

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP

SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER



TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS—2010

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

LIAISON TO:

David Stout, Mayor	Administrative & Executive, Environmental Commission, Finance, Shade Tree Commission, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector.
Winthrop Cody	Board of Education, Business & Professional Assn., Development Review Commission, Human Services, Municipal Alliance, Recreation Commission & Zoning Board.
David Cook	Cranbury Housing Associates, Business & Professional Association. League of Municipalities, Library and Middlesex County Solid Waste.
Richard Stannard	Board of Health, Court, Historical & Preservation Society, HPC, Office of Emergency Management & Police.
James Taylor	Buildings & Grounds, Construction, Fire Company, First Aid Squad, Parks Commission and Public Works.

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Mark your calendar for the annual fireworks event! On July 5th, rain date July 6th, the Mercer County Symphonic Band will perform in Village Park. The entertainment will begin at approximately 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs, blanket, picnic dinner, liquid refreshments (all alcoholic beverages are prohibited), friends and family for all to enjoy and celebrate our nation’s independence. As dusk falls, sit back and enjoy the spectacular fireworks display.

This year, the band is sponsored by the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society along with the Cranbury Public Library. The fireworks show is sponsored by the Township of Cranbury.

As a reminder, please deposit any recyclables and trash in the appropriate supplied receptacles prior to leaving the park.

FOOD COLLECTION

In an effort to assist those in need, Cranbury Township will be placing food collection boxes in Town Hall and the Police Station. Those wishing to donate non-perishable food may drop off the items during normal business hours. The food will be donated to a local pantry (Skeet’s Pantry) for distribution.





Cranbury Township Police Department
One Logan Drive
Cranbury, NJ 08512

RICKEY A. VARGA
Chief of Police

June 22, 2010

Dear Cranbury Residents:

On May 25, 2010, I was sworn in as Chief of Police. As a Cranbury resident, it is truly an honor and privilege to be able to serve our community in this capacity.

I began my law enforcement career in 1988 as an investigator with the Somerset County Probation Department. From there in 1989, I transferred to the Somerset County Sheriff's Department as a Sheriff's Officer. On April 15, 1991, I was appointed as a Cranbury Township Police Officer and settled into a career serving the residents of Cranbury.

During the course of my career with Cranbury, I have served as patrolman, detective, sergeant, lieutenant and captain. I have acquired a vast amount of knowledge, not only of the job but also the needs of our community. I will continue to use this knowledge and experience to serve as your Chief to the best of my ability.

I would like to thank those who have supported me and hold confidence in my abilities to afford me this opportunity. I would also like to thank my officers for whom I have the utmost respect and confidence. We, as residents, are very fortunate to have these highly trained, educated and motivated officers working to keep Cranbury one of the safest communities in the State of New Jersey. Most importantly, I would like to thank my family. You have been there through it all, words cannot express my gratitude.

Rickey A. Varga
Chief of Police



Cranbury Township Police Department
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Chief of Police

SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION
PRESS RELEASE

With the summer vacationing months upon us, we should consider taking a few basic security precautions to protect our homes and property.

If you are going on vacation, it is recommended that you:

- Set your burglar alarm.
- Have someone pick up your newspapers and packages.
- Have your grass cut.
- Leave your lights on a timer.
- Have a key holder check your house.
- Contact the Cranbury Police Department to have your house put on our empty home list.
- Do not announce your vacation plans to strangers.
- Let neighbors you are acquainted and comfortable with know the dates you will be away. Ask them to keep an eye out and report any suspicious vehicles or activity immediately to the police.

Please make sure your key holder has your alarm code. As required by Township Ordinance, all business and residential alarms must be registered with the Police Department. You may contact the Cranbury Township Police Department for additional information. You can also find alarm registration forms on the Township web page.

The Cranbury Police Department offers free home security surveys. During the survey, an officer will check your doors, windows and locks. If any improvements are needed, the officer will write them down and present the list to the homeowner. Arrangements for a home security survey can be made by calling the Cranbury Township Police Department at 609-395-0031.

Have a safe & enjoyable summer!

Rickey A. Varga
Chief of Police

QUARTERLY FINANCE SUMMARY

As promised to the public during budget season, the following is the Finance Office's quarterly summary :

Account Description	EXPENDITURES		2010	% of BUDGET
	2010 BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2010	BUDGET LEFT	EXPENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE	\$300,319.00	\$63,947.65	\$236,371.35	21.29%
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	\$28,111.50	\$6,487.28	\$21,624.22	23.08%
MUN/CNTY CLERK - ELECTIONS	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
FINANCIAL ADMINSTRATION	\$208,264.00	\$56,693.99	\$151,570.01	27.22%
AUDIT	\$23,200.00	\$0.00	\$23,200.00	0.00%
TAX COLLECTION	\$17,005.00	\$2,345.00	\$14,660.00	13.79%
TAX ASSESSMENT	\$157,576.00	\$20,476.43	\$137,099.57	12.99%
TAX MAP MAINTENANCE	\$8,000.00	\$1,660.75	\$6,339.25	20.76%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$120,500.00	\$5,468.35	\$115,031.65	4.54%
ENGINEERING SERVICES & COSTS	\$78,500.00	\$1,421.00	\$77,079.00	1.81%
PLANNING BOARD	\$104,818.00	\$11,672.33	\$93,145.67	11.14%
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	\$31,437.00	\$5,239.68	\$26,197.32	16.67%
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$75,345.00	\$4,182.16	\$71,162.84	5.55%
FIRE OFFICIAL	\$92,425.00	\$7,134.39	\$85,290.61	7.72%
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	\$10,911.00	\$2,593.09	\$8,317.91	23.77%
INSURANCE	\$853,397.00	\$262,645.95	\$590,751.05	30.78%
POLICE	\$2,220,276.63	\$444,695.96	\$1,775,580.67	20.03%
911 PROJECT	\$4,635.00	\$0.00	\$4,635.00	0.00%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
AID TO VOLUNTEER FIRE CO	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS	\$50,354.00	\$50,354.00	\$0.00	100.00%
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	0.00%
FIRE	\$150,000.00	\$24,407.36	\$125,592.64	16.27%
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$245,600.00	\$63,609.63	\$181,990.37	25.90%
SHADE TREES	\$32,945.00	\$771.51	\$32,173.49	2.34%
GARBAGE & TRASH REMOVAL	\$34,000.00	\$1,740.90	\$32,259.10	5.12%
RECYCLING PROGRAM	\$53,975.00	\$10,689.00	\$43,286.00	19.80%
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$113,600.00	\$22,678.83	\$90,921.17	19.96%
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$141,640.00	\$9,405.40	\$132,234.60	6.64%
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$5,634.00	\$2,799.03	\$2,834.97	49.68%
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	\$3,140.00	\$686.10	\$2,453.90	21.85%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$18,500.00	\$2,511.76	\$15,988.24	13.58%
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
HUMAN SERVICES	\$8,445.00	\$1,533.85	\$6,911.15	18.16%
BOARD OF RECREATION COMM	\$49,176.00	\$4,670.17	\$44,505.83	9.50%
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	\$74,440.00	\$11,086.45	\$63,353.55	14.89%
PUBLIC LIBRARY - MAINTENANCE	\$597,766.00	\$103,490.47	\$494,275.53	17.31%
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENT	\$7,850.00	\$0.00	\$7,850.00	0.00%
ELECTRIC	\$90,000.00	\$11,918.41	\$78,081.59	13.24%
STREET LIGHTING	\$89,000.00	\$14,506.67	\$74,493.33	16.30%
TELEPHONE	\$48,200.00	\$8,125.13	\$40,074.87	16.86%

QUARTERLY FINANCE SUMMARY (Con't)

Account Description	2010 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	2010	% of BUDGET
		JAN-MAR 2010	BUDGET LEFT	EXPENDED
WATER	\$15,000.00	\$1,412.33	\$13,587.67	9.42%
GAS (NATURAL OR PROPANE)	\$34,000.00	\$9,328.81	\$24,671.19	27.44%
SEWER SYSTEM	\$416,280.00	\$89,323.32	\$326,956.68	21.46%
MOTOR FUEL	\$71,000.00	\$13,544.55	\$57,455.45	19.08%
P.E.R.S.	\$125,342.00	\$125,342.00	\$0.00	100.00%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$256,814.00	\$55,811.80	\$201,002.20	21.73%
P.F.R.S.	\$261,182.00	\$261,182.00	\$0.00	100.00%
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM	\$3,638.00	\$590.98	\$3,047.02	16.24%
JUDGEMENT	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$46,799.00	\$0.00	\$46,799.00	0.00%
BODY ARMOR 2008/2009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
CLICK IT OR TICKET	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT-CH 159	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
DRUNK DRIVING	\$3,805.29	\$0.00	\$3,805.29	0.00%
OVER THE LIMIT UNDER ARREST	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	0.00%
DOT GRANT - GRIGGS TRACT/VARIOUS STREETS	\$251,000.00	\$0.00	\$251,000.00	0.00%
NCSR TEAM HABITAT - CHAPTER 159	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
CLEAN COMMUNITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
ALCOHOL EDUCATION, REHAB & ENFORCEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
HOME GRANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING 2009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NJDOT - BRICKYARD ROAD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
BUSINES STIMULUS FUND-COMMUNITY FORESTRY	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	0.00%
911 PROJECT	\$138,750.00	\$34,687.50	\$104,062.50	25.00%
ROCK SALT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT	\$40,000.00	\$24,897.83	\$15,102.17	62.24%
RECYCLING - MCIA SERVICES	\$49,430.00	\$6,806.54	\$42,623.46	13.77%
COUNTY HEALTH CONTRACT	\$18,740.00	\$4,711.75	\$14,028.25	25.14%
MIDDLESEX CO UTILITITES AUTH	\$306,037.00	\$71,550.89	\$234,486.11	23.38%
MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY AUTHORITY	\$175,000.00	\$27,993.04	\$147,006.96	16.00%
MUNICIPAL/COUNTY COURT	\$200,000.00	\$43,945.55	\$156,054.45	21.97%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDA	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
BOND PRINCIPAL	\$1,215,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,215,000.00	0.00%
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON NOTES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON BONDS	\$283,925.00	\$0.00	\$283,925.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON NOTES	\$91,730.00	\$66,519.99	\$25,210.01	72.52%
EDA LOAN - PRINCIPAL	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%
EDA LOAN - INTEREST	\$1,125.00	\$562.00	\$563.00	49.96%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE PRINCIPAL	\$69,577.01	\$0.00	\$69,577.01	0.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE INTEREST	\$18,020.82	\$0.00	\$18,020.82	0.00%
DEFERRRED CHARGES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$149,425.80	\$149,425.80	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTALS	\$4,523,620.92	\$1,067,636.68	\$3,455,984.24	23.60%

"Having fun isn't hard when you've got a library card.." ~ Marc Brown

From the Director's Desk

Have you used an eReader yet? The library has two Kindles that we are now loaning!

The library is always looking for ways to save money and have space for more books that our patrons want. We hope to accomplish both goals with our new Kindles. We also think you will be interested in trying out the latest trend in reading.

The staff have been using the Kindles and will give you a quick demonstration when you check one out. If you want to try out all the Kindle features, the full instruction manual is on the device.

Several popular titles are already pre-loaded such as *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* and *The Help*. To see all titles available on the Kindles go to our Website and do a search on 'kindle'. All titles with a blue box are already on both kindles.

Of course there are some restrictions. You must have a Cranbury Public Library card and be at least 18 or older. Your card should be clear of fines and overdue books. You won't be able to download items to the kindle yourself.

When you check a Kindle out we will ask you to sign a Kindle Agreement that says you have received basic instructions and the Kindle is working properly. You can keep the Kindle for 2 weeks with a chance to renew it once (if no one is on the reserve list). We expect the Kindles will be popular, so overdue fines are \$2 per day.

So far we have received many positive comments from staff who have used the Kindle. We are looking forward to hearing your comments as well so stop in the library, **check out a Kindle**, then let us know what you think!

Marilynn Mullen



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

Call for details or to set up an appointment.

Library Book Discussion Groups New Members Always Welcomed

Daytime Book Discussion

***The Help* by Kathryn Stockett**
Wednesday, July 21 at 1:30 p.m.
at the Cranbury Senior Center

Evening Book Discussion

Open Book Discussion—July 20, 7:00 p.m.

Come and talk about the book(s) you are currently reading. Titles for upcoming discussions will be selected.

For complete information and schedules for both groups go to cplbooks.blogspot.com

Due to impending cuts to the NJ State Library budget, we may no longer be able to get books from other libraries for book groups. Currently the library gets books for 9 different groups! We will know the results of the budget discussions by July 1st and will share the results with our book groups.

Friends of Cranbury Public Library

Board Meeting - Monday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Gambino Room.

For information about the Friends go to
tinyurl.com/cplfriends

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foreign language!

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mango icon.

Library Hours and Closings

Monday to Thursday – 10 am to 9 pm
Friday – 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday – 10 am to 2 pm

The Library will close at 6 p. m. on Monday, July 5th.

Make a Splash @ Your Library Summer Reading Program



June 23 through July 28, 2010

Register on-line to join our summer reading program at www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org

Children, adults and families are all encouraged to join.

You must read 840 minutes to complete the program. Prizes are given at 280 minute intervals. When finished, children are rewarded with a **new book** provided by The Friends of the Library. Middle-schoolers have a chance to win a **\$50 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble**. Adults have a chance to win a **\$50 gift certificate to Joe's Crab Shack!**

Turn the page for a complete list of programs offered throughout the summer and come make a Splash @ Your Library!

CRAFTERNOONS

This summer we will have weekly craft sessions lead by Cranbury teens who are helping to *Make a Splash @ the Library!*

- Children *must* be in grades 2-5.
- Programs are limited to 12 participants on a **first-come, first served basis**.
- All programs will begin promptly at 11:00.



Tue	June 29	11:00 a.m.	By-the-Beautiful-Sea Paper Dolls
Fri	July 9	11:00 a.m.	Oceans of Origami
Mon	July 12	11:00 a.m.	Seashell Treasure Boxes
Thu	July 15	11:00 a.m.	Sea and Shore Picture Frames
Mon	July 19	11:00 a.m.	Splashy Surf Boards
Fri	July 23	11:00 a.m.	'Seed-side' Mosaics
Mon	July 26	11:00 a.m.	Make a Splash with Melting Beads

Don't forget to ...



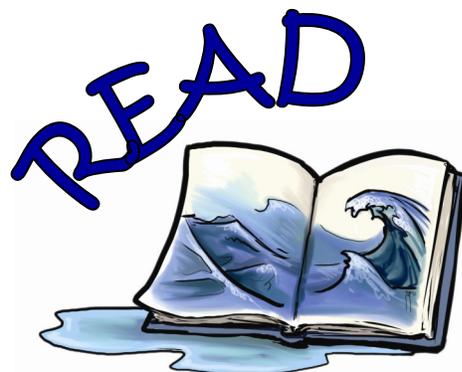
TRACK THE QUACK!

June 23 through July 28, come into the library to read the clue and see if you can find where the 'quack' is hiding in the library!

On July 16, at 11:00 a.m.

float into the library
for a

Root Beer Float!



Open Wii and Xbox gaming every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. during the Summer Reading Program.

The computer lab will be open Monday through Friday from 3-5 p.m.



XBOX 360

Make a Splash @ Your Library

Calendar of Events

June

Friday, June 25 1:30 p.m.

The Birds on Brainerd Lake with Kathy Easton (all ages)

Meet in library and walk to the lake. For children and adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

July

Tuesday, July 6 1:00 p.m. CPS Cafeteria

Mad Science Show: Fire and Ice (all ages)

Tuesday, July 13 11:00 a.m. CPS Cafeteria

A Splash of Color at the Library: Rick Mikula – The Butterfly Guy (ages 5 and up)

Tuesday, July 20 1:30 p.m. CPS Cafeteria

Steve Woyce's Turtle Show! (all ages)

Friday, July 23 8:30 p.m. in front of the library.

Cranbury Outdoor Movie Night

Bring lawn chairs and sit outside to enjoy a movie with all your friends. (all ages)

Vote for your favorite movie at www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org !

Sponsored by the Cranbury Public Library and the Township Recreation Commission.

Tuesday, July 27 2:00 p.m. CPS Cafeteria

Miss Amy Kid's Summer Program (preschool-grade 2)

Wednesday, July 28 7-9 p.m.

LIBRARYFEST

Snow cones, water relays, toddler fish pond, Rock Band and more! (all ages)

Visit the library website www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org
for additional information on all summer reading events.



LIONS CLUB

The Cranbury Lions Club has some great events and activities planned this summer.

Plan to join us!

June 27th - A group of members will help build a house in Hightstown with Habitat for Humanity.



July 9th - We will host a porch fest in Cranbury Greene, stop by!



August 7th - We will host our annual baseball outing at Trenton Thunder- look for details!

August 25th - We will have our 2nd annual fund raiser at Gil & Berts - it's date night. Save the date!



September 11th - We support **Cranbury Day** and sell Burgers, Chicken and Ice Cream.

We have been very busy these past few months:



The Memorial Day Parade and our annual Spring Raffle were a huge success and great "small town events."

In June, we recognized three very talented and deserving young adults with scholarships. To witness young adults work hard and enjoy success is very rewarding. Our club is honored to support the young people of our town.



On June 7th, we hosted our 12th annual Golf Classic at the Peddie Golf Club. This too was a great event and we thank all who sponsored, supported, helped and played golf!

The Cranbury Lions Club continues to be very involved our in wonderful community, and we appreciate the continued support given to our various fund raisers, activities and events throughout the year.

BUS ROUTE IS NOW AVAILABLE!!

Bus service started on Saturday, May 15, 2010. The bus route is M6— “Jamesburg, Cranbury, Plainsboro Community Shuttle.” The bus route starts in Monroe, continues through Cranbury, Plainsboro and ends at the Princeton Junction Train Station. Curbside service (such as senior housing) is available by calling 24 hours in advance. The bus travels along North Main Street on its way to Princeton Junction. The bus can be flagged down, and the driver will stop once he finds a safe location to pull over to pick up residents. The cost is \$1.00 for the general public and .50 for senior citizens. To access additional information, please go to the “Keep Middlesex Moving” website: www.kmm.org. Bus schedules are available in Town Hall, the Library and the Senior Center.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

DID YOU KNOW?

The law requires that those who perform tree care services must adhere to federal safety standards and carry the appropriate insurance for the work they’re going to be doing. Make sure the people you hire conform to the law, which was signed on January 7, 2010.

IMPORTANT TREE CARE TIPS

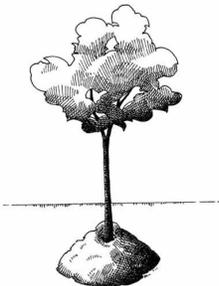
ROOT COLLAR -- Keep soil and mulch from around the tree flair where the tree trunk joins the root system. If this area is covered, then disease, girdling roots and insect damage may occur. If this is not corrected, water will not flow from the roots to the branches and lead to the crown’s decline.

BLEEDING BRANCHES -- If you find wet spots on branches and stems, it may indicate sap flow from wounds. These may occur from insects, diseases or environmental disorders. If the spot is discolored or has a sour odor, bacteria or other microorganisms may affect the area.

LATE BUDBREAKS -- If your trees do not initiate new growth until very late, or if the growth is sparser than usual, there might be a root or vascular disorder with your tree. With newly planted trees, it is common to have sparse crowns or delayed budding.

YELLOWING LEAVES -- When you have trees that yellow and lose a lot of leaves during the summer, it might indicate either too much or too little soil moisture. This is common with birch, tulip trees and other plants with shallow roots. It also might indicate a problem with the roots or soil.

PREMATURE COLOR -- Trees that are stressed will have leaves that turn autumn colors early and drop their leaves. This is usually associated with root or soil disorders, but can also be caused by boring insects or vascular diseases.



REMEMBER - NO VOLCANO MULCHING!

Do not pile mulch against the tree trunk. Pull mulch back several inches from the trunk so the base of the trunk and root crown are exposed. The mulch ring should resemble a “doughnut,” not a “volcano.”

GOURGAUD GALLERY NEWS

In June, the Gourgaud Gallery, part of the Cranbury Arts Council, presented the exhibit “Spring Encore” by Watercolorists Unlimited, from June 6-27. Over 25 pieces were on display, and the reception held on Sunday, June 6th, was well attended. Watercolorists Unlimited has been together for many years and have several members who reside here in Cranbury, so it was a very nice exhibit to showcase some of the talented artists right here in our own community.

The second session of the “Art in the Park” plein air series was held on Sunday, June 13 from noon-4 and was attended by 20 local artists who painted and sketched at one of the local properties in Cranbury.

The next sessions will be:

July 18 at 59 South Main Street

August 15 at 7 Symmes Court

September 26 at 97 South Main Street

October 17 at 60 Old Trenton Road



The sessions are rain or shine events and are always on Sundays from 12 noon-4 pm. The Gourgaud Gallery showcases the work created from the Art in the Park Series in the December exhibit “Cranbury Gardens VIII” running from Dec. 5-26.

Artists who attended the Winter Series Art Workshops are invited to submit work, up to four pieces, that will be juried for the August exhibit. Drop off date for artwork will be Sunday, July 18th in the Gourgaud Gallery from 11:45-1:45. Applications will be available to fill out during the drop-off date, or can be picked up in the gallery during the month of July. The Winter Series featured four art workshops including Collage and Mixed Media with Tamara Woronczuk, Dynamic Still Life with Joe Gyurcsak, Emotional Skies- Watercolor with Barbara Cox and Landscapes in Watercolor with Russ Johnson. The opening reception will be held on Sunday August 1 from 1-3 pm. Any questions, please contact Winter Series Coordinator, Colleen Cahill at 609-203-1251.

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

Upcoming Exhibit Schedule:

June 6-27 – “Spring Encore” Watercolorists Unlimited

July 1-25 – HomeFront Artists – Due to Sunday July 4 Holiday, Reception will be held on the Second Sunday July 11 from 1-3 pm

August 1-29 – “Four Art Exhibit” Artwork from the Winter Workshops Art Series Reception Sunday August 1 from 1-3 pm

September 5-26 – Cranbury Digital Camera Club –Title and reception date TBA



CRANBURY ARTS COUNCIL

The Cranbury Arts Council has announced new Board Members and Committee Chair positions in June. Joanne Hanson, who will remain as Past-President, presided over the meeting. Amy Amico was voted in as President, but will also remain as Chairperson of the Gourgaud Gallery. Colleen Cahill was voted in as Vice President, Kerrie Liggio will serve as Treasurer, and Cyndy Coppotelli will fill the position of Secretary. The new CAC Board plans to continue the mission set forth by the founding members to foster, support, educate, inspire and promote artists and art appreciation in our community.

The Cranbury Arts Council is pleased that dedicated volunteers have also stepped into much needed roles to reorganize the **Arts and Technology Camp** over the next year, and are working closely with Joann Charwin, Camp Director. Joanne Hanson will Chair the newly formed scholarship committee which will oversee the CAC Arts Scholarship Award to be given out next year to an outstanding graduating Cranbury high school senior who demonstrates excellence and dedication in any area of the arts. Details regarding this new scholarship will be available in September for the class of 2011.

Deb Rifkin will Chair the September **Cranstock Music Festival** and has formed a committee that is dedicated to creating an event that celebrates the musical talent and diversity right here in Cranbury as well as the surrounding area. The committee is hoping to make it even bigger and better than last year, so look for announcements on the event details later this summer. The Cranbury Arts Council Gala Committee is also forming in preparation for the event to be held in early 2011. A **Mardi Gras Gala** is being planned so it should be an exciting event to attend and in doing so, support the mission of the Cranbury Arts Council.



The non-profit Cranbury Arts Council welcomes volunteers to join in any area that they have an interest. Anyone who feels the arts are an integral and important part of our community, please don't hesitate to get involved. The Gourgaud Gallery, located in Town Hall, is open and free to the public with a new art exhibit every month. The "**Art in the Park**" plein air series remains free for artists to attend and allows them to paint the beautiful gardens and farms on properties here in Cranbury on Sundays from noon-4 pm from May- October. **Art workshops** are offered during the winter once a month from January – April for a very reasonable fee. The Arts and Technology Camp offers a stimulating creative environment for children 1st -9th grade every summer during July and scholarships are given to those families needing help to insure that every child has the opportunity to participate. The Cranbury Arts Council sponsors art classes at the Middlesex County Youth Shelter and provides art awards at the Cranbury School and scholarships to high school seniors who are Cranbury residents involved in the Arts. Cranstock is a free community event that promotes and supports music and the talented musicians and vocalists who perform for everyone to enjoy. The CAC also participates in other Cranbury community events with henna painting at the Drug-Free Fair, ornament making at the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast and T-Shirt painting on Cranbury Day.

The Cranbury Arts Council is a dedicated, volunteer organization that makes all of these classes and events available to our community. Yearly membership dues, donations and the CAC Gala held every other year help the organization stay vital so it can continue as a wonderful arts resource in the town of Cranbury - but it is the volunteers that are the lifeblood of the Cranbury Arts Council and without them, it cannot survive. If you are interested in membership or participating in any way, please email us at cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com and let us know how you want to get involved- we need you.

CRANBURY GOLDEN AGE NEIGHBORS

The Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors celebrated their 55th Anniversary Celebration on June 19th. The Club was started in 1955. Elizabeth Craig of The Elms Nursing Home and Lillian Conley of Sunnyfield Nursing Home thought senior citizens would enjoy having an organization where they could share a meal and have a social time together. At the anniversary celebration, all former members and current members were treated to a lovely catered turkey dinner. There were also many memories shared and thanks for the continuation of a valuable social activity. It was a great opportunity to meet with neighbors and friends and make new friends. The Golden Age Neighbors meetings are held once a month, usually in the cafeteria of the Cranbury School. If you are interested in joining this active and happy group, call the President Betty Conover at 860-0156.



CRANBURY LIONESSE

The Cranbury Lioness will hold their annual Flea Market on Cranbury Day. The Club is busy gathering very interesting and useful articles with very affordable prices. We look forward to having you visit our table during Cranbury Day this year.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE NEWS

The Cranbury Municipal Alliance held its second annual End of School Picnic for middle school students on June 11th. Over 100 kids enjoyed a picnic, volleyball, a DJ, obstacle course and spending time together before school ends for the summer.

Cranbury School 8th graders, Ally Rogers and Gennie Quinn received the Municipal Alliance Award at Cranbury School Awards Night held on June 9th. The Municipal Alliance award is given to two Cranbury 8th graders who personify the spirit of volunteerism and demonstrate a serious-minded commitment to the goal of the Alliance. - to remain drug free and encourage others to do so.

The 20th annual Drug Free Fair was held at Cranbury School on May 8th. You may not realize that the Cranbury Municipal Alliance co-sponsors this event with Cranbury School. The Drug Free Fair is run solely on donations from local businesses and a committee of volunteers. If you know anyone who would like to help with the Drug Free Fair or donate to this wonderful cause, please contact the Municipal Alliance at khamilton@cranbury-nj.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NEWS

Congratulations to Matthew Purdy, Cranbury School 8th grader and the first recipient of the Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award! The award was established this year by the Cranbury Environmental Commission to honor Alfred Meiss, who was instrumental in preserving much of the natural resource areas that Cranbury residents cherish and enjoy. It will be presented annually to the 8th grade student whom the Commission believes best captures Mr. Meiss' vision of the appreciation, beauty and enjoyment that Cranbury's natural resources would bring to the Township's future residents.

The Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank artist Tamara Woronczuk, 4th grade teacher Christine Sturtevant and her students for their Unami Woods Project. The following is Tamara's explanation of how the project evolved. "In the Fall of 2009, the Cranbury Environmental Commission invited me to a meeting to see whether the school would like to get involved with a project about the Unami Woods. After some discussion, I decided to offer this idea to a fourth grade class. The classroom teacher, Christine Sturtevant, was very enthusiastic and our plan began. Students immediately set about with internet research, gathering ideas. We took students on a walk through the woods where they took notes, made sketches, took photographs and collected specimens. These were brought back to the class for further study and development..." The students worked together to create the eight panels that represent their impression of the Unami Woods.



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Thanks to the foresight and efforts of people like Al Meiss, members of the Planning Board, Township officials and many other Cranbury environmentalists active in the 1960's, the Unami Woods were preserved as a natural area.

Under the guidance of the Environmental Commission and Scout Masters John Kirkenir and George Conley, Peter Sockler completed his Eagle Scout Project in the Cranbury Brook Preserve this past spring. Peter removed Multiflora Rose from hundreds of feet of forest which ideally will benefit native vegetation and eventually increase plant and animal diversity in the Preserve. (Multiflora Rose is a non-native invasive species that spreads rapidly and prevents native vegetation from growing.) Also, as part of the project, Peter planted 6 hemlock trees to reforest the area with native vegetation similar to was originally there.

Eradicating Multiflora Rose and preparing an area for planting is time-consuming, hard work that generates a large amount of debris. Thanks to Peter Sockler, a portion of the Cranbury Brook Preserve has been vastly improved. Hopefully his efforts will inspire others to follow in his footsteps. The Department of Public Works partnered in the project by removing of the accumulated debris.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Spring Cleanup Report

The Annual Stony Brook-Millstone Stream Cleanup held on April 24th was a huge success with approximately 50 committed Cranbury volunteers cleaning up 597 pounds of trash from Brainerd Lake and Cranbury Brook.

The items collected were: one slide, one chair, three tires, five tomato cages, ten milk crates, one bucket, one hubcap, one 2' x 3' piece of Styrofoam, one lawn chair, two 2' long pipes and 41 bags of trash and recyclables.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

In June 2010, members of the HPC attended a Preservation Conference. The links listed below are just a small amount of the information that was received about renewable energy technology and Historic Preservation. These links will connect to preservation links that focus on energy consumption, weatherization, greening of properties, guides that address roofing, windows, insulation, and mechanical systems.

<http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/sustainability>

<http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/main-street-news/2009/04/greening-MS-buildings.html>

<http://www.nps.gov/history>

<http://www.nps.gov/history/history/hisnps>

<http://www.greenroofs.com/projects/pview.php?id=666>

<http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/>

<http://www.dsireusa.org>

<http://www.usgbc.org>

<http://preservationnj.wordpress.com/2010/04/14/solar-panels-other-renewables-in-historic-districts>

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/05/15/homeowners-association-the-enemy-of-solar>

CRANBURY DAY

Cranbury Day 2010 is Saturday, September 11th this year. The Cranbury Business and Professional Association has started making plans. This year there will be similar vendors, with a few new ones, food court with music, Clowns with face painting, another new band, antique cars, ballet demonstrations and lots of activities for children. There may be some new events ... dance contest?... bicycle obstacle course?... town baseball game afterwards?... to name a few!! Please email cathompson@comcast.net with any questions or call 609-954-3020.

RECREATION UPDATE YOUTH SUMMER

**Summer Day Camp
July 28th – August 13th**

REGISTRATION STILL AVAILABLE

The Cranbury Recreation Commission is still accepting registration for the Summer Day Camp (for students entering grades Kindergarten through 8). Registration packets are available online at www.cranburytownship.com and at the Recreation Office in Town Hall. The program will be held for seven weeks starting June 28th and ending August 13th. The camp will once again be held at the Cranbury School. Camp hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Camp activities include exciting new trips, sports, swimming, games, arts & crafts, and more!

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Don't forget about our Summer Sports Camps: Multi Sports @ Village Park in July, Tennis Camp @ Cranbury School Courts in July and August & Sports Squirts Camp for 3-5 yrs old @ Village Park in August.

3rd ANNUAL CANOE RACES ON BRAINERD LAKE

Back by popular demand – the 3rd Annual Canoe Races are scheduled for Sunday, September 12th. Look for more specific information to be published in the local papers and the Cranbury Township website.



NEW SOCCER PROGRAMS

Stay in Cranbury for soccer this summer and fall. The Cranbury Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a summer soccer camp and fall youth soccer programs. The fall programs include an introduction to soccer program for the beginning players going into grades pre-K through 5th as well as a transitions program for the intermediate player ages 6-10 looking for an introduction to competitive soccer without the commitment to a travel team. These programs will be held at Millstone Park. Why not sign up for these programs? We will use professional instructors from Youth Soccer Alliance and not volunteer coaches. Check the Township website at www.CranburyTownship.org for registration information.



ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP OUT

Always wanted to go camping, but never had the time? We have the perfect opportunity for you to enjoy a night under the stars with your family and neighbors right here in Cranbury. The event will kick off at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11th with inflatable rides for the kids while you prepare your campsite. Once everyone is settled in, we will have a campfire sing along 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. The event will take place at Village Park. Cost per campsite will be \$40. Registration forms will be available in July. Look for more information in the local papers and the Cranbury Township website.



RECREATION UPDATE Adult Activities

TAI CHI – Summer 2010

The Cranbury Recreation Commission will be sponsoring **TAI CHI** for Cranbury Residents. Tai Chi is an art that stresses slow breathing, balanced & relaxed postures and absolute calmness of mind.



Classes will be conducted by Ms. June Counterman, who has been teaching Tai Chi for over 19 years. She 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** beginning July 6th thru August 4th from 9:30 am - 10:30 am.

The fees are as follows: Seniors = \$40, Non-Seniors = \$65. There will be no refunds once the program begins.

FALL 2010



Several programs for Cranbury Township Senior Citizens are being planned for the fall. Past programs include Tai Chi, Bus Trips, Exercise Classes and more. Check the Cranbury Township website for program listings.

OTHER UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Check the Township website for information on additional youth and adult programs including youth and adult basketball, youth golf lessons, youth and adult tennis lessons and more!



digital Cranbury Camera Club



SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

Internationally
Renowned
Photographer



Adam Jones

**Canon Explorer of Light
September 8, 2010
8:00 pm**

Presents:

**“Through the Lens of Adam Jones”
Nature and Travel Photography**

Cranbury Methodist Church’s Fellowship Hall

The Public is Welcome

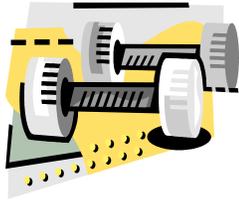
Meetings held **EVERY** month
2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

Cranbury Methodist Church’s Fellowship Hall
21 N. Main Street, Cranbury

CRANBURY COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

Any Senior Group wishing to use the Senior Center Room needs to schedule the room through the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Seated Exercise
Classes will resume
on September 16th.
Call Phyllis at 409-
8533 to sign up.



NEW "CRAFT CIRCLE"

STARTING ON
SEPTEMBER 16th!

Every Thursday
From 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Bring your friends, bring
your craft, bring a snack!



Interested in play-
ing **Mah Jongg**?
There is a group
that gets together at
the Senior Center
on Tuesday
afternoons at 2 p.m.

They have taken the summer off,
but will resume playing on
September 14th.

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

JULY – SEPTEMBER

July 16

"Satellites – Past, Present and Future"

Presented by Jack Frohbieter

Lunch – 12:00 Noon

Program – 1:00 p.m.

July 27 - "Senior Freeze" Property Tax
Relief

Assemblyman DeAngelo and Assembly-
woman Greenstein will speak about the
application for property tax relief for
2009, which has been extended to
August 2nd.

FREE Breakfast – 9:30 a.m.

Program – 10:00 a.m.

August 20 - Games!

Lunch – 12:00 Noon

Program – 1:00 p.m.

September 24

Summer Vacation Show and Tell

Lunch – 12:00 Noon

Program – 1:00 p.m.

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

Registrations for breakfast and lunch-
eons must be made at least one week in
advance by calling 395-0900 x 244.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to budget con-
straints, it has become necessary to
charge \$3.00 per person for meals.
Please bring exact change. Thank you
for understanding.

The Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society

Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society is pleased to announce that the second edition of *George Washington in Cranbury, The Road to the Battle of Monmouth* by John Whiteclay Chambers II is available at the History Center and Museum for \$12.95. The 62-page edition has been updated and expanded and includes illustrations and documents. All proceeds from the sale of this publication will benefit Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society.

There are other new items for sale at the History Center and Museum. The Township Committee approved a flag design, generated by CHPS, and made it the official Cranbury Township flag. The 2'X 3' flag, featuring the Cranbury Township seal on a cranberry background, can be purchased for \$50.00. A wooden ornament with a painting of the Museum by Nadine Berkowsky is available for \$15.00; a wooden serving tray featuring Nadine Berkowsky's painting of the Museum can be purchased for \$30.00; and a canvas bookmark with a painting of Cranbury Main Street by Wilma Shimer is available for \$3.50. Envirosax bags, screen-printed from a photograph of Town Hall by David Nissen, are on sale for \$12.00.

The Parsonage Barn, dismantled in 2003 and moved from the former Updike property on Cranbury Neck Road, will be re-erected this summer at the Barn Park on Cranbury Neck Road. NJ Barn Company will put the historic barn timbers in place and Kaiser Building Company will complete the remainder of the project. While repairing the timbers, the NJ Barn Company found that one of the timbers was dated 1740. A model of the historic timbers of the barn is at the History Center. The project is under the capable leadership of Mark Berkowsky and Bill Bunting.

CHPS won first prize in the Kevin M. Hale Publications Awards Competition of the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey for the poster, *Cranbury Lantern Ghost Tour*. The award was accepted by Michelle Newman-Dickey and Betty Wagner at the League's meeting on June 12 in Perth Amboy. The poster advertised the popular and successful Lantern Ghost Tour, chaired by Mia Lindberg and Michelle Newman-Dickey in June 2009.

Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society invites you to be a part of the *Family Heirlooms* exhibit that will open at the Cranbury Museum on July 18 and run through the end of October. You may exhibit any item that is special to you. Hoping to hear from you with a brief description of your item are Lynn Lakner at llakner@access4less.net or Ruth Jost at (609) 235-9078. Please drop off your item at the Museum on Sunday, June 20 or July 11, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. or on June 24, June 29 or July 8, 7-9 p.m., or at the History Center on Tuesday, June 22 or 29, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please plan have your family heirloom be included in this exhibit.

Cranbury Museum is a valuable part of our community. Docents are needed at the Museum on Sunday afternoons to greet visitors and tell them about the museum. If you would like to learn about becoming a docent at the museum one Sunday afternoon each month, please call Bonnie Wagman at 609-662-0667 or come to the museum any Sunday afternoon. Please consider joining the group of dedicated Museum docents.

CHPS is planning some exciting events for the fall. As information becomes available, learn all about it by visiting cranburyhistory.org. If you are not a member of the Society, please consider becoming a member by completing the membership form that is available at cranburyhistory.org.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

STREET SWEEPING

The Township would like to thank everyone for their cooperation during the May (Memorial Day) street sweep. Keeping the vehicles, trash bins, chipping and articles of private property out of the street made this task flow smoothly and efficiently. Thank you.

Once again and in time for Cranbury Day, all Township roads will be swept. Beginning very early in the morning through mid day on September 9th, the Township respectfully asks that all vehicles, trash bins, chipping and articles of any private property be removed from the streets. We realize that this may cause a temporary inconvenience for some. A municipal public parking lot is located between the Hot Wok Café and the senior housing complex on Park Place West.

2010 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS (HHW)

The remaining 2010 HHW dates will be on
July 18th, in Old Bridge;
September 18th, in Woodbridge;
October 16th, in North Brunswick; and
November 21st, in Edison.

This free service will operate from 8:00am to 2:00pm. For particulars as to what is and is not accepted, and for directions to each scheduled event, visit the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste website at http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste_county.asp. Further information about the other recycling programs can be found here.

CURBSIDE PICK-UP

Curbside recycling pick up service is every other Monday. Please have your recycling placed curbside early morning of:

July: 5th (Note this is not a holiday, pick up will occur), July 19th
August: 2nd, 16th, 30th
September: 13th, 27th
October: 11th, 25th
November: 8th, 22nd
December: 6th, 20th



If your curbside recycling was out at the curb prior to the early morning scheduled pick up date but was not collected, please call the MCIA at 1-800-448-MCIA to report the missed stop as soon as possible.

Remember: the more you recycle the more money Cranbury can receive through the annual Tonnage Grant!

CURBSIDE CHIPPING SERVICE

The chipping of brush and branches begins on the third Wednesday of each month. This is the start date; depending on the amount of chipping, the DPW crew and chipper may not be able to make a complete loop through Cranbury in one day, so be aware that your brush may not necessarily be chipped on the start date. Branches to be chipped should be placed along the curb parallel to the road and not in the road, the weekend prior to the third Wednesday. To help expedite the process, the cut branch ends should be placed so the thick cut end goes with the flow of traffic, this will allow the DPW to easily insert the thick ends into the chipping hopper without having to turn the limbs around. Special requests to have the DPW crew to come and chip brush in front of your property are not accepted. To understand all the regulations, click on this link: http://www.cranburytownship.org/brush_chipping_service.html

Two different types of machinery are needed to chip limbs and to vacuum up leaves. So please keep the branches/chipping separate from raked leaf piles. Branches up to 8" in diameter can be chipped; larger branches will not fit into the hopper.

Chipping date:

July 21st
 August 18th
 September 15th
 October 20th

Place chipping curbside by:

July 17th
 August 14th
 September 11th
 October 16th



Please take care not to place the chipping and or leaves in the street or near storm drain inlets. We want to allow rain runoff to flow freely into the lake and area brooks.

RECYCLING NUMBERS



Did you know that everything you recycle in conjunction with the curbside pick-up is counted and reported! The total tonnage numbers that Cranbury recycles through this service is applied towards our yearly Tonnage Grant. So the more you recycle the more credit Cranbury receives when filing the mandatory Tonnage Grant Report. So far for 2010, Cranbury residents and small businesses recycled:

	Commingled Glass/Tin/ Al/Plastics	Mixed Paper & Cardboard	Newspaper
January	10.32	16.06	11.85
February	7.86	12.23	9.03
March	15.16	23.58	17.40
April	10.73	16.69	12.32
May	<u>10.12</u>	<u>15.75</u>	<u>11.62</u>
TOTAL TONS	54.19	84.31	62.22

Let's do our part to help Cranbury receive as much as possible when it comes to reporting and receiving the funds we deserve! Recycle as much as you can, don't throw money into the garbage! Recycle your glass, tin, aluminum, plastics, junk mail, cardboard and newspaper, keep it out of the landfill.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

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



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



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

CLEAN UP WEEKEND

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

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

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

SMOKE DETECTOR DISPOSAL

The most common type of smoke detector contains a small amount of Americium 241, a radioactive matter. On your wall, this material poses little threat, however, when a detector is broken open whether at home or at an incinerator landfill, it can present a health hazard. This is the reason that all smoke detectors, by law, must be labeled as radioactive content. Detector companies must accept returned radioactive detectors for disposal as hazardous waste. Homeowners can mail smoke alarms/detectors back to the appropriate manufacturer (see listing below, call before mailing). If you recently purchased the same brand smoke detector, return information should be listed on the new package. The return package should be marked "For Disposal" and sent by surface or UPS ground mail (not air mail).

Code One Firex
Maple Chase Products
2820 Thatcher Road
Downers Grove, IL 60515
1-800-445-8299

First Alert
3901 Liberty Road
Aurora, IL 60504-2495
1-800-323-9005

CRANBURY DAY 2010

Visit the Recycling Booth on Cranbury Day where composting and vermi-composting will be the main event! The sale of Backyard Compost Bins (Earth Machine) will be available to buy <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/Compost%20bin%20sale.pdf> during this day. If you would like to reserve a compost bin, please call me at 395-0900 ext.229. You may pick up your reserved bin during Cranbury Day.

See you there!

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE



During the summer months, the Township **does not** collect leaves. Please don't put piles of leaves in the road as this will add to Non-Point Source Pollution. Leaf collection will begin mid October and continue through December 31st. If you have a composter, this is the best place to put brown dried leaves.

2010 SHRED-IT EVENT

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



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

Mark your calendar and start cleaning out your old files!

WHITE GOODS & E-WASTE PROGRAM

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



BACKYARD COMPOSTING / MOWING

Backyard composting is the most cost effective method for leaf composting. It avoids waste /trash costs and tipping fees that are normally charged by your hauler. Composting is a natural process by which grass clippings, small branches, leaves, and even kitchen scraps break down or decompose to form a nutrient rich natural soil and it's FREE. When composted correctly, this balanced fertilizer improves soil moisture, decreases erosion, aids in making the soils easier to cultivate, adds organic matter to the soil, is a good source for soil micro organisms, helps garden seeds to germinate and aids in controlling weeds.

Disposing of your grass clippings in the trash add to NJ's waste stream. Lawns should be mowed about every 5 days, removing approximately 1/3 of the grass blade. Clippings will biodegrade at the soil surface which provides nitrogen and organic matter or collect your clippings and add them to the compost pile. You'll be able to use them next year on your garden.



The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management subsidizes the sale of compost to County residents. Three types of bins are available, ranging in price from \$20 to \$50. A free kitchen pail and composting guide are included with each purchase. Bins can be purchased on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 11:00 am and 2:00 pm, at the MCIA Recycling Office located at 55 Edgeboro Road, East Brunswick. For information on composting call the Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension Master Gardener Helpline at (732) 395-2586, visit www.rce.rutgers.edu,

For a limited time, compost bins will be sold during Cranbury Day 2010. Please call me at 395-0900 x229 for more information or to reserve your bin.

PET ETIQUETTE

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

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



RECYCLE SHED

The shed will be open on July 2nd, August 6th, and September 3rd which are the first Friday of every month. Hours are limited from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Located in the DPW yard on Dey Road, the shed is manned while open. This drop off recycling service is for Cranbury residents only. Proof of residency will be required when disposing of your e-waste.

Items accepted at the shed include **computers (monitors, scanners, CPU's modems, printers, cables, and keyboards) televisions, telephones, irons, fluorescent lamps including compact fluorescent bulbs, strands of lights, tube fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, and thermometers.** A tally of the e-waste must be taken; Cranbury Township is required to be accountable for each item that is delivered to Hesstech.



Formed Polystyrene (not loose packing peanuts) is accepted. Clean loose **packing peanuts** are accepted at Pak Mail, 319 Route 130N in the Windsor Green Ctr., East Windsor, NJ. Call 609-443-6245 for hours of operation. For other NJ locations that accept the packing peanuts visit www.loosefillpackaging.com. Other collected items included **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. By the way, these bags are also accepted at every grocery store with 25 or more employees.

No hazardous waste, paint or tires or broken fluorescent bulbs will be collected at this site (HHW dates are listed in this newsletter). We ask that you deposit your rechargeable and button batteries to be recycled at Town Hall (near the rear entrance) during normal business hours.

RECYCLING SUGGESTIONS

Cranbury Township is always interested in ideas that benefit our residents. If you have a suggestion about recycling, call Linda at 395-0900 ext. 229 to talk about this.

POSITION AVAILABLE

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





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. 1706

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. 1706

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 1701

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 department at 609 799-0909 x1702.

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Registration information is available from the office.

Call the Cindy Capritti at 609 799-0909 x1706.



Information Services

InfoLine of Central Jersey area database of services www.info-line.org or call at 888 908-4636