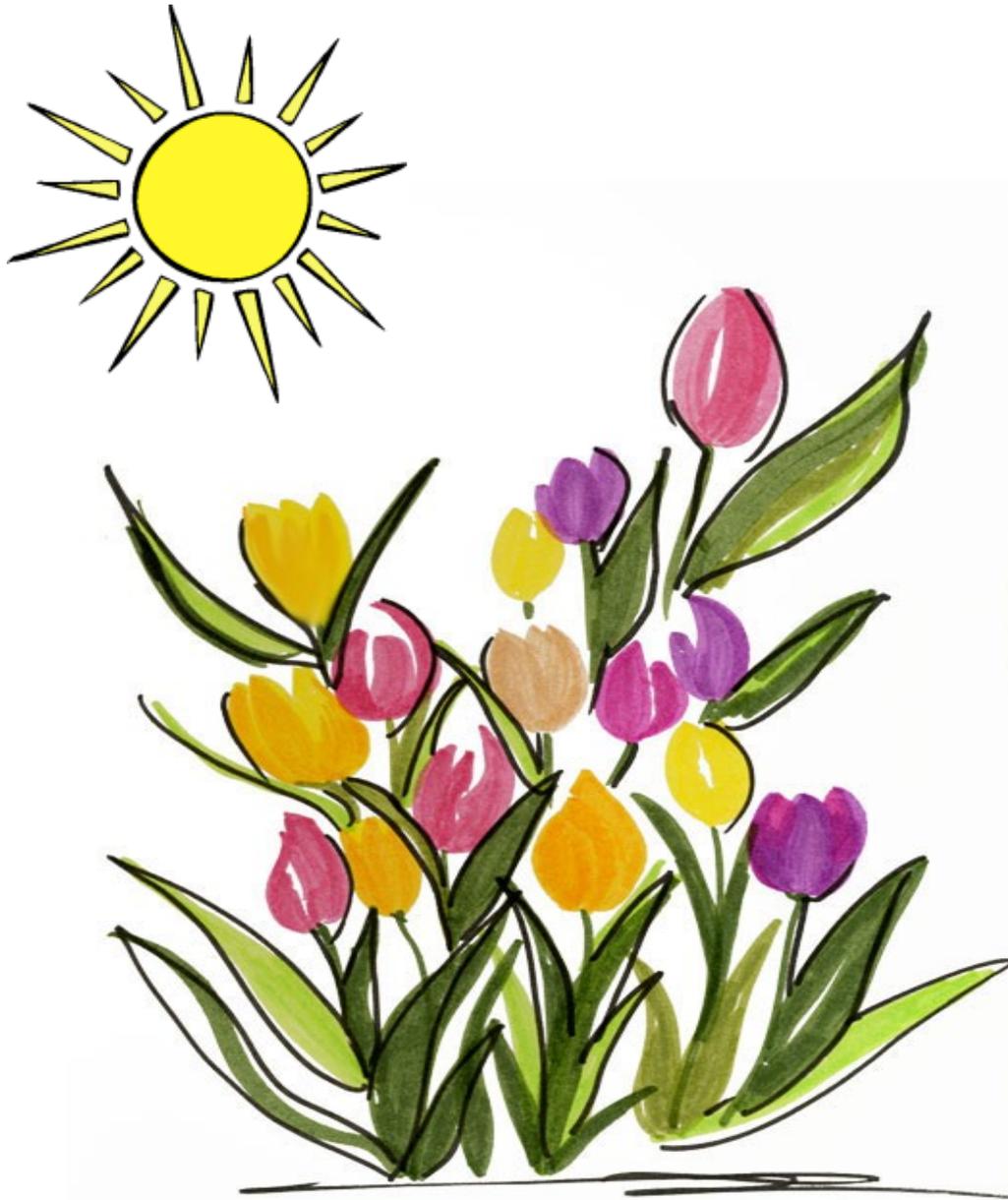




# CRANBURY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## Spring/Summer 2011



## CRANBURY TOWNSHIP 2011 OPERATING BUDGET

Account Description	EXPENDITURES			% of BUDGET EXPENDED
	2011 BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2011	BUDGET LEFT	
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE	\$232,014.00	\$46,315.53	\$185,698.47	19.96%
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	\$28,111.50	\$6,486.00	\$21,625.50	23.07%
MUN/CNTY CLERK - ELECTIONS	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$172,740.00	\$44,453.44	\$128,286.56	25.73%
AUDIT	\$23,200.00	\$0.00	\$23,200.00	0.00%
TAX COLLECTION	\$30,577.00	\$3,622.95	\$26,954.05	11.85%
TAX ASSESSMENT	\$157,701.00	\$18,633.24	\$139,067.76	11.82%
TAX MAP MAINTENANCE	\$7,000.00	\$6,876.00	\$124.00	98.23%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$105,000.00	\$2,505.49	\$102,494.51	2.39%
ENGINEERING SERVICES & COSTS	\$78,000.00	\$2,163.00	\$75,837.00	2.77%
PLANNING BOARD	\$103,170.00	\$16,376.83	\$86,793.17	15.87%
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	\$34,026.00	\$4,713.36	\$29,312.64	13.85%
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$91,858.00	\$10,128.58	\$81,729.42	11.03%
FIRE OFFICIAL	\$109,780.00	\$8,348.85	\$101,431.15	7.61%
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	\$12,247.00	\$2,147.50	\$10,099.50	17.53%
INSURANCE	\$883,402.00	\$295,427.27	\$587,974.73	33.44%
POLICE	\$2,169,847.83	\$447,989.58	\$1,721,858.25	20.65%
911 PROJECT	\$4,774.05	\$0.00	\$4,774.05	0.00%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
AID TO VOLUNTEER FIRE CO	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS	\$45,750.00	\$43,674.00	\$2,076.00	95.46%
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	0.00%
FIRE	\$150,900.00	\$12,940.73	\$137,959.27	8.58%
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$247,850.00	\$66,614.06	\$181,235.94	26.88%
SHADE TREES	\$33,150.00	\$437.15	\$32,712.85	1.32%
GARBAGE & TRASH REMOVAL	\$31,000.00	\$1,975.55	\$29,024.45	6.37%
RECYCLING PROGRAM	\$54,695.00	\$10,068.72	\$44,626.28	18.41%
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$108,165.00	\$25,894.37	\$82,270.63	23.94%
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$73,100.00	\$16,818.66	\$56,281.34	23.01%
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$4,920.00	\$1,406.21	\$3,513.79	28.58%
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	\$4,317.00	\$701.60	\$3,615.40	16.25%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$18,500.00	\$2,704.32	\$15,795.68	14.62%
HUMAN SERVICES	\$8,020.00	\$1,285.98	\$6,734.02	16.03%
BOARD OF RECREATION COMM	\$52,150.00	\$5,751.20	\$46,398.80	11.03%
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	\$73,200.00	\$12,751.69	\$60,448.31	17.42%
PUBLIC LIBRARY - MAINTENANCE	\$572,604.00	\$87,711.56	\$484,892.44	15.32%
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENT	\$7,850.00	\$0.00	\$7,850.00	0.00%
ELECTRIC	\$90,000.00	\$15,261.55	\$74,738.45	16.96%
STREET LIGHTING	\$89,000.00	\$14,844.34	\$74,155.66	16.68%
TELEPHONE	\$49,460.00	\$9,728.70	\$39,731.30	19.67%
WATER	\$16,000.00	\$672.58	\$15,327.42	4.20%
GAS (NATURAL OR PROPANE)	\$30,000.00	\$9,339.72	\$20,660.28	31.13%
SEWER SYSTEM	\$416,990.00	\$83,079.90	\$333,910.10	19.92%
MOTOR FUEL	\$99,400.00	\$17,324.14	\$82,075.86	17.43%
P.E.R.S.	\$138,096.00	\$0.00	\$138,096.00	0.00%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$282,895.00	\$53,124.39	\$229,770.61	18.78%
P.F.R.S.	\$328,176.00	\$0.00	\$328,176.00	0.00%

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**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
2011 OPERATING BUDGET  
(CONTINUED)**

Account Description	EXPENDITURES			% of BUDGET EXPENDED
	2011 BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2011	2011 BUDGET LEFT	
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RE- TIREMENT PROGRAM	\$1,175.00	\$194.64	\$980.36	16.57%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$5,166.00	\$0.00	\$5,166.00	0.00%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$42,672.40	\$0.00	\$42,672.40	0.00%
RECYCLING TONNAGE	\$43,145.88	\$0.00	\$43,145.88	0.00%
911 PROJECT	\$149,850.00	\$37,462.50	\$112,387.50	25.00%
ROCK SALT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT	\$40,000.00	\$23,555.77	\$16,444.23	58.89%
RECYCLING - MCIA SERVICES	\$55,350.00	\$5,479.44	\$49,870.56	9.90%
COUNTY HEALTH CONTRACT	\$18,847.00	\$4,711.75	\$14,135.25	25.00%
MIDDLESEX CO UTILITIES AUTH	\$319,348.00	\$87,121.46	\$232,226.54	27.28%
MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY AUTHORITY	\$175,000.00	\$28,312.04	\$146,687.96	16.18%
MUNICIPAL/COUNTY COURT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	0.00%
BOND PRINCIPAL	\$1,235,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,235,000.00	0.00%
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON NOTES	\$467,020.00	\$0.00	\$467,020.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON BONDS	\$262,050.00	\$0.00	\$262,050.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON NOTES	\$82,847.00	\$63,959.14	\$18,887.86	77.20%
EDA LOAN - PRINCIPAL	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%
EDA LOAN - INTEREST	\$900.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	50.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE PRINCIPAL	\$84,682.01	\$0.00	\$84,682.01	0.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE INTEREST	\$17,941.23	\$933.22	\$17,008.01	5.20%
DEFERRED CHARGES	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	0.00%
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$149,425.80	\$0.00	\$149,425.80	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,811,556.70</b>	<b>\$1,693,061.75</b>	<b>\$9,118,494.95</b>	<b>15.66%</b>

## CRANBURY TOWNSHIP REVENUE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2011

	January - March	2011 REVENUE	% OF REVENUE RECEIVED
Library Finance Fee		\$3,000.00	0.00%
Licenses, Fees & Permits	\$ 9,210.10	\$10,274.00	89.64%
Municipal Court	\$ 30,583.05	\$183,964.00	16.62%
Interest & Cost on Taxes	\$ 7,496.12	\$34,736.00	21.58%
Interest on Cash on Deposit	\$ 20,469.09	\$177,041.00	11.56%
Miscellaneous-Alcohol Beverage License		\$7,500.00	0.00%
Franchise Fee	\$ 12,811.23	\$13,081.00	97.94%
Sewer Service Fees	\$ 410,203.38	\$1,361,677.00	30.12%
<b>State Aid:</b>			
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief		\$2,373.00	0.00%
Energy Receipt Tax		\$464,647.00	0.00%
<b>Grants:</b>			
Municipal Alliance		\$5,166.00	0.00%
Recycling Tonnage		\$43,145.88	
Construction Trust		\$40,000.00	0.00%
Fire Official Fees	\$ 4,017.30	\$87,052.00	4.61%
Reserve for Sewer Fair Share		\$10,000.00	
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 58,560.32	\$113,000.00	51.82%
Capital Surplus		\$101,612.76	0.00%
Hotel Tax	\$ 24,232.59	\$121,948.00	19.87%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 577,583.18</b>	<b>\$ 2,780,217.64</b>	<b>20.77%</b>

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

#### KUDOS TO OUR EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH!

February's Employees of the Month were all of the DPW workers for their hard work keeping Township roads clear from snow during the difficult winter. Letters were received from residents commending the Department on a job well done. Many residents also complimented the department for the great job clearing and prepping the lake for ice skating.

## TOWNSHIP NEWS

### FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

**ELECTION NEWS:** The Primary Election this year will be held on **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

Voters in **District 1** should report to the “**Boy Scout Room**” to vote.  
Voters in **Districts 2 and 3** should report to the “**Senior Room**” to vote.  
Both rooms are located on the lower level of Town Hall.

To vote in the Primary Election, you must register **no later** than Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

If you would like a “Mail In Ballot” application, you may access this form by going to the Clerk’s Home Page on the Township web site:

[www.cranburypoint.org](http://www.cranburypoint.org), click on Departments, then Clerk, Scroll down and click on “Election News and Information”. This will immediately direct you to the State Election web site where you will be able to download the form.

**Please note:** The County Clerk must receive the form by mail **no later** than 5/31/11 OR in person **no later** than 3:00 p.m. on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

A postage stamp is required. Forms can be picked up at Town Hall at the Main Window.



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#### Did you know.....

Per State law (enacted November 9, 2010) the cost of copies of documents for the public has now been reduced to the following costs:

- 8 ½ x 11 = \$.05 per page
- 8 ½ x 14 = \$.07 per page
- 8 ½ x 17 = \$.07 per page
- Large maps are \$2.40 per copy

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### TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Property taxes are due on February 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. You have a ten (10) day grace period.

The deadline to file for the Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze) with the State of New Jersey is June 1, 2011.

**Requirements:** NJ resident before 1/1/2000; resident in your current home before 1/1/2007; Age 65 before 12/31/2009; Income less than \$80,000 for 2009 **and** 2010; Increase in taxes between 2009 & 2010; Prior year taxes paid.

Any questions pertaining to Property Tax Reimbursement call the Division of Taxation at 1-800-882-6597. You may also visit their website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/>

**The Tax Office is open on Monday Evenings from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm.** If you would like to meet with the Tax Collector at another time, please call 609-395-0900 x 233 to schedule an appointment.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORK'S NEWS

### SPRING STREET SWEEPING



In time for the Memorial Day Parade, all township roads will be swept by Reilly Sweeping on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please remove any trash bins, basketball hoops, cars, etc. are located on the street in front of your home so the sweeper truck can make a clean and expeditious pass. A word of caution—please **do not** place any chipping/brush or piles of leaves in the street during this period of time, the sweeper truck will just have to go around them.

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### CURBSIDE CHIPPING SERVICE

The chipping of brush and branches begins on the third Wednesday of each month. The dates below are start dates and not necessarily the day your brush will be chipped. Branches to be chipped should be placed curbside and parallel to the road and not in the street, the weekend prior to the third Wednesday. To help expedite the process, cut branch ends should be placed so the largest cut ends follows the flow of traffic which can then be easily inserted into the chipping hopper without having to turn the limbs around.

There are two different types of machinery needed to chip branches/limbs and pick up leaves. Please do not place branches/limbs and leaves together for pick-up, these items must be piled separately! Branches up to 8” in diameter can be chipped; larger branches will not fit into the hopper.

Changes in the *Chapter 69; Chipping, Leaves & Brush* state that placement of brush shall be allowed no sooner than the weekend preceding the third Wednesday of each month, or as otherwise scheduled or announced. Please take care not to place the chipping and or leaves in the street or near storm drain inlets. Doing so will allow rain runoff to flow freely and prevent clogging of the inlets.

<u>Chipping date in the month of:</u>	<u>Place chipping curbside no sooner than:</u>
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	May 14 <sup>th</sup>
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	June 11 <sup>th</sup>
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	July 16 <sup>th</sup>
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	August 13 <sup>th</sup>



Warning & “How To” letters will be issued if the chipping in front of your property does not fit the chipping criteria. Three warning letters will be issued prior to being fined.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORK'S NEWS...continued



### LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Spring leaf collection began earlier in March and will end on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Residents may place leaves between the sidewalk and curb. If you live where there are no sidewalks or curbs, please put the leaves close to the street. As a reminder, branches, vines, grass clippings and other debris cannot be collected with the leaf vacuum. These items can cause a safety issue and will break the equipment. These items also causes non-point source pollution (NPS).

#### **Leaf Collection Schedule**

Beginning at:

North Main Street, from Rt.130 South	Cranbury Green
Plainsboro Road	Station Road and Cranbury Station hamlet
Prospect Street	Stockton Drive
Bunker Hill	Evans Tract
Cranbury Neck Road	Maplewood Avenue
Symmes Court	Park Place
Wynnewood Section	Westminster Place
Old Trenton Road	Wesley Place
Shadow Oaks (both sides)	Scott Avenue
South Main Street, north of the circle	Cranbury Estates
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Residents not living on the above route and want leaf collection service should call 395-0900 x229 and will be placed on the schedule. Barring inclement weather or machinery breakdowns, the route usually take approximately 2 to 2 ½ weeks to complete. If you see that the leaf vacuum has recently passed your house, please keep the time schedule in mind. The fall leaf collection will begin about mid October and will continue through to December 31st.



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORK'S NEWS...continued



### **2011 SHRED-IT EVENT**

On October 22, 2011, from 9:00am to 12:00pm (or until the truck is full, whichever occurs first) at the DPW Yard, 100 Dey Road, in Cranbury, a shred-it event will be held. This event, sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is open to all Middlesex County residents.

A maximum of 5 file boxes or a maximum of 100 pounds per resident per visit will be enforced at the event. If you arrive with more than maximum requirements, you'll be asked to return to the end of the line. This is done so all residents receive their fair share to dispose of the items at this event.

Acceptable items include old files, receipts, bills, financial statements, any document that you have not recycled due to a confidentiality concern. There is no need to remove paper clips, staples or paper board binder covers. You can observe the shedding of these documents on site.



### **2011 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES (HHW) DROP-OFF DAYS**

The next HHW day will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Middlesex County Highway Division in North Brunswick. The total of HHW days this year in Middlesex County is down to seven from last year, so don't miss this one! For more information about this event or for a schedule of other upcoming events, follow this link <http://www.mciauth.com/hhw.htm>. Information regarding acceptable items can also be found at this site!

### **HOW TO HELP OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT!**

There are several steps that you can take that will help nature to retain its balance. When planting new shrubbery, plant native species. Do not purchase invasive species and remove, if any, existing invasive species around your home.

Below are a few websites that may aid in the quest to discover native plants and invasive bugs.

The National Invasive Species Information Center:  
[www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants](http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants)

USDA Forest Service:  
[www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive\\_plants](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants)

An Overview of Non-Indigenous Plants in New Jersey:  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/InvasiveReport.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/InvasiveReport.pdf)

The Forest Nobody Knows—Deer Impacts:



# CRANBURY LIONS CLUB



**Valentine's Day Roses Fundraiser** was a success. The Lions would like to express their thanks to Kathy Burke of the Cutting Garden for partnering on this fundraiser. On March 12, 135 Lions and friends from around the State went to the Prudential Arena in Newark to attend **New Jersey Lions Night at the NJ Devils!** To date, The Cranbury Lions Club has collected approximately 1200 pairs of glasses since July 1, 2010.

**LION OF THE YEAR** – This year's Lion of the Year is Christine Thompson. Congratulations Lion Christine for all your hard work!

**DRUG FREE FAIR** – The Cranbury Lions Club will sponsor a booth at the Cranbury School Drug Free Fair on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS DINNER** – The Cranbury Lions Club will be presenting the Doc Tudor and Todd Beamer Scholarships and the Stan Thomas Citizenship award at the Cranbury Station on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. At that time, the Lions will also present Quest with a \$500 check.

**MEMORIAL DAY** - The annual Cranbury Day parade will be held on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 1:00 pm The Lions will feature local veterans, marching bands, a pipe and drum band, a polka band, Civil War Re-Enactors, decorated bicycles, antique cars, fire fighting and first aid equipment, and a number of marching groups. Also, **the annual Lions spring raffle will be held.** Tickets will be available beginning in April at \$10 each. The Lions will also announce the winners of the Best Float, the Bicycle Decoration Contest and the winning tickets for the raffle after the parade. Immediately following the parade, the Lions will host the 78<sup>th</sup> Post-Parade Ceremony featuring a key-note speech from Cranbury's Mayor.

**GOLF OUTING** – The Cranbury Lions will be holding the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing at the Peddie Gold Course on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost of \$150 per person which includes all fees, a cart, lunch at 11:00, Shotgun 4 man scramble at noon, on course refreshments and dinner with an open bar, and prizes. Sponsorships are available.

**JAMESBURG LEO CLUB** - The Cranbury Lions Club is sponsoring the newly formed Jamesburg Leo Club which is based at the New Jersey Training School. There are 26 Charter Leo members who held their first meeting and have planned a second meeting which will include election of officers. Within the next few months there will be a charter night dinner for installation of officers

**GIL & BERT'S ICE CREAM EVENT** – Be on the lookout for the Cranbury Lions Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gil & Bert's Ice Cream event. The Lions Club does not have an official date, yet, but that will be publicized around town and in the Cranbury Press as we get close. Last year the Lions Club had a great turn out with lots of entertainment. Come and join the fun!

**ANNUAL PICNIC** - The 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July, The Lions will hold our Annual Club Picnic, to which the public is invited to meet Club Members and families to find out more about the club.

**TRENTON THUNDER GAME** - This year, the Cranbury Lions will host the 12th Annual Trenton Thunder Baseball Outing, and as always all Lions, Cranbury residents, Cranbury business owners, their families and friends are invited, to join us on August 20, when the Thunder face the Bowie Baysox. The Lions would like to invite all large groups in town who have attended games in the past, including Cranbury-Plainsboro Little League, The Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts of Cranbury, and the Cranbury PTO. There will be fireworks after the game! Tickets are only \$10 (save a dollar on the gate price), and are available NOW through the Cranbury Lions.

**DUCK RACE** - The Lions Club is planning a new fundraiser, which will be fun and lucrative – a Rubber Ducky **Duck Race**. The Cranbury Lions Club are currently working on the details to run the ducks over the dam/spillway from the lake. The Lions plan to start selling ducks in May, and have the 'race' on **Cranbury Day**. Details for this event will follow.

**THIS SEPTEMBER** – The Cranbury Lions Club will provide food service on September 10<sup>th</sup> for Cranbury Day and will be hosting the annual Golden Agers Luncheon on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU.....**to the people and businesses of Cranbury who support the Cranbury Lions and help us raise the money so desperately needed by others. The Lions are a group of service-minded men and women who are interested in improving their communities. The Lions are the world's largest service club organization. You can learn more about Cranbury Lions on the web at [www.Cranbury.org](http://www.Cranbury.org). We look forward to seeing you at our events to help us in our continued service to Cranbury.

## CRANBURY HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society invites you to visit the Cranbury Museum to see its newest exhibit, "Cranbury and the Civil War." The patriotic men of New Jersey voluntarily enlisted in large numbers to defend their country after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter 150 years ago. Communities such as Cranbury, Hightstown and Prospect Plains banded together to sew flags and uniforms, send food and bandages to the hospitals and help support local families whose men were off at war. Come read their stories through the letters and the written accounts of the period. See the photos, and the inventions of the time and learn about their triumphs and great losses. The exhibit opened April 17 and will run through July 17, 2011. Cranbury Museum is open Sunday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

At the Drug Free Fair on Saturday, May 21, Cranbury students will have an interesting activity and also have the opportunity to sign up to be Junior Historians. Those who sign up will be notified of activities planned for them in the months ahead.

This spring, the Parsonage Barn at the Cranbury Barn Park on Cranbury Neck Road was the setting for a Rain Barrel Workshop and for wedding photos. In the months ahead, the barn will be open for tours at regularly scheduled times and the Society will hold events at the barn for the community.

In May, Cranbury School 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will take walking tours of Cranbury that will highlight its history. Don Davidson and Richard Moody will give the tours.

Walking tours for groups of up to twenty in size will be available most Wednesdays in June and some Saturdays in May, June, and August. Please sign up at the Museum on Sundays, 1:00-4:00 pm for a specific date.

The Society has been working with Cranbury Township and the New Jersey Civil War History Association to plan for the Dedication of the new Civil War Monument that is being donated to the Township by the New Jersey Civil War History Association. The Dedication will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 11th at Memorial Park and will include music by a period band, a Civil War encampment, refreshments, Cranbury Museum tours, and a walking tour of Cranbury.

In the months ahead, the Society will participate in the Memorial Day Parade, the July 5<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration at Village Park, and Cranbury Day on September 10. The Historic Cranbury House Tour, *Journey Through Time*, will be held on Saturday, October 15, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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



## HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Any Senior Groups wishing to use the Senior Center need to schedule through the Human Services Board and the Township Clerk.

Seated Exercise Classes are held on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. Stop on in and check it out! Classes end for the summer on June 9<sup>th</sup> and will resume in September.

Mah Jongg anyone? The Cranbury Senior Center has a group of Mah Jongg players that get together on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

The Senior Center hosts luncheons and programs every other Friday. Due to budget constraints, a charge of \$3.00 per person for lunch is collected. This is still quite a bargain! Registrations for luncheons must be made at least one week in advance by calling 395-0900 x 244. You do not need to register if you are only attending the program.

The following programs are scheduled for May, June, July and August.

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| <b>May 13</b>    | <b>“NJ Lottery - Where the Money Goes”</b><br><b>Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>June 10</b>   | <b>National Diabetes Organization</b><br><b>Marilyn Elias 609-655-1122 will be available for Medicare</b><br><b>Counseling on the last Tuesday of May, June &amp; July</b><br><b>(Please call to make an appointment)</b><br><b>Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>June 24</b>   | <b>Greg DeAngelis from the Digital Camera Club</b><br><b>Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>July 15</b>   | <b>Puzzles, Games and Wii</b><br><b>Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>August 19</b> | <b>BINGO</b><br><b>Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.</b>  |

If you would like to be put on the mailing list to receive information on Senior Center happenings, leave a message with your name and address at (609) 395-0900 x 244.

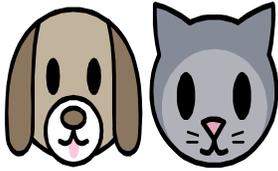
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The Cranbury Recreation Commission along with Human Services Board will be sponsoring **YOGA** for Cranbury Seniors. This (chair) Yoga is based on Hatha Yoga. It is specifically geared for the senior population, or those who may have problems with equilibrium or mobility.

A chair will be used to help support the body in many postures with focus on relaxation, posture & alignment while increasing flexibility, control, and mobility

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## REMINDER: DOG AND CAT LICENSES



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## CRANBURY DRUG FREE FAIR

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Drug Free Fair will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 3pm - 6pm at Cranbury School. This year's Fair will have a lot of new and exciting participants and performers.

Lindsay Lim, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Cranbury School, won this year's Drug Free Fair t-shirt contest. Her design will be pictured on the Drug Free Fair t-shirt.

You may not realize that the Cranbury Municipal Alliance co-sponsors the Drug Free Fair with Cranbury School. The Drug Free Fair is run solely on donations and could not happen without a lot of volunteers. If you would like to help with the Drug Free Fair or donate to this wonderful cause, please contact Kristen Hamilton at [khamilton@cranbury-nj.com](mailto:khamilton@cranbury-nj.com).

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**The Cranbury Lioness Club** is bringing back by popular demand The Men of Harmony for a performance on Saturday May 7th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Cranbury Methodist Church. The theme for this performance will be Memories. The price is still an affordable \$7.00 per person to include the performance, refreshments during intermission and four door prizes. Tickets are available from any Lioness member and at the door the night of the performance.

The members are busy planning items they will have for sale on Cranbury Day, please look for them and other bargains they will have for sale.

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**digital  
Cranbury Camera Club**

Meetings held **EVERY** month

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

In the

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

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

## Environmental Commission News



Cranbury has been registered to participate in the “Sustainable Jersey” certification program. This is a program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. More information will be forthcoming as the program gets underway.

Cranbury outdid all expectations of the Stonybrook-Millstone Watershed Association at the Stream Clean Up held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Forty six volunteers collected 394 pounds of trash and filled 59 trash bags. A lot of plastic bottles and soda cans were picked up and will be recycled. The most unusual item found was a traffic barrel!

**CALLING ALL CRANBURY 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:** Forms have been distributed for the second annual Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award! The deadline for submission is May 13<sup>th</sup>. The award was established last 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. The award is presented annually to the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Township Committee recently adopted revisions to the Township’s Landscaping Ordinance. The Shade Tree Commission spent many months and hours researching the desired types of trees and shrubs that developers and residents should plant, all of which would be well suited to Cranbury’s environment. The list of recommended trees and shrubs can be found on the Township’s website and in the Township Clerk’s Office. The list includes ornamental trees, shrubs, plantings in wooded settings, plantings in and around detention basins, trees for large open areas and trees in different size lawn strips.



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### 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 May, the Gourgaud Gallery is exhibiting “Two Sisters: Collages & Paintings” by Stephanie Grabowski and Tamara Woronczuk from Sunday May 1st through Sunday May 29th. Tamara Woronczuk is the art teacher for the Cranbury School and will be sharing the walls with her sister Stephanie with their colorful and varied styles for everyone to enjoy. The Art in the Park Plein Air Series will be starting this month so please look for the upcoming schedule on the website [cranburyartscouncil.org](http://cranburyartscouncil.org) which will be posted soon.



In June, Watercolorists Unlimited will host “A Touch of Glass” for their annual art exhibit and will run from June 5th-26th, with the reception on Sunday, June 5th from 1-3 pm.

Upcoming Exhibits:

May 1-29 – “Two Sisters: Collages & Paintings by Stephanie Grabowski & Tamara Woronczuk

June 5-26 – “A Touch of Glass” Watercolorists Unlimited

July 3-31 – Judy Buckley Title TBA

August 7-28 – Zara Stasi Title TBA

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

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**The Cranbury Arts Council** would like to thank everyone who took part in this year’s Gala. All money raised will go toward supporting CAC programs, including Cranstock/ Candlelight Picnic Concert, art classes at the Middlesex County Youth Shelter, and middle and high school scholarships.

Registration is underway for this summer’s **Art and Technology Camp** for students entering grades K-9. We’re pleased to offer significantly reduced tuition this year, as well as the addition of 18 new camps. Several camps are close to full, so we encourage you to register soon. Camp brochures are available in Town Hall, the library, and on-line at [cranburyartscouncil.org](http://cranburyartscouncil.org). If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Joann Charwin, Camp Director, at [cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com). Information will also be available at our table at the Drug-Free Fair on May 21<sup>st</sup>.



## WOMAN'S CLUB OF CRANBURY

The Woman's Club of Cranbury extends a warm welcome to all women in the Cranbury area to join us for our monthly meetings, to meet new people and to investigate membership in the Club. The general meetings are entertaining and informative and are held on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month.

The Woman's Club of Cranbury provides a wonderful opportunity for women in the community to enjoy a combination of social events, interesting and informative programs and service to the community. The Club welcomes new members. Membership is open to women from Cranbury and the surrounding areas.

Upcoming events include the Mother's Day plant sale for Cranbury School students. The Woman's Club of Cranbury also plants and maintains the barrels of flowers along Main Street throughout the spring and summer and offers scholarships for local students.

For more information about the Woman's Club of Cranbury, please contact us at: [womansclubofcranbury@gmail.com](mailto:womansclubofcranbury@gmail.com)

## GOLDEN AGE NEIGHBORS

The Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors meet once a month on the third Saturday of the month and usually in the Cafeteria of the Cranbury School at twelve noon for a Pot Luck Luncheon. Each person brings a place setting and a covered dish of food. After lunch birthdays are celebrated and followed by a program or talk provided by the Club sponsor of that day, and then a brief business meeting. New members are invited to join who are residents of Cranbury or the surrounding area. The members enjoy good food, good friendships, and good programs. Membership is \$10.00 per year. Each Christmas the members enjoy a wonderful Christmas dinner party at a local restaurant. Call the president, Betty Conover with any questions 860-0156.



### Hightstown High School Reunion

Betty Wink Conover and Marie Cottrell Perrine are part of a committee planning a reunion of the Alumni of Hightstown High School classes 1943 to 1961. The date is Saturday, June 18th at the Cranbury Inn from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm

If you are interested and have not received an invitation call Betty at 860-0156 or Marie at 395-1751.

Lots of nice things for that reunion are being planned. If you have something of interest and are unable to attend please give the information to Betty or Marie.

# RECREATION UPDATE

## Youth Programs



### Don't miss out on Summer Day Camp

Registration is currently underway for the Summer Day Camp including Junior Day Camp (students entering Grades K-4) and Senior Day Camp (students entering Grades 5-8).

We have exciting new trips two trips per week for the Senior Day Camp, additional space in the school for more indoor programming as well as swimming three times per week at Cranbury Swim Club.

### Register now for Summer Sports Camps

Registration for all Summer Sports Camps is currently underway. Programs offered include the Multi Sports Camps (for ages 6-14), the Sports Squirts Program (for ages 3-5) and two, one week sessions of Tennis Camp (for ages 6-14).



### Other Upcoming Programs

Check the Township website for information on all Recreation Department Programs. Upcoming programs include the Community Camp Out, Boat Races, youth golf lessons, youth and adult tennis lessons and more!

## Adult Activities

### Aerobics

The Cranbury Recreation Commission is sponsoring **Aerobics** for Cranbury Residents. Classes will be conducted by Ms. Kathy Smithgall, who has been teaching Aerobics for over 20 years. There is complimentary class for new students. The classes will be held at the Cranbury School Auditorium on **MONDAY & WEDNESDAY** evenings from 6:15-7:15 pm. Please bring a check for \$64 payable to Kathy Smithgall to the first night of class.



### Tai Chi

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

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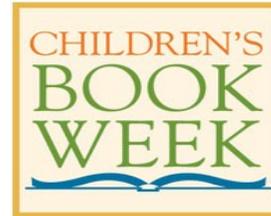
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All Registration forms and information are available online at  
[www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org)

### Story Time

Mondays at 10:30 am

Children ages 2 - 5  
and their caregivers are  
welcome to attend.



May 1st through  
May 7th, 2011

### Make a READ poster starring yourself!

On Monday, Thursday or Friday afternoon get your picture taken with your favorite book. Go home with a poster of yourself!

### Guess how many books are in the library!

Two winners chosen!

\$20 gift certificate to Gil & Bert's (K-5)

\$20 gift certificate to Cranbury Pizza (6-8)

### Donate a new book to *Books to Keep!*\*

For each book given, enter to win a \$20 gift certificate to Jack's Candy Shack!

All prizes courtesy of the  
Friends of the Library.

\**Books to Keep* is a program that donates new books to disadvantaged kids in Middlesex County.

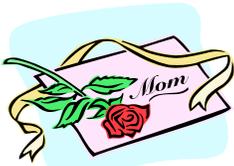
### Make a card for Mom!

Saturday, May 7th

11:00 am-1:00 pm

Grades K-5

The Friends of the Library will  
host this card-making program.



### PARENTING THE BRIGHT CHILD

Local therapist and author **Eileen Kennedy- Moore** will speak on "Lifting the Burden of Potential". For bright children, a focus on achievement too often eclipses other aspects of their development. This presentation offers practical strategies parents can use to help their children make the most of their abilities and create satisfying lives.

Copies of Eileen's new book ***Smart Parenting for Smart Kids*** will be available for sale.

**Wednesday, May 18th, 7-8:30 pm**

Cranbury School Large Group Room.

This program is for adults.

Refreshments provided by  
the Friends of the Library



The Library hosts **two** monthly  
**Book Discussion Groups.**

**Evenings - 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm**

**Daytimes - 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 pm**

Everyone is welcome to come to any discussion. Check the library's Events Calendar for titles and dates. The library staff will help you get a copy of the book being discussed. For more details, author interviews, group news and more go to [cplbooks.blogspot.com](http://cplbooks.blogspot.com).

**Bike Nights**  
**May 5th and June 2nd**  
**7: 00 - 8:30 pm**

### Two evenings for bicycle enthusiasts!

West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance will present skills and etiquette for streets and trails. Learn about upcoming events and places to ride! Next, yoga teacher Nancy Sheehan, will conduct a special stretch class targeted to cyclists.



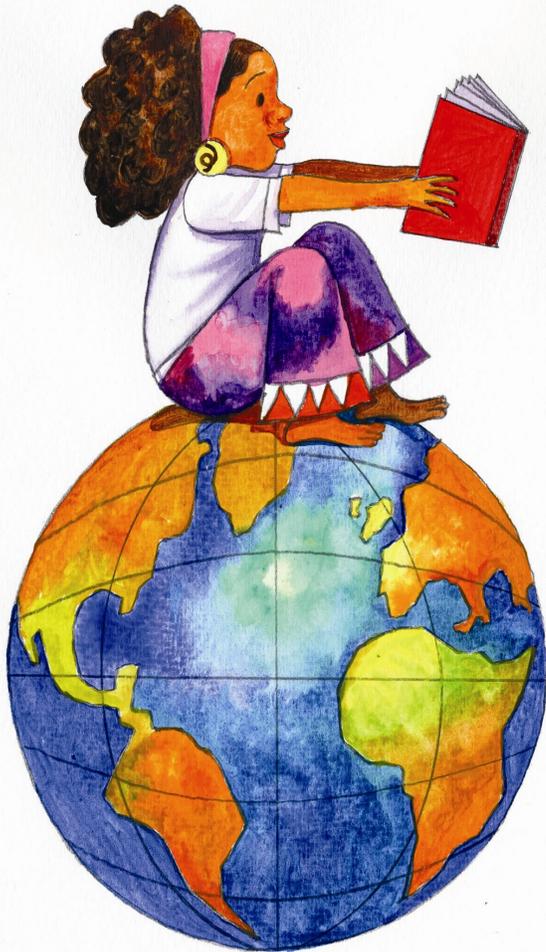
**All levels are welcome!**

More information at:

[www.wwbpa.org](http://www.wwbpa.org)

[www.cranburymassage.com](http://www.cranburymassage.com)

# One World, Many Stories



Join the Cranbury Public Library's 2011 Summer Reading Program *One World, Many Stories*.

Children from preschool through high school, are invited to participate. There is an adult program, *Novel Destinations*, as well.

## Sign up begins on June 21st at 12:30.

Pick up your passport for a summer filled with fun and reading adventures. Be on the lookout every week for animals hiding in the library! Check out our special "culture days" presented by local teens.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

#### *What-Knott Farm Petting Zoo*

**Wednesday, June 29th, from 10:30 - 12:00 noon**

Come and say hello to all the animals visiting Cranbury from their home in rural Pennsylvania. All ages.

#### *Novel Destinations kicks off on*

**Thursday, June 23rd, from 7- 8:30 pm**

Adult friends are invited to come to the library and sample foods from around the world. While you're here try our *Mango Languages* online language program. Use a *kindle*. Download an *e-book*. Browse the *Morningstar Investment Research Center*. Staff will be available to answer questions and help you each step of the way. Pick up a list of *Novel Destinations* and join our adult summer reading program.

#### *Wondergy Science presents Project Ice Cream!*

**Wednesday, July 13th, at 1:30 pm**

Children will help make the freshest homemade ice cream by bringing together fresh cream, milk, flavorings, and liquid nitrogen! It's the best ice cream you've ever tasted! All ages.

And don't forget our third annual *Library Fest* on **Wednesday, July 27th at 7:00pm.**

Join us for our *Super Smash Brothers National Interlibrary Tournament*.

**Saturday, June 25th.**

Call library for details. Ages 7 and up.



**Cranbury Public Library - 23 N Main St - Cranbury, NJ 08512**  
**609-655-0555**  
**[www.cranburypubliclibrary.org](http://www.cranburypubliclibrary.org)**

## Fire Safety Bureau



If you're thinking of selling, buying or renting a home, please remember the State of New Jersey requires a *Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance* application to be filled out.

The application can either be picked up at the Clerk's Office in Town Hall or on the Township web site. Fees for a Certificate of Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance are as follows:

Request received more than 10 business days prior to change of occupant	\$ 45.00
Request received 4 to 10 business days prior to change of occupant	\$ 70.00
Request received fewer than 4 business days prior to change of occupant	\$125.00

Once the notarized application and fee are received by the Township, the Fire Official will schedule an inspection. Directions concerning the smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers are attached to the Application. All detectors, alarms and extinguishers should be thoroughly checked before the Fire Official's inspection to avoid a second inspection.

Please remember to replace the batteries in your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors. This should be done twice a year. A good time to remember to change the batteries is when you change the time on your clocks. **"Change the time, Change the batteries."** Check the back of your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors to find the proper battery to install. Replacing batteries is a very good investment in the safety of your family.

For additional information, please contact  
Sam DiStasio, Fire Official at 609-395-0900 x238

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## Local & Regional Services

### Assistive Services

Middlesex County Office on Aging - 877-223-3737

Middlesex County Office of Disabled - 732-745-4013

Middlesex County Board of Social Services - 732-745-3500

Affordable Housing - Cranbury Housing Associates, 609-786-1102

#### 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

#### Information Services

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