

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2011

Welcome to this edition of the Cranbury newsletter. In order to reach everyone, we are delivering a version of the newsletter with key information via mail, and the extended version will still be available online and at Town Hall and the Library.

As new Mayor, I would like to thank the members of the Township Committee for having confidence in me to serve as Mayor in 2011. It is an honor to be able to serve Cranbury. I would like to welcome both Glenn Johnson and Dan Mulligan to the Committee; they are a great addition to the team. Bringing new people to the Committee adds vital different perspectives that keep the team healthy. I am thankful my predecessor, Dave Stout, and previous committees left Cranbury in a strong position. I also look forward to working with our Township Administrator, Denise Marabello and Kathy Cunningham, our Clerk and Assistant Administrator as well as the rest of the Township employees and professionals. Their commitment and professionalism has served the community very well. I would like to thank all the volunteers that serve on committees or help in other ways for their service to Cranbury. Your past and future service is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank my wife, Linda, and daughter, Jenna, for the support I will need from them in the upcoming year. Everyone working together makes Cranbury a special place.

There are many areas that I would like to focus on during the upcoming year. We are in tight financial times. We need to work on keeping an efficient running township without overtaxing the residents. I want to work with our legislators in Trenton to look at things we can do to help relieve unnecessary expenses. We need help identify unfunded mandates. We have worked hard on the Master Plan last year and need to now put in the regulations to implement that plan. We need to give the potential developers clear guidelines so new buildings will fit with the goals of Cranbury. Even though there will be some changes in parts of the town, we need to work hard to ensure a thriving and vital downtown district, which is the heart of Cranbury.

During the year, I welcome feedback from everyone on how to help Cranbury. There is a lot to do, and I hope to have a lot of input from everyone making our decision a very open process.

Thank you.

Winthrop Cody

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP 2010 OPERATING BUDGET

Account Description	2010 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	2010	% of BUDGET
		JAN-DEC 2010	BUDGET LEFT	EXPENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE	\$300,319.00	\$266,639.54	\$33,679.46	88.79%
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	\$28,111.50	\$28,111.50	\$0.00	100.00%
MUN/CNTY CLERK - ELECTIONS	\$2,000.00	\$1,779.59	\$220.41	807.40%
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$208,264.00	\$185,834.61	\$22,429.39	89.23%
AUDIT	\$23,200.00	\$23,200.00	\$0.00	100.00%
TAX COLLECTION	\$17,005.00	\$14,011.87	\$2,993.13	82.40%
TAX ASSESSMENT	\$157,576.00	\$98,848.48	\$58,727.52	62.73%
TAX MAP MAINTENANCE	\$8,000.00	\$5,973.50	\$2,026.50	74.67%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$120,500.00	\$46,784.55	\$73,715.45	38.83%
ENGINEERING SERVICES & COSTS	\$78,500.00	\$44,055.57	\$34,444.43	56.12%
PLANNING BOARD	\$104,818.00	\$69,717.00	\$35,101.00	66.51%
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	\$31,437.00	\$29,201.93	\$2,235.07	92.89%
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$75,345.00	\$70,307.22	\$5,037.78	93.31%
FIRE OFFICIAL	\$92,425.00	\$91,062.10	\$1,362.90	98.53%
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	\$10,911.00	\$10,327.31	\$583.69	94.65%
INSURANCE	\$853,397.00	\$721,373.97	\$132,023.03	84.53%
POLICE	\$2,220,276.63	\$2,126,612.96	\$93,663.67	95.78%
911 PROJECT	\$4,635.00	\$4,635.00	\$0.00	100.00%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
AID TO VOLUNTEER FIRE CO	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS	\$50,354.00	\$50,354.00	\$0.00	100.00%
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
FIRE	\$150,000.00	\$137,161.43	\$12,838.57	91.44%
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$245,600.00	\$226,319.03	\$19,280.97	92.15%
SHADE TREES	\$32,945.00	\$29,636.41	\$3,308.59	89.96%
GARBAGE & TRASH REMOVAL	\$34,000.00	\$25,566.32	\$8,433.68	75.20%
RECYCLING PROGRAM	\$53,975.00	\$52,138.82	\$1,836.18	96.60%
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$113,600.00	\$100,052.50	\$13,547.50	88.07%
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$141,640.00	\$133,745.29	\$7,894.71	94.43%
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$5,634.00	\$4,492.87	\$1,141.13	79.75%
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	\$3,140.00	\$2,114.59	\$1,025.41	67.34%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$18,500.00	\$16,418.07	\$2,081.93	88.75%
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
HUMAN SERVICES	\$8,445.00	\$6,998.27	\$1,446.73	82.87%
BOARD OF RECREATION COMM	\$49,176.00	\$48,994.83	\$181.17	99.63%
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	\$74,440.00	\$66,583.76	\$7,856.24	89.45%
PUBLIC LIBRARY - MAINTENANCE	\$597,766.00	\$597,766.00	\$0.00	100.00%
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENT	\$7,850.00	\$7,849.50	\$0.50	99.99%
ELECTRIC	\$90,000.00	\$80,431.57	\$9,568.43	89.37%
STREET LIGHTING	\$89,000.00	\$74,687.20	\$14,312.80	83.92%
TELEPHONE	\$48,200.00	\$41,015.41	\$7,184.59	85.09%

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**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
2010 OPERATING BUDGET
(CONTINUED)**

Account Description	2010 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	2010	% of BUDGET
		JAN-DEC 2010	BUDGET LEFT	EXPENDED
WATER	\$15,000.00	\$19,080.22	-\$4,080.22	127.20%
GAS (NATURAL OR PROPANE)	\$34,000.00	\$17,623.25	\$16,376.75	51.83%
SEWER SYSTEM	\$416,280.00	\$333,875.09	\$82,404.91	80.20%
MOTOR FUEL	\$71,000.00	\$60,176.09	\$10,823.91	84.76%
P.E.R.S.	\$125,342.00	\$125,342.00	\$0.00	100.00%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$256,814.00	\$227,303.38	\$29,510.62	88.51%
P.F.R.S.	\$261,182.00	\$261,182.00	\$0.00	100.00%
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROG	\$3,638.00	\$2,449.35	\$1,188.65	67.33%
JUDGMENT	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$46,799.00	\$46,799.00	\$0.00	100.00%
BODY ARMOR 2008/2009	\$2,779.92	\$2,779.92	\$0.00	100.00%
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%
CLEAN COMMUNITIES	\$8,441.05	\$8,441.05	\$0.00	100.00%
DRUNK DRIVING	\$11,601.01	\$11,601.01	\$0.00	100.00%
OVER THE LIMIT UNDER ARREST	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
DOT GRANT - GRIGGS TRACT/VARIOUS STREETS	\$251,000.00	\$251,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
NCSR TEAM HABITAT - CHAPTER 159	\$870.00	\$870.00	\$0.00	0.00%
ALCOHOL EDUCATION, REHAB & ENFORCEMENT	\$1,307.10	\$1,307.10	\$0.00	100.00%
HOME GRANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING 2009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
OBEY THE SIGNS PAY THE FINES	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NJDOT - BRICKYARD ROAD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
BUSINESS STIM FUND-COMMUNITY FORESTRY	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
911 PROJECT	\$138,750.00	\$138,750.00	\$0.00	100.00%
ROCK SALT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT	\$40,000.00	\$24,897.83	\$15,102.17	62.24%
RECYCLING - MCIA SERVICES	\$49,430.00	\$35,494.38	\$13,935.62	71.81%
COUNTY HEALTH CONTRACT	\$18,740.00	\$18,847.00	-\$107.00	100.57%
MIDDLESEX CO UTILITIES AUTH	\$306,037.00	\$286,203.56	\$19,833.44	93.52%
MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY AUTHORITY	\$175,000.00	\$155,130.72	\$19,869.28	88.65%
MUNICIPAL/COUNTY COURT	\$200,000.00	\$183,964.78	\$16,035.22	91.98%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
BOND PRINCIPAL	\$1,215,000.00	\$1,215,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON NOTES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON BONDS	\$283,925.00	\$283,925.00	\$0.00	100.00%
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EDA LOAN - PRINCIPAL	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
EDA LOAN - INTEREST	\$1,125.00	\$1,124.50	\$0.50	99.96%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE PRINCIPAL	\$69,577.01	\$69,577.01	\$0.00	100.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE INTEREST	\$18,020.82	\$18,020.82	\$0.00	100.00%
DEFERRED CHARGES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$149,425.80	\$149,425.80	\$0.00	100.00%
TOTALS	\$4,559,414.71	\$4,338,369.26	\$221,045.45	95.15%

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP REVENUE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010

	January-December	2010 REVENUE	% OF REVENUE RECEIVED
Library Finance Fee	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00	100.00%
Licenses, Fees & Permits	\$ 10,149.50	\$14,553.00	69.74%
Municipal Court	\$ 183,964.78	\$189,415.00	97.12%
Interest & Cost on Taxes	\$ 32,811.81	\$35,421.00	92.63%
Interest on Cash on Deposit	\$ 175,427.68	\$242,686.00	72.29%
Miscellaneous-Alcohol Beverage License	\$ 7,500.00	\$7,750.00	96.77%
Franchise Fee	\$ 13,081.26	\$13,081.00	100.00%
Sewer Service Fees	\$ 1,366,189.56	\$927,121.00	147.36%
State Aid:			
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief	\$ 11,527.00	\$11,527.00	100.00%
Legislative Initiative Municipal Block Relief			
Energy Receipt Tax	\$ 455,493.00	\$455,493.00	100.00%
Supplemental Energy Receipt Tax		\$0.00	
Garden State Trust	\$ 1,612.76	\$1,612.76	100.00%
Grants:			
Municipal Alliance	\$ 5,166.00	\$5,166.00	100.00%
NCSR	\$ 870.00	\$870.00	100.00%
DOT Grant-Griggs Rd	\$ 251,000.00	\$251,000.00	100.00%
Over the Limit Under Arrest	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
BSF Community Forestry	\$ 7,000.00	\$7,000.00	100.00%
Open Space and Recreation	\$ 175,000.00	\$175,000.00	100.00%
Drunk Driving	\$ 11,601.01	\$11,601.01	100.00%
Body Armor	\$ 2,779.92	\$2,779.92	100.00%
Clean Communities	\$ 8,441.05	\$8,441.05	100.00%
Alcohol Education, Rehab & Enforcement	\$ 1,307.10	\$1,307.10	100.00%
Obey the Signs Pay the Fines	\$ 9,600.00	\$9,600.00	100.00%
Reserve for Development Fees			
Construction Trust	\$ 45,000.00	\$45,000.00	100.00%
Fire Official Fees	\$ 87,177.44	\$89,392.00	97.52%
Reserve for Sewer Fair Share			
Reserve to Pay Notes or Bonds	\$ 105,064.00	\$105,064.00	100.00%
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 116,531.73	\$128,691.00	90.55%
Capital Surplus	\$ 441,373.00	\$441,373.00	100.00%
Hotel Tax	\$ 121,948.75	\$118,595.00	102.83%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,660,617.35	\$ 3,312,539.84	110.51%

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Winthrop Cody, Mayor	Administrative & Executive DRC Finance Tax Assessor
David Cook, Committee Member	Board of Health Business & Professional Association CHA League of Municipalities Middlesex County Solid Waste
Glenn R. Johnson, Committee Member	Environmental Commission Historical Society HPC Human Services Shade Tree Zoning
Daniel P. Mulligan III, Committee Member	Arts Council Board of Education Business & Professional Association Municipal Alliance Recreation Scouts
James Taylor, Committee Member	Buildings & Grounds Construction Court Fire Company First Aid Office of Emergency Management Parks Police Public Works

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

School Board Election this year will be held on Wednesday, **April 27th from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.**

To vote in the School Board Election, you must register no later than **April 6, 2011**. Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

All voters should report to the "Senior Room" in the lower level of Town Hall.

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

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

KUDOS TO OUR EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH!

There are many employees who not only step up to the plate, but go above and beyond to serve residents and assist other employees.

In an effort to acknowledge the performance of these employees, a new program has been instituted in the Township Offices where an employee can either be nominated by another employee or a resident as Employee of the Month.

August

Erin Lysy, Purchasing Agent in the Finance Department and Joanne Waters, Assistant to the Tax Assessor

Two new employees joined the Township family in 2010. During another employee's leave of absence, Erin and Joanne were fantastic assisting residents and assuming additional job responsibilities while learning their own new positions. They are a pleasure to work with, and we are glad they are part of the Township!!

September

Dawn Maisano, Recreation Department, is the primary point of contact for all recreation activities in the Township. Dawn researched new trips and activities for the Summer Recreation program. The Family Campout in September was a huge success thanks to her hard work and efforts. She was the primary liaison for Cranstock and was recognized by the Cranbury Arts Council for her spirit and professionalism. She is always smiling and is a great asset to the Township!

October

Greg Farrington, Construction Official, was recognized and thanked for all of his assistance with the well/irrigation project as well as his continued help with the repairs to township buildings and grounds. Congratulations, Greg!

November

Jean Golisano, Deputy Clerk, was recognized for her work on the Township Newsletters and for organizing retirement celebrations for Township Administrator Chris Smeltzer and Township Historian Betty Wagner

December

Rob Weber, Building Inspector/Fire Inspector and Kathy Warnebold, Technical Assistant in the Construction Office, were recognized for their assistance in moving Shoreland's project along quickly and efficiently. Mr. Keeshen, Shoreland, recognized Greg, Rob and Kathy "for their responsiveness to questions and assistance to speed the project. It was truly a productive partnership and a pleasure working with each of them."

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

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

There are some changes being made to the Homestead Rebate Program. There will now be a credit applied to the May tax quarter for those who qualify. Separate statements will be sent out sometime in March or April for the May quarter payment showing the adjustment. Please note that the Tax Office does not have access to your file. Any questions pertaining to Homestead Rebates, call the Division of Taxation at 1-888-238-1233.

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 x233 to schedule an appointment.

FOOD COLLECTION

In an effort to assist those in need, Cranbury Township has a 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.



Fire Safety Bureau

As spring approaches residents may be 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.

If your not planning on selling, buying or renting, 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, ext. 238



Board of Health News

New Fertilizer Legislation Will Help Brainerd Lake

On January 5, 2011, Governor Christie signed a statewide [lawn fertilizer bill](#) (A-2290) that was passed by the New Jersey Legislature on December 13, 2010.

This bill will help protect and restore all water bodies in New Jersey, most of which are suffering from excess loading of nitrogen and/or phosphorus.

Among the key provisions of the new legislation are the following:

- Any fertilizer sold or used in New Jersey will be required to have at least 20% of its nitrogen in slow release (water insoluble) form.
- Phosphorus will be banned from lawn fertilizer except in special cases.
- Fertilizer can not be applied before March 1 and after November 15 for homeowners and after December 1 for lawn care professionals.
- Fertilizer may not be applied to frozen ground, before a heavy rainfall occurs or is predicted, or when the soil is saturated.
- Application of fertilizer is prohibited within 25 feet of any waterbody, unless a drop spreader, rotary spreader with deflector or targeted spray liquid is used, then the buffer may be reduced to 10 feet.
- Professional applicators will all be required to take a brief course and be certified by the state.

This bill is the first in the nation to regulate the content of fertilizer and require that any fertilizer sold or used have at least twenty percent of its nitrogen in slow-release form.

Excess nitrogen loading in waterways causes algae blooms, which greatly disrupt marine ecosystems in a process called [eutrophication](#). Since grass can only use a limited amount of water-soluble nitrogen in one feeding, left over water-soluble fertilizer will either leach to the water table, or it will get washed away as runoff. In both cases it ends up in waterways including creeks and bays. Slow release fertilizer formulas are less water soluble and decrease the amount of nitrogen in waterways. Additionally, phosphorus is banned in the bill, and because phosphorus is the major cause of eutrophication in fresh water.

The passage of this bill is seen as a major victory for the protection of fresh water streams, rivers, and lakes, and bays in New Jersey. In addition, the bill makes New Jersey a model for the nation in the regulation of fertilizer to protect the water ecosystems in New Jersey.

Reference: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2010/Bills/A2500/2290_R1.HT

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S-2554: Establishes standards for certain fertilizer applications, requires certification of professional fertilizer applicators, and regulates labeling and sale of certain fertilizers.

Questions:

1. What are the effective dates of all provisions in the law?

Immediately taking effect: no person can apply fertilizer to impervious surfaces; no one can apply fertilizer after heavy rainfall; no one can apply fertilizer before March 1st. Taking effect 2 years after enactment of this bill: no person may sell at retail specialty fertilizer that has a rate more than the amount indicated in the bill.

2. Who is most affected? What is the impact to the professional and residential applicators?

Homeowners of New Jersey who apply fertilizer to their lawn or garden. This bill establishes specific time frames from when they are allowed to apply fertilizer; when they allowed to purchase fertilizer; and provides a stricter labeling requirement to educate consumers of the application rate.

Professional fertilizer applicators because they are susceptible to fines for improper use. The reason for this is because under this new law each fertilizer applicator must be certified and trained in knowing the correct application rates and uses. They are only permitted to apply fertilizer between March 1st and December 1st.

Retailers because they can only sell fertilizer containing specified fertilizer concentrations approved by NJ law; they have ample time (2 years) to sell fertilizer they currently have in stock; they must post notices of the fertilizer application time frames to consumers that will be provided to them by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

3. What are the penalties?

The first offense for non-compliance with the bill would be a \$500 fine; the second offense for professional applications would be a \$1,000 fine. Any person who sells fertilizer at retail who violates this law may be subject to a penalty, as established by municipal ordinance to be collected in a civil action by a summary proceeding under the Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999. The municipal court would have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999. There are no fines for consumers, because it is difficult to oversee residential fertilizer applications. This is when the rate of nitrogen per fertilizer bag, and the labeling requirements to inform consumers are heavily relied upon.

4. Who is exempt from the law's provisions?

The bill's provisions do not apply to the application of fertilizer on commercial farms. Golf courses are exempt from all provisions of the bill except for the certification requirements. However, only certified professional fertilizer applicators or people trained and under the direct supervision of a certified professional applicator may apply fertilizer to a golf course.

5. Does this law preempt local governing rules or regulations?

The law's provisions and adopted regulations will preempt any ordinance or resolution of a municipality, county or local health agency concerning the application of fertilizer to turf. These local governmental units also will not be able to establish buffers stricter than those established in the bill.

sea grass beds, a decrease in shellfish, and an increase in sea nettles. The increased amounts of nitrogen can be attributed to fertilizer contained in storm water runoff.

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6. Who will enforce this law?

The law's provisions, and the adopted rules and regulations, may be enforced by the DEP or any municipality, county, local soil conservation district or local health agency.

7. What is the significance of this law?

In 2007, the DEP analyzed the data and research on the bay that had been done over the years. The assessment showed that despite good water quality, the bay had increased loads of nitrogen, a decline in historic

8. Why do we want to change the Nitrogen and Phosphorus content in a bag of fertilizer? Why do the concentration levels of these elements matter?

Critics believe that in built up areas such as the Barnegat Bay area, the soil doesn't contain the same elements as normal soil anymore. They believe it is more like dirt because it consists of compacted soil that's not functioning properly, thus creating everything to run-off. Everything being placed on the land runs off and doesn't seep through. Almost none of the fertilizer reaches the plant root because it runs off since there is no healthy organic soil available. Therefore, people have to apply nitrogen (in the fertilizer) over and over and most of it runs-off and enters the bay.

Phosphorus is more of a concern when it reaches the bay because it's the chemical that allows our metabolism to run and burn energy. When it enters the bay it causes the algae to rise and multiply at an extraordinary rate. An overabundance of this is really bad for the bay, because it interferes with marine life. Therefore, they suggest phosphorus to be eliminated from fertilizer.

Storms flush fertilizer loaded with nitrogen and phosphorus into the water. The nutrients fuel the algae growth, which reduces the bay's oxygen level, making it uninhabitable for fish and other marine life

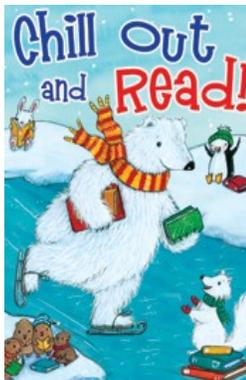


FREE RABIES CLINIC



**Look for the next rabies clinics
to be held on
March 26th and September 17th 2011**

**Don't forget all dogs and cats must be
licensed annually.**



Chill Out and Read is a winter reading program for preschool children ages 2-5. Come to story time on **Monday, February 7, at 10:30 a.m.** to pick up your reading kit.

Hang up a mitten for every book you read and at the end of the program, choose a book of your very own to keep! (no minimum required)

If you can't attend story time, pick up materials from the circulation desk.

The program will run from February 7 - 28, 2011.

Have you ever wanted to tell someone
"I Love this Book!"

Now is your chance!

Come into the library anytime in February and choose a book for our **I Love this Book** display.

And it's not just for Romances!

Choose thrillers, mysteries, fantasies, histories, biographies, or cookbooks!
Any book!



Help your neighbors select a great next book to read!

Make a special Valentine

Saturday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sponsored by
The Friends of the Cranbury Public Library

Estate and Financial Planning

Tuesday, February 22, 7:00-8:30pm

Did you resolve to get your 2011 finances in order?



Come hear professionals discuss financial planning. Our panel will include a financial advisor, attorney and an accountant.

Door prizes will be given out - courtesy of the Friends.

Story Time
Mondays at 10:30 a. m.

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



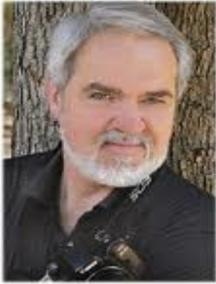
FRANK MARLOWE
presents a talk on
President Lyndon Johnson
and the **American Civil Rights Movement**
Sunday, February 27th
at 2:00 p.m.

Reading Buddies

resumes on Wednesdays beginning
February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

This program pairs high school students with younger children to practice reading skills.. If your child, in grade 1- 3, is interested in participating, please contact the library to register.

The Friends of the Cranbury Public Library present
TIMELINE NEW JERSEY with Walter Choroszewski



New Jersey photographer, author, and advocate of state pride, Walter Choroszewski presents colorful photography along with a lecture offering his unique perspective on New Jersey history. Travel on a timeline from the primeval dawn of the Highlands into the Ice Age. Meet New Jersey's first people and explorers. Take pride in our rich colonial and revolutionary heritage. Celebrate the events and numerous "firsts" that make New Jersey special.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25th, AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE CRANBURY SCHOOL LARGE GROUP ROOM.**



spring fling

with Julie Hardaker

**Saturday,
March 26th
at 10:30 a.m.**

a special story time and craft for
preschool children ages 3-5.

**Sing-a-song of
Springtime
with
Pat McKinley**



**Saturday, April 2nd
at 10:15 a.m.**

For children ages 2-5 and
their families.



**Back By Popular Demand!
Need a passport or to renew your old one?**

Tuesday, April 12th from 7 :00 - 8:30 p.m.

For the evening, the library will be an
"officially-designated passport application acceptance facility."

**REGISTRATION ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED.
Call (609) 655-0555, or stop at the circulation desk.**

Check our website in March at: www.CranburyPublicLibrary.org for more information
regarding necessary documents, fees, and general questions.

CRANBURY LIONS CLUB



FALL & WINTER EVENT RESULTS:

In November we held the 22nd Annual Peace Poster Contest for children ages 11-13 – the top three winners were Lindsey Lim, Stephanie Tam; and Ellie Whaley. In December we held our 63rd Annual Pancake Breakfast, sold poinsettias, and took pictures with Santa, collected for Toys for Tots, and provided 120 coats for the homeless through our 2nd Annual Used Coat Drive.

YOGA

The Lions are offering a one-day, one-hour yoga class for only \$10 per person. This class will be held at the Cranbury Methodist Church on March 13th starting at 4:30pm. All ages are welcome.

HOCKEY

The MD-16 NJ Lions Night at the Prudential Center in Newark will be on Saturday, March 12th. The NJ Devils will play the NY Islanders. Tickets will be available at a reduced rate of \$45 each. This offer is open to everyone. For tickets, contact Lion Joe Carroll at 409-9682, or any Cranbury Lion. You may also order directly from the Devil's box office (tell them you are purchasing Lions tickets and mention the Cranbury Lions Club).

MEMORIAL DAY

The annual Cranbury Day parade will be held on Monday, May 30th. Beginning at 1:00 pm, we 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. This Super 50/50 will have 3 winners who will receive 25%, 15% and 10% for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, respectively. The net proceeds will be used towards the charitable donations the Lions provide throughout the year. Tickets will be available beginning in April at \$10 each. We will 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 78th Post-Parade Ceremony featuring a key-note speech from Cranbury's Mayor.

GOLF OUTING

We will be holding our 13th Annual Golf Outing at the Peddie Gold Course on Monday, June 6th. 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.

ANNUAL PICNIC

During the 3rd week of July, we will hold our Annual Club Picnic. 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 our 12th Annual Trenton Thunder Baseball Outing. We invite all Lions, Cranbury residents, Cranbury business owners, their families and friends, to join us on August 20, when the Thunder face the Bowie Baysox. We would especially like to invite the large groups in town, including Cranbury-Plainsboro Little League, the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts of Cranbury, and the Cranbury PTO, who have attended games in the past. This is always a GREAT night out watching future Big League stars play ball the way it was always meant to be played...and there's fireworks after the game! Tickets are only \$10 (save a dollar on the gate price), and are available NOW through the Cranbury Lions.

THANK YOU.....

"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. We look forward to seeing you at our events to help us in our continued service to Cranbury.

GOURGARD GALLERY NEWS

The Cranbury Arts Council had a busy fall, with the debut of our Winter Theater Program, headed up by new Theater Director Gary Charwin. Over 35 children participated in "A Christmas Carol – The Musical", which was performed at the beginning of December. We're proud to announce that over \$500 was raised for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen through donations during the performances, and at a TASK fund-raising event put on by cast members at Teddy's.



Registration will soon be underway for this summer's Art and Technology Camp. We're pleased to announce a significant reduction in tuition this year, as well as the addition of 18 new camps, including camps for children who will be entering kindergarten next fall. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Joann Charwin, Camp Director, at cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com.

This year's Gala will be held March 26th, at the Crowne Plaza in Monroe. The gala is the CAC's primary fundraising event, and attendees will have the opportunity to bid on beautiful works of art donated by local artists in the silent auction. If you'd like to help out with this fun and exciting event, or get more information, please e-mail the Arts Council.

The CAC's new website is scheduled to debut in early February. The site will contain information on Gourgard Gallery, the Art and Technology Summer Camp, the March Gala, and will have links for upcoming events. We welcome you to visit the new site at www.cranburyartscouncil.org.

The CAC always welcomes volunteers, and opportunities are available for students in need of community service hours. To volunteer, or for more information about any of our events, e-mail the Arts Council at cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com.



**digital
Cranbury Camera Club**

Meetings held **EVERY** month

2nd & 4th 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



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 Easter Egg Hunt in Village Park for children ages three years through 3rd grade, 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

GOLDEN AGE NEIGHBORS

The Golden Age Neighbors organization is now over 50 years old and is still going strong!

If you are over 55 years old and live in Cranbury, you may join us at any of our monthly meetings for great food and wonderful friendship. New lunches and restaurant lunches each month. Partially subsidized lunches for members.

If you are interested in joining this active and happy group, call President Betty Conover at 860-0156.



ICE SKATING ON BRAINERD LAKE

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



CRANBURY HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society invites you to attend its **Pot Luck Supper and meeting on Friday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury.** Please bring your plate and utensils and a potluck dish to share. Beverages will be provided. The program will be presented by Roger Muessig who will talk about Cranbury's part in the Civil War that began 150 years ago in April and the new Civil War monument that will be donated by the **New Jersey Civil War History Association and dedicated in Memorial Park in Cranbury on Saturday, June 11th.**

Mr. Muessig graduated from Drexel University in 1972 with a BS in Civil Engineering, did graduate studies in Business Administration at Rutgers Graduate School of Business and obtained a Professional Engineer's License from New York State in 1976. He retired from The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey in 2007 as Assistant Director, Real Estate and Development Department. He began re-enacting as a living historian in 1993 as a private in the 3rd NJ and became Captain in the 14th NJ in 1997. He has attended approximately 200 reenactments and living histories. Currently serving as President of the NJ Civil War History Association, Mr. Muessig is also member of the United States Volunteers, the Batsto Citizen Committee, Friends of St. Mary Historic Cemetery and the Pine-lands Preservation Alliance.

Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society thanks all who have supported it by visiting the Museum and its exhibits and events such as the Parsonage Barn Dedication, Christmas Tea and Cranbury Wassail. **The next exhibit at the Museum will run from February 27th until April 3rd** and will feature needlework used in the home and in clothing, from crewelwork to needlepoint to cross-stitch.

To learn more about the Society and to become a member, please visit www.cranburyhistory.org and be sure to check the website for dates of future events sponsored by the Society such as the **2011 House Tour that will take place on October 15th.**



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION NEWS

The 5th Annual Stream Clean-up sponsored by the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed is scheduled for April 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Volunteers will meet in Village Park and collect garbage that has accumulated in and near Cranbury's waterways. Last year, 12 municipalities participated with 280 volunteers collecting more than 4 tons of litter.



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!

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.

Medicare Questions? – Appointments available with an expert from Middlesex County – March 29th, April 26th and May 31st. Call Kristen at (609) 273-5953 to make an appointment.

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 February, March and April.

February 11	Music with Nancy Scharff on Guitar	Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.
February 25	“Images of Cranbury” with Peg Brennan	Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.
March 11	TBD	Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.
March 25	The Visiting Nurse Association	Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.
April 8	George Street Playhouse “Working in the Theatre”	Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.
April 29	“Some Great Places” with Fritz and Mary Jane Hager	Lunch – 12:00 Noon; Program – 1:00 p.m.

If you would like to be put on the mailing list to receive information on Senior Center happenings, send an email to khamilton@cranbury-nj.com or leave a message with your name and address at (609) 395-0900 x 244.

RECREATION UPDATE

Youth Programs



Tennis The Recreation Commission is planning Spring Tennis lessons on Friday afternoons at Village Park starting April 23rd. Classes will be held for seven weeks and will be offered for ages 3 to 14 years. Professional instructors from the U.S. Sports Institute will direct this program. Look for more information through the school, in the local paper and on the Cranbury Township website.

Golf

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



T-Ball

T-ball will be offered in the spring. Dates and times are still being finalized. Look for more information through the school, in the local paper and on the Cranbury Township website.

Soccer

The Recreation Commission is also putting together plans to run a spring soccer program with the Youth Soccer Alliance similar to the program offered last fall. Look for more information through the school, in the local paper and on the Cranbury Township website.



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.



Looking Ahead to Summer

The changes we made to camp last year were a huge success! Don't miss out on what will be the best summer program we have ever offered!

We will once again offer two age groups, Junior Day Camp—for children entering Kindergarten to 4th grades, they will take 1 trip per week. Senior Day Camp - for students entering 5th to 8th grades, they will take 2 trips per week

Both age groups will also swim at Cranbury Swim Club 3 times per week. Registration forms will go home in the school folders. Also, check the local paper and Township website for more information.

Recreation - General Information

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

Refund Policy - Prior Withdrawal: Registrants who withdraw prior to the start of a program may be issued a refund only if the Recreation Commission is notified at least two weeks prior to the start of the program. A 20% administrative service charge will be imposed for all refunds granted.

No refunds will be given once a program has begun

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

FROM THE PUBLIC WORK'S OFFICE

BRUSH/CHIPPING UPDATES



Many residents are aware that the chipping/collection of brush starts on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, but are you aware that recent changes made to Ordinance 120 “Recycling” have separated the brush and leaf collection criteria to create Ordinance 121 “Chipping, Leaves and Brush”?

There are two different types of machinery used to collect both brush and leaves.

PLEASE do not mix brush with leaves - doing so will cause a delay in your curbside collection.

Brush is defined as branches, woody plants, and other like vegetative materials with a trunk that does not exceed 8 inches in diameter including Christmas trees. Brush does not include leaves and grass clippings. The updated collection requirements stipulate that the curbside placement of brush shall be allowed no sooner than the weekend preceding the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month, or as otherwise scheduled or announced. Other updates include that tree and shrub branches should be stacked at or near the curb that abuts the property owner’s lot and aligned parallel, facing the flow of traffic. No lumber, construction material, roots, stumps, mulch, sand, landscape construction material and debris, or soil left at the curb will be collected. These items can cause the machinery to malfunction or break and can also cause personnel injury.

Leaves must be placed in a separate stack, not commingled with brush, and placed between the sidewalk and curb. Pay careful attention not to place the leaves closer than 10 feet to any storm drain inlet. Residents shall place leaves at the curb or along the street that is directly abutting their property lines. The collection takes approximately 2 to 2 ½ weeks depending on weather, machine malfunctions, and personnel.

The leaf/chipping route is as follows:

Beginning north at:

North Main Street at Rt.130 South

Plainsboro Road

Petty Road

Prospect Street

Bunker Hill

Cranbury Neck Road

Symmes Court

Wynnewood Section

Shady Brook Lane

Stockton Drive

Station Road to Cranbury Station hamlet

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Evans Tract

Maplewood Ave

Bennett Court

Park Place

Westminster Place

Wesley Place

Scott Avenue

Cranbury Estates

Cranbury Walk

Old Trenton Road

Shadow Oaks (both sides)

South Main Street, north of Rt130 circle

Cranbury Green



Please keep in mind the DPW crew may not be in front of your house chipping the brush on this day. The chipper will eventually chip your brush, adhering to the scheduled route. If you noticed the DPW crew in your neighborhood close to the end of the day and they haven’t chipped your brush, they will be back in the morning and shall start where they stopped. Kindly refrain from requesting the DPW to make an exception and make a special trip to chip your brush. Please understand that if a special chip trip is made just for you, then a special trip must be done for all other residents.

Another change to the recycling ordinance is the issuance of violation notices. The DPWs intention is to educate our residents regarding the procedures for the chipping/brush and leaf collection. If you receive an orange violation notice from the DPW, please review the highlighted reason why it was delivered and rectify the situation accordingly. Three violation notices will be delivered before fines are issued.

It is recommended residents notify the DPW of requests for chipping services by the Monday before the 3rd Wednesday. If your street address is not on the leaf/chipping route and you have brush to be chipped, call 395-0900 x229 to be placed on the schedule.

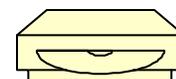
WHITE GOODS & E-WASTE PROGRAM



Did you know that for only \$10 per item the DPW can take away your unwanted or broken appliance or e-waste? Pick up is scheduled every 2nd Wednesday of each month. Items include washers & dryers, and dish washers, dryers, water heater tanks, refrigerators, outdoor grills (tanks too!) humidifiers/de-humidifiers, a/c units, metal storm doors (no glass), kitchen exhaust fans, computers with components, TVs and VCRs, call 395-0900 x229. If you're uncertain if an item is considered as white good or E-waste, please don't hesitate to make your pick up reservation - Tuesday morning is the last opportunity to get on the 2nd Wednesday schedule.

ELECTRONIC WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT

As of January 1, 2011, the State of NJ has implemented a provision to Electronic Waste Management Act (the Act) (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99 et seq.) that bans the disposal of 'covered electronic devices' which includes televisions, computers, monitors and portable/laptop computers into landfills. This means that your trash hauler is now prohibited to take these mentioned items as regular household trash to transport and dispose of them as solid waste. To properly dispose of your e-waste as a consumer, visit this site to see where you can properly recycle your devices. www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/recycling/Electronic_Waste/index.html



2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Due to budget cuts, only five (5) Household Hazardous Waste Collection events have been scheduled in 2011.



- Sunday, April 3rd at Middlesex County College in Edison
- Saturday May 21st at Middlesex County Highways Division in North Brunswick
- Sunday, July 17th at the Old Bridge Public Works in Old Bridge
- Saturday, September 17th at Woodbridge Public Works in Keasbey
- Sunday, November 20th at Middlesex County College in Edison

Mark your calendars!

2010 RECYCLING TOTALS

2010 quarterly residential curbside tonnage totals for Cranbury Township include:

<u>2010</u>	<u>Co-mingled Items</u>	<u>Mixed Paper</u>	<u>Newspaper</u>
1 st quarter	33.34 Tons	51.87 Tons	38.28 Tons
2 nd quarter	30.71 Tons	47.77 Tons	35.26 Tons
3 rd quarter	30.45 Tons	47.39 Tons	34.98 Tons
4 th quarter	29.38 Tons	45.7 Tons	33.73 Tons

Thank you for being responsible stewards for future generations by recycling.



2011 SPRING LEAF SCHEDULE

Spring leaf collection will commence on March 28th and will end approximately on May 6th. Please place your collected leaves curbside, not in the street, for the DPW crew to collect them.

2011 Recycling Pick-Up Dates

Remember to place your recyclables curbside not earlier than the Sunday evening prior to pick-up on:

	April 11 th & 25 th
February 14 th & 28 th	May 9 th & 23 rd
March 14 th & 28 th	June 6 th & 20 th

Did you know that clean dry clothing and fabric larger than 12 square inches and other recyclable textiles such as shoes, belts or handbags can be recycled? Of course, these items would include items that are not worthy of donating to any organization that helps the needy. Place these items in the textile bag, securely close and leave it at the curb on any scheduled recycling pick up date. If you are in of a need textile bag, stop in the Recycling/DPW Department to say hello and pick up one up. If you haven't received your 2011 Recycling Brochure, extras can be found in Town Hall and at



THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH

Perhaps you've read about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in the previous issue of the Cranbury Newsletter. Just to update you, the September 2010 issue of Waste & Recycling News in the Waste Briefs column reads:

COVANTA TO HELP CLEAN UP OCEAN DEBRIS: Covanta Energy is teaming with Project Kaisei to clean up ocean debris as part of a commitment to the Clinton Global Initiative, the waste-to-energy company announced.

Project Kaisei is a non-governmental organization focused on reducing plastic waste in the ocean.

Beginning in late 2010, Project Kaisei, the lead on the project, will collect plastic debris from the Northern Pacific Gyre for remediation testing. Covanta Energy will use the debris to test its new waste-to-fuel technology to convert the plastic into a diesel substitute using its catalytic process for converting solid organic materials directly to mineral diesel fuel.

Covanta Energy and Project Kaisei have set a target to convert 50 tons of marine debris into renewable fuel each year.

Learn more about Project Kaisei at www.projectkaisei.org and Covanta energy at www.covantaenergy.com.



NEW LOCATION FOR BATTERY DROP OFF

The drop off location has been moved into the DPW office on the second floor within Town Hall. For proper recycling, the following items may be dropped off at the DPW office: RECHARGABLE or BUTTON CELL batteries, VHS, CDs, DVDs, diskettes, floppy disc or cassette tapes.

RECYCLING UPDATES

Cranbury Township has teamed up with www.call2recycle.org. This organization promotes environmental responsibility and a collection box is stationed in the DPW office (2nd floor) in Town Hall. Plastic bags are supplied so you can individually bag your cell phone or rechargeable battery from your cordless electronic products. Bagging will prevent the cell ends from making contact with each other causing a possible combustible fire during transportation. It's convenient, easy and free for you! Recycle old cell phones and rechargeable batteries here.

REFERENDUM TRASH PICKUP

This past November, voters approved to have the Township move forward with an investigation to seek options to remove household trash. A subcommittee has been formed and will continue to meet throughout the year. As the time draws nearer to the 2011 November election, detailed information will be announced during a public meeting.



I just want to extend a *thank you* to the residents who have shared their recycling ideas and issues during 2010. The Recycling Department and the Township Committee appreciates and considers these changes with the betterment of Cranbury in mind. Suggestions and ideas are always encouraged and welcomed. If you have an idea that you feel is important, please call Linda Scott at 395-0900 x.229.



SHRED-IT EVENT 2011

Mark your calendars and start clearing out your old files! The 2011 **Shred-It Event is scheduled for October 22, 2011**. The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders in conjunction with Cranbury Township is hosting this mobile paper shred event. It will be held at the Public Works Yard, Dey Road, Cranbury, NJ, from 9am to 12pm or until the shredding truck is filled, whichever occurs first.

Residents can bring a maximum of five (5) file boxes or a maximum of 100 pounds to the event. If you arrive with more than that, five (5) boxes or a maximum of 100 pounds of paper will be shredded and then you will 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, or any document that you have not recycled due to a confidentiality concern. There is no need to remove paper clips, staples or paperboard binder covers. You can observe the shredding of these documents on site.

Please, do not bring books, magazines, newspapers or any other type of paper that is normally recycled and can be included with the regular curbside pick-up service.

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

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—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 or call at 888 908-4636