

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2012



FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents:

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor this year.

I want to congratulate our newly-elected member, Susan Goetz, to Township Committee who will bring new ideas and new perspectives that I know we all benefit from.

Cranbury is a town that has been thriving for over 300 years. In 1697 Cranbury was founded by a small group of individuals that had the drive to start a community.

All members of the Cranbury Township Committee and the residents of Cranbury Township are all part of very long and significant history that is American but also is "Cranburian," which continues today. It is our history and we all want it to continue for ourselves and our families.

It is with this spirit that the Township Committee serves the residents of Cranbury.

In 2012 Cranbury has a number of issues that we, as a Township, will need to address. Continuing hard times, a result of a weak national economy, will force us to focus on being even more fiscally responsible than we had to be last year. We face a shrinking revenue base as a result of property values, with both residential and commercial moving lower. We face healthcare costs and pension costs that continue to escalate even with a small base of municipal workers. These issues are not comfortable ones, and all of us on the Township Committee, including myself as Mayor, will have to address these issues head on as our budget process begins this month.

FROM THE MAYOR (Continued)

Cranbury Township also has projects to look forward to as well; there is a new Master Plan that allows new businesses and smart development to come to Town, creating tax ratables that in the future will help alleviate some of Cranbury’s budget issues. I look forward to the new bridge project and dam that will address some of our water control problems that affect Cranbury. I look forward to working more closely with our School Board to continue to enhance a blue ribbon school system that creates such great opportunities for our children. We continue to set aside open space in Cranbury, not only to keep our Town aesthetically beautiful, but to keep Township costs down by controlling the level of certain types of development. There is much to look forward to.

I want to close by thanking all of our volunteers who serve on committees and other organizations that make our Town what it is today—a great Town!

David Cook, Mayor
Susan Goetz
Glenn Johnson
Daniel Mulligan
James Taylor

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’S OFFICE

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 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.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

REMINDER: DOG AND CAT LICENSES



All dogs and cats must be licensed annually during the month of January. A \$2.00 late charge is assessed for all licenses issued after January 31st. In order to obtain a license for your pet, rabies vaccines must be valid through November 1, 2012. Per State law, a license cannot be issued if the rabies certificate is not current.

ANIMAL CONTROL

If your loved pet is not accustomed to the great outdoors but is adventurous as to the happenings in the world outside, the Animal Control Officer reminds everyone that proper identification for your loved pet is vital in returning Fido or Fluffy back to you. Help us to return your pet back to you by making sure your pet wears an ID tag, a rabies tag, or a micro chip tag which will help identify Fido or Fluffy after they have made the great escape. To report a pet lost or found, call the Cranbury Police Department at 609-395-0031.

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.



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.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP CAPITAL BUDGET THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011

	ACCOUNT	TOTAL	TOTAL	% OF BUDGET
	NUMBER	EXPENDED + ENCUMBERED	ORDINANCE	EXPENDED
Open Space Acquisition 10-04-25	C-04-55-802-025	\$496,818.23	\$500,000.00	99.4%
SB Sewer Const/Install 04-02-02	C-04-55-902-026	\$747,628.80	\$750,000.00	99.7%
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%
SB Sewer Upgrade-Misc 03-01-08	C-04-55-918-025	\$195,901.13	\$200,000.00	98.0%
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	\$177,477.53	\$178,258.38	99.6%
Babe Ruth Ballfield 04-03-07	C-04-55-931-026	\$29,739.50	\$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	\$54,234.72	\$71,250.00	76.1%
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	\$170,295.30	\$180,750.00	94.2%
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	\$95.30	\$300,000.00	0.0%
Affordable Housing 3rd Round Misc Costs 04-06-08	C-05-55-910-035	\$154,567.06	\$328,219.33	47.1%
Affordable Housing Route 130D Site 11-06-25	C-05-55-912-025+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	\$109,834.19	\$110,970.94	99.0%
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	\$7,064.37	\$13,200.00	53.5%
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	\$0.00	\$800.00	0.0%
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	\$4,014.82	\$20,000.00	20.1%
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%
Fire Brush Truck 11-11-20/11-11-21	C-05-55-927-025	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	0.0%
TOTALS			\$11,448,657.65	

OPERATING BUDGET

Account Description	2011 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	2011	% of BUDGET
		JAN-DEC 2011	BUDGET LEFT	EXPENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE	\$232,014.00	\$211,494.01	\$20,519.99	91.16%
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	\$28,111.50	\$28,110.18	\$1.32	100.00%
MUN/COUNTY CLERK - ELECTIONS	\$2,000.00	\$1,756.70	\$243.30	87.84%
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$165,240.00	\$145,326.55	\$19,913.45	87.95%
AUDIT	\$23,200.00	\$23,200.00	\$0.00	100.00%
TAX COLLECTION	\$24,777.00	\$16,387.15	\$8,389.85	66.14%
TAX ASSESSMENT	\$157,701.00	\$88,855.51	\$68,845.49	56.34%
TAX MAP MAINTENANCE	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$84,000.00	\$31,311.14	\$52,688.86	37.28%
ENGINEERING SERVICES & COSTS	\$78,000.00	\$31,638.62	\$46,361.38	40.56%
PLANNING BOARD	\$124,170.00	\$94,882.52	\$29,287.48	76.41%
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	\$34,026.00	\$24,159.18	\$9,866.82	71.00%
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$91,858.00	\$63,520.97	\$28,337.03	69.15%
FIRE OFFICIAL	\$109,780.00	\$102,260.64	\$7,519.36	93.15%
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	\$12,247.00	\$9,731.64	\$2,515.36	79.46%
INSURANCE	\$883,402.00	\$814,764.16	\$68,637.84	92.23%
POLICE	\$2,173,847.83	\$2,063,906.98	\$109,940.85	94.94%
911 PROJECT	\$4,774.05	\$4,774.05	\$0.00	100.00%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$2,500.00	\$338.22	\$2,161.78	13.53%
AID TO VOLUNTEER FIRE CO	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS	\$45,750.00	\$43,674.00	\$2,076.00	95.46%
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
FIRE	\$150,900.00	\$137,795.12	\$13,104.88	91.32%
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$252,850.00	\$240,121.72	\$12,728.28	94.97%
SHADE TREES	\$33,150.00	\$15,600.70	\$17,549.30	47.06%
GARBAGE & TRASH REMOVAL	\$31,000.00	\$24,970.13	\$6,029.87	80.55%
RECYCLING PROGRAM	\$59,695.00	\$50,534.04	\$9,160.96	84.65%
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$108,165.00	\$92,852.44	\$15,312.56	85.84%
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$79,100.00	\$66,246.21	\$12,853.79	83.75%
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$5,020.00	\$3,275.78	\$1,744.22	65.25%
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	\$4,617.00	\$2,631.33	\$1,985.67	56.99%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$18,900.00	\$17,427.78	\$1,472.22	92.21%
HUMAN SERVICES	\$8,020.00	\$7,039.45	\$980.55	87.77%
BOARD OF RECREATION COMM	\$52,150.00	\$50,969.82	\$1,180.18	97.74%
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	\$73,200.00	\$69,318.97	\$3,881.03	94.70%
PUBLIC LIBRARY - MAINTENANCE	\$572,604.00	\$572,604.00	\$0.00	100.00%
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENT	\$7,850.00	\$7,500.00	\$350.00	95.54%
ELECTRIC	\$90,000.00	\$80,360.68	\$9,639.32	89.29%
STREET LIGHTING	\$89,000.00	\$71,368.75	\$17,631.25	80.19%
TELEPHONE	\$56,960.00	\$55,690.97	\$1,269.03	97.77%
WATER	\$16,000.00	\$15,055.82	\$944.18	94.10%
GAS (NATURAL OR PROPANE)	\$30,000.00	\$17,170.49	\$12,829.51	57.23%
SEWER SYSTEM	\$401,990.00	\$353,598.76	\$48,391.24	87.96%
MOTOR FUEL	\$99,400.00	\$83,471.25	\$15,928.75	83.98%

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**OPERATING BUDGET
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Account Description	2011 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	2011	% of BUDGET
		JAN-DEC 2011	BUDGET LEFT	EXPENDED
P.E.R.S.	\$138,096.00	\$138,096.00	\$0.00	100.00%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$282,895.00	\$230,604.36	\$52,290.64	81.52%
P.F.R.S.	\$328,176.00	\$328,176.00	\$0.00	100.00%
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM	\$1,175.00	\$1,098.34	\$76.66	93.48%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$5,166.00	\$5,166.00	\$0.00	100.00%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$42,672.40	\$42,672.40	\$0.00	100.00%
RECYCLING TONNAGE	\$43,145.88	\$43,145.88	\$0.00	100.00%
ALCOHOL EDUCATION, REHAB & ENFORCEMENT	\$1,564.11	\$1,564.11	\$0.00	100.00%
BODY ARMOR	\$1,948.53	\$1,948.53	\$0.00	100.00%
AGGRESSIVE DRIVING	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
OVER THE LIMIT	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	100.00%
SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
TURNPIKE TREES	\$766,703.00	\$766,703.00	\$0.00	100.00%
911 PROJECT	\$149,850.00	\$149,850.00	\$0.00	100.00%
ROCK SALT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT	\$40,000.00	\$23,555.77	\$16,444.23	58.89%
RECYCLING - MCIA SERVICES	\$55,350.00	\$35,453.02	\$19,896.98	64.05%
COUNTY HEALTH CONTRACT	\$18,847.00	\$18,847.00	\$0.00	100.00%
MIDDLESEX CO UTILITIES AUTH	\$319,348.00	\$311,632.34	\$7,715.66	97.58%
MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY AUTHORITY	\$175,000.00	\$173,409.60	\$1,590.40	99.09%
MUNICIPAL/COUNTY COURT	\$202,000.00	\$163,346.39	\$38,653.61	80.86%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
BOND PRINCIPAL	\$1,235,000.00	\$1,235,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON NOTES	\$467,020.00	\$467,020.00	\$0.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON BONDS	\$262,050.00	\$262,050.00	\$0.00	100.00%
INTEREST ON NOTES	\$82,847.00	\$82,680.15	\$166.85	99.80%
EDA LOAN - PRINCIPAL	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
EDA LOAN - INTEREST	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	100.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE PRINCIPAL	\$84,682.01	\$84,682.01	\$0.00	100.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE INTEREST	\$17,941.23	\$17,280.11	\$661.12	96.32%
DEFERRED CHARGES	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$149,425.80	\$149,425.80	\$0.00	100.00%
TOTALS	\$5,066,202.96	\$4,928,706.81	\$137,496.15	97.29%

**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP REVENUE
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011**

		2011	% OF
	January - Dec	REVENUE	REVENUE
			RECEIVED
Library Finance Fee	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	100.00%
Licenses, Fees & Permits	\$13,210.10	\$10,274.00	128.58%
Municipal Court	\$163,346.39	\$183,964.00	88.79%
Interest & Cost on Taxes	\$43,556.38	\$34,736.00	125.39%
Interest on Cash on Deposit	\$147,136.16	\$177,041.00	83.11%
Miscellaneous-Alcohol Beverage License	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	100.00%
Franchise Fee	\$12,811.23	\$13,081.00	97.94%
Sewer Service Fees	\$1,367,078.83	\$1,361,677.00	100.40%
State Aid:			
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief	\$2,373.00	\$2,373.00	100.00%
Energy Receipt Tax	\$464,647.00	\$464,647.00	100.00%
Grants:			
Municipal Alliance	\$5,166.00	\$5,166.00	100.00%
Body Armor	\$1,948.53	\$1,948.53	100.00%
Over the Limit	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	100.00%
Aggressive Driving	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
Recycling Tonnage	\$43,145.88	\$43,145.88	100.00%
Alcohol Education, Rehab & Enforcement	\$1,564.11	\$1,564.11	100.00%
Turnpike Trees	\$766,703.00	\$766,703.00	100.00%
Sustainable Economic Growth	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	100.00%
Construction Trust	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	100.00%
Fire Official Fees	\$85,694.94	\$87,052.00	98.44%
Reserve for Sewer Fair Share	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$123,789.83	\$113,000.00	109.55%
Tax Title Lien Interest	\$2,786.99	\$0.00	
Capital Surplus	\$101,612.76	\$101,612.76	100.00%
Hotel Tax	\$136,158.79	\$121,948.00	111.65%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,657,629.92	\$ 3,664,833.28	99.80%

Of Interest to Adults

February, all month

Blind Date with a Book. Check out an unknown book from our display. Take it home and read. Let us know if you enjoyed your 'date'.



Saturday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.

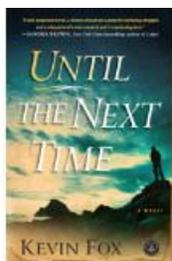
Cranbury Jazz, featuring singer Rebecca Brunskill and musician Nick Cusworth. A program of romantic, heart-felt songs. - **FREE**- Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. At the Cranbury Methodist Church, 21 N. Main St., Cranbury.

Sunday, February 19, 2:00 p.m.

Cranbury resident Frank Marlowe will lead a discussion on **Malcolm X** in honor of Black History Month. In the library.

Friday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.

Meet local author Kevin Fox. He will discuss his new book *Until the Next Time*. Reception and book signing to follow. In the library.



Tuesday, March 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

iPad and iPhone: an insider's guide. Join Doug Baldwin as he explores the many features and settings that will expand your use of the device. Bring your own and practice right along.

Wednesday, March 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We will once again host our popular **Passport Program**, allowing residents an opportunity to apply right here in the library, photos too! Registration required. Call or visit the library to sign-up.

Saturday, April 28, 12-3 p.m.

Bring your memories into the digital age with our **Digital Memory Media** event. *Innovative Document Imaging* will discuss service options for transforming videos, photos, movies and slides into DVDs.

Computer Classes on Demand

- Choose your topic.
- Set your schedule.
- Enjoy your class.



It's that easy!

Call 655-0555 or stop in to learn more and schedule your one-on-one computer class.

Special Events for Kids



Stay and Play

Every Monday, 10:30 a.m.

New toys, new space, same time! Toddlers encouraged. Older and younger siblings welcome. For the first fifteen minutes, we'll share stories, fingerplays, songs, poetry, and sometimes a craft. The remainder of the program is for children and their parent/caregiver to play, read, and visit with other families!

Sunday, February 12, 1:30 p.m.

Reading with Rover is back! Bring in a book (or use one of ours) and read to Josie the Beagle. In the library. Registration required. Call or visit the library to sign-up. Our first "Second Sunday" event!



February, all month

Reader's Wall of Fame Kindergarten and first grade students are invited to come into the library and read out loud to one of the library staff. This qualifies you to be on the Reader's Wall of Fame! Readers will also receive a special treat.

Sunday, March 11, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Get Crafty! Nurture your child's inner crafter by bringing them into the library to check out a craft book and pick up a craft! Grades K-8.

Wednesday, March 14, 3:30-4:30

Everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Games, crafts and green snacks. Grades K-8.



April 22-28

Duct Tape Week! Middle school students...do you need a break from NJASK testing? Enter our **Second Annual Duct Tape Contest**. Come into the library during the week of April 16 to pick up your kit. Winner receives a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift certificate. Get creative! Grades 6-8.

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 to 4 p.m.

Library Closed Feb. 20, April 6 & 8

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

The Human Services Board meets once a month on 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.



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



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

Lunch is at 12 Noon; Programs begin at 1:00 pm.

February 10 Love Songs on the Piano – Florence and Larry Kettlekamp

February 24 Balance Lecture and Screening - UMCPP

March 16 Video Tour of Ireland

March 30 Alzheimer's Program

April 20 Living Well with Arthritis

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.

CRANBURY LIONS CLUB

FALL & WINTER EVENT RESULTS:

In November the Annual Peace Poster Contest was held for children ages 11-13 – the top three winners were Avery Hom, Lawrence “Trip” Guidi; and Hannah Colaizzo; and in December we held the 64th Annual Pancake Breakfast, sold poinsettias, and took pictures with Santa. We also held our 1st \$100 50/50 raffle, collected for Toys for Tots, and provided 150 coats for the homeless through our Annual Used Coat Drive. The Teddy Nikitiades Memorial Bench was dedicated in December.

VALENTINE’S DAY ROSE SALE

The Valentine’s Day Rose Sale was a big hit last year! The quality of roses was unbelievable thanks to the Cutting Garden. We will be working in conjunction with The Cutting Garden again this year. Gorgeous Bouquets of 12 long stem red roses, paired with white monte casino and greens will be available for pre-sale price of \$60 until February 3rd, 2012. The bouquets will be available right up until Valentine’s Day but the price will increase to \$70 after February 3rd. A portion of proceeds from the Lions Bouquets will be donated to the Cranbury Lions Club. To place your order, please call The Cutting Garden at (609) 235-9242.

MEMORIAL DAY

The 79th annual Cranbury Memorial day parade will be held on Monday, May 28th. Beginning at 1:00 pm, the parade 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, as well as 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. Winners of the Best Float, the Bicycle Decoration Contest and the winning tickets for the raffle will be announced after the parade. Immediately following the parade, there will be a ceremony featuring a key-note speech from Cranbury’s Mayor.

80th ANNIVERSARY FOR THE CRANBURY LIONS CLUB

This June will mark the 80th anniversary as the Cranbury Lions Club. We are in the process of making wine for this event. The Club is also holding a Lions Wine label contest. Anyone interested in participating in the wine label contest should go to our website for the details.

ANNUAL PICNIC

In 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 13th Annual Trenton Thunder Baseball Outing, and as always we invite all Lions, Cranbury residents, Cranbury business owners, their families and friends, to join us on August 19th, when the Thunder face the Bowie Baysox. This year we are selling Yankee Club SkyBox tickets for \$38 per ticket. This includes upscale dining and non-alcoholic beverages for 90 minutes. Reserve your tickets early, as there are only a few left. 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 fire-works after the game.

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.



MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Save the Date!!!!

Cranbury's 22nd Drug Free Fair

May 19th

3 to 6 p.m.

What a fun way to spend a drug free day!!



It may be winter but the Cranbury Municipal Alliance is already preparing for the annual Drug Free Fair on May 19th from 3-6 pm. The Municipal Alliance need volunteers for the committee, including a chairperson. We also need help that day. Please contact kargiriou@cranbury-nj.com. Be sure to look around town for our jars to collect money for the Fair. Remember: The Drug Free Fair is all achieved through the hard work of volunteers and donations.

PARKS PLANNING COMMISSION

Believe it or not, **the crocus started blooming in January in Judy's Meadow in Heritage Park** and 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 Parks 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. 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.



GOURGAUD GALLERY NEWS

The Gourgaud Gallery has many exciting new events. On January 21, 2012, the WINTER WORKSHOP SERIES classes began and will run through April 14. For more details and registration form, please see the web site page on WINTER WORKSHOP SERIES at <http://www.cranburyartscouncil.org/GGWorkshops.html>. All classes are conducted by working artists.

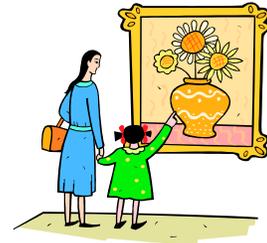


UPCOMING EXHIBITS:

February: "Art from the Heart VI" (A-Team Artists from Trenton)
March: Susan Winter's Student Show
April: Art by Dan Thomas

Information on upcoming events can be obtained at www.Cranburyartscouncil.org.

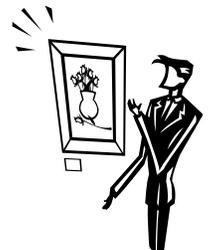
Look for new Camp registrations to arrive in February. For information on the CAC Summer Art & Technology Camp 2012, please access: <http://www.cranburyartscouncil.org/CampCover.html>



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

New exhibit receptions fall on the First Sunday from 1-3 p.m, where you can meet the exhibiting Artist(s). 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.



CRANBURY HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION SOCIETY



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 upcoming events and photos from events that have already been enjoyed.

If you would like to know more about Cranbury's history, you will not have to wait much longer. **Cranbury, A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present**, a 272-page hardcover book with 50 illustrations, will be available in April. The book, written by John Whiteclay Chambers II and published by Rutgers University Press, is a project of Cranbury Landmarks, Inc. and will be available at the Cranbury History Center, the Cranbury Museum, by contacting the Society at historycenter@comcast.net and at special events that will be announced later this year. John Whiteclay Chambers II is a Professor of History at Rutgers University where he has taught since 1982. He is the author of several books and publications, including *George Washington in Cranbury: The Road to the Battle of Monmouth*, a publication of the Society that is currently available at the History Center and Museum.

An exhibit, "**Scouting Through the Years,**" has opened at the Cranbury Museum and will run until April. The exhibit features memorabilia from current and past Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who live in our area. The Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2010, and this year the Girl Scouts of the United States of America is celebrating 100 years since its founding. Please stop by the Museum to see this interesting exhibit of items from these organizations that have been an important part of our local and national history.

Historic Cranbury Walking Tours will resume in April. Many took advantage of these informative tours that were presented in the spring, summer and fall last year by knowledgeable guides. Please check cranburyhistory.org in the spring for the schedule.

The Society invites you to attend its **Pot Luck Supper** meeting and program on Friday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. Come out for an enjoyable evening of delicious food and an interesting program. Just bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Beverages, cups, napkins and dessert plates will be provided.

The **Parsonage Barn at the Cranbury Barn Park** on Cranbury Neck Road is ready for events. The barn was reconstructed using historic timbers from the original barn, c. 1741 that was once part of the Parsonage Plantation of the Presbyterian Church. To visit the barn or to schedule an event, please inquire at parsonagebarn@gmail.com. or call Audrey Smith at 609-655-5361.



FREE!

To any Middlesex County Resident
RABIES CLINIC for dogs and cats
Saturday, March 24, 2012
12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.
Cranbury Fire House



All dogs and cats must be licensed annually. Dog and Cat License Forms can be obtained at Town Hall or found on the Township’s website, www.cranburytownship.org. Per State Law, a license cannot be issued if the rabies certificate is not current through November 1, 2012.

RABIES CLINICS IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The next rabies clinic in Cranbury will be on Saturday, September 15th from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. Please note that rabies clinics are held in most towns in the county all year long. If you are unable to bring your dog or cat to the March or September clinics 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 locations of other rabies clinics. As always, the clinics are free of charge.

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

PET ETIQUETTE



It appears that there are some pet owners who are not aware that they should clean up after their pets! According to Township Ordinance #162, “all pet owners and keepers shall immediately remove and properly dispose of the solid waste deposited by the pet on public property or the property of another.” To those pet owners who are not ac-

countable or responsible for their pet, have respect for public and private property; clean up after your pet! Solid pet waste should be deposited in a waste receptacle or other suitable container that is regularly emptied. There are many public trash cans located throughout Cranbury, including the parks, that can be used for this purpose. For information how pet waste can affect our water supply click on the link:

http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/pdf/tipcard_petwastefinal.pdf

ICE SKATING ON BRAINERD LAKE

So far, this has been a relatively mild winter. However, should the lake freeze, 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/Village Park is public property for all to enjoy, but some parcels of land along Brainerd Lake is private property. Be respectful of all private property. The ice skating/hockey rink will not be assembled this season.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Questions and HPC

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has compiled a list of frequently asked questions that will help when filing a Certificate of Approval (CoA) application. This list will be posted on the website for quick reference.



What is the purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)? HPC is charged to follow the rules and regulations put forth according to Township Code Chapter 21 and 93. The purpose of Chapter 93 is to implement the historic preservation element of the Master Plan, to provide guidance to property owners in achieving preservation of historic resources and to advance the public welfare in or to:

- Safeguard the heritage of the Township by preserving resources that reflect elements of the Township's cultural, social, agricultural, economic, archeological, scenic and architectural history.
- Encourage the continued use of historic sites and intervening and surrounding properties in historic districts and to facilitate their appropriate reuse.
- Maintain and develop an appropriate and harmonious setting for historic resources within Cranbury Township.
- Encourage any alteration or new construction to be in keeping with the historic character of the Township.
- Discourage the unnecessary demolition, alteration or removal of historic resources.
- Encourage the proper maintenance and preservation of historic settings and landscapes
- Enhance the visual, aesthetic, and historic character of the Township.
- Promote the conservation of historic sites and districts and invite voluntary compliance with the standards of Township Code 93.
- Foster civic pride in the beauty and historic roots of the Township.

Does my project need to be reviewed by HPC? Properties located within the designated Historic Districts must submit a Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) for any exterior work that will be performed on the property. CoA applications that need review are:

- a demolition or relocation of any building, improvement, or structure are considered major changes.
- changes in exterior appearance of any building, improvement, site, place or structure by addition, reconstruction, alteration or repair;
- any addition to or new construction of a principal or accessory building or structure; any addition of signs or exterior lighting or changes to same.

Ordinary repairs are defined as repairs of any deterioration, wear or damage to a structure or any part thereof in order to return the same as nearly as practicable to its condition prior to the occurrence of such deterioration, war, or damage with in-kind material and quality workmanship. Ordinary maintenance shall further include in-kind replacement of exterior elements, signs or accessory hardware, using the same materials and workmanship and having the same appearance. This type of repair does not need HPC review but an application should be submitted with details for a determination. Improvement projects for fences, signs, lighting, doors, windows, roofs, paving, exterior sheathing, trim, shutters, gutters, or streetscape work that strictly comply with the adopted design guidelines for the proposed improvement are considered minor application. Review of a complete application will determine the type. Changes to the interior of a building or structure do not need HPC review.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Frequently Asked Questions



How do I obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness? A Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) can be found on the Cranbury Township's website at www.cranburytownship.org under *Forms Permits and Licenses*. The CoA can also be obtained at Town Hall.

Where do I submit my Certificate of Appropriateness application? Applications can be mailed to or dropped off at Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ, 08512. Once received, the application will be reviewed for completeness. The CoA check list on Page 3 of 7 will aid in supplying the appropriate documents for completeness. Once deemed complete, the application shall be placed on the next meeting's agenda for the Historic Preservation Commission. Completed applications must be received 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting date to be placed on the agenda. If deemed incomplete, the Administrative Officer will notify the applicant within 10 days of filing that the application is lacking.

When does the Historic Preservation Commission meet? The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meets in Town Hall, on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:30 pm. There is a possibility that a meeting may be cancelled. Please refer to the Cranbury Township website.

What is the cost for me to submit a Certificate of Appropriateness? There is no cost to submit an application. All HPC volunteers give freely of their time and expertise.

I want to paint my house, does this need HPC review? HPC does not require that an application be submitted when a building or structure is being painted. However, if repair and or replacement of deteriorated building elements will be performed, approval may be required. Please call the Administrative Officer at 395-0900 x229 for further details.

Copies of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and The Design Guidelines can be found on the Township website.

To view Township Code Chapter 93 visit: <http://www.ecode360.com/CR0758>.

To view the Design Guidelines on the HPC webpage visit:
http://www.cranburytownship.org/historic_preservation_main.html

Additional helpful links:

NJ Historic Preservation Office	http://www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo/
Historic Preservation Tax Incentives:	http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm
National Park Service Preservation Briefs	http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm
NJ State Historic Office Resourceful Links	http://www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo/5links.htm
NJ Department of Environmental Protection- Historic Preservation	http://www.nj.gov/dep/infofinder/topics/historic.htm
National Park Service Technical Preservation Services	http://www.nps.gov/tps/about.htm

Cranbury Township HPC Design Guidelines
<http://www.cranburytownship.org/documents/DesignGuidelines-2011.pdf>

RECREATION UPDATE

YOUTH PROGRAMS

NEW PROGRAM—SPRING BREAK MULTI SPORTS CAMP (Ages 5 to 14)



The Recreation Commission is pleased to offer a Spring Break multi sports camp this year. The camp will be held from April 2 to April 5 at Village Park. Full-day and half-day registrations will be available. This program will be for children ages 5 to 14. For more information and online registration, www.usasportgroup.com.

NEW PROGRAM SPRING AND SUMMER SPORTS SQUIRTS (Ages 3-5)

Sports Squirts is ideal for the child who wants to try a little of everything. Activities include Soccer, Basketball, Hockey, Lacrosse, T-Ball, Movement & Coordination. All sports are developed through a series of games and activities designed to ensure learning and most importantly: **fun, fun and fun!** Spring and summer classes will be available. Visit www.usasportgroup.com for more information and online registration.

SPRING - YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS



The Recreation Commission is planning Spring Tennis lessons on Friday afternoons at Village Park starting April 20. Classes will be held for seven weeks and will be offered from ages 3 to 14 years of age. Professional instructors from the U.S. Sports Institute will direct this program. For more information and online registration, visit www.usasportgroup.com.

SPRING YOUTH GOLF LESSONS

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.



SPRING YOUTH SOCCER LESSONS

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.



SPRING 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.



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

Refund Policy - Prior Withdrawal: Registrants who withdraw prior to the start of a program may be issued a refund only if the Recreation Commission is notified at least one week prior to the start of the program. A 20% administrative service charge will be imposed for all refunds granted. **No refunds will be granted once a program has begun.**

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

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



KEEP YOUR KIDS IN CRANBURY THIS SUMMER!!!

Don't miss out on what will be the best summer program we have ever offered. We will once again offer two age groups: the Junior Day Camp will be for children entering Kindergarten to 4th grades and the Senior Day Camp will be for students entering 5th to 8th grades. The Junior Day Camp will take one trip per week while the Senior Day Camp will go on two trips per week. We will also have additional space to use at the school for additional organized activities. Each week will have a theme and will be full of age-appropriate activities. Both age groups will swim at Cranbury Swim Club as well. Check the local papers and Cranbury Township website for registration information.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Cranbury Recreation also offers various sports camp in the summer months. Previous camps include basketball, tennis, multi-sports and soccer. Watch the Township website and local media for more information regarding these programs.



SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Don't miss our exciting summer basketball league. Last year was the first year and it was a huge success. Games will be played on Tuesdays nights starting May 4 and running through late June. Boys and girls in grades 3-5 will play from 6-7 pm and grades 6-8 will play from 7-8 pm. Games will have referees and coaches will be assigned to each team. Watch the local paper and Township website for more information.



ADULTS

TAI CHI

Tai Chi classes are conducted by Ms. June Counterman, who has been teaching Tai Chi for over 20 years and has studied with several Chinese Grand Masters, including the head of the Yang family. The classes are held at the Cranbury United Methodist Church on **TUESDAYS** from 9:30–10:30 am. Winter II Session runs from January 31st through March 20th. The fees for each session is \$40 for seniors and \$65 for non-seniors. Please make checks payable to Cranbury Recreation.

RECREATION INFORMATION

For more information regarding any Recreation Department offering, please call 395-0900, ext. 243 or visit the Township website at www.cranburytownship.org

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

Cranbury continues to work towards “*Sustainable Jersey*” certification. This is a program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. A “*Green Team*” of Environmental Commissioners has been formed to seek certification.



STREAM CLEAN UP: The annual Stream Clean-Up sponsored by the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission and the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Meet everyone at the benches in Village Park and help clean up Cranbury Brook!

RAIN BARRELS:

Always wanted to have your own rain barrel for water collection for your garden? Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for the second annual Rain Barrel Workshop, sponsored by the Cranbury Environmental Commission and Cranbury Recycling. Registration will be available soon on the Township website and by calling the Township, 609-395-0900, ext. 229.



Three rain barrels were donated to the Cranbury School Art and Science Departments. Teachers and students will paint them and install them in the science courtyards for use.

CALLING ALL CRANBURY 8TH GRADERS: Forms will soon be distributed for the third annual Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award! The deadline for submission will be May 7th. The award was established in 2010 by the Cranbury Environmental Commission to honor past resident, Alfred Meiss, who was instrumental in preserving much of the natural resource areas that Cranbury residents cherish and enjoy. The \$100 savings bond 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 Cranbury’s natural resources would bring to the Township’s future residents.



SCOUT PROJECT: Eagle Scout Patrick Sockler completed a project in the Preserve, which consisted of eradicating the Multiflora Rose in a certain area within the Preserve, marking native trees with identifying posts and reviving existing native vegetation that has been harmed by the Multiflora Rose. Patrick also made a map for the kiosks to identify the native trees by the markers that he installs.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION Continued

HAGERTY PROPERTY TREES:

Over 2,500 native trees and shrubs were planted on the Hagerty property on Old Cranbury Road this past fall. Five species of oak, red maple, sugar maple, sweet gum, flowering dogwood, American holly, serviceberry, and arrow wood viburnum were selected for this site based on soil conditions, existing species, and desirable native specimens. A natural, mown path will meander through the new, young forest for the public to enjoy.



The subcommittee headed by Dee Wahlers of the Planning Board, and including representatives from the Board of Education, Environmental Commission, Parks Commission, and Shade Tree Commission, provided recommendations to the Township Committee on suitable Township property locations for tree planting. The Township became eligible for funding from the Turnpike Authority under the State No Net Loss Reforestation Act when forested Township acreage was lost to the New Jersey Turnpike Widening Project. The Turnpike Tree Subcommittee held scheduled meetings during which the public attended regularly and offered input. Barbara Rogers of the Environmental Commission met with and advised contractors of tree placement and care at the planting site.

OPENING for EC member:

Interested in being an active member of the Commission? The EC meets once a month to consider ways to improve the environment in the Township, especially with regard to the Cranbury Brook Preserve and the newly acquired Reinhardt Preserve, review development applications for possible environmental impact, and promote sustainable activities by the town and public.

Interested residents should attend a meeting and express their interest in joining the EC.

HOW TO HELP OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Help nature retain its balance. When planting new shrubbery, plant native species. Do not purchase invasive species and remove existing invasive species around your home.

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

The New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team (NJISST) is a statewide cooperative effort with a mission to prevent the spread of emerging invasive species across the State of New Jersey.

www.njisst.org

USDA Forest Service:

www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants



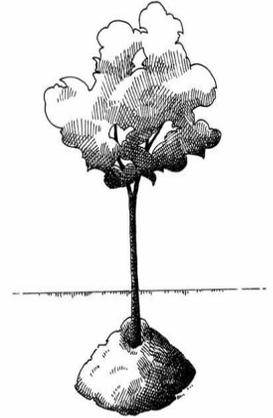
SHADE TREE COMMISSION

A list of recommended trees and shrubs for planting can be found on the Township's website and in the Township Clerk's Office. The list includes ornamental trees, shrubs, plantings in wooded settings, plantings in and around detention basins, trees for large open areas and trees in different size lawn strips.

Cranbury residents can make a difference by purchasing a "Treasure Our Trees" vanity license plate from the state Motor Vehicle Commission. The purchase of this license plate helps fund New Jersey's Shade Tree and Community Forest program.

Shade trees can make our environment healthier. Shade trees provide beautiful scenery while also releasing oxygen into the atmosphere.

Proceeds from the sale of the plates fund tree planting projects, improve wildlife habitats, promote clean air and water, reduce energy costs, fund hometown beautification projects and educate citizens on the importance of trees, forests and their role in the maintenance of a clean and healthy environment.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION April 27, 2012

The Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission will be holding its annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 27, 2012, at a township park yet to be picked. Stay tuned for more details! The public is invited to attend.

ANNUAL TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE - APRIL 28, 2012

Thanks to the established Evans Tract Garage Sale Event and recycling-minded residents, a successful 2011 town-wide garage sale was held. Looking ahead, the 2012 town-wide garage sale event has been scheduled for the last Saturday in April (**April 28th**)

If you are interested in participating in this event, please call Henderson Sotheby's International Realty at 609-395-0444. They are sponsoring and helping to organize the event. Please call them to register your location on the list/map of sale sites.

Several non-profit organizations have agreed to come to your home and pick up any worthy unsold items that you wish to donate. Keep in mind, selecting an organization and scheduling a pickup will be your responsibility. Feel free to use an organization of your choice. The below is being provided for your convenience.

Lupus Foundation, www.lupuspickup.org or call 1-888-445-8787

Rescue Mission of Trenton, www.rmtrenton.org or call 1-800-528-8825

Vietnam Veterans of America, www.schedulapickup.com

or call 1-800-775-VETS (8387)

Don't delay, call today and start preparing by cleaning out your closets, attic, basement and garage!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RECYCLING TEXTILES

Did you know that in addition to the normal co-mingled items, mixed paper and cardboard that are collected during the curbside recycling collection, textiles are also collected? Textiles include shoes, belts, handbags, fabric (larger than 12 square inches), and clothes not worthy of donating because of stains, torn or worn. Naturally items should be clean and dry.

Recycling textiles couldn't be easier. Simply place the textiles in a plastic bag marked 'textile' and set at the curb with the normal curbside recycling pickup. Textile bags can be obtained by calling me at 395-0900 x229. Kindly note comforters, pillows, and rugs are unacceptable items because of their stuffing contents.

To find more facts about why you should recycle textiles, visit www.weardonaterecycle.org.

RECYCLING CAPITAL BRIEFS

As of this newsletter, Senate Bill 3083 would create the Plastic and Paper Bag Reduction Act which would require grocery and retail stores to provide recyclable, compostable or reusable bags instead of plastic or paper carryout bags. The law would impose a 10-cent fee on paper and plastic bags. The fee would be used by the state to administer and enforce the law. A simple solution-now is the time to get into the habit of bringing and reusing your own recyclable bags for purchases.



Assembly Bill 4365 would revise the law concerning scrap metal businesses by making businesses photograph and keep record of the scrap metal received or purchased. The bill would also force the businesses to retain any scrap metal in the form in which it was received or purchased for a period of not less than five business days.

DROP OFF PAINT PROGRAM

During 2011, a total of 50 residents recycled paint filled cans. That's a lot of paint cans that was kept from entering the landfill. Thank you for the participation in this program. To find out where and when other Drop Off Paint Programs are scheduled visit:

<http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp>



SMOKE DETECTOR DISPOSAL

This website http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste_other.asp#smoke

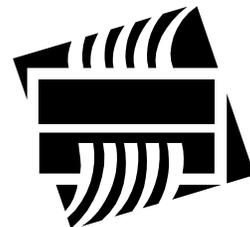


offers numerous manufacturers who will accept old smoke detectors. If you recently replaced your smoke detector with the same brand, be sure to look for return information listed on the package. The return package should be marked "FOR DISPOSAL" and sent by surface or UPS ground mail.

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SHRED-IT EVENT 2012

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders in conjunction with Cranbury Township hosted a mobile paper Shred-It Event on October 22, 2011. 168 County residents delivered 8,120 pounds of confidential documents that were shredded on site. Thank you for helping to make this event another successful Shred-It Event!



On August 11, 2012, a Shred-It Event has been scheduled for all Middlesex County residents on at the Plainsboro Township Municipal Center, 641 Plainsboro Road. Beginning at 9:00am to 12:00pm or until the shredding truck is filled, whichever occurs first. As usual, county residents may bring a maximum of five (5) file boxes or up to 100 pounds (in a manageable container) to each event. Please contact us should you have more than five (5) file boxes or 100 pounds. Cranbury residents, mark your calendar!

2012 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS (HHW)

There are only five (5) scheduled 2012 HHW dates throughout Middlesex County. They are:

- Sunday, March 18th @ Middlesex County College
- Saturday, May 19th @ North Brunswick Division of Highways
- Sunday, July 15th @ Old Bridge Public Works
- Saturday, September 15th @ Woodbridge Public Works
- Sunday, November 18th @ Middlesex County College

This free service operates from 8:00am to 2:00pm. For particulars of acceptable items and for directions to the events, the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste website has the information! Here's the link. <http://www.mciauth.com/hhw.htm>

RECYCLABLES 'WASHED ASHORE'

To help you understand of the amount of trash in our oceans, volunteers have collected and turned these found objects into marine life sculptures. To get look at the creations, visit www.washedashore.org. You'll be amazed of the amount of trash collected not to mention the ecological detriment it has on the marine life.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

To report a non-working street light, please contact the Cranbury Police Department at 609-395-0031 with the pole number found on the pole. Your help is always appreciated.



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

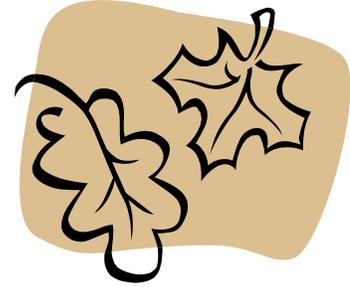


If you plan to build an addition to your home, plant shrubbery, or have a reason to dig on your property, please call 1-800-272-1000 prior to commencing the project. This free mark out service will contact the appropriate communication and utility companies to come and physically mark where their underground service lines are, should you wish to dig in that area. Not only is this service a good idea, it's the law.

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2012 Spring Leaf Collection Schedule

Spring leaf collection will begin on April 2nd and end during the last week of April 30th. Please adhere to this schedule. The DPW works hard collecting the leaf piles. So once your leaves have been collected during the last week of April 30th, do not replenish the pile. Remember, do not mix branches/chipping in with the leaves.



For residents living on a street where public parking is permitted, please place your leaf piles close to a driveway entrance or an opening between parked cars. The DPW will be able to easily access the piles for collection.

We appreciate and thank you for the cooperation.

COMPOSTING BINS

Another way to dispose of leaves anytime of the year is to compost them right in your own back yard. Composting is easy to do. Kitchen scraps (eggs shells, veggie peels, coffee grounds, etc) and grass clippings can be tossed in the bin as well to make a rich well balanced organic garden mulch after composition has taken place.

If you would like more information on composting:

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserves/rrr/composting/index.htm>,

or if you would to purchase a bin, visit:

http://www.cranburytownship.org/Compost_bin_sale_2010.pdf

RECYCLING SHED

Located at 99 Dey Road (near the 1st Constitution Bank on Rt.130), the Recycling Shed is open on the first Friday each month. Hours are limited to 12pm to 3pm. Acceptable items for drop off include computers (desktops, laptops) monitors, scanners, modems, printers, all cables, keyboards, televisions, telephones (cordless and cellular), fluorescent (tube and compact) bulbs, mercury containing devices, formed polystyrene; extension cords, and strands of lights (working and non-working). Businesses must manage their own electronic disposal, and should call 732-745-4170 for a list of E-Cycle facilities.



White good items and scrap metal may be brought to the Recycling Shed in the DPW yard during this time. Due to limited personnel on duty, help will not be available to assist in unloading these unwanted items.

Upcoming 2012 dates for this program are January 6th, February 3rd, March 2nd and April 6th. Notices will be posted on the website as a reminder.

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White Goods & E-Cycle Program

Scheduled for the second Wednesday every month, the DPW will take away your unwanted white good appliances or electronic items to recycle. Items include stoves/ovens, washers (dish and clothes), dryers, water tanks, refrigerators, humidifiers/de-humidifiers, metal sinks, televisions and computers including the components. If you want to take advantage of this program, for \$10 per item, it can be easily arranged. You must call 395-0900 x229 to make arrangements by the Monday before. Once arrangements have been made, the items (s) must be placed at the curb for pickup.

RECYCLING OLD FRIDGES AND FREEZERS

If you need to dispose of an old refrigerator or freezer, visit this site for details on how you can get paid for your working unit with a free pick up. <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/refrigerator-freezer-recycling-program>.



Another option is through Cranbury Twp. The DPW will pick up your unit(s) at a cost of \$10 per item. Arrangements must be made by calling 395-0900 x229. The last day to schedule a pick-up is the Monday before the scheduled 2nd Wednesday of the month. Items must be placed at the end of your driveway near the street for pick-up. Please note that it policy that the DPW personnel are not allowed to enter private homes.

2011 Residential Monthly Curbside Recycling Tonnage Totals

	Commingled Glass/Tin/ Al/Plastics	Mixed Paper & Cardboard	Newspaper
January	14.42	22.44	16.56
February	7.68	11.96	8.82
March	8.94	13.91	10.26
April	9.50	14.79	10.91
May	9.69	15.07	11.12
June	9.94	15.46	11.41
July	8.95	13.93	10.28
August	12.28	19.10	14.09
September	11.20	17.42	12.86
October	10.15	15.79	11.65
November	9.84	15.31	11.30
December	<u>8.80</u>	<u>13.69</u>	<u>8.80</u>
TOTAL TONS	121.39	188.87	138.06

If your recyclables were not collected by the end of the day during the normal schedule, please call 1-800-488-MCIA to report the missed stop.

Sadly, Cranbury Township falls below the NJ State standards for recycling. To help Cranbury boost the recycling participation rate and to receive additional grant money, please don't discard the mandatory recycling items in the garbage. Place all mandate recyclables at the curb during the normal curbside recycling pickup every other Monday.

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RESIDENTIAL WASTE HAULERS



Cranbury residents are responsible to secure a waste hauler for their own daily refuse. This includes any bulky items that you may wish to dispose of if not using the scheduled clean up weekends (see Clean Up Weekend article in this newsletter for details). There are currently three haulers that service Cranbury. Each hauler offers different schedules, tote sizes, and prices.

Central Jersey Waste: 732-533-3999 or art@centraljerseywaste.com

Midco Waste: 800-273-7539 or midcoresi@repsrv.com

Waste Management: 800-633-9096

SNOW and PLOWING

When snow is predicted, please remove your vehicle, trash cans, basketball hoops, and such from the streets *before* snow accumulations. This will enable the County and Township trucks to plow the streets efficiently and prevent any damage to personal property that could occur. If you do not have access to a driveway and wish to move your vehicle off of the street, a municipal parking lot is located on Park Place West, in front of the senior complex. Four additional public parking spots have been recently added near the entrance of the Preserve, just off North Main Street.



When the trucks plow the streets, it is unfortunate that snow will occasionally be forced back into cleared driveways. This is unavoidable and it is recommended that residents clean out the end of a driveway after the streets have been fully curbed. Residents should refrain from putting snow into the streets; it is best to shovel the snow onto your lawn or on the side of your property. Removing accumulated snow before driving from the top of your vehicle is the law in New Jersey; do not remove the snow in the street.

Cranbury has always been a neighborly town, if you live next to a senior citizen, disabled person, or someone who would appreciate a friendly gesture, when shoveling your walk; shovel a few extra feet to help your neighbor. It truly is better to give than receive!

STORMWATER REGULATIONS

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. In an attempt to reduce the amount of pollutants that enter our water system annually, the Township of Cranbury has adopted several ordinances to prevent and control stormwater pollution. A good plan includes:



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| Stormwater Control | Illicit Sewer Connection | Storm Drain Inlet Designs |
| Local Public Education Program | Pet Waste Ordinance | Storm Drain Labeling |
| Improper Waste Disposal Ordinance | Wildlife Feeding Ordinance | Litter Ordinance |
| Residential Site Improvement Standards | Stormwater Management Plan | Yard Waste Ordinance |
| Best Management Practices Operation & Maintenance | | |

If you would like to learn more about state standards regarding the stormwater regulations visit http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/tier_a.htm. Clean water starts with you! Let's keep the waterways clean and clear for that living environment. Keep the stormwater inlet in front of your house clean and clear of leaves and small objects that can wind up in the Millstone River, Cranbury Brook, Brainerd Lake and Cedarbrook. pollute the water . Be mindful that the drain is just for rain!