

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP

SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER



TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS—2012

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

LIAISON TO:

Susan Goetz	Business and Professional Association, League of Municipalities, Middlesex County Solid Waste, Board of Health, and Environmental Commission.
Glenn Johnson	Zoning Board, Historical Preservation Commission, and Shade Tree.
Daniel Mulligan	Scouts, Board of Education, Business and Professional Association, Development Review Committee, Human Services, municipal Alliance, Recreation and Planning Board
Jay Taylor	Cranbury Court, Police, Office of Emergency Management, Buildings and Grounds, Construction, Fire Company, First Aid, Parks, and Public Works.
Mayor Cook	Planning Board, Cranbury Housing Associates, Administrative and Executive, Finance and Tax Assessor, and Engineering

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

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

The deadline to file for the **Property Tax Reimbursement Program (Senior Freeze)** with the State of New Jersey is **June 1, 2012**.

Requirements: NJ Resident before 1/1/2001;
Resident in your current home before 1/1/2008;
Age 65 or receiving Social Security Disability Benefits before 12/31/2010;
Income less than \$80,000 in 2010 **and** in 2011;
Increase in taxes between 2010 and 2011; and
Prior year taxes paid.

Applications for first time filers are available in the Tax Office.

Any questions pertaining to the 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 5:30 pm 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.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP CAPITAL BUDGET THRU MARCH 31, 2012

	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TOTAL EXPENDED + ENCUMBERED	TOTAL ORDINANCE	% OF BUDGET EXPENDED
Open Space Acquisition 10-04-25	C-04-55-802-025	\$499,920.62	\$500,000.00	100.0%
PW Vehicles & Equipment 06-05-16	C-04-55-907-025	\$216,535.12	\$222,400.00	97.4%
Municipal Parking Lot- 03-01-04 (Traffic Circulation)	C-04-55-914-025	\$85,562.53	\$100,000.00	85.6%
Sewer System Upgrades 04-03-04	C-04-55-923-026	\$956,332.18	\$1,000,000.00	95.6%
Sewer System Upgrades 06-05-16	C-04-55-923-125	\$178,007.46	\$178,258.38	99.9%
Babe Ruth Ballfield 04-03-07	C-04-55-931-026	\$29,738.06	\$33,965.00	87.6%
Purchase Open Space 05-03-09	C-04-55-932-025	\$31,909.65	\$40,000.00	79.8%
Pump Station Assessment 04-99-13	C-04-55-972-025	\$3,225,486.12	\$3,400,000.00	94.9%
Equipment Storage Barn 04-05-09	C-05-55-906-028	\$54,362.90	\$71,250.00	76.3%
Liberty Way Bridge 04-05-09	C-05-55-906-032	\$383,210.98	\$475,000.00	80.7%
Master Plan Roadway 04-05-09	C-05-55-906-034	\$5,250.00	\$45,000.00	11.7%
Howarth & Updike Barn 04-05-09	C-05-55-906-037	\$29,616.35	\$31,400.00	94.3%
Police Bldg Final 05-05-13	C-05-55-907-025	\$177,820.52	\$180,750.00	98.4%
Liberty Way Road & Extension 01-06-04	C-05-55-909-026	\$611,717.68	\$655,000.00	93.4%
Public Works Security Gate or Fuel Tank 04-06-08	C-05-55-910-025	\$3,288.30	\$20,000.00	16.4%
CPR Mannequins, AED Pads 04-06-08	C-05-55-910-030	\$1,856.00	\$2,000.00	92.8%
Equipment Storage Barn 04-06-08	C-05-55-910-034	\$1,035.30	\$300,000.00	0.3%
Affordable Housing 3rd Round Misc Costs 04-06-08	C-05-55-910-035	\$154,567.06	\$328,219.33	47.1%
	C-05-55-912-025 +			
Affordable Housing Route 130D Site 11-06-25	CHBG	\$923,561.98	\$923,562.00	100.0%
Defibrillators & Pads 03-07-05	C-05-55-913-026	\$3,918.25	\$4,370.00	89.7%
First Aid Equipment & Replacement 03-07-05	C-05-55-913-027	\$382.20	\$1,117.00	34.2%
Phase II Sidewalk Evaluation 03-07-05	C-05-55-913-029	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0.0%
Various Municipal Road Improvements 03-07-05	C-05-55-913-033	\$122,613.72	\$150,000.00	81.7%
4WD Mason Dump Truck W/Plow 03-08-08	C-05-55-915-026	\$110,124.19	\$110,970.94	99.2%
Boy Scout Room Wood Floor 03-08-08	C-05-55-915-028	\$18,780.00	\$20,000.00	93.9%
Town Hall Repairs 03-08-08	C-05-55-915-029	\$3,199.30	\$4,250.00	75.3%
Mobile Vision In Car Camera 03-08-08	C-05-55-915-036	\$2,211.75	\$4,000.00	55.3%
Rain Gear For Cert Members 03-08-08	C-05-55-915-037	\$1,808.74	\$2,600.00	69.6%
Network Server 03-08-08	C-05-55-915-039	\$19,881.52	\$20,000.00	99.4%
New Phone Service Equipment 03-08-08	C-05-55-915-040	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0.0%
Repair Wood Trim Bell Tower 07-08-17	C-05-55-916-025	\$10,282.53	\$13,200.00	77.9%
Main Entry Door Repair 07-08-17	C-05-55-916-026	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.0%
Miscellaneous Repairs 07-08-17	C-05-55-916-028	\$575.00	\$800.00	71.9%
Replacement of Pistols 04-09-07	C-05-55-919-025	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	0.0%
Monadnock Training Suit 04-09-07	C-05-55-919-027	\$1,264.69	\$1,600.00	79.0%
Sanitary Sewer CCTV System 04-09-07	C-05-55-919-030	\$834.75	\$7,000.00	11.9%
Vehicle & Equipment Washing Compliance 04-09-07	C-05-55-919-033	\$65,797.04	\$66,000.00	99.7%
Restoration of Updike Barn 07-09-14	C-05-55-920-025	\$39,391.96	\$40,500.00	97.3%
Replacement of Pistols 04-10-04	C-05-55-922-025	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	0.0%
2 Mobile Radios and 2 Portable Radios 04-10-04	C-05-55-922-027	\$7,705.64	\$7,800.00	98.8%
6 AEDs, Pads and Training Units 04-10-04	C-05-55-922-029	\$12,326.56	\$17,500.00	70.4%
Traffic Signs and Stands 04-10-04	C-05-55-922-030	\$1,296.00	\$1,350.00	96.0%
Zurfluh Driveway Relocation 04-10-04	C-05-55-922-032	\$34,314.69	\$35,000.00	98.0%
Plainsboro Rd Guiderail & Plowable Reflectors 04-10-04	C-05-55-922-033	\$0.00	\$7,375.00	0.0%
Misc Computer Costs 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-025	\$5,814.81	\$20,000.00	29.1%
Reinhardt Easement 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-026	\$0.00	\$275,000.00	0.0%
Replacement of Pistols 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-027	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	0.0%
2 Digital Mobile Video Recorders 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-028	\$10,969.90	\$12,000.00	91.4%
Police Mobile Radios 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-029	\$3,835.44	\$4,000.00	95.9%
Brainerd Lake Dam 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-031	\$0.00	\$948,120.00	0.0%
Misc Drainage Issues 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-032	\$0.00	\$34,000.00	0.0%
Firehouse Gutters 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-033	\$3,870.00	\$4,000.00	96.8%
Equipment Storage Barn 01-12-02	C-05-55-928-025		\$150,000.00	0.0%
Marked Police Chevy Tahoes	C-05-55-929-025		\$73,400.00	0.0%
Unmarked Police Chevy Tahoe	C-05-55-930-025		\$38,000.00	0.0%

TOTALS

\$10,610,057.65

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP OPERATING BUDGET

Account Description	2012 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES JAN-MAR 2012	2012 BUDGET LEFT	% of BUDGET EXPENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE	\$220,360.00	\$69,974.40	\$150,385.60	31.75%
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	\$26,950.22	\$6,487.32	\$20,462.90	24.07%
MUN/CNTY CLERK - ELECTIONS	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
FINANCIAL ADMINSTRATION	\$169,915.00	\$43,440.11	\$126,474.89	25.57%
AUDIT	\$23,200.00	\$0.00	\$23,200.00	0.00%
TAX COLLECTION	\$28,422.00	\$5,044.25	\$23,377.75	17.75%
TAX ASSESSMENT	\$144,135.00	\$19,478.77	\$124,656.23	13.51%
TAX MAP MAINTENANCE	\$8,000.00	\$53.50	\$7,946.50	0.67%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$95,700.00	\$8,055.88	\$87,644.12	8.42%
ENGINEERING SERVICES & COSTS	\$60,675.00	\$2,897.00	\$57,778.00	4.77%
PLANNING BOARD	\$138,063.00	\$16,037.47	\$122,025.53	11.62%
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	\$39,719.00	\$8,254.07	\$31,464.93	20.78%
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$85,050.00	\$4,449.41	\$80,600.59	5.23%
FIRE OFFICIAL	\$118,725.00	\$8,399.74	\$110,325.26	7.07%
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	\$11,450.00	\$2,169.24	\$9,280.76	18.95%
INSURANCE	\$981,923.00	\$307,753.98	\$674,169.02	31.34%
POLICE	\$2,066,982.00	\$436,343.94	\$1,630,638.06	21.11%
911 PROJECT	\$4,844.00	\$0.00	\$4,844.00	0.00%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
AID TO VOLUNTEER FIRE CO	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS	\$48,192.00	\$0.00	\$48,192.00	0.00%
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	0.00%
FIRE	\$150,900.00	\$25,125.21	\$125,774.79	16.65%
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$247,186.00	\$47,746.61	\$199,439.39	19.32%
SHADE TREES	\$32,625.00	\$2,493.50	\$30,131.50	7.64%
GARBAGE & TRASH REMOVAL	\$30,000.00	\$2,422.04	\$27,577.96	8.07%
RECYCLING PROGRAM	\$55,538.00	\$10,762.59	\$44,775.41	19.38%
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$104,719.00	\$21,987.21	\$82,731.79	21.00%
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$73,680.00	\$13,473.16	\$60,206.84	18.29%
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$2,850.00	\$559.00	\$2,291.00	19.61%
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	\$3,134.00	\$930.05	\$2,203.95	29.68%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$14,100.00	\$3,359.65	\$10,740.35	23.83%
HUMAN SERVICES	\$7,637.00	\$1,666.11	\$5,970.89	21.82%
BOARD OF RECREATION COMM	\$49,926.00	\$4,209.58	\$45,716.42	8.43%
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	\$75,935.00	\$15,482.96	\$60,452.04	20.39%
PUBLIC LIBRARY - MAINTENANCE	\$554,069.00	\$90,971.54	\$463,097.46	16.42%
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENT	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%
ELECTRIC	\$89,750.00	\$19,334.17	\$70,415.83	21.54%
STREET LIGHTING	\$89,000.00	\$14,106.79	\$74,893.21	15.85%
TELEPHONE	\$54,400.00	\$11,301.26	\$43,098.74	20.77%
WATER	\$11,000.00	\$2,673.66	\$8,326.34	24.31%
GAS (NATURAL OR PROPANE)	\$30,000.00	\$9,435.77	\$20,564.23	31.45%
SEWER SYSTEM	\$428,465.00	\$86,086.21	\$342,378.79	20.09%
MOTOR FUEL	\$99,400.00	\$14,090.39	\$85,309.61	14.18%
P.E.R.S.	\$136,853.00	\$0.00	\$136,853.00	0.00%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$240,000.00	\$50,159.13	\$189,840.87	20.90%
P.F.R.S.	\$316,138.00	\$0.00	\$316,138.00	0.00%
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM	\$2,261.00	\$294.24	\$1,966.76	13.01%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$5,166.00	\$5,166.00	\$0.00	100.00%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$30,816.00	\$30,816.00	\$0.00	100.00%
RECYCLING TONNAGE	\$36,614.48	\$36,614.48	\$0.00	100.00%
CLEAN COMMUNITIES	\$9,087.98	\$9,087.98	\$0.00	100.00%

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP OPERATING BUDGET (continued)

Account Description	2012 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES JAN-MAR 2012	2012 BUDGET LEFT	% of BUDGET EXPENDED
DRUNK DRIVING	\$4,878.13	\$4,878.13	\$0.00	100.00%
911 PROJECT	\$110,000.00	\$0.00	\$110,000.00	0.00%
ROCK SALT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT	\$40,000.00	\$4,079.40	\$35,920.60	10.20%
RECYCLING - MCIA SERVICES	\$46,450.00	\$7,750.92	\$38,699.08	16.69%
COUNTY HEALTH CONTRACT	\$19,223.94	\$4,711.75	\$14,512.19	24.51%
ANIMAL CONTROL SHARED SERVICE	\$4,100.00	\$900.00	\$3,200.00	21.95%
MIDDLESEX CO UTILITIES AUTH	\$392,276.00	\$157,242.47	\$235,033.53	40.08%
MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY AUTHORITY	\$180,371.00	\$44,254.48	\$136,116.52	24.54%
MUNICIPAL/COUNTY COURT	\$175,000.00	\$29,493.97	\$145,506.03	16.85%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
BOND PRINCIPAL	\$1,370,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,370,000.00	0.00%
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON NOTES	\$450,000.00	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON BONDS	\$240,175.00	\$0.00	\$240,175.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON NOTES	\$86,497.00	\$70,672.44	\$15,824.56	81.71%
EDA LOAN - PRINCIPAL	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%
EDA LOAN - INTEREST	\$675.00	\$337.50	\$337.50	50.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE PRINCIPAL	\$84,633.56	\$0.00	\$84,633.56	0.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE INTEREST	\$14,452.07	\$924.75	\$13,527.32	6.40%
DEFERRED CHARGES	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$173,015.00	\$173,015.00	\$0.00	100.00%
TOTALS	\$10,822,802.38	\$2,012,455.18	\$8,810,347.20	18.59%

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP REVENUE THRU MARCH 31, 2012

	January - Mar	2012 REVENUE	% OF REVENUE RECEIVED
Library Finance Fee		\$3,000.00	0.00%
Licenses, Fees & Permits	\$ 1,130.00	\$13,210.00	8.55%
Municipal Court	\$ 29,493.97	\$163,346.00	18.06%
Interest & Cost on Taxes	\$ 8,581.00	\$48,194.00	17.81%
Interest on Cash on Deposit	\$ 20,716.91	\$147,130.00	14.08%
Tax Title Lien Interest	\$ 127.37		
Miscellaneous-Alcohol Beverage License		\$7,500.00	0.00%
Franchise Fee	\$ 12,788.74	\$12,811.00	99.83%
Sewer Service Fees	\$ 280,079.46	\$1,361,712.00	20.57%
State Aid:			
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief		\$2,373.00	0.00%
Energy Receipt Tax		\$464,647.00	0.00%
Grants:			
Municipal Alliance	\$ 5,166.00	\$5,166.00	100.00%
Recycling Tonnage	\$ 36,614.48	\$36,614.48	100.00%
Alcohol Education, Rehab & Enforcement			#DIV/0!
Drunk Driving	\$ 4,878.13	\$4,878.13	100.00%
Clean Communities	\$ 9,087.98	\$9,087.98	100.00%
Construction Trust	\$ 30,000.00	\$30,000.00	100.00%
Fire Official Fees	\$ 1,975.00	\$85,652.00	2.31%
Reserve for Development Fees	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Reserve for Sewer Fair Share	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	100.00%
Reserve to Pay Notes	\$ 450,000.00	\$450,000.00	100.00%
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 54,979.83	\$123,789.00	44.41%
Capital Surplus			#DIV/0!
Hotel Tax	\$ 27,967.51	\$136,158.00	20.54%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 988,586.38	\$ 3,120,268.59	31.68%

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Election News Primary Day, June 8, 2010



ELECTION NEWS

The Primary Election Day will be held on Tuesday, June 5th. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Voters in District 1 (North of Brainerd Lake) will report to the "Boy Scout Room" to vote and Districts 2 and 3 to the "Senior Room".

To be able to vote in the Primary Election, an individual must turn 18 years of age by June 5thth. Voter Registration forms must be turned in no later than Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Forms are available on-line (by clicking on the Clerk's Page and then scrolling down to Elections) or at Town Hall at the Main Window. Town Hall will be open on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to register.

ATTENTION ALL LANDLORDS:



Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:29-1.1, it is a requirement that any single unit dwellings and two (2) unit dwellings that are not owner-occupied must be filed in the Office of the Clerk, Town Hall, 23-A North Main Street.

In addition, tenants in multiple dwellings are required to be given a copy of the Certificate of Registration filed with the Bureau of Housing Inspection in accordance with N.J.S.A. 55:13A-12, N.J.S.A. 46:8-28 and N.J.A.C. 5:10-1.11. (Contact the Bureau of Housing Inspection, P.O. Box 810, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 (609) 633-6240 for registration applications for buildings with three (3) or more dwelling units.

You may obtain a copy of the form by faxing your request to (609) 984-7954 or going to the Department of Community Affairs web site, Landlord-Tenant Information Service.

There are several non-owner occupied dwellings in the Township of Cranbury that have not submitted the required paperwork.

LOST & FOUND

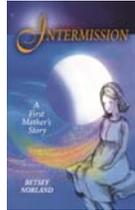
A baseball cap was turned in at Town Hall just a few short months ago. The cap must hold special memories for someone who attended the game on a particular day. If you lost a cap that fits this description, come in or call town hall at 395-0900 and tell us of your special day. We so want to return this special cap to you.

Of Interest to Adults

Friday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Local author Betsey Norland

will discuss her new book *Intermission: A First Mother's Story*. Reception and book signing to follow.



Tuesday May 15, 7:00 p.m.

Savvy Investment Matters for Her

Ann Marie Woods, the Regional Vice President for New York Life/ Mainstay Investments, will show women how to take a more active role with their finances.

Friday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.

Local author John Whiteclay Chambers II has published a new book *Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present*. Join the library and CHPS at this book reception.

Thursday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.

On the Beach: what books have you been reading this summer?

Join us for an informal discussion of your favorite summer reads. See what CPL staff has on their beachfront "must read" lists.



For upcoming PHS Freshmen

The Friends are sponsoring tutor Ken Soufl in the library for an *Introduction to The Iliad*.

Classes begin the week of **June 25**, and meet **Tuesday at 3:30 or Wednesdays at 5:30 for eight weeks**. **\$100 registration fee**, scholarships available. Contact the library for details.



Library Hours and Closings

Monday to Thursday – 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

May 27 through September 9

Closed Saturdays at 2 p.m. and all day Sundays

Library Closed May 13, 26-28, July 4

Special Events for Kids



Stay and Play

Every Monday, 10:30 a.m.

Come share stories, finger plays, songs, poetry, and sometimes a craft. Then we play! Ages 12-36 months.

Children's Book Week is May 6 - 12

Have fun and celebrate reading all week!

Wrap Yourself Up in a Book! Surprise yourself with a special read from our selection of wrapped books! You won't know what it is until after you check it out!

Green Light...Go! Children recommend books to their peers in a special display. Green light...go check out this book! Red light, don't bother. Participate and enter to win the CBW bookworm!

Monday, May 7 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Reading with Rover Read to a special pooch who loves to hear stories! Pre-registration required.



Wednesday, May 16 and 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Get a Jump on Finals: How to Study Effectively.

Teacher/tutor Ken Soufl will present a 2 part workshop on how to get organized and study effectively. Grades 8-10. Pre-registration required. **A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 will be collected when registering. Limited to 15 participants.**



Saturday, May 19, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Make a Wish at the Drug Free Fair.

What do you wish could be in the library? More study space or computers with touch screens? Bean bag chairs? iPads? DREAM BIG and tell us your wish.

Saturday, June 9, 10:00 - noon

High School CRAM-TIME with Mrs. Cody

Dream Big READ!

Cranbury Public Library's 2012 Summer Reading Program begins June 19! Check the library for programs and details.

CRANBURY GOLDEN AGE NEIGHBORS

The Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors and Cranbury Recreation are sponsoring a great bus trip to Bengal Auditorium in Barneget, NJ to see the show **"The Music of Tony Bennett"** on **Thursday, September 13th**. The price for the show, bus and lunch is \$43.00. Lunch will be at Lefty's in Barneget and there will be a menu choice. The bus will leave the Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m. Sign up early as there are only 40 tickets available. Call Betty Conover at 860-0156 or Rose Eller at 655-9175 for tickets.



Golden Age Neighbors meet monthly, usually in the Cafeteria of the Cranbury School at noon. If you live in Cranbury or the surrounding area and are over 55, come and meet new friends. Please bring a covered dish to add to the buffet, and also bring your own place setting. Membership is \$10.00 a year and the meetings are fun, the food is excellent, and there is always a program for fun or education. For questions, please call Betty Conover 860-0156.

RECYCLE, REUSE AND HELP OTHERS USED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DRIVE

May 19, 2012

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT
22 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CRANBURY**



ITEMS BEING COLLECTED:

GENTLY USED MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, CANES,
CRUTCHES, SHOWER CHAIRS, COMMUNES, TRAY TABLES, GRAB BARS
AND OTHER SMALL PIECES OF EQUIPMENT

(Tax receipts will be available for all donors)

Contributions will be donated to Your ReSource,
a non-profit human services and environmental organization in Ewing.
Call (609) 530-1513 with questions.

This drive is being sponsored by
The Human Services Department of Cranbury

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

CRANBURY DRUG FREE FAIR



The 22nd annual **Drug Free Fair** will be held on Saturday, **May 19th from 3pm - 6pm** at Cranbury School. This annual community event is co-sponsored by the Cranbury Municipal Alliance and the Cranbury School. The purpose of the Fair is to encourage healthy living choices for all of us as well as to inform parents, children and teens on the dangers and risks of alcohol and substance abuse.

Emily Ellsworth is the winner of this year's Drug Free Fair t-shirt contest. Her design will be pictured on the Drug Free Fair t-shirt. Thank you to all the students who participated in the t-shirt contest and congratulations to all the grade level winners!

DID YOU KNOW??



Before selling a home or renting an apartment in the Township of Cranbury, the owner must obtain a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance. 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. For additional information, please contact Sam DiStasio, Fire Official at 609-395-0900, ext. 238.



FOOD COLLECTION



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

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Plant trees!! **Arbor Day on April 27** reminds us all of the value of trees, to the environment and to the budget. Trees reduce air conditioning and heating bills – as much as 30% for AC and 40% for heating. A shaded home is more comfortable in summer, and well-planned tree windbreaks cut heating costs in winter. Property values are as much as 25% higher for well-landscaped homes. Trees help purify the air around a home, reduce and filter storm water runoff, and help prevent flash flooding, of which we have had all too much experience lately. All of these things can be reflected in reduced municipal costs and therefore lower water treatment expenses. Communities that have planted trees extensively have experienced lower sewer costs and, believe it or not, higher commercial success. People like to shop in areas with trees!



HAPPY ARBOR DAY!

But beware of volcanoes! Not, fortunately, the lava spewing kind, but the *mulch* variety. Piling up mulch around the base of a tree encourages rot, adventitious roots (that is, thin white roots growing out of the bark), and pest infestations. When you plant a tree or have one planted by professionals, make sure the mulch is pulled away from the trunk to expose the “flare” of the tree, that is, the widening base of the tree where it meets the soil. There is no need to use too much mulch. An inch or two for about one to two feet around the trunk is plenty, and for several inches around the base, none at all! Do not under plant the tree with anything for at least four years. And staking is often not required unless the tree is planted in a very windy area. The stakes can be removed after six months.



PARK PLANNING COMMISSION

CROCUS



The crocuses have bloomed in **Judy’s Meadow in Heritage Park** on the corner of South Main Street and Old Trenton Road. What a way to welcome warm spring weather! Local residents and visitors have expressed delight with the colorful landscape. Money for the original bulbs came from the Judy Dossin Memorial Fund, the Rocky Brook Garden Club and generous local residents. Municipal workers and local residents planted the bulbs. Norma Swale, supported by the Park Commission, originated this plan, helped raise the funds and coordinated the workers.

There are two types of crocus planted, early smaller flowers and later, a large flowering variety. Flowering should last two to three weeks. In order for the bulbs to re-flower and multiply, the foliage has to mature to the yellow stage before being cut. The flowers should not be picked, and foot traffic should be light.

The grass surrounding the bulbs will grow and bloom into a beautiful spring meadow, wispy and waving in the spring breeze. The first cutting in these areas will take place as soon as the leaves go yellow.

More visitors may come to town to see our crocus bloom and visit our restaurants and merchants. Enjoy the sights of spring!

The Park Planning Commission has created a **Memorial Book** to catalog and provide a record of memorials and gifts given to the Township, in parks or elsewhere in the Township. If you have made a gift or are interested in making a gift, please contact the Main Office at 609-395-0900 (ext. 231) for more information on the book.

NEW TREES IN TOWN! (And a new park to enjoy!)



Have you seen **the new forest of beautiful trees** on the south end of town? Recently planted on the open space of the Hagerty property (west side of Old Cranbury Road) are over 2,500 trees. This reforestation is a result of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority expansion project, which impacts 50 acres of forest in Cranbury. The No Net Loss Reforestation Act requires the NJ Turnpike to compensate for this forest loss through off-site tree plantings.

A **Turnpike Tree Subcommittee**, comprised of five members representing different Township boards (**Planning, Shade Tree, Parks, Recreation, the School Board and the Environmental Commission**), developed and recommended a reforestation plan. With active input from the public and after several meetings with the Township Committee, the Subcommittee identified the municipal-owned lands that were available and suitable for planting trees and recommended the types of trees to plant. Cranbury applied for and obtained a grant for reforestation. Andy-Matt, Inc. is the contractor for tree installation. The Township Engineer, Bill Tanner, is managing the project.

The trees were planted over a four-week period in October and November 2011. Approximately 240 trees were planted per acre on the 21-acre property. Only native tree species were planted and include red oak, sweet gum, red maple, flowering dogwood and serviceberry. The reforestation of the Hagerty property creates a contiguous forest along the Millstone River and includes a walking path from the Millstone River to other parts of Cranbury allowing public access to municipal-owned land. With appropriate management and care, these trees should have the opportunity to not only survive but also thrive as a forest to provide habitat for wildlife and another open space for the public to enjoy. Bluebirds, redwing blackbirds and beavers have already been spotted on the property.



When you visit the property, please park off the road to the side carefully.

HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

Attention HOAs within Cranbury Township-please contact the DPW office at 609-395-0900 x222. The DPW would like to have current contact information for your association. This will help us reach out to the contact person, should the need arise. It will also help identify who is responsible for the maintenance as described within the by-laws. Thanks for your help in this matter.

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEKEND—MAY 5TH AND 6TH

Hopefully the town-wide garage sale (held the last Saturday in April) helped to reduce, recycle or reuse items found in your home and you took advantage of the agencies that agreed to come to your home to pick up leftover useful items. For items that were left over, the 2011 Spring Clean Up weekend has been scheduled for May 5th & 6th (rain or shine). Located at the DPW Yard at 99 Dey Road, the hours of operation will be 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The DPW crew will be on site to help unload your unwanted discards. Acceptable materials include e-waste, scrap metal, and normal household goods that are too large to fit inside your trash tote. If you have an item that you are uncertain would be accepted, please call Town Hall at 395-0900 x229 to ask questions. This service is open

2012 SPRING STREET SWEEPING

In time for the Memorial Day Parade, all township roads will be swept by Reilly Sweeping on May 21st, 22nd (early am) and 23rd. Your cooperation by removing trash bins, basketball hoops, cars or other personal equipment from the street that fronts your property will allow the sweeper truck to make a clean and expeditious pass.



Should you be unable to remove your parked vehicle from the street in time for the early morning sweeps, use the municipal parking lots for overnight parking. There are three available lots. One municipal lot is located in front of the senior housing complex on Park Place West. There are four (4) off-street parking spaces near the entrance of the Cranbury Brook Preserve, and of course, Village Park. Feel free to use these lots; parking spaces are on a first come basis.

Since the sweeper is scheduled for after the collection of leaves and chipping, no leaf/brush/chipping piles should be at the street/curb during this period of time. The next chipping event will be held on June 20th, curbside placement can begin on June 16th.

Your cooperation is truly appreciated.

AIR QUALITY ISSUES

If you smell lingering foul odors in the air and wish you could do something about it-you can! The Middlesex County Environmental Team at (732) 745-8480 will address these odors, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Give them a call to report an air quality issue. To report any lingering or foul odors in the air during the weekend or times outside the normal work hours, you must call the Cranbury Police at 395-0031 to report the issues.

PET ETIQUETTE and BEING A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER



It appears by the complaints received and the piles of pet feces near the play areas in the parks and along the sidewalks throughout town, many pet owners still are not cleaning up after their pet!

According to Township Ordinance #162, "all pet owners and keepers shall immediately remove and properly dispose of the solid waste deposited by the pet on public property or the property of another".

Solid pet waste poses health hazards and should be deposited in a waste receptacle or other suitable container that is regularly emptied. Public trash cans are located throughout Cranbury and in the parks that can be used for this purpose. If you witness a pet owner being irresponsible, you have choices: ask the offender to clean up after their pet, or use your cell to call the Cranbury Police at 609-395-0031 while the offender is still present.

Let's be respectful to those who use the park and walk the town. Clean up after your pet, and make sure you bring that plastic bag with you before you and your pet leave for a walk!

2012 SHRED-IT EVENT

On August 11th, from 9:00am to 12:00pm (or until the truck is full, whichever occurs first) at the Plainsboro Municipal Center, 641 Plainsboro Road, in Plainsboro, 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 that, 5 boxes or a maximum of 100 pounds of paper will be shredded, 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, medical EOBs, 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 shedding of these documents on site.

2012 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES (HHW) DROP-OFF DAYS

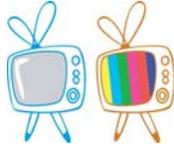


The next HHW day will be held on May 19th, at the Middlesex County Highway Division in North Brunswick. Only four of the five 2012 Middlesex County HHW events remain, so mark your calendar! For more information about this event or for a schedule of other upcoming events, click this link: <http://www.mciauth.com/hhw.htm>. Information regarding acceptable items and directions can be found here.



WHITE GOOD & E-CYCLE PROGRAMS

Did you know that for only \$10 per item the DPW can take away your unwanted appliance or e-waste? Items include bulky electronic waste such as TVs, VCRs, computers with components, metal storm doors (without glass window inserts) humidifiers/de-humidifiers, water coolers, metal sinks, stoves/ovens, dishwashers, washers, dryers, water tanks, refrigerators, outdoor grills with tanks, and residential kitchen exhaust fans. Pick up is scheduled for every 2nd Wednesday of each month and you must call (395-0900 ext.229) to be placed on the schedule or for more information. If you prefer, you may transport these items down to the DPW yard located at 99 Dey Road when the Recycle Shed is open. The Recycle Shed is located in the



DPW yard at 99 Dey Road. It is open from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm during first Friday of each month. When a legal holiday falls on this day, the second Friday is the rescheduled date. Due to limited personnel, help will not be available to help unload heavy items.

White Goods schedule-must schedule pick up	
May 9 th	July 11 th
June 13 th	August 8 th

Recycle Shed scheduled dates for 2012	
May 4 th	July 6 nd
June 1 th	August 3 th

Items accepted at the recycling shed include computers (monitors, scanners, CPU's modems, printers, cables, and keyboards) televisions, telephones, irons, fluorescent lamps including compact fluorescent bulbs, strands of lights, tube fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, thermometers and formed Polystyrene (not loose packing peanuts).



The drop off recycling service is for Cranbury residents only and will be manned while open. Proof of residency will be required when disposing of your e-cycle. No hazardous waste, paint or tires or broken fluorescent bulbs will be collected at this site. We ask that you deposit your rechargeable, button batteries or cell phones to be recycled at Town Hall (in the DPW office, 2nd floor) during normal business hours.



Clean loose packing peanuts are accepted at Pak Mail, 319 Route 130N (Shop-Rite Ctr.), East Windsor, NJ. Call 609-443-6245 for hours of operation. For other NJ locations that accept the packing peanuts visit www.loosefillpackaging.com.

Cranbury Township is always interested in ways to benefit our residents. If you have a suggestion or an idea about recycling, call Linda at 395-0900 ext.229 to discuss your idea.

Let's all be smarter earth stewards, help reduce the amount of trash and organic compostable materials that currently enters the landfills. Future generations will benefit!





RECYCLING BATTERIES

The Township of Cranbury participates in a free battery recycling program. Rechargeable batteries are accepted in the DPW office at Town Hall. Simply deposit your batteries in the box provided. For a complete list of acceptable rechargeable batteries visit this link: <http://www.call2recycle.org/materials-accepted>. In 2010 Cranbury residents recycled .11 tons; in 2011 Cranbury residents recycled .08 tons of recyclable batteries. As you can see there was a drop in the amount of batteries recycled in 2011—hopefully 2012 will be a better year!

About Call2Recycle: Call2Recycle® is the only free battery and cell phone collection program in North America. Since 1994, Call2Recycle has diverted more than 60 million pounds (27 million kilograms) of rechargeable batteries from local landfills and established a network of 30,000 recycling drop-off locations. Advancing green business practices and environmental sustainability, Call2Recycle is the most active voice promoting eco-safe reclamation and recycling of rechargeable batteries and cell phones. Learn more at call2recycle.org.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Below is a breakdown of how much tonnage Cranbury residents have recycle using the curbside program in 2012.

	Commingled (bottles/cans)	Mixed (junk mail/paper/ cardboard)	Newspaper
2012			
January	14.29	22.23	16.41
February	8.13	12.65	9.33
March	8.94	13.90	10.26
TOTAL TONS	31.36	48.78	36.00



Don't throw cardboard into your trash can that is destined for the landfill. Cardboard is one of NJ mandatory items that should be recycled. Be a better recycler, flatten and fold the box so it can be set out with your other curbside recyclables.

When it comes to recycling, Cranbury is very fortunate to be located within Middlesex County. The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste (MCDSW) funds and organizes many of the free recycling programs that are in place. The tire recycling, paint drop off, paper shred events, household hazardous waste, and textiles are just few programs that they offer! If you haven't used these free programs, you should! For a complete list and program dates visit: <http://co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp>.

CRANBURY LIONS CLUB



The Cranbury Lions Club is celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2012. We will have a Lions Club exhibit on display at the Cranbury Museum from May 20th through August with a special reception on Sunday, June 3rd. Come visit the Museum and witness our history. Our 80th Anniversary Charter celebration will be on June 30th at Zinnas. We will also honor our very own member, John Kobland as he takes office as District Governor of our District 16D, of New Jersey Lions.

While we honor our 80th year, we are also very busy with projects and fund raising events. Boy Scout Clay Kaiser will plant 80 (donated) trees in Cranbury for his Eagle Scout project. We will have our 4th annual Gil and Bert's fund raiser this summer and in June we are off to Trenton Thunder for our 50/50 fund raiser.

On Cranbury Day the First Rubber Duck will take place on Brainerd Lake-Look for details on how to purchase your lucky duck!



In June we also honor and recognize three Cranbury students with the Dr. David Tudor scholarship, Todd Beamer Scholarship and the Stan Thomas Award.

Once again, we the Cranbury Lions Club want to thank the residents of our community for their continued support as we continue to "serve" Cranbury.



We also continue to recruit new members for our Club. If you want to be involved in Cranbury and give back to your community, join us. The opportunities are vast!

Contact any member of the Lions Club or our Membership Chairperson, Jon Goldstein at 409-9656 or goldfortresources@msn.com

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

"SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY"

The Township Committee passed a resolution to establish the **GREEN TEAM!** An advisory committee comprised of Environmental Commissioners will assess and document areas of sustainable practices in the Township, and solicit ideas for improving sustainable practices. Sustainable Jersey 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.

CALLING ALL CRANBURY 8TH GRADERS:

Is the Cranbury Brook Preserve or Unami Woods important to you? What do you love about them? Record your ideas and enter the contest!



Deadline for the third annual Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award is May 7th. The award was established 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 8th grade student whom the Commission believes best captures Mr. Meiss' vision of the appreciation, beauty and enjoyment that the Preserve and Unami Woods would bring to the Township's future residents.

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP!

A hands-on workshop designed to educate participants on the benefits of rainwater harvesting was held on Saturday April 14th at Barn Park. Seven people built seven (7) barrels to take home to collect rainwater for gardening and other uses. Trainers included Linda Scott of the Recycling Department, and James Gallagher and Paul Mullen from the EC.



BOARD OF HEALTH



REMINDER: DOG AND CAT LICENSES

All dogs and cats must be licensed annually. Dog and Cat License Forms can be found on the Township's website, www.cranburytownship.org, or stop by the Township Offices to complete one. Per State Law, a license cannot be issued if the rabies certificate is not current through November 1, 2012.

RABIES CLINICS IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Please note that rabies clinics are held in other towns in the County all year long. If you are unable to bring your dog or cat to the September clinic in Cranbury, please check online at the Township website or contact Lee Lloyd, Cranbury's Health Officer, at 799-0909 x1219, for more information on others. As always, the clinics are free of charge.

STATS FROM CRANBURY'S MARCH RABIES

A total of 85 dogs and cats were vaccinated this spring! For Cranbury residents, there were 34 dogs and 15 cats. For those who came from other towns in Middlesex, there were 32 dogs and four (4) cats.

FERTILIZER APPLICATION REMINDER:

If you are thinking about applying fertilizer to your lawn remember:

- Any fertilizer sold or used in New Jersey is required to have at least 20% of its nitrogen in slow release (water insoluble) form. Excess nitrogen loading in waterways causes algae blooms, which greatly disrupt marine ecosystems. 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. Slow release fertilizer formulas are less water-soluble and decrease the amount of nitrogen in waterways.
- Phosphorus is banned from lawn fertilizer except in special cases. Phosphorus is the major cause of eutrophication in fresh water, which causes algae blooms and disrupts ecosystems as well..
- Fertilizer cannot 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 water body, unless a drop spreader, rotary spreader with deflector or targeted spray liquid is used, then the buffer may be reduced to 10 feet.



On January 5, 2011, Governor Christie signed a statewide [lawn fertilizer bill](#) (A-2290). 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.

Reference:

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

Gourgaud Gallery News

The Gourgaud Gallery has many exciting events for the summer months.

May 19—Stop by the Cranbury Arts Council table at the **Drug-Free Fair** from 3:00-6:00 p.m. behind the Cranbury School. We'll be offering face painting for kids



June: “**Watercolorists Unlimited**”. This exhibit will have a SPECIAL FRIDAY event honoring George Stave on Friday June 1st. Check the Cranbury Arts Council web site (under Gourgaud Gallery) www.cranburyartscouncil.org. for details. The regular exhibit will run Sunday June 3-24.

July: “Fauna, Floral & Mystical” - Linda Gilbert. Artist Reception July 8th (1-3 PM)

August: Necati Itez. August 5-26

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Summer camp program details are available at <http://cranburyartscouncil.org/CampCover.html> . In addition to our annual favorites, the Summer Art and Technology Camp is excited to offer a total of 19 new camps this year, including three “Global Adventures” camps. Our camp programs encourage children to explore their talents and interests in small-group settings. All camps are taught by experienced, skilled and enthusiastic teachers who are thrilled to share their talents.



For details on all upcoming events go to “Information on upcoming events”, obtained at www.Cranburyartscouncil.org.

As part of the non-profit CAC, the Gourgaud Gallery donates 20% of any art sales back to the CAC 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. to 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. , unless otherwise specified. You can meet the exhibiting artist(s). Refreshments are served at the Artist Reception.

Anyone wishing to exhibit at the Gourgaud Gallery can obtain an application at the Gallery or at www.cranbury.org. For information on upcoming programs and events, join us on FACEBOOK: GOURGAUD GALLERY, and on the GOURGAUD GALLERY BLOG at www.Gourgaudgallery.blogspot.com . If you are interested in CAC membership or participating in any way, please email us at cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com.



RECREATION UPDATE

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, themed weeks of camp, 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 the Cranbury Swim Club. Registration forms and information is available at www.cranburytownship.org and at Town Hall.

Register now for Summer Sports Camps

Registration for all Summer Sports Camps is currently underway. Programs offered include Beginner's Golf Lessons (Ages 5-11), Junior Multi Sports Camp (for ages 5-14), the Senior Multi Sports Camp (for ages 6-14), the Sports Squirts Program (for ages 3-5) and two, one-week sessions of Tennis Camp (for ages 6-14). Registration forms and program info is available at www.cranburytownship.org or you can pick up a form at Town Hall.

Senior Citizen Programs

Cranbury Recreation offers several programs for Cranbury Township Senior Citizens. Past programs include Tai Chi, Bus Trips, Exercise Classes and more. Check the Cranbury Township website for program listings.

Other Upcoming Programs

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

digital
Cranbury Camera Club



Meetings held **EVERY** month

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays
at 8:00 pm**

In the
**Cranbury Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall**
21 N. Main Street, Cranbury

See our Web Site for Contacts and
Details:

www.CranburydigitalCameraClub.org

CRANBURY COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

The Human Services Board meets once a month, the third Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Senior Center. The Board invites the public to attend any meetings. The Board does not meet in July and August.

Any Senior Groups wishing to use the Senior Center need to schedule through the Human Services Board and the Township Clerk. Please call (609) 395-0900 x244.

MEDICARE COUNSELING AVAILABLE CRANBURY SENIOR CENTER

Marilyn Elias, a Medicare Counselor, is available on the last Tuesday of the month. Please call (609) 395-0900 x231 to make an appointment.



SEATED EXERCISE

Seated Exercise Classes are held on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. Stop in and check it out!

MAH JONGG



Mah Jongg anyone? The Cranbury Senior Center has a group of Mah Jongg players that get together on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

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 lunch must be made one week in advance by calling 395-0900 x 244. You do not need to register if you are only attending the program.

PROGRAMS FOR MAY AND JUNE

Lunch is at 12 Noon



Programs begin at 1:00 pm.

- May 4** Cranbury's Former Dairies and Dairymen with Leo Fenity
- May 18** Cranbury's Emergency Services with Charlie Smith
- June 8** Staying Fit and Healthy with Lori Morell
- June 22** Local Author Betsey Norland

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

The Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society

The book, **Cranbury, A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present**, is available at the Cranbury History Center, the Cranbury Museum, and by contacting the Society at **historycenter@comcast.net**. The 272-page hardcover book with 50 illustrations, written by John Whiteclay Chambers II and published by Rutgers University Press, is a project of Cranbury Landmarks, Inc. John Chambers will sign books in front of the History Center at 1 p.m. on Memorial Day and at a book signing and reception at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 1 at Cranbury Public Library. All are welcome to attend.



Historic Cranbury Walking Tours resumed in April. Knowledgeable guides present these informative tours. Please check cranburyhistory.org for the schedule. You can sign up for a tour by registering at **cranburywalkingtours@gmail.com**, calling 609-651-0693 or signing the sign up sheet on the door at the History Center at 6 South Main St. Please include your name, phone number and the number attending the tour.

Once again, CHPS will have a table at the **Drug Free Fair on May 19th, 3-6 p.m.** Please stop by and participate in a fun activity provided by a group of high school students who have helped CHPS this year.

MUSEUM EXHIBIT CRANBURY LIONS CLUB

The Cranbury Lions Club has provided service to our community for 80 years. In honor of their 80th Anniversary, the Club will have an exhibit at the Cranbury Museum that will open on **May 20th through July**. Please be sure to stop by the Museum, open on Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

PARSONAGE BARN

Have you seen the Parsonage Barn at the Barn Park on Cranbury Neck Road? If you have not visited it or would like to see it again, you will have a chance on **Saturday, May 5th**, 1-3 p.m. During your visit you will hear about the history of the barn that has timbers dating back to 1741. There are 20 chairs and several farm tools for you to enjoy as you think about an event you would like to see at the barn. To plan an event or suggest one to be held at the barn, please contact the **parsonagebarn@gmail.com**.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



CHPS will sponsor the Mercer County Symphonic Band that will perform on **July 5th** at 6:30 p.m. at Cranbury's Independence Day celebration at Village Park. Bring a picnic supper and come out and enjoy an evening of beautiful music and wonderful fireworks.

CRANBURY WASSAIL

Cranbury Wassail will be held on **December 8th**. It's a progressive party with delicious food and beverages in homes decorated for the holidays. Talented Society members will portray characters from Cranbury's history. It's not too soon to plan to attend. This event will sell out fast. Please inquire by contacting Ruth Jost at **ruth-jost@comcast.net**.



MEMBERSHIP-Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society invites you to become a member. Your membership supports The Society's preservation efforts, the Cranbury Museum, Cranbury History Center, the Parsonage Barn, educational programs and projects. You will find membership information at **cranburyhistory.org**. Please visit the website often to find information on upcoming events and photos from events that have already been enjoyed.

CURBSIDE CHIPPING SERVICE

The chipping of brush and branches begins on the third Wednesday of each month. This is the start date and not necessarily the day that your brush will be chipped. Branches to be chipped should be placed curbside, parallel to the road, 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 (not face) 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. So 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 Township Code 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 allows rain runoff to flow freely and can prevent water pollution.

Chipping date in the month of:

May 16th

June 20th

July 18th

August 15th

Place chipping curbside no sooner than:

May 12th

June 16th

July 14th

August 11th

To help you understand the process, warning notices will be issued to inform you how the chipping in front of your property does not fit the chipping criteria. Three warning notices will be issued prior to being fined.

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

Spring leaf collection began April 2nd and will continue until the week of April 30th. Residents may place leaves between the sidewalk and curb or if you live where there are no sidewalks or curbs, put the leaves close to the street. If you live where parking is allowed on the street in front of your house and there is no available room for the pile due to parked cars, please rake the leaves to an area where the DPW crew will be able to gain access to them. A driveway entrance or the closest street corner is a good place. If you feel that the DPW crew can miss the pile, call Town Hall at 395-0900 x229 and inform us where the leaf pile has been placed.



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. Be watchful of placement of the debris at the curb, non-point source pollution (NPS) if washed down the storm drains can occur.