Skies
Saturday, Apr. 10 - 9-noon - Instructor Russ Johnson - Watercolor Landscapes

Gourgaud Gallery 2010

February - "Art from the Heart IV" - Feb.7-28
March - "Beings, Places & Things" Linda Gilbert - Mar 7-28
April - Mary Ellen Brennan - Title TBA - Apr 4-25
May - Mary Kramarenko - Title TBA - May 2-30

All artwork sold at the Gourgaud Gallery provides a 20% donation to the Cranbury Arts Council to build and grow the arts programming it offers to the community. Gourgaud Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 9 am - 4 pm, First, Third & Last Sunday 1-3 pm.
gqcchair@cranbury.org.

RECREATION UPDATE Youth - Spring

Youth Tennis Lessons Return to Cranbury



The Recreation Commission is planning Spring Tennis lessons on Friday afternoons at Village Park starting April 23rd. Lessons will be held for seven weeks and will be offered from ages 3 to 14 years of age. Ages 3-5 will meet from 3:00-4:00 pm; Ages 5-8 will meet from 4:00-5:30 pm and ages 9-14 will meet from 5:30-7:00 pm. Professional instructors from the U.S. Sports Institute will direct this program. Look for more information through the School, in the local paper and on the Cranbury Township website.



T-Ball

T-ball for boys and girls age 4-6 will be held on Wednesday evenings starting on April 21st through June 9th. All participants will meet at the new baseball field at Millstone Park from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Players will be placed on teams and will practice and scrimmage against the other teams. Basic baseball instruction will be taught. Coaches are

Spring Soccer



The program is for boys and girls ages 4-11 and is scheduled for Thursday evenings at Millstone Park starting April 15th through May 20th. Children 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.

Spring Youth Golf Lessons

The Cranbury Recreation Commission will be sponsoring Youth Golf Lessons for students in grades K-8. Lessons will be conducted at the Applegarth Golf Center, located on Applegarth Road, and will be taught by PGA Professional, Rick Bichsel. The lessons will be held on Tuesdays starting April 20th and will continue for four weeks.



RECREATION UPDATE

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Summer Camp—Keep Your Kids

in Cranbury This Summer

Changes are planned for the 2010 Summer Recreation Camp. First, the program will be divided into three age groups:

The Little People's Camp will be for children in Pre-K to entering 1st grade.

The Junior Day Camp will be for children entering 2nd to 4th grades.

The Senior Day Camp will be for students entering 5th to 8th grades.

The Little Peoples and Junior Day Camp will take 1 trip per week while the Senior Day Camp will go on 2 trips per week. We will also have additional space at the school to use for additional organized activities. Each week will have a theme, and will be full of age-appropriate activities. The Junior and Senior Camp will swim at Cranbury Swim Club as well. Check the local paper and Cranbury Township website for registration information.

Summer Sports Camps

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



General Information

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

Cancellation Policy

The Recreation Commission reserves the right to cancel any program if there is insufficient enrollment. Also, additional programs may be scheduled which are not included in this newsletter. Every effort will be made to keep residents informed of all program changes. Flyers will be distributed in the school and updated on the Recreation website.

Refund Policy - Prior Withdrawal

Registrants who withdraw prior to the start of a program may be issued a refund only if the Recreation Commission is notified at least two weeks prior to the start of the program. A 20% administrative service charge will be imposed for all refunds granted. **No refunds will be granted once a program has begun.**

Returned Check Policy

There will be a penalty fee of \$20 for each check returned by the bank for insufficient funds. To maintain registration in the program, payment must be made in cash to the Recreation Commission in the amount of the returned check. Individuals who are penalized once for a returned check will be required to make all future payments for programs in cash.

For more information regarding any Recreation Department offering call 395-0900 x243.

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

**2nd & 4th 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

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.

KNITTING GROUP

Thursdays at
2:00 p.m.
Cranbury Senior Center
New or experienced knitters
welcome.

Needles and yarn
available
for first-timers.



SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

February 26, 2010, 12:00 Noon –
Lunch and program by the Middle-
sex County Health Department.

March 12, 2010, 12:00 Noon –
Lunch and St. Patrick's Day Pro-
gram. Come enjoy a step dancing
demonstration and see beautiful
photographs from a trip to Ireland.

March 26, 2010, 12:00 Noon –
Lunch and Presentation on Wills,
Estates and Probate by the Middle-
sex County Surrogate. Bring your
questions.

April 9, 2010, 12:00 Noon – Folk
singer, Spook Handy, will provide
enjoyable entertainment.

April 23, 2010, 12:00 Noon –
Lunch and Pharmaceutical Jeop-
ardy. Great interactive fun learning
and playing along just like in every-
one's favorite game show. Pre-
sented by Princeton Healthcare.

You must RSVP for the luncheons
ahead by time by calling (609) 395-
0900 x 244.

If you want to be on our mailing list
to receive information about our
programs, please call (609) 395-
0900 x 244 and leave your name,
address and telephone number.

The Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society

The Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society invites you to learn about its exhibits, events, and projects that are scheduled for the months ahead.

The Cranbury Museum, 4 Park Place East, is open 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. It is located in a house that was built in 1834 and had rooms added between 1850 and 1862. The Society acquired the building in May of 1972, and volunteers transformed it into a museum in six months. The Perrine Room, used as a meeting and exhibit room, was added in 1975. The current exhibit, Cranbury Treasures, features Society memorabilia of the past and present and information on those who inspired or created the items. The exhibit will run through April 11.

Have you ever visited the Cranbury History Center in the historic Gristmill's House located at 6 South Main Street? It houses the Society's collection of visual, oral, and written records of Cranbury's history, including general files, newspaper files, newsletters and bulletins of local organizations, oral histories, genealogy files, house research files, photographs, maps, slides, audio and video tapes, and CD's, as well as Society sales items. The History Center is open to the public on Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for research and use of the Society's records.

On March 19, the Society will hold its **potluck supper meeting** and program at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. All are invited to attend and are asked to bring a dish to share and a place setting. Beverages will be provided. The program for the evening will be presented by Marc Mappen, Ph D., author of the book, **There's More to New Jersey Than the Sopranos**. Dr. Mappen is Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission.



This spring, the Society will re-erect the Parsonage Barn, c. 1770, at the Barn Park on Cranbury Neck Road. The NJ Barn Company is repairing the timbers of the 24' x 36' barn that is thought to have been a part of the Parsonage Plantation. The 150- acre plantation was secured by a deed in 1759 and adjoined the earlier church property of the Presbyterian Church.

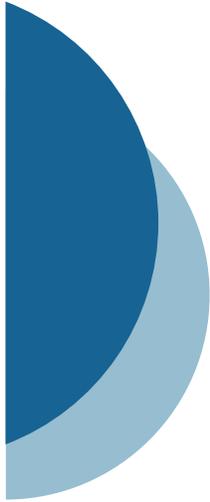
To learn more about the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society or to become a member, please visit cranburyhistory.org.

Cranbury Business and Professional Association

The Cranbury Business and Professional Association is an active organization in Cranbury whose members are business owners, employees and professionals working and living in and around Cranbury. Our organization sponsors and organizes Cranbury Day in September. We help decorate the town in December and generally support and are involved with other activities throughout the year.

This past December we were very busy with decorating the town, and we also sponsored horse and carriage rides on December 6th. In March we will have our annual meeting and will initiate our new officers and begin the process of organizing and planning for our events throughout the year.

Anyone with questions or comments, please call our President, Christine Thompson (609-954-3020).



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

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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. 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 or call at
888 908-4636

CHIPPING of BRANCHES

Chipping commences on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please keep in mind the DPW crew may not be in front of your house chipping your pile of brush on this day. So your patience is appreciated. The chipper will get to your brush, but the scheduled route must be adhered to. If you noticed the DPW crew in your neighborhood close to the end of the day, they will be back in the morning and shall begin where they stopped. Please note that special requests for the chipper to come to your house to chip branches are not taken.



During blustery days, trees or branches most likely will fall under these conditions. If this happens near your house, property or the road, please place the fallen debris parallel to the road. The branches will be chipped during the next regular scheduled chipping date. If you are not on the below chipping route and you have brush to be chipped, call 395-0900 x229 to be placed on the schedule.

The chipping route, same as the leaf route, is as follows:

Beginning north at:

North Main Street at Rt.130 South	Cranbury Green
Plainsboro Road	Station Road to 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
<i>(continue to top of column on right)</i> [^]	Cranbury Walk

To help expedite the process, place the base of the branches to face the chipper hopper as the truck arrives in front of your home. This will help the crew to easily insert the branches once they arrive to chip the brush.

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.

2010 SPRING LEAF SCHEDULE



Spring leaf collection will commence on March 29th and will approximately end on May 7th. Please place your collected leaves curbside, not in the street, for the DPW crew to collect them. The leaf vacuum collects the leaf pile. It would be to your advantage not to integrate branches in with the leaf pile. If you do, it will result in the leaves not being collected.

ICE SKATING ON BRAINERD LAKE

The Department of Public Works would like to remind everyone that skating on Brainerd Lake is permitted when the **GREEN FLAG** is displayed at the Main Street entrance on to the lake. Keep in mind that Brainerd Lake and Village Park are public property for all to enjoy, but the land along Brainerd Lake is private. Be respectful of all private property.

The ice skating/hockey rink is assembled and waiting for the freezing temperatures to cooperate. The rink, located in Village Park, is open to everyone who would like to skate. Just a reminder to all parents, please supervise your youngsters for their safety while skating on the rink.



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.



SNOW and PLOWING

When snow is predicted, please remove your vehicle, trash cans, basketball hoops, and such off the streets *before* snow accumulations. This will enable the plow trucks to do their job efficiently and prevent any damage to personal property that could occur during the snow plowing process.

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.

2010 RECYCLING PICK UP DATES

If you haven't received your 2010 Recycling Brochure, extras can be found in Town Hall. A recent change for the 2010 pickup is that newspapers can now be placed in the square blue bin along with junk mail, cereal boxes, brown bags, magazines, wrapping paper, etc. However, bundled newspaper will still be accepted. Remember to place your blue recycle bins curbside on the Sunday evening prior to pick-up on:

March 1, 15, & 29

May 10 & 24

April 12 & 26

June 7 & 21

Did you know that clean, dry clothing or fabric larger than 12 square inches and other recyclable textiles such as shoes, belts or handbags can be recycled? Place these items in the textile bag, securely close and leave it at the curb with your other recyclables. Textile bags are in Town Hall. Stop in the Recycling/DPW Department to say hello and pick up a textile bag.

2009 RECYCLING TOTALS

Quarterly 2009 residential tonnage totals for Cranbury Township include:

<u>2009</u>	<u>Commingled items</u>	<u>Mixed paper</u>	<u>Newspaper</u>
1 st quarter	30.14 Tons	53.24 Tons	34.61 Tons
2 nd quarter	29.21 Tons	45.45 Tons	33.54 Tons
3 rd quarter	24.95 Tons	38.82 Tons	28.64 Tons
*4 th quarter	19.08 Tons	30.76 Tons	21.92 Tons

*4th quarter totals exclude the month of December. Thank you everyone for being responsible to future generations by recycling.

HELPFUL RECYCLING INFORMATION

The listed web sites below are to pass along information that you, as a consumer, may find beneficial. They should not be construed as recommendations or endorsements by the Township of Cranbury. They are provided to help conserve natural resources while reducing the amount of materials sent to landfills.

<http://www.capstonewirelessllc.com> –sell your usable electronics through this e-steward website.

www.NJCleanEnergy.com – sell your old working refrigerator or freezer, free pickup, and receive \$30

www.mciauth.com – find more information about recycling in Middlesex County as it pertains to you

www.igotmybag.org – what does your grocery bag say about you?

www.bondedlogic.com – insulate your home with 100% post-industrial natural fiber insulation made of recycled denim and cotton.

<http://www.riverwired.com> –this website offers basic tips on living greener from air to water and everything in between. And it doesn't require much effort, just an open attitude towards making changes in some habits.

Plastic bags (#2), like the ones you might pack your groceries in, can be a source of litter. If not properly recycled, these plastic bags are one of the worst things to go into a landfill. To begin with, making plastic (polyethylene) bags involves petroleum or natural gas extraction, which requires energy, they are not biodegradable and should an empty bag get picked up by the wind during the dumping process, it'll take off like a kite. Who knows where it might land-maybe in a tree and what a beautiful site that is! Now it is considered litter! More bad news about these bags is that if plastic bags make it into a recycling center, via your curbside pickup, it will clog the sorting equipment and contaminate the end sorted product.

There is a bright side to the bag situation, but it requires your participation! Supermarkets within our area, employing 25 people or more, are required to accept these bags for recycling. So your next visit to the supermarket, take these plastic bags with you for proper recycling.

Why not make a statement, bring your own reusable bags to pack your groceries in. What does your grocery bag say about you?

Several local grocery stores offer financial incentives to re-use bags. Recently, Target and CVS have jumped on the "go green" wagon. Ask at each store for details. So keep those bags handy and remember to use them! It could lend you extra savings!

RECYCLING UPDATES

The Battery Drop-Off Program, sponsored by the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste, is in the process of implementing some major changes due to upcoming 2010 DOT regulations regarding the battery transportation and the fact that alkaline batteries are less hazardous than they were in years past. The changes to the program include:

Only **RECHARGABLE BATTERIES** and **BUTTON CELL BATTERIES** will be collected for recycling.

Residents should either tape each terminal end or individually bag each battery.

Batteries will still be collected at the 50+ battery drop-off sites within Middlesex County.

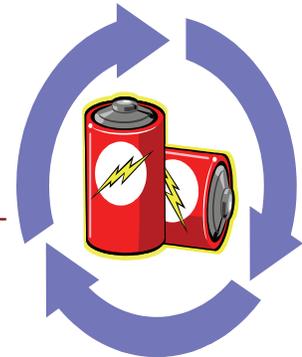
Alkaline batteries can now be disposed in the regular trash.

Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two way radios, camcorders, and remote control toys. Rechargeable batteries can look like regular alkaline batteries. So check the label on the battery, it will indicate if it is rechargeable. For further information regarding battery updates, follow this link: [Homeowners Guide to Proper Household Battery Management](#).

Cranbury Township has teamed up with www.call2recycle.org. This organization promotes environmental responsibility and has stationed a collection box in the rear entrance of Town Hall. Plastic bags are supplied so you can individually bag your cell phone or rechargeable battery from your cordless electronic products. The bagging will prevent the cell ends from making contact with each other, which prevents the possibility of combustible fires during transportation. It's convenient, easy and free to you! Recycle old cell phones and rechargeable batteries here.

Poor housekeeping in the Drop-Off area of Town Hall (rear entrance) has recently escalated. When disposing of batteries at Town Hall, kindly empty the containers used to transport the batteries by depositing them into the supplied round blue bucket. Do not leave any empty containers. Continued poor housekeeping will result in a monitored location change with limited hours.

Another item that needs to be addressed is when dropping off RECHARGABLE BATTERIES and BUTTON CELL BATTERIES for proper recycling, please do not leave other recyclable items. There have been occasions when other recyclable items have been left in this area. You may think that these items will be recycled but they will be discarded with the regular trash which thwarts any good deed to recycle. Instead, items can be brought to the Recycling Shed located on Dey Road. The shed is open to Cranbury residents only during the first Friday of every month; except for legal holidays-then it's the second Friday, between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm.



SHRED-IT EVENT 2010



The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, together with Cranbury Township, is hosting a mobile paper **Shred-It Event on August 14, 2010**. It will be held at the Public Works Yard, Dey Road, Cranbury from 9 am to 1 pm or until the shredding 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. You can observe the shredding of these documents on site. There is no need to remove paper clips, staples or paperboard binder covers. Please do not bring books, magazines, newspapers or any other type of paper that is normally recycled and can be included with the regular curbside pick-up service.

If you have any questions, email the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us or call (732) 745-4170. This shred event is open to all Middlesex County residents.

RECYCLING SHED

Many residents are now aware of the Recycling Shed located in the DPW yard on Dey Road. It's open on the first Friday of the month, except on legal holidays (closed on April 2, open on April 9) to accept your unwanted e-waste and other items that can be recycled.

Cranbury is very fortunate to be a part of Middlesex County. Not only has Cranbury received a matching grant through Middlesex Division of Solid Waste Management and the Board of Chosen Freeholder to help establish the Recycling Shed, we benefit from Hesstech located in Edison.

The collected e-waste from the Recycling Shed and the two annual clean-up events is recycled through Hesstech.



Hesstech is an e-waste recycler and has taken the Electronic Recycler's Pledge of True Stewardship. This voluntary program of e-Stewards is a group of leading North American electronics recyclers and asset managers who have been qualified as upholding the highest standard of environmental and social responsibility. The e-Stewards program includes a rigorous new 'gold standard' for electronics recyclers and asset managers, as well as verification system, where only accredited, third-party auditors can certify whether recyclers are meeting the standard currently held by the Basel Action Network (BAN). It was developed in collaboration with leaders in the recycling, auditing, occupational health, data security, and manufacturing industries as well as from the accredited third party certification industry. The standards prevent the export of scrap to developing countries and protect worker safety and the security of data, including data on computer hard drives. The e-Steward Standard also outlines minimum on-site practices, particularly for the toxic materials found in electronic waste, and establishes parameters for legitimate reuse and refurbishment. It also establishes accountability for the entire recycling chain of toxic electronic waste. To learn more about this program visit www.e-stewards.org.

RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE TRASH PICKUP

In response to several residential concerns, listed below are some facts regarding residential trash haulers that service Cranbury. You are encouraged to call each carrier and speak with a customer service representative should you need clarification or more information.

Waste Management, 800-633-9096; Pick up is once a week, either Monday or Thursday-depending on the route schedule for that particular day; pick-up is limited to up to four 32 gallon trash cans; homeowner supplies their own cans; cost is \$34.36 per month, this cost excludes environmental, fuel (fluctuates), and administrative charges; acceptable payments include credit card, Auto Clearing House debit from checking or savings accounts.

Midco Waste: 800-273-7539; Pick up is scheduled either once (Wednesday) or twice weekly (Wednesday & Saturday); pick-up can be 32, 64, or 96 gallon containers, which is supplied by Midco. Pricing varies according to size of container and a senior citizen (65+) discount may apply. Charges exclude environmental and fuel (fluctuates) fees. You may access your account to make credit card or checking account payments through their website www.disposal.com. To arrange for a bulky item pick-up, customer must call and prepay for item with credit card. Prices are set according to price list. Grass clippings are accepted. Bagged clippings should weight no more than 40 lbs. and identified with a special orange sticker, place bag near the can. Stickers are available in quantity discount by calling Midco. No hazardous waste is accepted. For additional information call 800-273-7539, 8:00am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday or email midcores@repsrv.com.

Central Jersey Waste: 732-533-3999; Central Jersey Waste & Recycling, Inc. has taken an interest in residential trash collection for Cranbury residents through a subscription service and is extending an introductory offer for the first 200 residences to subscribe for residential trash collection in Cranbury Township, NJ. The offer is for a 1 time a week pick-up for a 96 gallon container, which Central Jersey Waste & Recycling will provide. Introductory price for the first 200 subscriptions will be \$25.00 per month flat rate with taxes and fuel surcharges waived for the first 3 years. Subscriptions beyond the first 200 will be charged \$30.00 per month flat rate and also have their taxes and fuel surcharges waived for the first year. Central Jersey Waste hoping to generate enough interest from Cranbury residents to start servicing subscriptions as early as February 1st 2010. A minimum number of subscriptions (150) are needed to make this a viable venture. Service would start service when the 150 subscription number is reached. For more information, please contact Art Shpungin of Central Jersey Waste at (732) 533-3999 or e-mail art@centraljerseywaste.com to set up your service.

If you have an idea or concern about recycling that you feel is important, please call Linda Scott at 395-0900 ext.229.
