

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP

FALL 2009
NEWSLETTER





Cranbury Township Police Department

One Logan Drive
Cranbury, NJ 08512

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Chief of Police

FALL CRIME PREVENTION PRESS RELEASE

Burglars and thieves will take the path of least resistance. Cranbury residents and the Cranbury Police Department must work together to stop crime in Cranbury. We must show the criminals that we are standing together, and we will not allow them to victimize our family and friends.

The fall season is upon us. Soon the sun will set earlier and the burglars will take advantage of the dark. Now more than ever residents need to be vigilant.

We all must be on alert for suspicious persons and vehicles in our neighborhoods. Upon seeing a suspicious person or vehicle, it is imperative that the Cranbury Township Police Department be notified **immediately**. When calling the Cranbury Township Police Department, please relay the following information to the communications officer:

- A physical description of the suspicious person or persons.
- The approximate age of the suspicious person or persons.
- A clothing description of the suspicious person or persons.
- A direction of travel of the suspicious person or persons.
- A detailed vehicle description including dents, decals or other identifiers.
- A license plate number and issuing state.

It is important to stay on the line with the communications officer until told otherwise. An officer will respond to your location to obtain additional information when they have checked the area for the suspicious person and/or vehicle.

Watching your neighbor's home and having your neighbors watch your home is one of the most important actions you can take to prevent crime in your neighborhood. Some other tips are:

- Purchase and **use** an alarm system.
- Train all your family members how to use the alarm system.
- Register the alarm system with the Cranbury Township Police Department (alarm forms are on the Cranbury Township web page).



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- Make sure your alarm system is equipped with a battery backup and an external alarm.
- Install low voltage lighting in your yard to deter prowlers.
- Lock and alarm your vehicle.
- Keep your garage doors closed and secure.
- Make sure your house number is visible at all hours of the day to ensure a swift response from all the Cranbury Township emergency services.
- Photograph all your valuables and keep the photos or video in an off site location.
- Record the serial numbers of all your electronic equipment.
- Obtain the identification of persons working in your home and make sure a family member or friend supervises them.
- Be aware of your surroundings and check for someone who may be watching you leave the house.
- Don't be lured outside your home by people who say they are utility workers or that they are looking for a lost animal.
- Lock your doors at all times.

Thieves do not have to break into your home to commit a crime. They are using the internet and the mail system to lure unsuspecting victims into surrendering their money or personal information. The most common frauds involve a claim that the victim has won a 'free' prize. The scammers will attempt to solicit a fee or obtain personal information from the victim. Remember the old adage; if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is!

The Cranbury Township Police Department provides free home security surveys for Cranbury residents. The home security survey provides residents with suggestions for purchasing or upgrading alarm systems, locks and improving external security. Please contact Chief Kahler, Captain Varga, Lt. Owens or Officer Wetzel at (609) 395-0031 to schedule a home security survey.

REPORTING TRAFFIC

ISSUES VIA E-MAIL

As of August 28, 2009 residents have the option to report their non-emergent traffic concerns via email. By emailing a short detailed description of the traffic issue to Traffic@cranbury-nj.com residents will be assisting the Cranbury Township Police Department to make our roads safer.

- When emailing a concern to the Cranbury Township Police Department, please include the following:
- The location of the concern (within the Cranbury Township border please).
- The nature of the concern (speeding, careless driving, etc.)
- Time, day or date of a specific incident.
- A license plate number or description of a vehicle (we cannot issue summonses based on email information).
- Remarks or comments.

Your email will not constitute a police report. Emailed concerns are designed to assist the Cranbury Township Police Department enforce our traffic laws more effectively. Please, no vendors or police applicants. Based on work volume or other issues, we may not be able to respond to your email messages.



ELECTION NIGHT SUPPER

Last November, many Cranbury residents enjoyed a delicious supper on Election Night. The Election Night Supper, presented by the Woman's Club of Cranbury, was very successful so the Woman's Club will offer the popular event again this year in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. Tickets for the November 3rd supper are \$15.00, and a children's meal for children 10 and under is available for \$7.00. You may reserve a table for 8 or 9. Two seating times and three take-out times are available. For tickets, please contact Gail Geijer at 395-0297 or Audrey Smith at 655-5361.

The Woman's Club of Cranbury invites women to consider membership in the club. Members enjoy opportunities for community service, learning, and developing friendships. To learn more, please call Membership Chairman, Mary Lou Valente at 609-655-2646.

The Township Newsletter is released quarterly. Please contact Jean Golisano at jgolisano@cranbury-nj.com for information.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

2009 General Election Day News

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. All voters will vote at Town Hall, 23-A North Main Street, in the lower level. District 1 will vote in the "Boy Scout Room" and Districts 2 & 3 will vote in the Senior Center.

The last day to register to vote in the General Election is Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for voter registration.

Absentee Ballot Application forms may be picked up from Town Hall OR you may access them from going to the Cranbury Township website: www.cranburytownship.org, go to Departments, click on "Clerk", scroll down to the bottom of the Clerk's Home Page, and you will see a link to the State Elections Office. The forms are on its Home Page.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the voter's responsibility to mail in the Absentee Ballot Application to the County Clerk to be received NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009 BY MAIL. POSTAGE IS REQUIRED.



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 Public Library Upcoming Programs and Events

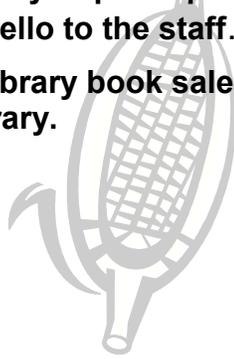
REMEMBERING OUR FARMING HERITAGE

Stop by at our booth on Cranbury Day to pick up some delicious sweet corn and say hello to the staff.

Browse through the Friends of the Library book sale located in front of the library.

STORYTELLERS

Dan Galipeau & Carol Titus
will perform original songs and stories from 10:30-11:15 in front of the PNC Bank.



NOTARY SERVICE

now available
at the library!



Call for details and
to set up an
appointment.



TURN OFF THE TV
during the week of Sept. 20-26,
and create your very own duct tape accessory!

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

September 20-26 is **Turn off the TV Week**.
Instead of watching TV make a fun accessory (Book bag? Slippers? Headband?)
out of duct tape! Bring in your finished creation for display at the library.

Turn in your project by 9/26
All ages welcome!!

Check out our duct tape book display for ideas!

**Duct Tape kits will be available
the week of September 7.**

Limited to 50.

Winners announced Sept. 28
Two prizes: one for ages 13 up
And one for 13 and under.

directions and judging criteria in kit

BOARD OF HEALTH

RABIES CLINIC
Saturday, October 17, 2009
12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Cranbury Fire House.

RABIES BACKGROUND

Rabies is a viral disease that infects mammals. It is transmitted by bite or scratch through the saliva. It is almost always fatal, and there is no effective treatment once symptoms occur. It is important to know that rabies can be prevented, even after exposure, by prompt immunization. Post-exposure immunization is routine and effective, but it must be provided within a few days of exposure to the virus. Before World War II, rabies was a major problem in New Jersey; for example, in 1939, 675 dogs and four humans died of rabies in our state. In the 1940's, a very effective rabies vaccine program for dogs was started, and since 1989, only seven cases of canine rabies have been observed in New Jersey. Vaccination of dogs is required in New Jersey, and this has kept both the number of canine cases and transmission to humans very low.

Bat Rabies

Unfortunately, bat rabies became prevalent beginning in the 1960's, and at present, 2-5% of all bats tested by the New Jersey state laboratory carry the rabies virus. Bat rabies can be transmitted to humans. In fact, the most recent case of human rabies in New Jersey occurred in 1997, in a man who had removed bats from his home. Since rabies is prevalent in bats found in New Jersey, it is important to know how to respond if an adult or child may have had contact with a bat. While rabies is usually transmitted by a bite, in the absence of a bite, exposure of eyes, nose, mouth, or a wound to bat saliva could result in rabies infection. Since bats have small teeth, which may leave marks that are not easily seen, *there are situations in which a person should seek medical advice even in the absence of an obvious bite wound.* The possibility of a rabies exposure should be considered if a bat is found near:

- a sleeping person
- an unattended child
- an intoxicated or less than fully alert person

If a bat is found indoors and it is certain that there has been no exposure, close the doors and allow the bat to exit from an open window. It may be appropriate to call the Cranbury animal control officer (395-0900 x 222) or police (395-0031) for help. If an exposure has or may have taken place, isolate the bat in one room and call the animal control officer or police to capture the bat for testing purposes.

Raccoon Rabies

In the 1970's raccoon rabies appeared in West Virginia, and by 1989, it had spread across Pennsylvania and entered New Jersey. All parts of New Jersey are affected by this *epizootic* (epidemic in animals). Other animals are often bitten and infected by raccoons, so that rabies is now found throughout our populations of raccoons, foxes, groundhogs, and skunks. *Any of these animals should be assumed to carry rabies, and humans should avoid contact with them whether they are alive or dead.* In the past few years, there have been several cases of rabies in groundhogs or raccoons in Cranbury and neighboring townships. In September 2008, a rabid raccoon was discovered near North Main Street. In 2009, there have been several rabid raccoons detected in neighboring Monroe Township. Contact between infected wildlife and domestic animals is the usual way that pets become infected with rabies. The danger to humans—adults and children—is that infected cats, dogs, or ferrets can then bring rabies into the home or backyard.

Cats and Dogs

Contact with infected wildlife is a threat to our pets. While mandatory vaccination of dogs has resulted in low rates of canine rabies, rabies in cats is surprisingly common in New Jersey. From 1989 through 2008, 318 cats have been diagnosed with rabies. Each year in New Jersey, rabies is detected in an average 17 cats; Middlesex County recorded two cases in 2007. This number is an underestimate of the true number of infected cats, because animals that die in the wild—including feral cats and missing pets—are often not detected. Exposure occurs by contact with infected wildlife. The most effective way to assure that our cats and their families are safe from rabies is to vaccinate the cats. Vaccination is safe and provided at no cost by the Township. **The next rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009, from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m., at the Cranbury Fire House.** To assure that cats have been vaccinated, the Township will now require that all cats (as well as dogs) be vaccinated. As is already the case with dogs, to record compliance with this requirement, beginning in 2010 cats will be registered annually with the Township, and owners will provide a certificate of vaccination in order to register their cats. A fee covers the cost of administering this program, and plans are being discussed to cap this fee for farmers with many “barn cats.”

Information about rabies can be found at the following locations:

Centers for Disease Control (Federal):

<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies>

Department of Health and Senior Services (State of New Jersey):

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/rabies.htm>

Middlesex County Department of Health:

<http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/publichealth/index.asp>

Cranbury Board of Health:

http://www.cranburytownship.org/boh_main.html

Gourgaud Gallery News

The Gourgaud Gallery, part of the Cranbury Arts Council, is looking forward to a great schedule of exhibits for the second half of 2009. In September, the gallery will host the "Four Art Exhibit" featuring work created from the Winter Arts Series and will run from September 4-27. The reception will be on Cranbury Day, from 1-3 p.m. The series of art workshops, hosted by Colleen Cahill, offered classes in Perspective, Pastel & Pencil, Figure Drawing and Watercolor and were taught by very talented, working artists who shared their talents and techniques. In October, the gallery will be open on Saturday, October 17 during the Cranbury House Tour from 11-3. Artist Margaret Mary Vail will be there to discuss her work with visitors who stop by.



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

Upcoming exhibits at the Gourgaud Gallery are as follows:



October

"Small Gems" Margaret Mary Vail- Paintings of her travels featuring landscapes, waterways & byways – Oct 4-25- Reception Sunday, Oct. 11 from 1-3 p.m.

November

Suburban Art League, Title TBA, Nov. 1-29

December

Cranbury Gardens VII – Works from Art in the Park –Dec. 6-27

January 2010

"Winter Scenes" group exhibit hosted by Daniel Thomas – Jan.3-31

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

Gallery Hours:

Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
First, Third & Last Sunday of the month - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

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

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

Dig the hole as illustrated. After placing your tree in the hole, fill half-way with soil, add water, fill the rest of the way with soil and water again. Leave a depression around the base of the tree about 10" - 14" from the trunk to act like a basin to keep water from draining outwards. Water every five days or so. DO NOT OVER WATER.

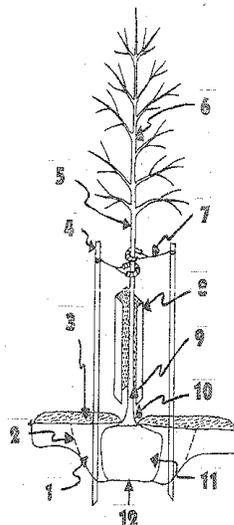


Diagram Key

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

TREE PLANTING DETAIL

THINKING AHEAD TO SPRING.....Do you remember the lovely sight of flowering crocus bulbs on Main Street last spring?

If you would like to see this planting extended, consider sending a donation to Norma Swale at 6 Ryan Road. Norma coordinates the planting with donations from the Township, the Rocky Brook Garden Club and residents. Crocus bulbs cost about 10c each. Come out and help plant for next spring. Let Norma know at 655-3028 and she will call you with the date and time.

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FOR MIDDLESEX COUNTY RESIDENTS**

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 September 14 through December 16 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

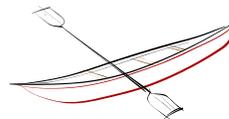
Classes will be conducted by Ms. June Counterman, who has been teaching Tai Chi for over 19 years and has studied with several Chinese Grand Masters, including the head of the Yang family. The classes will be held at the Cranbury United Methodist Church on **TUESDAYS** September 29th through November 17th from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. The fee for this program is \$25. Make checks payable to Cranbury Recreation.

4th Annual Cranbury Township Family Camp Out

September 12, 2009



This event will kick off at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at Village Park. There will be inflatable rides for the kids while you prepare your campsite. Once everyone is settled in we will have a campfire followed by a movie in the park before we turn off the lights. Dinner will be available for purchase. The next morning, enjoy a free continental breakfast before packing up your gear. Tent and sleeping bags are available for purchase and rental on a limited basis at Eastern Mountain Sports located at Princeton MarketFair Mall (call ahead to confirm availability - phone 520-8310). Cost per 20' x 20' campsite is \$40. There is a limit of 6 people per campsite. Pets are not permitted at this event.



2nd Annual Cranbury Canoe Races

September 13, 2009

Come out to Brainerd Lake on September 13, 2009 for a day of boat races and fun. Bring your canoe/kayak and feel free to bring along friends and family. Registration fee is \$5.00 per person for this event. Limited registration will be taken the day of the race. First come, first served. A limited number of T-shirts will be available for this event. The event will start at 3:00 pm and end at approximately 5:30 pm.

RECREATION UPDATE

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Soccer

The Cranbury **YOUTH SOCCER** program is for boys and girls ages 4-11. This program will be held on **SATURDAY** afternoons at Millstone Park September 19th through October 24th from 2:00-4:00 pm. The fee for this program is \$60 for Cranbury and \$70 for non-Cranbury residents.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 11.

Golf

GOLF LESSONS are for students in Kindergarten through 7th grades. Lessons will be conducted at the Applegarth Golf Center. The lessons will be held on **TUESDAYS**, September 15, September 22, September 29 and ending on October 6. Instruction will be held from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm, and students will be placed into groups based on age and skill level. Class size is limited to the first 24 registrants. The fee for this program is \$45 for Cranbury and \$55 for non-Cranbury residents.



All information and forms can be found on the township web-site.

www.cranburytownship.org

Hoops



Hoops Basketball is a Non-Competitive Youth Basketball Program for boys and girls in 2nd through 8th grades. The program will be held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings in the Cranbury School New Gym and will run November 13, 2009 through February 26, 2010. The fee is \$75 per child which includes a t-shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 6.

General Information

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 web-site.

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.

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 beginning
September 10, 2009.

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

Initial meeting Thursday,
October 1st, 2:00 p.m.
Cranbury Senior Center
New or experienced knitters
welcome.

Needles and yarn
available
for first-timers.



SCHEDULED PROGRAMS September—December 2009

September 11, 2009, 12:00 Noon
– Lunch and PSE&G Energy Efficiency Program.

September 25, 2009, 12:00 Noon
– Lunch and Book Talk and Swap.

October 9, 2009, 12:00 Noon –
Lunch and Trans-Siberian Railway
Trip with The Frohbieters.

October 23, 2009, 12:00 Noon –
Lunch and “The History of the
Cranbury Inn and Its Spirits and
Entities” with Gay Ingegneri.

November 13, 2009, 12:00 Noon
– Lunch and “The History of
Walker Gordon Farm and Elsie the
Cow” with Leo Fennity and Kenny
Eiker.

December 11, 2009, 12:00 Noon
– Lunch and Holiday Program with
Arthur Einhorn.

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

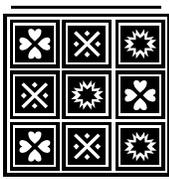
If you want to be on our mailing list
to receive information about our
programs, please call (609) 395-
0900 x 244 and leave your name,
address and telephone number.

The Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society

The Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society has planned many exciting events for the months ahead.

Parsonage Barn

CHPS is going to re-erect the Parsonage Barn c.1770 at the Barn Park on Cranbury Neck Road. If you would like to be a part of this preservation effort, please call Audrey Smith at 609-655-5361 or check our website at www.cranburyhistory.org to learn how you can help.



Through October 2009 at the Museum

"American Quilts: Our Cranbury Collection"

Immerse yourself in a sampling of quilts culled from the collection of the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society and its members. Spanning a period of over 160 years, the exhibit, "**American Quilts: Our Cranbury Collection**," features a variety of quilt patterns, colors, designs and materials. View samples of appliqué, pieced blocks, crazy quilts, album quilts, children's quilts and more.

Annual Membership Meeting & Pot Luck Supper

November 6 at 6:30 PM

The program will be presented in Fellowship Hall of the Cranbury Presbyterian Church by The New Jersey Barn Company. Community members are invited to attend.

September 12- Cranbury Day

CHPS Table & Autumn Plant Sale

Watch for our table on Main Street and take the opportunity to stop by and order your fall mums and cornstalks for pickup or delivery to your door.



You can also sign up to become a member, look over the array of items available for sale, purchase tickets for our House Tour on October 17, and see and purchase raffle tickets for our beautiful Red Irish Star queen size quilt.

October 17- Cranbury House Tour

Saturday, 10 am-4pm

Tour six private residences that reflect the character and charm of Cranbury, as well as the Cranbury Museum, the Cranbury History Center, the Firehouse Museum, Barn Preservation Site, and two churches. The Gourgaud Gallery in Town Hall and Cranbury Public Library will have exhibits. There will be a concert by "Practitioners of Musick" at 4:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. The Friends of the Cranbury Public Library will present a gourmet luncheon available by advance ticket sale. Tour tickets at \$20.00 and luncheon tickets at \$12.00 are available at Blue Rooster Café, Charmed by Claire, Cranbury Bookworm, Henderson Sotheby's International Realty, Cranbury History Center, and Cranbury Museum. For information call 609-655-5361 or print out the ticket order form at www.cranburyhistory.org.

Cranbury Township Environmental Commission

History of Unami Woods

In the 1960's, as Wynnewood was being developed, Cranbury's Planning Board and citizens recognized the environmental importance of the woods along the banks of the Cranbury Brook and the waters of the brook itself. During that time, with Alfred Meiss at the helm (Chairman and later Vice Chairman), the Board dedicated countless hours and boundless energy to negotiations with the developer, attorneys and various local, county, state and federal organizations so that the woods would remain forever a natural area.

In 1966, with assistance from Green Acres funding, the Township was able to purchase the woods. The Woods at Wynnewood received its official name, Unami, which means, "people down the river" in 1968. The Unami were part of the Lenni-Lenapi group who inhabited this area. A May 1969 article in the "Cranbury Press" by Robert L. Flammer, states the Unami Woods are... "Three acres of a wooded hardwood natural preserve... This is habitat to a large variety of birds, small animals and deer. Some footpath trails exist into and through the woods, but are intentionally left untended. Due to the natural state and rugged nature, residents should not hike alone and should wear protective clothing to guard against scratches and ticks. No camping or dumping is permitted."



Alfred Meiss also contributed to the creation of the Cranbury Brook Preserve. In October 1965, under his leadership, the Planning Board recommended that Cranbury Township seek a formal agreement with the owner of the Colson B. Hutchinson Farm requesting that once the production of nursery crops terminated, the land would not be offered for sale until the Township had an opportunity to acquire it.

Many years later, Cranbury did purchase the property and in December 2004, the Township Committee approved the Cranbury Brook Preserve on the West property. Approximately 14 acres on the north side of the Cranbury Brook are now restricted for aesthetic, ecological, scientific and educational purposes.

Alfred Meiss loved nature and devoted much of his life to her wellbeing. He was proud of the fact that in 1964, the Cranbury Master Plan contained the first consideration of natural resources of any Master Plan in Central New Jersey. He loved being outdoors and in 2002, at the age of 84, he signed a letter, "Al Meiss, for 48 years a paddler on and hiker along the Cranbury Brook."

Alfred Meiss and those who worked with him recognized the importance of open space, clean water, and resource conservation. Cranbury owes them a debt of gratitude for these green treasures in our town.

21st Annual Golf Tournament

The scores for the 21st Annual Cranbury Trophy Golf Tournament, played at Peddie Golf Course in Hightstown, NJ on August 17, 2009:

1st Place Team – Gary Cameron, Joe Madalena, Dave Metzheiser, Dave Stout – 14 Under Par

2nd Place Team - Bill Dey, Gordon Tantum, Tom Witt, Frank Brown – 12 Under Par MOC

3rd Place Team – Mike Toth, Anthony Nichols, John Cirullo, Rick Batesko – 12 Under Par

4th Place Team – Dick Schroeder, Joe Stasi, Ron Irving, Mark Schroeder – 11 Under Par MOC

Men's Longest Drive – Frank Brown

Women's Longest Drive - Caren Caldwell

Closest To The Pin Winners: Anthony Nichols #5, Joe Stasi #13, Mark Schroeder #3, Bill Dey #17, Frank Brown #18, Jason Nitche #16

We could not have had such a successful event without the generous support of all our sponsor:

Major Sponsors: Long Motor Company, Kerzner Associates Developers, Rockefeller Group Development Corp., Buy-Rite Liquors, Cedar Brook Corporate Center, Hatch Mott MacDonald, Sterns & Weinroth, and First Constitution Bank

Hole & Donation Sponsors: A.H. Lowe & Son, A.S. Cole Son & Company, Berkowsky & Associates, Inc., Charles L. Smith Plumbing & Heating, City Streets Café, David Cook & Glenn Johnson, First Constitution Bank, Gentle Healing Wellness Spa, Gil & Bert's, Herr's Plumbing & Heating Service, Hights Farm Equipment, Meyer & Meyer Painting & Papering, Donald Patterson, Philips Preiss Shapiro Associates, RA Nichols Plumbing & Heating; Risk & Loss Managers, Inc., Shropshire Associates, Silver Decoy Winery, Sterns & Weinroth, The Verde Group, WEB Outback/John Holm & Son, and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer

Cranbury Trophy Golf Tournament, Inc. (formally known as the Mayor's Tournament) is incorporate as a 501(c)(3), established to support Cranbury's parks and recreational needs. Next year's tournament will be held on August 16, 2010. For information contact Ms. Kratz at jckratz1@aol.com.

RECYCLING SHED

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

Thanks to a resident's suggestion, a new item for recycling has been added! Formed Polystyrene (not the small packing peanuts) will now be accepted along with the usual CDs (compact discs) and DVDs (digital versatile discs), plastic bags HDPE #2 and #4 bags. The #2 bags are the plastic bags that are gotten at any grocery store. The #4 plastic is usually what new electronic items are wrapped/packed in. Be sure to look for these specific symbols before bringing them to be recycled. All of these items will be recycled through MCC Recycling of Cranbury, NJ.

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

Cranbury Township is always looking for ways to benefit the community and residents. If you have a suggestion or an idea that you feel is valuable, call 395-0900 ext.229 so that it can be discussed.

Cranbury Golden Agers

Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors usually meet on the third Saturday of each month. Most meetings are sponsored by local groups including the Cranbury Lions Club, Cranbury Lioness Club, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, Friends of the Library, Cranbury Catholic Women, Cranbury Woman's Club, and the Apollo Lodge of Hightstown. These sponsors provide the entree dish and desserts for the meal and provide a program or entertainment after the Luncheon. Every member brings a covered dish and their own place setting to each luncheon. The Golden Agers and sponsors enjoy socializing. Callers phone each member every month to remind them of the next meeting.



A few times a month, lunch is enjoyed at a local restaurant with the club treasury providing a partial subsidy to paid up members. At each meeting the Club collects food, toiletries, clothing, stamps, and beverage can tabs that are donated to various local charities. New members are welcome to attend all gatherings to enjoy fellowship and good food. Cranbury has a number of very good cooks so members and guests can always count on a tasty and delicious meal. If you are interested in joining, call Betty Conover at 609-860-0156.



Plans are being completed for a wonderful Christmas Luncheon that will be held at The Holiday Inn in East Windsor on Tuesday, December 15th. Every year our Christmas Luncheons get better and better, with delicious food, wonderful music, and good friendship shared by all members. We expect Santa will again visit us!!

Lioness Club

The next fund raiser will be held on December 5 during the Christmas Boutique at the Cranbury Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Cranbury School.



The Boutique will feature pretty decorations and articles for Christmas. Some things will be priced to appeal to children for gifts for family or friends. Many items are handmade by club members, and all are priced to sell. Every penny raised is donated to charities, such as the Presbyterian Church's annual trip to Guatemala, Womanspace, Task, the Children's Christian Fund, Lion's Eye Bank and South West Indians (we help support an Indian family). We are planning to bring back by popular demand "The Men of Harmony." Look for the notice in the Cranbury Press and/or the next town newsletter for the date and time of the performance.

THE CRANBURY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

The Cranbury Business and Professional Association once again have organized **Cranbury Day 2009**. On September 12th Cranbury Day will be held on Main St., Many vendors will attend, local organizations will participate, lots of activities for the children have been planned and.... Shopping, bargains, demos, music, food, clowns, antique cars- all on Main Street. Plan to join the fun- Call Christine Thompson with any questions 609-954-3020.



The Cranbury Business and Professional Association will decorate the town in late November for the Holiday Season. Lights and garlands will be hung along with decorated wreaths. Our first winter horse and carriage rides during the Cranbury Holiday weekend in December were very successful.... Look for more details this year.

CRANBURY ARTS COUNCIL

The Cranbury Arts Council will host a Membership Drive during Cranbury Day on Saturday, September 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. inside the Gourgaud Gallery located in Town Hall. The **“PAINT YOUR OWN T-SHIRT”** event will offer a free T-shirt when signing up for membership, or can be purchased for \$5.00 each. There will be tables and fabric paints set up outside Town Hall, where everyone can create their own masterpiece and show their support of the Cranbury Arts Council and it’s mission to promote the arts and art appreciation in Cranbury.



The Cranbury Arts Council will host the **9th Annual “CRANSTOCK” Music Festival** on Saturday, September 26, in Village Park. The Festival will begin in the early afternoon and will continue into the evening. Local talent including the PHS a cappella men’s group, The Testostertones, Exit 8A, a PHS sophomore rock and roll band, original music by SELKOW, Steven Sczeganik, the fabulous sounds of Cranbury Jazz, the popular dad’s group, the Crandaddies as well as other performers throughout the day and evening. The Festival will culminate with a final performance from the Robert Murdock Band and their tribute to the British Invasion, playing choice songs from the 60’s through today. Look for the full performance schedule in early September. Plan to pack a picnic, bring the family and a flashlight, and join the Cranbury Arts Council for another gathering in the park and an evening under the stars.



LIONS

Over the past few months the Cranbury Lions Club has been very busy. On June 16th we installed our new officers for the 2009- 2010 year. John Kobland will serve as our President with nineteen other Members serving as a Board of Directors.

In July we had our first meeting of the year at the Trenton Thunder stadium, we all enjoyed a great game along with fellowship among our members. On July 18th our annual picnic was held at the home of Lion Joe Carroll. All in attendance enjoyed good food, fun and games.

In August we had our first recruiting Open House at the Four Seasons Club-house to meet the residents and share the good news about the Cranbury Lions Club. On September 11th The Cranbury Lions will host our first Porch Fest at the home of Lion Andre Mento in Cranbury Green. Membership is a key goal for our upcoming year. We are striving to increase our membership and to share the good news about the Cranbury Lions Club and teach all interested about the Lions Club Mission..... We Serve

In September we will participate in Cranbury Day, selling food, ice cream and our own 50/50 raffle. On September 19th we will host the Golden Age Neighbors at the Cranbury School.

October brings several events... our annual Golf Outing this year will be held on October 15th at the Peddie Golf Course. Plan to join fellow golfers for a great day of golf, food, drink and prizes!



On October 24th we will host our Pumpkin Carving Party at the Cranbury School – look for more details in the Cranbury Press. Our first meeting of October is Spouse Night and we invite the members' wives and husbands to share the evening with us, as we crush grapes at the Grape Escape for a Club Wine Making Project.



And finally, December is our action packed month with many events and activities scheduled. The Student Awards for our Annual Peace Poster Contest (which will have been judged in mid-November) will be given to Cranbury School students at our first meeting; Toys for Tots will be organized by PDG Bob Virgadamo and our Holiday Decorating Contest will take place the week of Christmas with several Lions judging the decorated homes in town. One of our largest, most successful and anticipated fund raisers will take place on December 6th at the Cranbury School – our Annual Pancake Breakfast with pictures with Santa and the Lioness Club Boutique and Bake Sale. This is an annual event that is enjoyed by all ages!

The Cranbury Lions Club is a very active organization in Cranbury, we are involved with several fundraisers throughout the year, as well as many community service activities, but we also enjoy several social events. We are a club of many ages, many personalities, and many interests, with a desire to serve the community. Want to join us? Want more information? Please call our membership chairperson, Jon Goldstein (409-9656) or talk to any current Lion that you might know.

CURBSIDE CHIPPING SERVICE

The chipping of brush and branches begins on the third Wednesday of each month. This is the start date and depending on the amount of curbside chipping, the DPW crew may not complete the entire route in one day. So be aware that your chipping may not necessarily be chipped on this day.

Brush and branches should be placed parallel to the road, curbside, not in the street, the weekend prior to the third Wednesday. To help expedite the process, branch ends should be placed so they can be easily picked up and inserted into the chipping hopper. Vines, briar branches, stumps or dirt will not be accepted, as they may cause personnel safety issues or machine malfunctions. One other item to remember is take care not to place the chipping and leaves in the street near storm drain inlets. Doing so will allow rain runoff to flow freely and prevent clogging of the inlets.

Chipping date:

September 16th
October 21st
November 18th
December 16th

Place chipping curbside by:

September 13th
*October 18th
November 14th
December 12th



*On October 17th the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society House Tour will be held. Many volunteers have dedicated much time and effort for this event. Cranbury residents can help beautify our lovely town by keeping the streetscape beautiful and branch free. If possible, please place chipping at the curb after the Tour.

One other chipping service note; every Wednesday in January, the DPW will chip and recycle your Christmas tree. Kindly place the tree curbside, less any ornaments, lights, tinsel or garland, by 7:00 am.

COMPOST BINS

Make your own natural fertilizer for your plants and lighten your trash load by composting! Composting is a natural process by which grass clippings, yard waste and even kitchen scraps are gathered to break down or decompose to form rich soil-like substance to fertilize or condition the soil.

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management subsidizes the sale of compost to County residents. Three types of bins are available, ranging in price from \$5 to \$40. You'll receive a free kitchen pail and composting guide when you purchase a compost bin.

Bins can be purchased on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm, at the Middlesex County Improvement Authority Recycling Office, 55 Edgeboro Road, East Brunswick or visit this link: <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/Compost%20bin%20sale.pdf>. For information on composting call the Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension Master Gardener Helpline at (732) 395-2586, or visit www.rce.rutgers.edu.



LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE



The fall leaf collection will begin on or about October 26th and will continue through to December 31st. Leaves should not be placed in the streets. Residents may place leaves between the sidewalk and curb or if you live where there are no sidewalks and curbs, put the leaves close to street. As a reminder, piles of dirt, grass, and mulch cannot be picked up with this machinery. The items will lead to a safety issue or a breakdown of the equipment.

Beginning at:

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

Residents not living on the above route but desire leaf collection service should call 395-0900 ext.229 to arrange for a pick up. Barring inclement weather, machinery breakdowns, and the amount of leaves for pick-up, the route usually takes approximately 2 to 2 ½ weeks to complete. If the leaf vacuum has recently passed your house, please keep the time schedule in mind. There will be another pass, so don't rush to put more leaves out by the curb.

2009 SHRED-IT EVENT

Start cleaning out your old files! The Shred-It Event is scheduled for October 24, 2009 and will be held at the DPW yard on Dey Road from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or until the truck is full, whichever occurs first. Acceptable items include old files, receipts, bills, financial statements, or any document that you have not recycled due to a confidentiality concern.

Books, magazines, and newspapers can be recycled through the regular curbside pickup service. The 2009 event is open to Cranbury residents and sponsored by MCC Recycling of Cranbury.

REUSE IT GUIDE

Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) offers a free directory that 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 will 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.



If you have an item you no longer need and would like to donate it, this guide lists all the organizations that will accept various items and also lists organizations alphabetically so you can locate a specific organization you may wish to receive your donation.

If you didn't get your free copy at the Township booth during Cranbury Day, visit the MCIA website at www.mciauth.com to print or download a copy. Look on the left side menu, scroll half way down, listed under *RECYCLING* click on **Reuse It**.

CLEAN UP WEEKEND

The next Clean Up Weekend is scheduled for October 3rd & 4th, rain or shine. Bring your unwanted items to the Municipal Public Works Yard on Dey Road between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Attendants will be on duty to help with your acceptable discards.

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

Electronic items for recycling will be accepted during the event. They include computers (monitors, scanners, CPU's modems, printers, cables, and keyboards) televisions, telephones, irons, fluorescent lamps including compact fluorescent bulbs, tube fluorescent bulbs, and mercury filled thermostats and thermometers.

Unacceptable items included stumps, tires, and dead animals

REFRIGERATOR / FREEZER RECYCLING PROGRAM

The NJ Board of Public Utilities and the NJ Clean Energy Program recently launched a new refrigerator/freezer recycling program for all NJ residents. This program will accept old operating refrigerators and freezers. In return you will receive a check for \$30, plus free removal of the old appliance from your home.

There is a limit removal of two appliances per year per household. Appliances to be recycled must be in working order with an inside measurement of 10 cubic feet or more. It is requested for a safe and damage free removal from your home, that there is clear pathway.

For further details about this program, visit <http://www.njcleanenergy.com> or call 877-270-3520.



NEW RECYCLING/TRASH RECEPTACLES

If you haven't noticed, the DPW has installed new Recycling/Trash Receptacles along Main Street. In order to adhere to mandated recycling laws, these side-by-side bins require the separation of recyclables and trash. Kindly dispose of all bottles (remove the caps) and cans in the recycling portion and dispose of trash in the half round opening.



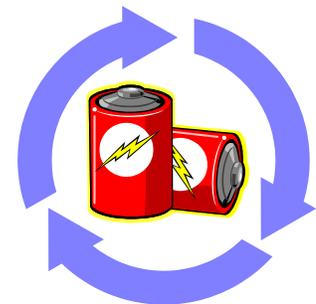
New recycling and trash receptacles will soon be forthcoming into the parks. The bins, placed side by side, will be clearly marked. Please use the appropriate bins for any recyclables and trash.

Your participation in helping Cranbury recycle more benefits everyone!
Thank you.

AN UPDATE FOR RECYCLING OF BATTERIES

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 DOT regulations regarding battery transportation and the fact that alkaline batteries are less hazardous than they were in years past. The new program is as follows:

- 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 be disposed in the regular trash.



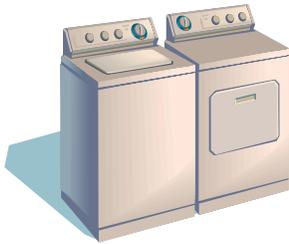
Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two way radios, camcorders, and remote control toys. Rechargeable batteries can look like regular alkaline batteries. So check the label on the battery, it will indicate if it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

When dropping off RECHARGABLE BATTERIES and BUTTON CELL BATTERIES in Town Hall for recycling, do not leave other items. You may think that these items will be recycled but any items left near the battery drop off are or back entrance will be discarded with the regular trash which thwarts any good deed to recycle. Instead, bring these items to the Recycling Shed, Dey Road, on the first Friday of every month; except for legal holidays-then it's the second Friday, between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

WHITE GOODS PROGRAM

For only \$10 per item and with a pick-up schedule for the 2nd Wednesday of each month, the DPW will take away your unwanted appliance.

Items now include bulky electronic waste such as TVs, VCRs, computers with components, metal storm doors (without glass window inserts) humidifiers/de-humidifiers, water coolers, metal sinks and residential kitchen exhaust fans. White goods are washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators, freezers stoves/ovens, window unit air conditioners, grills with propane tanks, and water heaters. If you would to use this monthly pick-up service, call to 395-0900 ext.229 at least 3 days prior to the scheduled dates.



If you prefer, you may cart your items to the Recycling Shed located at the Public Works yard on Dey Road. Items will only be accepted on the first Friday of each month and the shed will be open from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. When a legal holiday falls on this day, the second Friday is the scheduled day.

The scheduled dates during the second half of 2009 are:

September 4
October 2
November 6
December 4

PET ETIQUETTE



Cranbury is a wonderful town to walk. Any time of the day pet owners can be seen walking with their pet. It is not wonderful to see what pets leave behind. According to Township Ordinance #162, “all pet owners and keepers shall immediately remove and properly dispose of the solid waste deposited by the pet on public property or the property of another.” Solid pet waste should be deposited in a waste receptacle or other suitable container that is regularly emptied. Deposits into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal are also acceptable.

FRIENDS OF THE CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Look for the Friends’ Giant Book Sale on Cranbury Day. Because of the thousands of unbelievable books this year, our book sale will be set up in front of the Cranbury Public Library. Come back and browse our fantastic selection of books, including fiction and nonfiction. Check out the cooking, gardening, travel and many other subjects. Hundreds of children’s books are available—many are like new!! Stock up for some fall and winter reading!

Visit the Gambino Room in the Library and browse the books that are for sale everyday. Also, don’t forget our monthly book sales on the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gambino Room!

We are always looking for volunteers!